

## Arrival of the Golden Gate.

SIXTEEN DAYS LATER NEWS.

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The Golden Gate arrived at San Francisco on the 15th, in 12 days and 4 hours from Panama. She would have been in sooner had it not been for some disarrangement of her machinery by which she was compelled to run for the last three days with only one wheel. Two passengers died on the way up.

The following appointments have been made by President Pierce:

Col. John C. Hayes, has been appointed Surveyor General of California.

Samuel S. Bridge, General Appraiser Pacific coast.

Alpheus Felch, of Michigan, Robert A. Thompson, of Virginia, and Thompson Campbell, of Illinois, Commissioners, under the act of Congress approved March 3, 1851, to ascertain and settle the private land claims in California; vice John L. Helm, of Kentucky, whose nomination was not acted on by the Senate, and Hiland Hall, of Vermont, and Harry J. Thornton, removed.

We copy the following from the Washington correspondence of the S. F. Herald:

"Affairs at Washington are in a singular condition. All over the country, except in Illinois, the Democracy seem to be divided into factions, between whom bitter war is waged. The consequence is that agreement on the principal nominations for federal office in different points of the Union are still held in abeyance. The foreign appointments also—most of them have been awaiting a discussion and decision of the general line of policy to be pursued by Gen. Pierce in the foreign policy of the country. The prospect is that it will be liberal, and that America will make her power and position felt, feared and respected in the councils of the Nations.

It seems to be generally believed that the mission to England will be tendered to Mr. Buchanan and that to Spain to Mr. Soule. The ministry to France is more clearly indicated.

There seems little probability to the practice of any general system of proscrip-

ted. He has decided upon two—one at Benicia and the other at Los Angeles. Col. Gift will be one of the Receivers probably; but who of the score of applicants will get the other is a clear case of *quien sabe*.

The Secretary of the Navy has not yet decided whether, under the discretion left him by Congress, he will direct the appropriation for the Marine Basin and Railway to California to be made or not. He will probably decide affirmatively.

The proposals for creating the San Francisco Mint will be opened on the 1st of April and the work pushed through with all possible despatch.

The effect of the amendment made to the Indian Appropriation Bill, adopting Lieut. Beale's plan of quieting Indian difficulties in California by bringing the Indians into military reservations, is understood by the Department to abolish the Indian Agencies altogether, and place the whole control of Indian Affairs in the hands of the Superintendent.

The Senate has accomplished comparatively little in Executive Session. The debate on the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty was re-opened a few days ago, and Clayton, Douglas, Mason and Butler participated. Clayton's speech was a masterly one, and his friends claim it to have been a perfect vindication of his own action. General Cass unfortunately was suddenly called home by the serious illness of his wife, and was not present at the discussion.

The nomination of Wright for Sub-Treasurer of California, is dead, because of the failure of the Senate to act upon it. He returns to California by this steamer, I am informed.

The Cabinet have been incidentally discussing the foreign policy of the country prior to settling the important foreign appointments. Marcy is the reigning spirit of the administration, and if his recommendation succeeds, our foreign policy will be as liberal and unbecile, I fear, as was that of Mr. Fillmore. Gen. Pierce, and Secretaries Davis and Cushing however, are all of the Young American stamp with respect to this question, and it is to be hoped, therefore, a liberal policy will be decided upon—one that will encourage

The newly appointed Land Commissioners are expecting to start for the scene of their new duties on the 20th of April. It is rumored to-day that the Hon. Volney E. Howard, ex-M. C., from Texas, and an able lawyer, has been decided upon by the President, for U. S. Law Agent, vice