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STOCKTON, June 29, 1850.

Messrs Editors: When I last wrote, the weather was cool and pleasant. Our mornings and evenings now, are very agreeable and our nights are quite delightful; but the mid-day sun is almost intolerable. July and August, our two warmest months, are now approaching; but as the prospect for business in the fall, is good, and this portion of California is so extremely healthy, no one thinks of the weather. Our coast range of mountains, unlike that of the Sacramento valley, allows us to have the benefit of the sea breeze; and were it not for this, chills and fevers would no doubt prevail, as at the North. This I will say, there is not in the world a healthier region of country than this San Joaquin valley.

An improvement in business has been perceptible within the last few days. Freights to the mines continue low, say 4c to 7c per lb. The miners complain of the heat, but the warm weather will soon send them down all the Sierra Nevada snow, and enable those who are located on the rivers to get at the rich deposits. The fall of the waters is an event anxiously looked for. By the first of September the damming companies, which are numerous, will all be at work. I am happy to inform you that the wholesale and retail lumber and grocery business, which has been so extensively engaged in upon our public levee, has been prohibited.

I have had another letter from the Merced, concerning the affray in which Rose was killed. Five Indians lost their lives—one of them a Chief, named Lutario. The rumor of Savage's death is incorrect. He had a difficulty with an Indian, who fired several arrows at him. But a double barreled shot gun saved his life. The tribe with which he had been at variance has moved off. Savage is rather a famous character in the diggings. He exercises a remarkable influence over the Indians, wherever he goes. He subdues them, and they work for him and trade with him.

A friend in Sonora, under date of June 22d writes: "Night before last, two men, living in a small tent, more than half way from here to Jamestown, were

more than half way from here to Jamestown, were murdered in a most horrible and shocking manner, and robbed. Last night a Mexican was killed about half a mile from here, but whether in a row, or to be robbed, I don't know. At Camp Columbia, likewise, last night, a man by the name of John Brannon killed a Chilean in a row. Brannon came in this morning and gave himself up to the Sheriff."

I have just heard that a man named Ford, who kept a tent at the fork of the road about two miles the other side of Knight's Ferry, was murdered and robbed night before last.

R. W.

EMIGRATION TO CALIFORNIA.—The *Detroit Daily Advertiser* says that over six thousand persons have gone or have made arrangements to go to California from the single State of Michigan. It adds that they take with them, as a general thing, from three to five hundred dollars in money, or outfit, which has been principally raised by mortgages upon their farms or homesteads, at a high rate of interest, to which security, not a few have added the obligation of a personal bond or contract to divide with the lender of the money the proceeds of the adventure, should they ever return. The *Advertiser* says that under such circumstances, business men need not be told that unusual pecuniary embarrassment and depression must ensue to those who remain to conduct the ordinary interests of business. "The country merchant must inevitably become seriously retarded in making his collections; he cannot get his pay, and as a matter of course cannot pay his creditors, the money which he would look to for that purpose having already been diverted, by the eagerness of the gold hunters, through the high rates of interests and other tempting advantages which they hold out from its usual channel to the pockets of the business men at home and thence to the creditors abroad. There is almost a certain prospect that the State in point of credit must suffer from this course. Again that class of men who are upon the wing, are mostly young and active laboring men, who till our fields and fill our workshops, and a proportionate embarrassment must ensue to farmers and others who are accustomed to hire laborers and journeymen. Harvest time will find many a farmer with a scant supply of hands to swing the cradle and to secure his year's crops. Three thousand emigrants are expected to leave Iowa during this spring, a loss to Iowa according to the *N. York Evening Post's* estimate of \$850 to each man, of \$1,000,000. From fifteen to twenty thousand persons are expected to emigrate from Missouri during the current spring; a loss according to the estimate of the same paper, of six millions of dollars. The *Post* seems to be of opinion that the result will effect the fall elections, and that the democratic party have suffered the greatest loss. The *Post*, referring to the immense export of money and property going on from

immense export of money and property going on from the U. States to California, says it is calculated that \$12,000,000 will not pay the interest upon the gold, property and labor which have left the States during the past year, while the amount for the year to come is likely to be doubled.