

...of the Duke of Rutland, and is spoken of as a distinguished *voyageur*, who has come to Panama for the purpose of observing the "*modus operandi* of the great travel setting in the direction of California, to behold the waters of the great South Sea and Pacific coast (and possibly to write a book of travels,) the treasures of which are now creating such a wonderful stir in the world." They are the guests of Wm. Perry, Esq., the British Consul.

We clip the following from the Panama Echo :

Nothing of special importance has transpired in Panama during the week, if we except the operations on change in tickets of steamships and sailing vessels. A large operation has been realized in this line, and no little ingenuity displayed and "cutting under" manifested, by stock-jobbers in tickets and transfers. The *bulls* and *bears* have had a pretty time of it; the bulls, however, seem united, while the bears appear to be fighting on their own hook, divided in opinion among themselves, and occasionally growling as if they were "bit" in a sore place. The bulls keep pushing up and the bears trying to pull down, and in this way the commercial mart is daily enlivened by the keen-sighted wisdom of ticket vendors, and the not unfrequent peculiar *greenness* of purchasers. The advance on steamship tickets is from \$50 to \$150 from first cost, (with the exception of the Gold Hunter, whose tickets, cabin only, are sold for \$300.) The active business is confined to the tickets on the New World, Columbus, New Orleans, and Northerner, yet to arrive. The market closes firm for the holders, while those on the "anxious seat" are expecting a decline, considering the brisk competition which is making itself felt on the Pacific side. Sailing vessels are carrying for \$120, steerage, to San Francisco, and \$200 cabin, or \$180 double berths. Steamer tickets command the regular price, with the advance above noticed, and the tendency is upwards, though the crowd in Panama, brought by the Georgia and other ships on the Atlantic side, have been pretty well thinned out by the sailing vessels.

San Joaquin and Placer Intelligence.

From a copy of the *Stockton Times*, received yesterday, dated 27th inst., we extract a few items of intelligence.

MARIPOSA.—Flour is selling at 18 cents, and the general prices of provisions are low.

Trouble with the Indians.—On the 16th inst. Dr. Ford who with a Mr. Smith had been "prospecting" up the country returned to the Mexico

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sa diggings severely wounded. It appears that a party of Indians fell in with him and attacked him before daybreak, whilst fast asleep. Mr. Smith was pierced by six arrows, but favorable hopes are entertained of his recovery; a party of sixteen went out on the following day in search of the offenders, but unfortunately with no success.

**MOKELUMNE.—Interesting Discovery.**—Mr. Lane merchant of this town, and Mr. McKinney of Mokelumne, in a recent tour through a region bordering on that river, discovered a cave or grotto of great extent. They found that it contained large quantities of *stalactite*, and saw evidences of gold. The Indians who accompanied these gentlemen were horror-stricken at the audacity of our friends when they entered a cave which tradition said no man returned from alive. Mr. Lane found the skeleton of a human being some distance from the opening.

A correspondent of the *Times*, writing from Calaveras, says :

The miners at present are doing very well, the water being low in the gulches, and high in the rivers; but they are full of hope, looking forward to golden harvests when they can work on the bars or in the beds of the rivers. They appear to be in good spirits, for although not making much, their expenses are very light, since the reduction of freight.

The health of the miners is excellent; they all say that the southern gold region is the most healthy place in the world. To sum up, the country is most beautiful, the prospect cheering, and I have no doubt that the gold which will be taken out this season, will surprise the most sanguine.

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