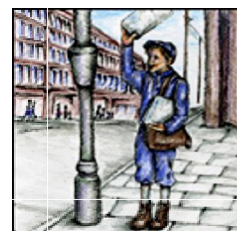




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**Summary of News.**

The most important intelligence from the interior of California we have to transmit by this steamer, is of the fearful ravages of cholera in Sacramento city, and the breaking out of Indian hostilities along the eastern border of our State.

.... The ravages of the epidemic were rapid and terrible. A panic has dispersed the crowds that thronged our streets. No laboring teams now block our thoroughfares. The constant din of hammers, betokening the rearing of a town, is no longer heard. At one time, business almost stopped.— Music gradually ceased from the balcony of the Tehama, from the Empire, the Humboldt, the Oregon, the Bella Union, the Orleans, Lee's Exchange, and one after another the larger saloons closed their doors. The sidewalks in front of them, where a month ago it was almost impossible at evening to elbow one's way along through the crowd, instead of being brilliantly lighted up and thickly lined with ice-cream, fruit and coffee stands, are now dark and deserted. The Tehama Theatre was compelled to close its doors, and in general our streets present, in comparison with a month ago, when they teemed with a thick population, the appearance of a continual Sunday.— Some of our best citizens have been victims

SOME OF OUR BEST CITIZENS HAVE BEEN VICTIMS to the epidemic. But the worst is over, and the disease has so decreased that we are warranted in stating it will not be many days before it shall have disappeared from our midst. Men and teams are returning and business is resuming its old course. The effect of the panic upon our mercantile community has been disastrous; it will, however, be but temporary. The mines are but poorly supplied with provisions and so soon as the news of the present state of things reaches the *placers*, traders may be expected here once more for their supplies. On account of the limited demand for the past month, our markets have received comparatively few additions from below. As the demand increases here goods will come up from San Francisco, and in a week's time affairs may be expected to assume that briskness usual in Sacramento. The whole manner of the appearance and disappearance of cholera here, has been in keeping with all else in California. It came upon us suddenly. The unexpected blow was overwhelming. It has left us as suddenly, as unexpectedly as it came; and not till it and its effects had passed have we had time for calm thought. As we look back upon it we shudder at the awfulness of the devastation.

.... During the latter part of last month, the Indians who inhabit the Sierra Nevada, having collected together in bands, sent their women and children to places of security and opened hostilities against the whites. The scene of disturbances reaches from the heads of the Yuba

River along the border settlements as far south as Dry Creek and the Mokelumne, a distance of about 150 miles. Depredations were commenced along the whole line simultaneously. The Indians are a poor, inferior, and weak race; but they are banded together, and in some instances, led by white men. They are well armed with rifles, bows and glass headed arrows. Their object is plunder. Large quantities of stock have been taken by them from the last immigrants who came in over the mountains. White men are killed when found in small numbers or alone, and other similar depredations committed. The militia of El Dorado county, under command of Colonel Rogers, have been ordered out to drive them off. Col. Rogers' force amounts to 250 men.— They are poorly armed and clad, and such is the character of the Indians, that while the State is at an expense of thousands of dollars weekly to maintain the militia, their operations will not, we fear, lead to any important results — certainly not to permanent peace.

.... The cholera has made its appearance to a limited extent in Marysville, Stockton, Nevada and others of the mining towns. It has also carried off a large number of Indians.

.... The trials of Dr. Robinson, and other squatters, who were engaged in the riot of the 14th of August, commence at Benicia on the 16th instant.

.... The Levee around our city is nearly finished. It will be upwards of nine miles

long, and the contractors expect to see the last stroke put upon the work in less than a fortnight.

.... Mr. Fremont's Gold Bill gives general dissatisfaction. Our people, at first, on learning that Sacramento and Stockton had not been erected into ports of entry, manifested considerable indignation; but the news sent on at the last moment, that the bill had passed the Senate opening the ports of Sacramento and Stockton gave very general satisfaction.

.... For the last two weeks the miners have been doing very well, making up, to some extent at least, by working the placers, the loss of time and money consequent upon the unfortunate damming enterprises which, during the Summer, had been so extensively entered into.