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THE HUMBOLDT TIMES.

EUREKA, HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1861.

Business Directory

E. L. WALLACE,
DEALER IN WINES, LIQUORS, &c, East
 side of the Plaza, Astoria.

PHENIX EXCHANGE.
H. S. SOULE, Prop'r.
 Thankful for past favors the Proprietor would respectfully inform his friends and the public generally, that he has thoroughly re-fitted and added up the "Phoenix" for the year 1861, and is now prepared to furnish it with all the latest improvements, and at a very low price.

TERMS, TO SUIT THE TIMES.
 Breakfast from half past five to seven. Dinner, at twelve. Supper, from half past six to seven. 16

DAY MOTEL.
 Eureka.
 The Proprietor of the DAY MOTEL, corner of H and First streets, having had the same newly furnished—hard-finished, painted and papered, would announce to the Public generally, that he will be prepared to receive a large number of transient guests on Monday the 14th inst.

RY PUB
 Office, at
 Post House,
 Eureka, Jan. 12, 1861.

HUMBOLDT HOUSE.
 Eureka.
 The undersigned would respectfully inform his friends and the traveling public, that he is prepared to accommodate his customers with as good fare as can be found in this section of the country.

MEALS SERVED AT ALL HOURS.

THE COUNTY FAIR.

A FINE MEAL BEFORE THE RESOLUT CO. FAIR;
 WRITTEN BY
 ANN'S, STRAVER'S J. C. SHAW, & C. A.

This bright glad land for in the glowing west,
 It waits for us, and in our arms, it waits;
 Shows every man an equal chance to live;
 Throughout the world we know that Nature's
 kind,
 The best, the truest friend, vouchsafed mankind;
 But here she stings, by choice, to keep her
 throne
 And make this land peculiarly her own.
 Each little vale bears tokens of her reign—
 Her soil, the air, the water, and the plain;
 Her smiles are seen in every breeze that blows;
 Her spirit is ubiquitous—at times,
 She plays away in Summer's scorching heat,
 Or dies amidst Winter's shilling blasts and sleet.
 But here she smiles the live-long year; her
 bloom
 Is thus perennial to the day of doom!
 But not by Nature's hand alone, my friends,
 Is this land blest; another boon attends
 Its prosperous life—and may it never cease—
 It still remains the way-shine of peace.
 Our western skies are red at close of day,
 In crimson splendor sinks the sun away;
 In peace he left us, drooping to repose,
 But lo! what signs are those which seem
 The phantom grim of some terrific dream—
 That fall of sickly, chafed, horror rise
 Like thunder clouds all o'er the eastern skies!
 Lo! war and slaughter they hold their revel there!
 The scents of blood-gather fill the very air!
 O'er battle fields redoubtful gory stains
 O'er hearts deep blue veil, and star-strewn
 plains!
 And death is throned in every shape and form,
 And countless souls in countless myriads swarm;
 Thus mercy's gentle spirit, fiercely driven
 By vengeance fell, has left these scenes for
 Hells!
 Kind pity has died out, and night is left
 But direst hate—of reason, love, benevolence—
 We turn with pleasure from these scenes of fear,
 To view the feelings that in every eye here!
 We cause as brothers, and in every breast
 A peace has smothered all bitter feuds to rest.

EASTERN NEWS.

FORFEITS MOSKOW, Oct. 9.
 The frigate Saspahanna has arrived from Hatteras Inlet. She brings most interesting intelligence.

The day after the capture of the privateer Ceres and Patnam, having one of the launches of the Saspahanna in tow, went to the Chicoqueoco, landed seven days' provisions, and returned the same evening, without having seen anything of the rebels.

On Friday news came from Hatteras Inlet by the steamer Stars and Stripes, that 2,500 rebels consisting of Georgia, South Carolina and Virginia regiments had come over from the mainland, in six small steamers, schooners and flat boats, and attacked the 13th Indiana Regiment, who were obliged to retreat. The Saspahanna steamed up outside, while Col. Hawk- ins marched up with six companies, and reached Hatteras Light by nightfall.

During the night Col. Hawkins was joined by the 13th Indiana, who had passed in the darkness, a large body of rebels, who had landed for the purpose of cutting them off. Col. Brown reported a loss of fifty of his men, comprising his sick and wounded, and twenty pikemen, who could not be recalled.

He succeeded in saving his tents, provisions, &c. On Saturday morning the Monticello steamed round the Cape, and a few miles up met the rebel force coming down a narrow neck of land to attack our troops.

From John Conness.

In response to an inquiry from George C. Gorham, Esq., of the Maryville Democrat, in relation to the rumor of a proposed bill for bringing this assembly into session—without profit, should think to the claimants—that is, if hard cash is of any value to them in these times—Your Legislature last winter passed an act appointing two agents to proceed to Washington to settle the war debt affair, and an appropriation of \$400,000 therefor. The California law, as I understand it, named J. W. Denver and S. Smith as the Commissioners, both of whom had served in a similar capacity some years ago. Subsequently Governor Downey revoked Smith's appointment and appointed Mr. Nordheimer of Klamath county, who also came to Washington and claimed to be received as one of the Commissioners. It seems that Nordheimer's arrival and the irreparable conflict between him and Sam Smith, has knocked together probable that the Commission will prove a total failure. Denver and Smith had just got everything under way when Nordheimer arrived. Had he not come at all, before this time the whole business would have been nearly or quite settled. Smith and Nordheimer probably must both go back to California and have their little disagreement submitted to the Courts for settlement. The affair has terribly vexed Gen. Denver, who is powerless to act none in the premises, or to decide between the respective claims of his quality of would-be-appointees.

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