

course melt and flow through the Sacramento and its tributaries during the approaching summer. The spring thaws on the Sierra Nevada are usually tempered by cool southerly night breezes, and thus, though the heat of the day will bring down into the rivers a vast body of water, the flow is materially checked during the night, and in this way overflow prevented.— For a succession of days, latterly, the heat has been excessive both day and night, and as a consequence, the citizens of Sacramento discover in the constant rise of the river, and the range of the thermometer sufficient cause for uneasiness.

Since Saturday night last, the waters have risen so as to flood the bridges thrown across the sloughs in the rear of Sacramento City; and in the heart of the place, the waters begin to encroach again upon the streets. Many of the thoroughfares have been bridged out to the suburban lands, and most of the inconvenience to which travellers had been subjected was removed, but without any additional protection of the city along the levee, by increased embankment.— Should the river rise as rapidly during the present week, as it did last week, next Saturday will bring us intelligence of another calamitous visitation at Sacramento City and the towns above.

Bad News from Trinidad.

We have been favored by the politeness of the house of Ottinger, Brown & Linn, with intelligence of a late date from a settlement on Chester, Trinity or Rogue River, as it is called, above Port Trinidad. It is of a painful character as it announces a loss of life and the capture of a party of settlers by the Indians. The letter is dated May 17th, at the settlement near the mouth of Trinity river and is addressed to the above mentioned firm from their correspondent. We are permitted to make the following extract:

“Previous to the return of the Laura Virginia, a party from the lower camp left with the design of ascending the Trinity to the head of navigation. They returned this morning bringing the melancholy news of the death of Mr. Hays, who was upset from the canoe and drowned—also of the loss of four others by capture, viz: Ridleman, Johnson, Maxwell and another whose name I have not learned. It is to be feared that they have met a cruel death, though the general impression here is that their lives will be spared.”

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POLITICAL ÆRONAUTS AND SUBMARINE OPERATORS.—The *Transcript* of yesterday publishes, among Sacramento election notices, the singular production which we copy below. This announcement is embellished with a gaily soaring baloon, floating off into limitless space, with a supply of gas and abundance of assurance, worthy the most celebrated æronaut.

"At the solicitation of individuals who have the good of Sacramento city at heart, Doct. CHARLES MORRILL, formerly *Æronaut* in the States, (a permanent resident here,) is a candidate to fill the vacancy in the Council, occasioned by the resignation of C. H. Miller, Esq. Election to take place on the 21st inst.

Immediately following we find the card of A. D. Bell, who *belicoes* in atmospheric pressure principle as applied to politics, and exhibits himself seated in a capacious Diving Bell, exploring the depths of the political waters with entire confidence in the weight of his argument, and his ability to come to the top when he is tired of under currents.

At the solicitation of my wife Nancy, who has the good of herself at heart, and *deeply* interested in the successful cultivation of mutton-heads, A. D. Bell, who has made several descents in a diving bell, and late one of the *floating* population of this *aquatic* city, is a candidate for the city council at the election to take place on the 21st inst.

SINGULAR PHENOMENON—A SHOWER OF SULPHUR.—The passengers and officers on the *Peytona*, from New Orleans for Louisville, observed a very singular phenomenon as the boat was passing Napoleon, Ark., on Sunday morning the 17th of March, during a shower of rain. The atmosphere was of a muddy yellow color, and had the appearance of liquid sulphur. The rain as it fell on the deck of the boat left a thick scum like sulphur floating on its surface, a large portion of which was gathered by the passengers in the purpose of having it analyzed. The wind

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