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In our last Steamer Paper, we sent intelligence to the Atlantic side of the breaking out of Indian hostilities along the frontier, from the Middle Fork of the American, south to the Mokelumne. We stated that the Militia of El Dorado County, under command of Sheriff Rodgers, had turned out, and were in pursuit of the Indians. We expressed it as our opinion that the operations of the Militia would be attended with great expense to the State, but with few, if any, important results. The last two weeks have certainly proved our position correct. The course which the Indians pursue, is to murder the whites whenever they can be met in small parties, or alone; and to drive off stock whenever any can be found unguarded. They infest in small bands that whole section of country between the two streams named above, and, accustomed to the mountains, fly before Sheriff Rodgers' force. The consequence is that the operations of the Militia have been confined to toilsome and fruitless pursuits. Meanwhile the force has been diminished from 200 to 100 men by Governor Burnett, who has also transmitted to Major Rogers and his officers their appropriate commissions. As some doubt had been expressed by one of our cotemporaries as to the importance at-

our contemporaries as to the importance attached to the difficulties in certain quarters, Major Kelly was sent to the scene of hostilities to report the correct condition of things. His dispatches confirm our view of the whole matter, and will be found in another column. We refer our readers to an article on the first page, entitled "condition of affairs in the Indian Country," as giving a correct idea of the general nature and importance of the war. Owing to the inse-

curity to life and property in the frontier region of El Dorado and Calaveras counties, and the fears in which the miners stand of the Indians, that section of the *placers* is to a considerable extent deserted. We have heard of some Indian difficulties further north in the Yuba country, but no reliable news has reached us to cause any serious apprehension for the general security of the mining interests in Yuba, Butte and Shasta Counties.

.... The rainy season has now we suppose set in—the first rain falling on the night of the 20th inst. Between the 10th and 20th of Sept. we were favored with several showers. These, however, cannot be set down as the commencement of the wet season. For subsequent to the 20th of Sept. the rains held off up to the 20th of this month. We may now, however, look for rain at any time. It will not be long before the roads between this point and the mines will, to a considerable extent, be impassable. The anticipated approach of this event has of course rendered trade very brisk. What has also increased the briskness somewhat is the fact that an unusual demand has been produced in the mines on account of the merchants there not having received from Sacramento their usual sup-

plies during the prevalence of cholera here. Reports spread through the placeres at that time that it was certain death to come here, and the consequence was that from Oct. 27 to Nov. 10th scarcely a team was to be seen in our streets. One after one the saloons have all re-opened—our side walks are now busy with life—huge piles of merchandize are daily landed upon our levee—and J street is filled with teams.

....The rivers above Sacramento are gradually on the rise, and steam navigation will soon be resumed to Marysville. The Gov. Dana has in fact made one or two trips already.

....The miners are getting into their winter quarters all over the placeres, and many of them are already throwing up earth preparatory to the time when the rains will furnish them water to wash out the gold. It is probable that the most of them will spend the winter in the mountains rather than in the cities as they did last winter. Coyota digging is about abandoned until the next dry season, since the rains fill the holes and render them dangerous to work in.

.... The Democrats and Whigs are now drawing party lines throughout Sacramento County. The probability is, that parties will form in the next Legislature, and that the move which has already been commenced in San Francisco, and is now commencing in Sacramento, will be followed

up in Stockton, Marysville, Nevada, and in

general throughout the State. The Whigs of our County have nominated Daniel J. Eisle to fill the vacancy in the Assembly caused by the death of L. F. Dunlap.—The Democrats make their nomination on

The Democrats make their nomination on Saturday evening. It is understood that a Whig paper is to be established here, and another at San Jose.

.... Since our last Steamer Paper three vacancies have occurred in our Common Council, which, as will be seen by the returns in another column, have been filled by Messrs. R. N. Berry, S. Kneeland, and J. Watson. Yesterday, the melancholy intelligence reached us of the death of Hon. Hardin Bigelow, Mayor of Sacramento. The remains were immediately brought to this city. We refer our readers to another column for an account of his death, of the public demonstration on the occasion, and a short biographical sketch.

.... The trials of the rioters taken on the 14th of August last, and charged with murder, have been postponed to the first Monday in April next.

..... The Levee around our city is nearly completed.

.... There seems but little probability of an extra session of the Legislature being called, as some of the Californian press have suggested.