

During the latter part of September Messrs. Johnson and Brewer, of Angel's Ranch, missed from their droves many head of cattle. Careful search revealed the fact that some had been killed and others wounded with arrows. The cattle at the time were ranging three or four miles Southeast of Angel's Ranch, in the neighborhood of a range which belonged to I. W. Hempfield. The natives in the neighborhood were much opposed to whites, and had several times threatened to kill their stock if they did not leave. When the depredations at Angel's Ranch and vicinity had continued for a week the stock-raisers met at Hempfield's and organized a company for mutual protection. There were but few settlers in a section of country many miles in extent, and the party at Hempfield's numbered only ten men. This little party, smarting under a sense of the loss sustained, went in pursuit of the depredating Indians, and at daylight one morning they saw the fires of a rancheria in a thicket East of Hempfield's Ranch, on the mountain divide towards Redwood Creek. They attacked the rancheria and killed ten of the Indians. The latter, forty or fifty in number, made a resistance at the first fire, and then fled ingloriously. Although several guns were seen in their hands, they used their bows exclusively in returning the fire of the whites. One of the party, W. Hempfield, was struck by an arrow in the thigh, and seriously wounded. A physician was sent for to attend to Hempfield's wound, and the party continued on to Redwood Creek. The rancheria there was deserted, the Indians having received warning and fled to the mountains.