

The Indians are growing more bold & do not hesitate to attack 25 men. The heaviest Indian fight that has taken place in this district, was fought the other day on Redwood, where the Indians made an attack on 25 white men, wounding 10 of their number, some severely. The whites, however, held their ground, & succeeded in killing 6 of the Diggers, & wounding a few more. The battle lasted from three in the morning till 11 A.M. when the Indians were completely routed from their position by a charge of the boys led by John Musoffat. Cows were rigged on aparajas, & mules brought the wounded men to town. They are down at Fort Humboldt, & all doing as well as could be expected. This bold & determined spirit, must be met with one as bold & daring, & calls loudly for stringent measures, to be put strictly in force, & those measures of the utmost severity, that will be calculated to strike terror into the heart of the savages.

The campaign has not opened yet, on account of the scarcity of men to fill the Companies. Gureka, & Anata have filled their complement, fifty men of the weaver company are on hand & the balance expected in a few days. Popska is quarreling with their Capt., the Gov. refusing to grant a commission to the Capt. because he was a Democrat! & the men refusing to act under any other. The Menadorino Co is already in the field. They have warm work before them.

Your continued success at Gold Hill does me good & your being able to keep the bats without a lawsuit, is a pretty good stroke for you. But you have omitted to tell me, what you were engaged in! & where you are working? whether in a Saw, Grist or Crushing Mill! Now I want to know that is that when any persons say, who is Tom doing in Washoe? I can make them answer.

We had a glorious 4th of July here there being a celebration at every town in the County, lots of fun & no accidents. The Mill at Gureka that contained Allen's Shingle Machine, was blown to the ground last night, & everything destroyed. I had