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Circumstances alter Cases.

Five years ago no prominent man in the United States professed such liberal views in regard to the naturalization of foreigners as Senator Foote. He even went farther than the most ultra Democrat would go at the present time, in liberalizing the naturalization laws. Five years ago, in his place in the United States Senate, in replying to a speech of Senator Seward, of New York, he made the following remarks:—

“I trust I am as liberal in my views in regard to persons of foreign birth, as the Senator from New York. I have always been in favor of liberalizing our naturalization laws. I have never seen any personal objection to allowing a foreigner landing on our shores, on arriving at a Custom-house of the United States, to become a citizen of the United States on producing testimonials of character from the foreign country from which he came. And that is going as far as he who goes the farthest in relation to the naturalization laws.”

Does it not seem most singular that a man professing these views only five years since, should now be moving heaven and earth, to deprive these very men of that citizenship which they have acquired in pursuance of laws that have been in full force for half a century or more! What changes will not the hope of obtaining a seat in the United States Senate, work in the views and sentiments of these old politicians.

UPPER SACRAMENTO INDIANS.—The Indians on the Upper Sacramento have recently exhibited quite a degree of hostility towards the whites

quite a degree of hostility towards the whites. We learn from Mr. Bradbury, a trader on Shotgun Creek, that a party of whites attacked a party of Indians near Castle Rock, some days since, for stealing flour, &c., of Mr. McCloud, and killed two of them certain, and wounded other two severely if not fatally. Friendly Indians say this party is the same that stole the mules of Mr. Greathouse, on Trinity mountain some time since. They also formed a portion of that large band that committed so many murders and robberies in 1851—'52.

In this encounter two of the attacking party were severely hurt. A Mr. Miller was wounded in the right corner of the mouth, by an arrow entering there and coming out below the left ear. A Mr. James Lean received a still more dangerous wound. In his case the arrow struck below the left eye and severed an artery leading over the head, which come very near resulting in death. He is at present, however, fast recovering.

ARRIVAL.—Lieut. J. B. Hood, who commanded an escort of mounted men which accompanied Lieut. Williamson on an exploring expedition, which left Fort Reading some twelve days since, arrived in this place on Tuesday evening last. Lieut. H., before starting upon the expedition, was ordered to join his regiment at Louisville, Ky.; but owing to the scarcity of officers in this State, he was unable to get relieved. Several having arrived at San Francisco by the last steamer, one was immediately dispatched to relieve him, who overtook him at Canoe Creek, about 160 miles from Fort Reading. When Mr. Hood left, Lieut. Williamson and party were in fine health and making good progress.

Lieut. Hood left town on Wednesday