

*Our military.* The forces under command of Cap. Fremont, amounted to about 130 effective riflemen who left this place, and it was supposed that his force would be increased on his landing. From the character of the men, under so vigilant an officer we have every confidence in their success, many of the men are mountain hunters and the two young men in command of the second and third companies of the Battalion have been in California several years, both of them possess talents and unflinching bravery.

*Indian Excursion.* Captain Fauntleroy, of Company A, California Dragoons, stationed at San Juan, being informed of some depredation having been committed by some wild Indians, left his quarters with a detachment of 20 men, and at night of the second day out, fell in with the party in the Santa Cruz mountains, above Santa Clara. But with all the Captain's precautions, the Indians discovered him before he could get near enough to secure them, they left their horses and secured their retreat in a thicket of brushwood, where it was impracticable to follow them, without imminent risk, and little prospect of getting the Indians, he however, captured about 100 horses, and probably killed one Indian; returned to Santa Clara, and next morning delivered the property to its proper owners, and returned to San Juan. Capt. F. deserves great credit for the promptness with which he acted in securing the property of the citizens, who are highly gratified. His conduct, will go far to gain the confidence and respect of the Californians.

We are not fond of making apologies, but at present we beg leave to inform our readers that the materials on which the Californian is printed, was found in the public buildings here, and have been used for the Spanish language, and in deed has been much injured by neglect. Many of the letters have been wasted or mislaid, and the whole very much out of order, so that, in fact, we have made our first number almost from chaos.

It has been a custom in some countries for the proprietors to send their papers to subscribers, year after year without receiving their pay, and when they send out a collector and pay him a high salary, many persons are not prepared, and many others are unwilling to pay, making it necessary to get enough from their punctual patrons to cover the losses by delinquents. As this is the first periodical ever published in California we have put it at the lowest rates with the view of establishing the *Cash System*, which will enable us still to reduce our prices as the facilities for printing increases, & other articles reduced in price.