

set at rest by her return on Wednesday last.

**MURDERED BY INDIANS.**—Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express messenger furnishes the *Mountain Herald*, of the 2d with the following news, dated Indian Creek, May 15 :

**MESSRS. EDITORS:**—A company of seven miners were at work on the south fork of this creek. Yesterday being Sunday, five of them came down to this place. Of the two remaining ones, one went out a hunting, leaving the other, a man by the name of J. B. Hills, of Washington, alone in the camp. He is supposed to have been in bed and asleep when the Indians broke through the window, dragged him out, stabbed him, and then endeavored to cut off his head with an axe they found in the cabin. They then plundered the cabin of whatever they could lay their hands on, and decamped.

A statement of the circumstances attending this tragedy was then made to a meeting of miners, who immediately organized a company of volunteers, numbering twenty-five men, J. W. Burke being elected captain. They are now preparing to pursue the Indians, who are supposed to be either Scott or Rogue river Indians.

**CONDENSING STEAM AT SEA TO SUPPORT LIFE.**—The clipper ship *Harvey Birch*, Capt. Nelson, arrived yesterday in 121 days from New York. At sea, about 1,000 miles from the nearest port, which was the Gallipagos Islands, it was discovered that the supply of water had run short, the tank in the lower hold having given out, and leaving the ship's company, consisting of 32 persons, destitute of water. A quantity of cement, and the cook's boilers and kettles, were put into operation, by which means 28½ gallons of pure fresh water were daily distilled from sea water for the space of 17 days, before there was sufficient rain to supply the wants of the crew.—*Alta*.

**SUPREME COURT.**—On yesterday the first day's proceedings of the special term of the Supreme Court were held, Chief Justice Murray and Associate Justice Ryan on the bench.