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ARCATA, July 2.

you briefly this week, for in the first place I have but little to say, and secondly but little time to say it in.

The Fourth is close upon ins and we are busy in preparing to colobrate it in our quiet way. We would have been pleased to have returned the hospitality extended to us by the good citizens of Eureka two years since, but the length of our purses not equalling our generous wishes, we were obliged to forego that pleasure; our sense of justice mingled, perhaps, with a trifle of pride, would not, however, allow us to again ancroach upon your liberality, and as our patriotism could not suffer the memorable event to go uncelobrated we are making arrangements for an unostentatious, social celebration,

Indian matters wear a brighter aspect this week, the scouts we had raised having been relieved by a detachment of men from Co. C. Mountaineers, who have occupied Camp - Curtis. Capt. Ousley was in town on Sunday last; he seems well satisfied with his position at Gaston, and with what he is there accomplishing.

Trade in town has been rather dull the pust week, excepting in one article. I allude to confectionery the sales of which for electioneering purposes have been heavy.

Perhaps, astute Editor, you are not aware that a profuse distribution of cane dy among the children is a powerful means of building up a candidate's popularity with the parents. Know you not that the especial weakness of many a father is in his smart little boy or pot little girl, and that he appreciates and supports whoever appreciates and feeds with candy his little dear?

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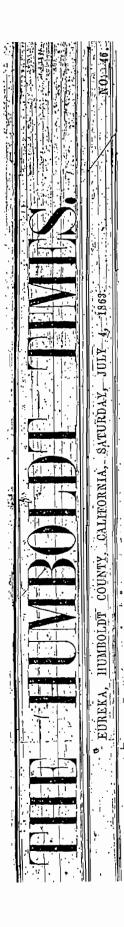
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The Dems, here are wiggling about in a very vigorous manner and are making extensive operations to exhibit their full strength at the next election; they seem possessed of an idea that if Leó succeeds in pocketing Washington and a few other small towns in that vicinity their chances of success will be greatly enhanced. Shame to a party who derives its strength from the failure and defeat of the armies that are fighting for our country's existence!

They expect to get a tall vote in this town, and I presume their expectations will be literally fulfiled, for they have succeeded in prosclyting to their falth a man who certainly is Sharp!

The gentle shower of to-day is a welcome visitant to vegetation, although our gardens and the growing crops in our vicinity now look fively. You must always call at the "Colonel's," when you come up; it is our favorite resort, where we gladly escape from the turmoil and bustle of the city, and revel for a season in a profusion of floral treasures, and less poetical but more substantial, herries and fruit. Colonel is always hospitable, and liberal to a fault, a true type of that disappearing class, the old style gentleman.

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