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**Indian Outbreak in the North.**  
**From Fifteen to Twenty White Men Killed.**  
**Several Indians Hung.**

From a slip from the Yreka *Union* office, dated the 28th ult., and furnished by Rhodes & Whitney's Express on Tuesday evening last, we are in receipt of the painful intelligence that the Indians of Northern California and Southern Oregon have again taken the war path. Indeed we are in possession of the reliable information that they have already brutally murdered upwards of *twenty white men*, besides having burned and otherwise destroyed a large amount of property in houses, grain, stock &c., &c.

According to the Extra *Union* the first act of hostility occurred on Humbug Creek, when three Indians and one white man got into a difficulty, occasioned by the Indians abusing the white man, Peters. In this affair Peters was killed, although he fired at one of the Indians first. A party of men from Hambug started in immediate pursuit of the murderers, and captured them on Barkhouse Creek. They effected there escape afterwards, however.

A few nights subsequent to the first affair, a band of Indians, supposed to be of the Applegate tribe, made a descent on Buckeye Bar, on Klamath river, and killed nine men. Mr. Edward Flanagan, arrived at Yreka on Monday, and in-

formed the *Union* that he saw the bodies of ten men, four of whom he recognised as those of Edward Parrish, Wm. Hennessy, Thomas Gray and Peter Hignight.

Horsley & Brastow's Express has furnished us with the following extract from a letter written from their office in Yreka on Monday last.

“Since Jack left, two Indians have been hung in this place. They came in town as spies. Two white men were killed on Hamberg Bar, Scott Bar, on yesterday, and two packers on Applegate Creek.

We annex the following letter, from the Rev. R. B. Stratton, written on the 30th ult., Monday last:—

YREKA, July 30th, 1855.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Though a stranger, I take the liberty of saying to you that the Indian difficulties announced in the “Extra” *Union* of Saturday, are growing more serious every moment. I write you, thinking I will thus be more certain to apprise some friends, whom I expect to be at Shasta in a few days, en route for this place.

To-day two Indians were hung here; they were caught last evening near Yreka, with arms and ammunition, and identified as being connected with the hostile tribe. One of them was an elderly man, obviously of a stern experience, as he was thoroughly scarred. Four more are to be hung this evening on Humbug. No further reports from Klamath, (the place where the first depredations were made,) except that Indians are still prowling about in that region.

Posters have been sent to all parts of Scott and Shasta Valleys, that isolated families may gather to some defensible position. The excitement is intense, and likely to continue. The younger of the two Indians hung to-day, asserted just before he swung, that the “Rogue River Indians,” and many others, had combined to pursue a war of extermination upon the whites; and that they had vowed never to enter into a treaty again. Whatever credit may be given to his words, they will not tend to any abatement of the pres-

ent excitement. He further stated that they had determined the utter destruction of this town.

Stealing squaws, and selling the Indians rum and arms, will yet prove dear traffic to the innocent (?) whites.

Yours, &c. R. B. STRATTON.

"SAM" IN SHASTA—HIS NOMINEES.—The followers of "Sam," or as they are called by the uninitiated, the Know Nothings, were in Convention in this place on Wednesday evening. The nominations have not as yet been officially announced. The following, however, it is currently reported, are a portion of the nominations made, viz: For Assembly, Alexander Andrews, of Horsetown; for Sheriff, John W. Jackson, of Shasta; for Clerk, John T. Pennington, of Middletown; for Assessor, S. V. Merrill, of Shasta; for Public Administrator, Benjamin Swasey, of Lower Springs; for District Attorney, Homer A. Curtiss, of Shasta.

TRINITY NOMINATIONS.—The Senatorial Democratic Convention met in Weaverville, and nominated B. S. Mason, (regular Democrat,) of Siskiyou, for the Senate. Another wing nominated J. W. Holt, (K. N.,) of Klamath. The Trinity County Convention nominated A. J. Felter, regular Democrat, for the Assembly; the other wing nominated W. W. Upton, Know Nothing. How pleasant it is to see brothers dwelling together in unity.

MOVEMENTS OF DISTINGUISHED POLITICIANS.—Our County has been favored during the past six or eight days, with several very distinguished politicians of both parties. Gov. Bigler and Col. Zabriskie came as far as this place. Messrs. Pixley, Speaker Stow and Dave. Bagley, we believe, did not penetrate the county further than the