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The papers from below come to us almost entirely devoid of interest.

The sailors still continue their strike, and on Saturday a party of them boarded a vessel and took off several seamen who had shipped for less than the pay demanded by the body of their companions.

From the Courier we take the following items:

MUNICIPAL SALARIES.—The joint committee for reporting an ordinance to establish the salaries of the municipal officers, met on Saturday evening, and concluded upon the following rates:

Mayor, \$10,000; Aldermen, \$3000; Clerks, \$3000; Recorder, \$8000; Street Commissioner, \$7000; Assessor, \$3000; Comptroller, \$7000; Treasurer, \$7000; City Marshal, \$8000; Collector, 1 per cent.

We understand that some dissatisfaction exists. We think the committee might with propriety have established a higher rate for some of the officers who are obliged to devote their entire time to the discharge of their official duties. A competent man cannot afford to work all his time for nothing, especially if he has

time for nothing, especially if he has none of the honors. The Aldermen, by this arrangement, get as much as the Recorder; for instance, HONOR of being Alderman, \$5000, money, \$3000 —\$8000.

U. S. TROOPS —The U. S. Transport Monterey, Capt. McManus, arrived on Saturday, from New York, having on board a detachment of artillery in charge of Lieut. A. B. Eddy. These troops are under the command of Col. McGruder, whose head quarters will be at San Diego. The troops in his charge will leave in a few days for that place. The old mission house, six miles from San Diego, is being repaired for their reception. Col. McCruder is an able officer, and has eminently distinguished himself in the services of the country.

INCENDARIES. — An attempt was made last evening to fire a building immediately in the rear of the Byron House, on the north side of Sacramento street. The fire was early discovered and extinguished before it had done much damage. The people should be on their guard.

MINERS' TAX.—It will be seen by our Sonora correspondent, that he states that the law imposing a tax on foreigners in the mines has been suspended until next December. We find this statement also in the Stockton Journal and Sonora Herald. In an advertisement in the latter paper, however, Gen. Besancon states that the report in circulation, that the law had been suspended, is incorrect; he says he will enforce it to the very

says he will enforce it to the very letter.

To the Herald we are indebted for the following:

CONVICTION OF BERNAL—It will be seen by the law report in another column, that Bernal, the person that shot a Mexican woman some time since in a house on Stockton street, has been convicted of her wilful murder. He was recommended to the mercy of the court, and we believe a general impression prevails in the community that the killing was an accident, however, the evidence may have impressed the contrary belief on the minds of the jury. All the circumstances considered, we are convinced it would be unadvisable to make him suffer the extreme penalty of the law, in the face of the general belief of his innocence. The objects of the law would be defeated, and at the same time a serious injustice might be done.

BULL-FIGHT.—A large amphitheatre has been erected in the neighborhood of the Marine Hospital, and is intended principally, we believe, for the exhibition of bull-fights. It was opened on Saturday night last. While we were there two bulls were brought into the ring, and after being teased and worried for some time by two or three Mexicans fantastically dressed and equipped with loose red cloaks, one of them was carried out and the other was killed before the spectators. The feelings of the audience, especially of the American part, were on the side of the bulls—and very justly; for the odds were from the beginning

for the odds were, from the beginning, manifestly against the poor animals. The owner of the amphitheatre will probably find it more to his interest to exhibit a circus, or something of that sort, than such sights as were exhibited on Saturday. Such unequal combats as those of three men against one bull, are opposed to American taste and American ideas.

The accomplished magician Sig. Rossi, together with his lady, a talented danseuse, have arrived in our city; and as soon as Mr. R. can procure a suitable room, our citizens will be gratified with a pleasing performance. We speak knowingly when we say that there are few magicians on the continent equal in skill to Sig. R. Some of his feats are truly astonishing. He is besides an accomplished ventriloquist, and Madam R. is a true votary of the poetry of motion.--[Stockton Journal

For the "Transcript."

SACRAMENTO CITY, Aug. 12.

Messrs. Editors: The newspapers of this country are much to blame for allowing their enthusiasm to reach such a pitch as to cause them, to say the least, to give exaggerated accounts of the mines and the country generally, alluring thousands and thousands to come here to be disappointed in expectations and ruined in hopes. They should be satisfied to give a fair and impartial history of the affairs of

the country, without giving all the good and none of the bad features; without publishing to the world all the instances of individual success, and none of the thousands of failures; without giving all the bright and glowing pictures, but none of the dark and shaded ones. The whole truth would be sufficiently enticing to the enterprising to invite them to your shores, work your mines, build up your cities and populate your State. I have been induced to submit this

communication, by the accounts from the various mines daily published in the papers, all calculated to impress those in this country who do not, from experience, know better, and people in the States, with exaggerated notions of the ease and facility of obtaining immediate wealth almost without exertions. In your paper of this morning is a paragraph from one of the San Francisco papers, giving the latest news from Trinidad Bay and the Trinity and Klamath rivers, which I know to be incorrect. Mining on the Trinity, embracing its whole extent where gold is found, up to the 1st of August, had proved very unprofitable and unsatisfactory to those engaged. All, except those remaining for the purpose of damming the river, who had been there any length of time were leaving. D...

time, were leaving. Damming as far as had been tested, had proved entirely unsuccessful. Flour which cost eighty or ninety cents for transportation across the mountains, was selling for fifty cents, and other articles in proportion. Accounts from the Shasta and Klamath represented things no better there. Five dollars a day is an average yield of those working in the banks on the Trinity; and if the dams prove failures, which I believe they nearly all will, hundreds of persons will have spent months of the hardest kind of labor without receiving any compensation. On my passage down the Sacramento valley, I found much sickness existing at all the Ranches on the route. Depredations by the Indians are becoming more daring and frequent; so much so, that stock is entirely unsafe and life endangered. A man by the name of Bates was shot with an arrow about the first of August on Clear Creek, and a short time previous a man was killed in the same neighborhood. The citizens of Shasta City and vicinity, supported by a corps of Indians from Maj. Redding's Ranch, pursued them into their mountain retreats, killed four and took twenty-seventy women and children prisoners. They are difficult to overtake in the mountains, and nothing but the stationing of a

and nothing but the stationing of a military force in that quarter will give the people security and protection.

Yours, H.

FURTHER FROM THE NORTH.—We furnish our readers below with additional flattering intelligence, which we select from the Marysville Herald of August 6 :

Mr. W. H. Parks and Mr. James Kinnan, from the Forks of the Yuba, furnish us with the following information. The miners in that section have been employed in the completion of their dams, and have been prospecting for about two weeks. They are now commencing to work considerably.

On the South Fork of the Yuba there have been some disappointments.

At Foster's Bar, about two thirds of the water is drained from the bed, and it has been prospected with abundant success.

The companies, and those who have claims on the Yuba, as well as Feather and their branches, will generally be successful. We cannot advise new comers, however, which course to take. In either direction, though, if they cannot prospect to advantage, they may obtain employment or buy claims.

Hon. Robert W. Barnwell, the newly appointed senator for S. Carolina, was a graduate of Harvard Uni.

versity, in the same class with Josiah
Quincy, Jr.