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Christians and Savages.

WHO CONSTITUTED AGGRESSIONS—THE WHITES OR THE MODOCS?

Editor News:

In command of an emigrating party I crossed the Sierra Nevada Mountains in 1849, at a point intermediate between Goose Lake and the Klamath Lakes, or lava bed district. A few days before I reached the pass, Capt. Warner, of the U. S. Topographical Engineers, with several of his men, were massacred in a kanyon, some five or six miles north of the pass. I had been anticipating the pleasure of meeting the captain in the mountains, knowing that he was engaged surveying there. After I reached the then northern settlement of the Sacramento Valley, Lassen's ranche—I had a long conversation with old Pete Lassen, the veteran trapper, who had resided in that wild country for nearly half a century, and reverting to the massacre of Capt. Warner, he told me that when the captain left his ranche, with the intention of traversing that particular locale, he felt convinced that the Klamath (Modoc) Indians would kill him, because, during the previous season, a party of emigrants going to Oregon, were on the margin of the Great Klamath Lake, and their guide (another old and well known trapper), named Hedgepeth, observed the Indians in their canoes quietly fishing on the lake (these Indians hitherto inoffensive), and called to the men of his party to get out their guns and shoot the d——d redskins, which atrocity was promptly executed—a deliberate, cold-blooded massacre of inoffensive savages.

Since the perpetration of that diabolical transaction, from time to time, the tribe has committed excesses in retaliation, adding Warner and his men to the victims, and lastly, goaded on by a long series of wrongs, the Modoc war and all of its consequences were the results. Thus we see the alpha and omega of all the Indian troubles in that section. And thus it has ever been, as far as my observations have elicited the facts. And furthermore, amongst all the Indian tribes of the western part of the continent particularly, have been and now are numbers of renegade white men, disguised as Indians, conforming to all their modes of life, teaching them the use of firearms, &c., and instigating them to commit excesses upon the whites for plunder, &c.

In wild adventures among the Piutes of the Sierra Nevada and the coast range mountains of California for nearly two years, spiced with numerous hairbreadth escapes, I learnt considerable of the ways of the white and red men of those countries, and of many murders pro and con, some of which occurred unpleasantly near to where I was. And invariably the first aggression was traced to the unprincipled, reckless whites. In 1850, for the sake of adventure, I joined a party of rough prospectors, among them some old mountaineers, and generally a hard set. In a wild district of the Sierra Nevada, below the pass, and on the eastern slope, where the Piutes were numerous and very hostile, and the first time that their domain had been invaded by the whites, traversing at the time a narrow vale, one of our party espied in the distance a squaw, apparently engaged in digging roots; putting spurs to his horse, he pursued and overtook her, and informed us, on rejoining the party, that he had outraged her. A few nights after that our sentinel, a worthy young man, was killed by arrows. Subsequently, when traveling on foot from Trinidad, on the coast, to the mouth of the Klamath river, I noticed a deserted Indian village in a wooded hollow near the beach; visited it, admired its beautiful, snug location and comfortable huts, and noticed among other things some minature lodges, and bits of bone, crockery, shells, &c., where the little children had been playing. It appeared to have been very recently vacated. Warned of the hostile character of the Indians of that district, I could not risk stopping to make a sketch of the spot. It was an old village. Why abandoned? A few months before I saw it a party of miners, going up the beach to the Klamath country, stopped here to rest; these, soon some of the men commenced taking offensive liberties with the females; a row and fight ensued, several Indians were killed and wounded, and two of the whites slain. When the whites reached their destination, they reported that those Indians attacked them without any provocation and killed their comrades. Thereupon a large party was organized, came down upon the devoted villagers, killed and wounded many, and drove the rest into the mountains. Travelers were occasionally murdered afterwards by the ruthless savages.

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