

to find ourselves in the category of our Stockton contemporary, who does not hesitate to credit and confirm all the stories from the Southern mines, however extraordinary. It is our conviction that the extent and richness of the gold deposits are not yet at all appreciated, and hardly to be inferred from their development hitherto. That "incredulity is the wit of fools," has been pretty thoroughly proved from what has already transpired in the history of the golden discoveries in California. When a conviction takes such complete possession of whole communities who are fully cognizant of all the exaggerations that have had their day, it is scarcely prudent to utter even a qualified dissent from what is so universally sustained.

The stories of Gold Run were generally discredited, but time proved they were true, and the results fully equal to all that was premised. The diggings, however, proved anything but extensive, and were early overrun. The expectations from claims in its immediate neighborhood, have been most sadly disappointed. So in the case of Gold Lake, the testimony warrants a relative impression with regard to the extent of surface where such richness prevails. Sincerely hoping that their enterprise will meet with moderate success at least, and having as little faith as concern in anything more, we dismiss for the present the Gold Lake adventurers.

Six hours Later.—Monday night, 12 o'clock.—The Gov. Dana has just arrived, and reports Gold Lake enthusiasm as still on the increase, parties leaving every hour, provisions high and scarce and mules not to be had. A man by the name of McLelland had just arrived with \$7000, obtained in four days, and he reports that only the truth has been spoken of this wonderful locality.

Indian Matters.—We have a letter from Bear River, enclosing one from Gen. Eastland. Its publication may lead to some good result:

BEAR RIVER, June 11, 1850.

Dear Captain:—Yesterday we found, about half a mile below our camp, the dead bodies of two white men, who had been murdered by the Indians, but where or when I can form no idea; both had been pierced with many arrows. From one I took a flint barb which had penetrated about half its length. Most of the discoverable wounds were in the back. On one was the wristband of a blue checked shirt, the only vestige of clothing on either. The bodies were so much decomposed, and so jammed in among the rocks, by the strong current of the water, that it is impossible to give a perfect description of them. One was evidently a large muscular man, of near or quite six feet in height, the skull entirely bare of hair; the other was a smaller man, I should judge about five feet eight or ten inches in height, very fine dark hair and bushy whiskers. This body had a twisted withe around the neck, by which it had probably been dragged to the river. Is it not very improbable that these are the bodies of Col. Wood and his companion, who have been missing for some weeks, from the company mining below me some eight or ten miles? If Capt. Lacy can call there on his return, it will be well for him to do so. As soon as possible I will have the bodies buried; at present they cannot be removed.

In great haste, yours truly,

THOS. B. EASTLAND.

Capt. JOHN MOORE, Moore's Mill Bear River.

THE SARAH SANDS.—The report, last evening, that this steamer had put back was entirely without foundation.