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The Humboldt *Times* says: A few days ago the upper Mad River Indians burnt up the houses at Mr. T. Johnson's ranch. On the 8th instant the Indians of Eel River killed two men who lived at Eureka—one the watchman in the Eureka Mill. We have not learned the names or the particulars. A party of volunteers left this place yesterday evening to ferret out the murderers of Mr. Ball. We have every confidence that they will make a good report of themselves by the number of scalps they bring in.

The Indians in this vicinity report that four white men were killed at or near the upper crossing of Mad River, on the trail from Bucksport to Weaverville, and that their cattle (eight head) are running loose in that vicinity. Several squaws, of different tribes, tell the same story, and a partial credence is given to it, from the fact that Mr. Hull and three other men, with that number of cattle, left Eureka some four weeks ago and have not since been heard from.

On Monday morning Mr. Ira Ball was fired upon, and killed, by an Indian. The particulars are as follows: Messrs. De Haven and Ball had been out on a camp hunt at the Battes. Returning, in passing through a dense brush, Mr. De Haven, riding ahead, heard a single discharge of a gun, and saw Mr. Ball fall off his mule. He dismounted and raised up the body, when the Indians raised a whoop. Mr. De Haven mounted his horse and fled, pursued by a number of Indians, who chased him some half a mile or more into the prairie. Mr. De Haven hurried down to Kneeland's ranch, and informed Messrs. Gilman and Wilson, who returned with him. In the short space of time which had intervened, the Indians had dragged the body some twenty yards from the road, and stripped it of every article

of clothing, carrying off with them a fine rifle and a large supply of ammunition. Information was carried to Eureka and Union on Monday night, and on Tuesday a party from each place met at the scene of the murder. The body had been again removed, but was found and buried, without coffin or shroud, in an old blanket. The murder was committed 20 miles south-east of this place, and is believed to have been done by the Yager Creek Indians, the same who killed Mr. Cooper some two years since. They left a large amount of "sign" in the vicinity. The fellow who killed Mr. Ball laid within ten feet of the trail. Mr. Ball was from Indiana, and was aged 32 years.

THE ORPHAN.—On motion of Mr. C. G. S., the Phalanx Convention on Saturday voted to disburse all surplus moneys which remained over, paying necessary expenses, between the two orphan asylums of San Francisco and Sacramento Union.

O, the rascals! Why didn't they inquire whether there were any *foreigner* children to be the recipients of the charity? We are sure the Hindoos would have done so.

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