

makes it inherently incredible. It is told, indeed, with striking restraint, and presents a moving picture of these tragic events. One may notice a particularly epic touch in Benson's relation of the concealment of Stone's and Kelsey's weapons, an episode which vividly calls to mind the nineteenth book of the *Odyssey*, where we are told that Odysseus and Telemachus removed the arms of the suitors of Penelope before they fell upon them and slaughtered them. Another human touch is the account of the little three-year-old boy who is so carefully wrapped up and left at the fire in the midst of the carnage.

Peace with the Indians who had escaped the white man's vengeance was established in 1851, but the details cannot now be verified and the alleged "treaty" does not appear to be recorded anywhere.

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### WILLIAM RALGANAL BENSON'S NARRATIVE

The Facts Of Stone and Kelsey Massacre. in Lake County California. As it was stated to me by the five indians who went to stone and kelseys house purpose to kill the two white men. after debateing all night. Shuk and Xasis. these two men were the instigators of the massacre. it was not because Shuk and Xasis had any Ill feeling toge the two white men. there were two indian villages. one on west side and one on the east side. the indians in both of these camps were starveing. stone or kelsey would not let them go out hunting or fishing. Shuk and Xasis was stone and kelsey headriders looking out for stock. cattle horses and hogs. the horses and cattle were all along the lake on the west side and some in bachelors valley. also in upper lake. so it took 18 indian herdsman to look after the stock in these places. Shuk and Xasis was foremans for the herds. and only those herds got anything to eat. each one of these herders got 4 cups of wheat for a days work. this cup would hold about one and ahalf pint of water. the wheat was boiled before it was given to the herders. and the herders shire with thir famlys. the herders who had large famlys were also starveing. about 20 old people died during the winter from starvetion. from severe whipping 4 died. a nephew of an indian lady who were liveing with stone was shoot to deth by stone. the mother of this yong man was sick and starveing. this sick woman told her son to go over to stones wife or the sick womans sister. tell your aunt that iam starveing and sick tell her that i would like to have a handfull of wheat. the yong man lost no time going to stones house. the young man told the aunt what his mother said. the lady then gave the young man 5 cups of wheat and tied it up in her apron and the young man started for the camp. stone came about that time and called the young man back. the young man stoped stone who was horse back. rode up to the young man took the wheat from him and then shoot him. the young man died two days after. such as whipping and tieing thier hands together with rope. the rope then thrown over a limb of a tree and then drawn up untell the indians toes barly touches the ground and let them hang