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FIVE INDIANS KILLED.—We learn that, on Sunday morning last, four Indians were killed, one mortally and one slightly wounded, on Clear creek, between Cherokee Flat and Wicks' ranch. Of course, it is not positively known by whom they were killed; but we have heard the following particulars: A party of eight or nine Indians were camped on Clear creek, engaged in fishing. It was supposed that two Indians, Dogskin and his son, concerned in the massacre of Workman's family, at Concow valley, on the 7th of August last, were in this fishing party; and certain white men went to the camp and demanded that the two Indians should be given up. This was refused, the Indians showing a disposition to fight, when they were fired upon, and Dogskin and his son, Oregon City Charley, and a Berry Creek Indian, killed upon the spot, one of the Cherokee tribe mortally wounded and since dead, and the squaw of Oregon City Charley shot in the face and thigh and severely but not fatally wounded. One or two of the Indians escaped. In a short time after the fight, we are told that a large party of Indians from this side of the river arrived on the scene, and carried off the dead to this side for burial, amidst cries and lamentations. This is a lamentable state of affairs for the mountain settlements, and involves the alternative of either extermination of all Indians in this county, or a very different reservation system from that at present in operation. We have good authority for the statement that Indians are continually going to and from the Nome Lackee Reservation, and mixing with the Indians who remain in this county; and it is said that the Concow Indians, taken to the Reservation for the second time two or three years ago, are now nearly all back here, and mixed through the different tribes who have remained on the south side of the river. If these Indians remain here, under the present circumstances, the scedish massacres of past years will be re enacted year after year, followed by expeditions against the Indians, some of whom will be killed and the rest driven off, to return again when the excitement quiets down. This must be the case, unless the mountain settlements keep a force on their trail continually, and that is impracticable.