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On Thursday last, a party of sixteen men under Mr. Tupper, of Shasta Valley, fell in with a large body of Indians in the mountain dividing the waters of the Klamath and Shasta rivers. After a brief engagement, and losing one man, the whites were compelled to retreat.

On Friday, a body of Indians were seen crossing Shasta Valley from the neighborhood where the fight occurred, and shaping their course for Scott river, by the mountain trail from Scott to Shasta Valley.

It is rumored that two men, Mr. Snow, of the Klamath river ferry opposite Beaver creek, and a man by the name of Scott, have been killed on the trail leading from the Mountain House of Doty & Doyle to the Klamath river. A party of 25 or 30 started from Deadwood yesterday to look into the matter. These two men left the Mountain House on Tuesday evening last for the ferry. On Saturday Mr. Doyle went in search of lost animals, and found papers and a *machete*, belonging to Mr. Snow, cut and torn up, and other marks of violence. These circumstances gave rise to the suspicion that both had been killed.

It would appear that there is to be no end to these assassinations by Indians, unless they are removed or exterminated. There was never before known to exist such a universal spirit of hatred and hostility towards the whites on the part of the Indians in northern California and Oregon. The fact seems clearly proved by the dire intelligence daily received from all quarters, that there is scarcely an Indian to be found between Scott Mountain and Puget Sound; who is not intent upon outrage and

murder, whenever an opportunity presents itself.

SHOOTING AFFAIR.—On Saturday evening last, in Sacramento, a serious shooting affray took place between two men named Henry A. Caulfield and Thomas O. Selby. The *State Journal* says that the parties had been at variance for a number of years, and had had much litigation about land titles. The following are the facts immediately connected with the affair:

Caulfield had recovered judgment of Selby, and the parties, with their counsel, met in the office of W. S. Long, Esq., referee appointed by the Court to take Selby's deposition as to what property he owned. The business being transacted, Caulfield asked all present to go out and take a drink, an invitation which, it appears, was not accepted. The party separated, Caulfield going to Mr. Hermance's office and Selby to the front entrance of the building, where he was joined by W. W. Price. Caulfield in a few minutes came down stairs, addressed Mr. Price, and passed out on to the sidewalk. At this moment Selby fired four shots at Caulfield in rapid succession. Selby, after he had fired four shots, turned the corner, walked down J street, and when crossing over to Hastings's corner, was arrested by Captain McClory, and conveyed to the Station House. Drs. Ogden and Downes were called in to examine Caulfield, and found three wounds—one in the breast, one in the back, and one in the right thigh. In the latter wound the ball passed out, but came very near severing the femoral artery. The ball that entered the breast was extracted by the surgeons yesterday; the one in the back will probably be extracted to-day. At a late hour last night the wounded man was very feverish, and it is impossible to say how it may terminate.

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