

Trinidad and Humboldt Harbors

Reports are rife from this interesting region of newly applied American enterprise, and it gives us pleasure to hear of the favorable prospects which have opened in this fresh field of industry to those who are the early sharers of the fatigues and privations inseparable from its discovery and settlement. The arrival, within a week past, of several vessels from Trinidad and Humboldt Harbors, furnishes the intelligence of a successful prosecution of enterprise at both named points on the coast, and that the various parties engaged on those shores were for the most part satisfied with the capability of the region, and had determined to unite their fortunes, and lives, if necessary, with the result of their adventure.

At the principal settlement of Trinidad some thirty houses have been erected, and parties are now in this city purchasing provisions and supplies for the mines adjacent, where it is expected much work will be done this summer. Humboldt harbor is variously represented; but accounts would seem to indicate a steadily increasing prosperity among the several interests centered there. The accessibility of the harbor from the sea is placed beyond question, and it is contended that no difficulty need be encountered in going to sea from the several safe anchorages inside. The Eclipse got ashore in coming out, but was got off and towed back to her anchorage, about six miles from the entrance, where her party has located. Here she sank in ten feet of water, but she was raised, and may be expected at this point in a few days. The expedition by this vessel has been reported as eminently successful, and, joined with a party of Oregonians, they are said to have selected the finest site on the bay for a commercial city. It lies in a north-easterly direction from the entrance. They found, upon landing, that the spot had been pre-occupied, and the tenements alone were standing, the owners having fled from the vicinity of trou-

blesome Indians. They took possession, and afterwards were threatened with forcible ejection from the lands by the original claimants. A compromise was effected, and affairs are now said to be in a flourishing condition in their little colony of fifty-eight men. The site of their contemplated city embraces some of the finest timbered and prairie land on the bay. Several houses have been erected and two or three stores opened. The company are jointly engaged in constructing a fort as a means of protection against the Indians, who have exhibited signs of hostile preparation, and are reported to number already five hundred strong, in the neighborhood of the colonists. Several collisions had taken place, and one or two white men had been badly wounded by Indian arrows. A 'brush' was confidently expected in a few days with the Eel River Indians. The whites were preparing to give them battle.

We have been credibly informed that the propeller Hartford will shortly be dispatched for Humboldt harbor, with freight and passengers, by our thorough-going, public-spirited fellow citizen and pioneer in the paths of enterprise, Mr. S. Brannan. Another pleasing item of information is, in substance, that one of our most respectable townsmen intends shortly removing to the new settlement of Humboldt Bay with his interesting family, to reside permanently in those uncultivated parts.

We have been favored with the following extract from a letter, dated

HUMBOLDT BAY, May 14, 1850.

Last evening Camden and Tower returned on foot from the mines, having dug successfully, and will return to the mines in a day or two.

On their trip up they encountered 15 feet of snow—but on their return on an Indian trail, although the mountains on each side were covered, they encountered none, and returned in two and a half days. Distance to the forks of North and South branches of Trinity about 30 miles to where the diggings commence on the North forks. There are now on the North fork, from the fork about 70 miles up, about 1000 persons, the principal body about 35 miles from the forks. The stores on the River are now about 75 or 80