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From Trinity.

The *Trinity Times* of the 7th inst., urges the establishment of an Indian Reservation in Trinity county. It believes this the only way to protect citizens, and at the same time promote the civilization of the Indians.

Ridgeville is the name of a new town that has suddenly grown up about sixteen miles north-east of Weaverville, near Stewart's Fork of the Trinity river. The *Times* says of it:

It is situated in the heart of one of the richest and most extensive mining sections of this county; and, although it is but a few weeks since the town was laid out, it contains already, as we understand, some five or six hundred inhabitants. From all we can learn in regard to the place, we are inclined to the opinion that it is designed to be a point of considerable importance, as the diggings in the neighborhood are represented to be of sufficient extent and richness to afford remunerative employment to thousands. The facilities for procuring water are said to be unsurpassed by any mining locality, as there is scarcely a point within a range of several miles that cannot be easily and abundantly supplied from the different tributaries of Trinity river. The gold found here is of a coarse character—many pieces having been taken out weighing from four to six ounces.

We understand that Messrs. Wheeler & Co., and Messrs. Tolley & Co., have completed their races, which bring the water from the East Fork of the North Fork on these diggings. The races are six miles in length, and will furnish about three hundred sluice heads of water. They were both finished in five weeks from the commencement of the work. The water was introduced into them on Thursday, the 5th inst.

OFFICERS OF THE NEW REGIMENTS.—The following is a list of the field officers of the four new regiments—nearly all of them being promotions. Among the number, we have observed with feelings of peculiar pleasure the name of Brevet Colonel George Wright, promoted to be Colonel of the 9th Infantry. Col. Wright has been commanding officer at Fort Reading for the past two years or more. During this time many of our citizens have sought occasion to make his acquaintance, and enjoy those hospitalities at his quarters, which he dispenses with that liberality and delicacy so characteristic of the service of which he is an ornament. No one, we venture to say has ever left his presence without feeling sentiments of the warmest admiration and friendship for the officer and gentleman. His promotion will not fail to be received with satisfaction by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance:—

In the Dragoons—To be Colonels—Brevet Col. E. U. Sumner, Lieut. Colonel 1st Dragoons; Major Albert S. Johnston, Major, Pay Department. To be Lieut. Colonels—Brevet Col. R. E. Lee, Captain Engineers; Brevet Lieut. Col. J. E. Johnston, Capt. Top. Engineers. To be Majors—Brevet Lieut. Colonel W. J. Hardee, Capt. 2d Dragoons; Brevet Lieut. Col. Braxton Bragg, Capt. 3d Artillery; Brevet Major W. H. Emory, Capt. Top. Eng.; Brevt. Maj. Ben. McCullough, of Texas. In the Infantry;—To be Colonels—Brevet Colonel George Wright, Lieutenant Col. 4th Infantry; Brevet Lieut. Colonel Edmund B. Alexander, Major 8th Infantry. To be Lieut. Colonels—Brevet Colonel Charles F. Smith, Major 1st Artillery; Brevet Lieut. Colonel Silas Casey, Captain 2d Infantry. To be Majors—Brevet Lieut. Colonel W. H. T. Walker, Captain 6th Infantry; Brevet Lieut. Colonel Edward J. Steptoe, Capt. 3d Artillery; Brevet Lieut. Col.

E. A. S. Canby, Captain Adjutant General Department: Captain H. W. Benham, Captain Engineers.

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