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Murder in Mariposa.

A few days since we published a paragraph to the effect that a gentleman named Donaldson, a well known citizen of Mariposa county, had been murdered. Mr. Ingham, who has just arrived from Fort Miller, places in our possession the following particulars of the affair :

On the evening of the 16th inst., the murdered body of Mr. Donaldson was found by his brother in the cabin occupied by the two, at a place known as Red Banks, and about 11 miles from Fort Miller. The body was pierced with arrows, and the breast had received the contents of a shot gun.

The next morning, the body of a man named Henry Morrel was found near the river bank, and near the cabin. He had evidently been murdered in the house and afterwards dragged out. He had also been killed by arrows.

After the body of Mr. Donaldson was removed to Fort Miller, a meeting of the citizens was held, the proceedings of which were as follows :

At a meeting of the citizens of Millerton, held at the house of Hugh A. Carroll, on the evening of April 16th, John Evans was called to the chair, and Hugh A. Carroll appointed Secretary. The meeting was called to order and the object stated, which was to devise some means to bring to justice the murderers of J. C. Donaldson and Henry Morrell. Hugh A. Carroll, J. C. Stalle and James C. Cruikshank were appointed a committee to draft resolutions to express the sense of the meeting.

Resolved, That we, feeling the great loss that

has been sustained by the family of J. C. Donaldson in this their sudden bereavement, would offer to them our heartfelt sorrow, and condole with them in the loss of one dear to all; one who, when known, was universally respected and beloved for his many good qualities, both of head and heart. Being an active member of society, his loss will be severely felt by the citizens of this county.

Resolved, That from the evidence that has been elicited, we believe that Mr. Morrell and Mr. Donaldson came to their death at the hands of the Indians, and we will use our best endeavors to bring to justice the perpetrators of this horrid murder.

Resolved, That as we have no officers to dispense justice, we will take the law as our guide and act as if we were a regularly constructed court.

Resolved, That the officers stationed at Fort Miller be waited upon by a committee and requested to cooperate with us in arresting the Indians and obtaining evidence to point out the guilty ones.

Resolved, That we, the undersigned citizens of Mariposa county approve and will sustain the action of the above resolutions.

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolutions shall be presented to Mr. Wm. Donaldson, to be forwarded to his father's family.

Signed by over 200 citizens of Mariposa county.

On the 24th inst., a man was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the murder, and was placed for safe-keeping in the store of Mr. Cruikshank, at Millerton. The same night a man came and tried to effect an entrance to the store by cutting away the canvas; suspecting that he was trying to rescue the prisoner, Mr. Cruikshank warned him to be off. He paid no attention to the warning, and was preparing to enter, when Mr. C. seized a double-barreled shot gun and fired one barrel containing twenty buckshot at the intruder. The man fled and was never after seen. The next morning a trail of blood was discovered leading to the San Joaquin river. The supposition is that he

JOAQUIN RIVER. THE supposition is that he jumped in and was drowned. His name is unknown.

BUST OF CAPT. CROPPER.—The *Transcript* says that Mr. Mezzard, the sculptor, of San Francisco, has completed and placed in the office of the Nicaragua Steamship Company, a bust of the late Capt. Thos. B. Cropper, which as a work of art commands the admiration and approbation of the beholder, and challenges comparison with any modern work of like nature.

NEW STATE BONDS.—Eighty-seven thousand dollars of fundable State scrip, says the *State Journal*, has been presented to the Treasurer, and bonds to that amount handed over to the applicants. We are also informed that bonds of the denomination of five hundred dollars will be received from the lithographer during the present week.

✓ **A FAIR AND EXHIBITION** was held at the San Joaquin Female Seminary on the evening of the 27th inst., for the purpose of raising funds for the institution. A large party were in attendance from this city, and we are informed that the evening was passed very pleasantly.

✓ **MISS PELLETT** lectured again last evening at the City Hall to quite a large audience. The attendance of ladies was larger than on the evening previous. In her lectures on temperance she advances many original ideas, and expresses them cleverly. Of her future movements we are unadvised.

BUSINESS.—Yesterday morning, the steamer Bragdon landed two hundred and forty tons of freight at our wharf. During the last week the steamers have landed here one thousand tons of merchandise; a large amount has also