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POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Frequent complaints are made that greater facilities are not granted to citizens in the mining regions for the reception and transmission of letters. While there is great justice in these complaints, the blame does not lie at the door of the Special Agent of the Post Office Department for California, as many seem to suppose. While he is ready and willing to go to the full extent of his powers in extending Post Offices and routes, he is not at liberty to do many things which he did last year, until further instructions shall be received from Washington, having been expressly desired so to act by the Department.

For the information of all concerned, we are requested to say that the Agent of the Department will give a Special Office to any settlement or village whenever application for one shall be presented, and a suitable person recommended for the post—provided the contractor for carrying the mail thither will rely upon the proceeds of the office for his compensation. Beyond this, his instructions will not permit him to go at present. He only regrets that he has not full authority to grant a mail service to every section that needs it.—[News.]

PAINFUL DEATH FROM POISON.—We are called this morning to record the death of Mr. Wm. S. Carman, under most painful circumstances. Some three weeks since, he was riding in the suburbs of the city, and took hold of the twig of a tree, and afterwards, it is supposed, rubbed his face with his hand. A week subsequently a small fester appeared on his upper lip, and as it continued to swell, was treated by the physicians as a bile. In the course of ten days his head and face had swollen to double the natural size, the skin turned black, and his whole appearance was painful in

and his whole appearance was painful in the extreme. Before it was discovered to be poison from the twig, the lip had been lanced, which of course rendered the matter much worse. In this state he lingered until yesterday, when he died. During the whole time he was sensible—made his will, and otherwise disposed of his business.

Mr. Carman had been a resident among us for some length of time, and was engaged in contracting for removing earth, &c. He was highly esteemed and respected. His family reside in New York.—[News.

IMMUNITY OF THE MURDERER.—In Massachusetts, where human life is regarded as most invaluable than perhaps any where else, the crime of murder is visited with condign punishment, and rarely within our memory have the guilty escaped. In our own State, where life is held at lower value, the infliction of punishment for the crime of murder is becoming a thing unknown.—It is with a feeling of shame and indignation that we call attention to the alarming fact that every murder in this commonwealth for a year past has escaped entirely. The last execution by law was for a murder committed in this place in August, '49.—Whatever the circumstances of the crime, whatever the depth of guilt, the wretch who committed a capital offence is sure to go clear in California, either perforce of law or in spite of it. Give us back the earlier days, and the summary infliction which was then visited on the guilty in preference to the woful laxity which now exists. We fear the result will be some signal visitation of severity on a party comparatively innocent.—[News.

THE KELSEYS AND THE INDIANS.—There is a brotherhood of Kelseys living in Sonoma who are among the oldest settlers of the State. These brothers have ever been at open enmity with the Indians of the country. One of their number was killed some time since by a party of Indians, for cruelty to one of their tribe, and since his death frequent and daring have been the acts of retaliation and revenge visited indiscriminately of sex or age upon either *Indian*

...munity of sex or age upon either Indian manzos, or Indian bravos, in the vicinity of Sonoma. The Kelsey brothers, we are told, started from Sonoma about six weeks since, taking with them their "household gods," with the intention of fixing their residence upon the broad lands that border on Humboldt Bay. On their way across the mountains which separate the valley of Sacramento from the coast waters, they were attacked by a party of Indians, and quite a severe battle ensued. Some gentlemen who arrived in Sonoma, on Monday last, brought intelligence of the skirmish, from which the Kelseys emerged unhurt. These gentlemen are from Trinity, and report having been robbed of everything, *en route*, by the Indians, who are much infuriated against the whites, particularly against the Kelsey brothers.—[Alta.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURES.—Since the sailing of the last regular mail steamer for Panama until last evening, 885 passengers have arrived in this city by steamers and sail vessels. The number that left during the same period, and by the same modes of conveyance, is 1469, making the departures exceed the arrivals to the number of 584.—[News.

THIEVES ABOUT.—About twelve o'clock, Thursday night, the house of Dr. Byron, on Dupont street, was broken into by some of the thieving gentry, and his safe, in which was a quantity of jewelry, carried off.—[News.

MAYOR BIGELOW.—We are happy to be able to state that this gentleman may probably be regarded as out of danger. There is a decided improvement in his health, and we trust will be able to engage in business again in a short time.—[News.

PASSENGERS PER STEAMER ISTHMUS.—Jose Rose, M Smythe, J G Murphy, W Muttelbury, J Vischey, E Lassac, M Mitchell, H Mitchell, L Sillman, L Muttelbury, Mr Bernhards, D Hutchinson, H Lour, J Welch, J McCaffery, J Joyce, H Vernon, W Amback, F R Mack, H Barlow, R Bartland, Mrs Rutland and child, M Lucas, V Lonthal. G E

land and child, M Lucas, V Lonthal, G E Stimpson, Mr Frankenhousen, J Forrest, E F Forrest, M Macy, J Gay, Mrs Harper, Mrs Fritz, Sullivan, Matteson, Kelly, McGuire, Cornish, Flanagan, Barlow, J H Lyon, J T Hill, W B King, J Mooney, P Mitchell, Rallius, Passton, Stonehall, H Welling, J Devine, C B Vail, Ware, Cole, W Oliver, J W Dans, G Thomas, C Welling, M W Gibbs, G W Goins, J B Carrington, J Carter, Emma Carter, B H Stehr, V V Ariso and wife, M Endyke, Hollenback, wife and two children, J Hollenback, Gray, McLoughton, Little, Beach, W E Keese, W R Brown, Vreeland, Chamberlain, T Huie, F L Griswold, J McGutha, G W Lawn, T Brown, C Keth, E Hillhouse, L B Mathis, J Mathis, W R D Crane, J Keith, L Alexander.

Per Eliza Burns—J R Berry, D G Morrison.

Per Corbien—C Lottman, B F Wing, N K Kellum, D Cleary, W M Minters, Dr McCambridge, Miss J A M Du Chiman and 70 steerage.

Per New Castle—S Newson, Julius Mar, A Cobejihn, D N Pigno, lady and two children.