


"Westward the Star of Empire takes its way."

It has now become generally known to the people of California, that our STAR is a "fixed" one, and designed to permanency. Hitherto, its publication has been attended with some loss to the publisher, and we have had to surmount numerous obstacles cast in our way. When we engaged in this enterprise, and appeared before the public, a more than limited circulation was unlooked for; we did not expect to reap a harvest for ourselves, in a pecuniary point of view, but 'launched our bark upon the wave' of public opinion, trusting entirely to that, and to our own exertions for a reward in future. Now we have no reason to regret the undertaking. Our fast filling "list of subscription," and the increasing popularity of our paper, "the Star," which bids fair to become soon as widely circulated as its sister planets of the East, promise us success, and the kind assistance of many friends, lead us to the belief that the best wishes of our countrymen are with us. The recently established mail, too, has, and will continue to render us important service, and the citizens of the south can receive our journal regularly, and without the usual delay of formerly. To many of the foreign residents of the lower territory, this important fact will for some time remain unknown; but we rely upon the industry and attention of our agents to transmit the intelligence to the numerous ranchos and residences of our countrymen, that they too, in common with our present sustainers, may receive the benefit of a paper in California.

¶ In answer to many complaints forwarded to us, in reference to the depredations of the "horse thief Indians" of the Sierra Nevada, we can only express our belief from such information as we can obtain, that Gov. Kearny is taking the most efficient measures for the suppression of these outrages. The efficiency of Gov. Kearny

as an officer, in whatever capacity he may be acting, and his long experience in frontier military matters, are a sure guarantee that when he acts, his measures will be effective and final.

□ We understand from report, that a vessel with despatches to the United States, will sail from Monterey in the course of ten days.

 We give place to the following communication, because we know the author of it to be an intelligent gentleman. But we also know that his mind has been abused in relation to one part, and that is to who constitute the "horse-thief Indians." We feel entirely certain that those Indians who marched to the Pueblo de los Angeles in the battalion of Col. Fremont, have been concerned in none of the thefts and outrages recently committed and complained of by our correspondent. We have indubitable proof of this assertion, and therefore speak positively. They are entirely and wholly friendly to the Americans, and with proper treatment, will render most efficient service in ferreting out and bringing to punishment the wild, hostile, and thieving tribes which inhabit the western slope of the Sierra Nevada, and make incursions into, and their depredations upon the plains and settlements. With regard to the white men spoken of, of course we know nothing. But we hope for the credit of our countrymen generally, and we cannot but believe that this hope is well founded, that these persons will engage in no real traffic, as our correspondent suggests. If they should, why they should be treated as outlaws and robbers.

[For the California Star.]

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As I perceive you take an interest in the suppression of the horse thieves, I would beg to call your attention to another branch of the same subject. A company of six white men, headed by a person called———, lately passed through the country with the professed intention of going to live with the horse-thief Indians in the village of Jose Jesus and Felipe. These men had a horse loaded with goods, for the avowed purpose of purchasing horses from the Indians. It appears by a statement of one of the number, that this company, and some others who have left them, were invited by the horse thieves to come and live with them, when they were fellow soldiers togeth-

er at Los Angeles, in the service of the United States. We have been led to hope that the authorities of the country would take some immediate steps to suppress the horse thieves, but to our deep regret, it is still a "hope deferred," and instead, the thieves are constantly becoming more daring and active than ever, and may be expected to redouble their diligence now that they have white men for their allies. Perhaps some of the merchants in your port can tell us how they expect the farmers to pay their debts this season, when the horse thieves are taking away the last of the miserable remnant of broken down horses, that the wars and revolutions have left behind.

It is understood that a party of men will shortly leave California for the U. States, and it has been stated by one of the men who has left the party of horse thief traders above alluded to, that it is their design to obtain as many horses as possible, and take them to Missouri with this company. It is possible that the people of San Francisco will take little or no interest in this subject, as they may think themselves and their property safe in their shops and on board their ships; but they may be assured that it will be in vain for them to look for hides and tallow, or other produce of the country, if the farmers have no horses with which to manage their cattle. Although the inhabitants of your town may feel very safe and comfortable, the people of every other part of the country are in more dread and alarm than ever, since the horse thieves have white men for their allies.

AGRICOLA.

NOBLY DONE.—We understand that the officers of our gallant Navy attached to the Gulf Squadron, have, with that magnanimity which is characteristic of their profession, determined to present all the prize money now due to them to the widow of Lieut. Charles W. Morris, the officer who fell at the attack on Tobasco.

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