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News from the Indians!

Some days ago we gave the news of an intense excitement existing in El Dorado county among the whites, and of public meetings which had been held to consider upon measures for the protection of the outpost settlements and the immigrants who were coming to California by the Carson and Truckee routes. Now it seems that we were fortunate enough to get this news out ahead of our neighbor, the "Times."

We were not a little amused at an article in the Monday's issue of that paper, wherein a feeling akin to a certain "green-eyed monster," spoken of by one Iago, made itself clearly manifest. This is not the first time, when we have got ahead of our neighbor, that he has manifested the same feeling, by throwing slurs on the accuracy of our account, and discrediting it by an insinuating sneer. In every instance time has proved that the news given by us was correct.

Now we feel too good natured to notice these things in our neighbor, but, really, we could but smile at the unsuccessful manner in which his settled policy was carried out in the affair of the Indian difficulties. It was very unfortunate in him, after insinuating that our accounts were a little "gassy," after stating that "a *connected* and formidable action on the part of these Indians is what few are inclined to expect

dians is what few are inclined to expect who know anything at all about them,"—it was very unfortunate in him, we say, to publish the letter from Dr. C. J. Houpt, confirming entirely our news, and directly clashing with his own insinuation.

Wonder how he'll get along with the steamer Sagamore news?

We have just received the two notes which we subjoin, and which will be read with interest.

COLOMA, Tuesday evening, Oct. 29, 1850.

Messrs. Editors:—Enclosed you will find a letter from Lieut. Col. McKinney, addressed to me, which if you think worthy of interest, you are at liberty to publish. It seems by the report of Col. Rogers to Brigadier General Winn, that there is likely to be some trouble with the Indians yet, notwithstanding some may think that there is no occasion for so much excitement upon the subject. I was told by a man from Mathe-neis creek to-day, while at Placerville, that two men and a boy were killed by the Indians at that place yesterday. The boy was found dead in the hole where he was digging, pierced through with a dozen arrows.

I will endeavor to keep you advised of matters here as they progress.

In haste, yours truly,
V. DANIELS.

P. S. The bearer of despatches and hero of the Mexican wars, (Geo. Kellenberger,) came in from head quarters this evening.

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SLY PARK, Oct. 29, 1850.

Judge V. Daniels:

We have commenced operations against the Indians, and God only knows when it will end. The Indians are numerous, and disposed to fight it out. They are in large numbers about thirty miles from this place and on the Cosumnes river. This morning we shall start with mounted force for that point. Yesterday we had some fighting and some fun, and the Indians have many white men among them. After fighting them a good part of the day we returned to camp.

good part of the day, we returned to camp, and while in the act of cooking our evening's repast, the fire again commenced upon us from the timber which surrounds the Park. Our horses, luckily, had just been staked down, and were beyond the reach of their guns. Well, Judge, to make a long story short, some of us have had some fighting, and I think by to-morrow night some of u; will sue ll h—l. You have but little idea of the immense numbers of Indians that visit this trail for the purpose of murder and robbery. Yours,

L. H. McKINNEY.

SANDWICH ISLAND FARMS.—Landed estates in the Sandwich Islands seem to be held at a fair valuation, commanding such prices as should induce men of capital to make investments. We published an article relative to the prices of Hawaiian Lands a week ago, from which it may have been observed that the profit yielded is far greater than that on any lands in the States, not excepting the cotton and sugar plantations of Louisiana or any other Southern State. In the States, the land referred to commands from \$100 up to \$300, while land may be purchased in King Kamehameha's dominions, at from \$5 to \$20 per acre, which yields as valuable products, and may be sold on more favorable terms, as the market opened up in California absorbs far more than the Islands produce.

Late intelligence from the Islands informs us of the sale of two estates; one consisting of 135 acres of land, including cattle, farming implements, 60 acres of cane, and a wooden sugar mill; and the other 1400 acres, 200 of which was in cane, cattle mills, &c., were sold in September, the former for \$5,000, and the latter for \$30,000. The Polynesian states that the crops on the ground will pay 50 per cent on the pur-

chase money, besides the cost of labor. Large sales of government lands have been made on Maui, unimproved at from \$3 to \$20 per acre, in from 10 to 50 acre lots, to the natives.

INCENDIARY.—Night before last some miscreant set fire to a large pile of empty barrels, boxes, &c., in the rear of the St. Louis Exchange, which, had it not been discovered in time, would have caused the destruction of a large amount of property. Had a single house been fired, so compactly built is that part of the city, it would probably have been impossible to save the St. Louis Exchange, the Missouri, and the Crescent City Hotels.

MR. DUNLAP.—We learn that Mr. Dunlap, a member elect for the Assembly from this county, has been attacked with the cholera.

REAL ESTATE LOTTERIES.—Now that real estate has arrived at a fixed value, and the prospect of making rapid fortunes by buying lots on speculation is not very good, a new system of disposing of property has become fashionable, which seems to agree with the disposition of a large number of people, who have acquired a habit of venturing small sums where there are chances of winning large prizes. The people of this country are certainly adventurers. It is something of an adventure to leave comfortable homes in the Atlantic States to “seek fortune” on the Pacific side—and the spirit that prompts one to set out with such intentions, does not forsake him when he arrives here. Probably a majority of the wealthiest men in California have made their property by running risks that the careful business man would never dare think of; and shrewd indeed is the

man who is able to retain for a long time property that fell into his hands through a fortunate chain of circumstances, without labor, or outlay of much capital in the commencement. But there is little use of philosophizing on this subject. Those who are born adventurers, will prove true to nature through their lives. When they cannot run risks in one way, with any prospect, they will commence looking out for another. If there is no possibility of a hundred dollars invested in a city lot soon increasing to a thousand, then the small capitalist will purchase a ticket in a real estate lottery, where there is one chance of his *making* a thousand dollars, to nine chances of losing a hundred. Of course, there is no sound argument to induce any one to use his money in this way; nevertheless, such operations among us take place "frequently and often," to use a favorite expression of the editor of the "Placer Times." We can now name at least half a dozen schemes for disposing of valuable property by lot, either in this city or in San Francisco. Some of these schemes are for the disposal of property of over \$100,000! The largest scheme ever got up in this city is by Alderman Queen, for the disposal of real estate that has been assessed at \$100,000. The property is put up, however, at sixty thousand dollars, and will be drawn for on the 25th of November next—the manner of drawing to be decided by the shareholders. There will be one hundred successful tickets, and five hundred blanks.—The principal prizes are the lots and splendid buildings in the neighborhood and on the corner of M and Front streets—some of the finest property in the city. We understand there has been considerable strife for

tickets for this drawing, and that the sales have been so numerous already, that there is a prospect of tickets selling at a premium before the day for drawing arrives. It seems strange that so many eagerly embrace such chances.

DISTRICT COURT OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY. Oct. 31, 1850.—J. R. Robb vs. Barton Lee and P. B. Cornwall and A. Priest.—This case having been argued by Munson and Robinson for Defendants, and Ralsten, Hydenfelt, &c., for Plaintiff, on the motion to set aside the attachment, and the evidence of various witnesses being heard on the part of Plaintiff and Defendants, and the Court being advised, it is ordered that said motion be overruled so far as the same relates to Barton Lee. It is ordered that the motion be sustained as to the Defendant Cornwall. It is therefore ordered, that the property of the Defendant Cornwall attached herein be released.

People vs. Francisco Munoz.—Indictment for Assault with an attempt to murder.—Arraigned and plead not guilty.

People vs Frank Scott.—Indictment for Grand Larceny.—Arraigned and plead not guilty. Defendant discharged on account of witness B. R. Nickerson, Esq., on behalf of the State, failing to appear and testify. It appears that witness had made an agreement with Moses Scott to absent himself during this trial for the sum of \$250.

People vs Edward Kruc.—Indictment for Grand Larceny. Tried by jury. Verdict

Grand Larceny. Tried by jury, Verdict three months in county jail.

People vs. Wm. J. Thompson and Jas. P. Thompson.—Indictment Grand Larceny. Tried by jury. Guilty. Fined \$10 and

costs.

THE CENSUS OF 1850.—We are pleased to learn from the National Intelligencer, that an act supplementary to the act of 23d May, 1850, has been passed by Congress, authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to extend the time for taking the census, where, from circumstances beyond the control of the Marshal, further time is rendered necessary.

The act also provides for an increased compensation for taking the census of California, Oregon, Utah and New Mexico, and provides for the payment, in all cases, of eight cents per page for the two copies of returns required by the act. Discrimination is so far made in favor of the population of the Territories above named, that all persons from the States are to be enumerated as citizens thereof, who may be found residing there at the time of taking the census; provided they left the United States before the 1st of June. This will give to those Territories the advantage of enumerating nearly all the emigrants of the present summer.

BURGLARY.—Night before last the store of Moreland & Blunt was entered by robbers and \$750 was stolen. The night preceding the same store was entered, but the thieves only succeeded in finding a silver watch, which they carried off.

SQUATTER TRIALS.—The trials of the persons charged with murder during the disturbances of August last, will come off at Benicia on the first Monday in November.