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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. The *Crescent City Herald* of the 9th says: Mr. H. B. Dickinson came in late last night from the mouth of the Klamath. He states that on Saturday morning (2d inst.) he had left Capell Rancheria (about 25 miles from the mouth) and had come down the river, fishing and conversing with the Indians. While at the mouth trustworthy Indians brought to him the startling news that on Saturday night the Indians fell upon the sleeping whites, killed all of them (six men) with the exception of Mr. Shelton, and took away their guns and provisions.

It is supposed that the attack was made by the Indians recently brought to the Reservation.

Alex. Hamilton, a young man, but an old resident of this county, is amongst the victims.

The Indian Agent, Mr. Whipple, was on the point of leaving for the Reservation when the news arrived. He thinks it strange that the Indians should have surprised the whites sleeping, as they had been in the habit of keeping a guard every night.

A detachment of United States soldiers is stationed at Witchepeck (at the mouth of the Trinity river) about twenty-five miles above the Reservation.

As we finish writing the above, we learn from packers just arrived that on Saturday last the Indians killed four white men (travelers, as far as we could ascertain,) and two Chinese, in Illinois Valley, O. T., (some fifty miles distant from here). William Shelly is reported to have been severely wounded.

FRUITS OF A WISE LAW. The California Whaling Company, says the *S. F. Citizen*, contemplate with \$300,000 to commence the Pacific depot at Benicia. They have the amplest water front, sufficient to float a navy, and depth beyond the requirements of the largest vessels in that trade.— Here too they will have ship and rope yards, machine shops, capacious warehouses and manufactories of oil and sperm. There will commence and grow up a commerce of incalculable benefit to the State. They can build and equip vessels, furnish