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POSTPONEMENT.

After a free consultation with numerous Democrats, we have deemed it advisable to postpone the Democratic Meeting which was to have held this evening, until Thursday, the 12th inst. This will give ample time to circulate a notice of the meeting throughout the country, and to secure the attendance of several prominent Democrats from other counties who have signified a willingness to be present and address the meeting.

C. A. JOHNSON,
B. F. TARR,
S. B. F. CLARKE,
G. LEWIS,
OSCAR HINMAN,
Democratic County Committee.

THE BURNS' QUARTZ DIGGINGS.—We re-

ferred to these diggings a few days since, which were then attracting attention. We have later intelligence from there through the Stockton Journal, the editor of which paper has lately met with a gentleman who has been engaged in mining at one of the new quartz discoveries in the vicinity of Burns's Diggings. The Journal states that ten thousand men can mine profitably for half a century in and about Burns's. This is pretty tall bragging, but the Times is determined to be ahead. The latter paper says "that the vein at Burns's Diggings alone would afford profitable employment for all the people at present in California

for all the people at present in California for five hundred years to come. We have seen some hundreds of pounds of this quartz, and it is proved that the average yield will be \$1 to the pound weight of quartz. Our friend Charles Cole, Esq., of Sonora, states that the vein just discovered in the "big hill" above Cayota flat, would at once employ 50,000 men, could the necessary capital be produced to put them in motion."

HOMEWARD BOUND.—We have already referred to the fact, that many of our most active and influential houses were despatching agents to the east, preparatory to the business of another season. The loss of those gentlemen will be felt for the time, but they will speedily return with enlarged capacities for business. The departure of several of our citizens is alluded to in the Alta. That paper says: "We notice the departure of Lieut. McArthur, of the Coast Survey, a true sailor and true gentleman, and our regret is only balanced by the hope of his speedy return. Also of J. B. Blossom, J. Mills and R. M. Jessup, of Sacramento, the latter a young gentleman of whom that city may well be proud, one of the first to establish business there, and eminent for all that makes a man prominent, esteemed and loved. His friends gave him a splendid farewell dinner at Delmonico's, which was one of the most pleasant occasions which we remember. Wit, friendship and eloquence of heart and tongue ruled the hour, and found a brilliant elucidator in Mr. Winans, of Sacramento City, an able and eloquent lawyer, as well as a scholar and poet, during whose touching speech his own feelings found, through his words, a ready passage to hearts that sympathized

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INDIAN DEPREDATIONS.— Scarcely a day passes that we do not hear of depredations by Indians, in some quarter or another.— The Stockton Journal states that a party of citizens from that place, destined for the quartz region east of Los Angeles, were attacked a few days since, in the tulare plain beyond the Mariposa, by the Indians, and it is reported that seven Americans who were out hunting mules which had been stolen from their camp were attacked and killed. Among the names reported as sufferers are Capt. Powell, Jack Ryan, Frank Ross and Robert Collins. Mr. Wallis, a member of the Stockton City Council, was one of the party.

PRESIDENT OF MEXICO.— Gen. Arista, who was "dressed" so nicely by Gen. Taylor, at Palo Alto and Resaca, has been elected President of Mexico—he having received twelve out of the nineteen votes cast for that office.

GAME ALONG THE SACRAMENTO.— Mr. John Cockrell, with two others, are located along the Sacramento, about forty miles from the city, and design turning their entire attention to supplying this market with fresh meat. One day last week they brought to the city 7 elk, 3 antelopes, 100 brace quail, 4 dozen geese, 62 ducks. As an evidence of the abundance of game, Mr. C. states that four of the elk were shot in the course of one hour.

NEW PAPER.— Messrs. Eugene Casserly & Co. have issued a prospectus of a new daily paper, to be published by them in San Francisco. It is to appear on the 5th inst. and

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THE CITY DEAD.—Mr. E. S. Youmans presented a bill to the Council last evening, for coffins furnished at the expense of the city, from the 1st to the 25th of November, which amounted to \$4,600.

STEAMERS TO CHINA.—The "Polynesian" contains a long article relative to the establishment of a line of first-class steamers between San Francisco and China. That paper is of the opinion that the Hawaiian Islands afford the first natural depot and stopping-place for these steamers; in fact, they seem placed there by Providence for just such a purpose.

In regard to the terminus of the line, the Polynesian says:

"The western terminus of such a line would doubtless be Canton or Shang-hai, in China, and the port of Honolulu, one of the stopping places on the route; but whether San Francisco will long continue to be the eastern terminus is quite questionable. For the trade with California merely, San Francisco would be the starting point; but for the trade and carriage of passengers between the United States and China, the eastern terminus would doubtless be, wherever the first rail-road or canal touches the Pacific. To be obliged to go to San Francisco with freight and passage bound to the Atlantic States, would destroy the voyage, and defeat the object, both in regard to time and expense. But these are collateral arrangements, which experience alone can settle. Whatever terminus, however, may be selected, one point is settled beyond controversy, and that is, that this island must be the first stopping-place on the voyage westward, and Honolulu the port at which steamers must touch."

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Two routes have been referred to by the San Francisco Herald. The island of Nippon, in Japan, lies directly on the line from San Francisco to Shang-hai, and the passage may be made either to the northward, through the straits of Matsmai, or south, by cape Awa, the south-east point of the island; the difference being one hundred and sixty miles in favor of the northern route. The south-east point of the island of Matamai too, the best land to run for, is forty-one hundred miles from San Francisco, while cape Awa, is forty-four hundred and seventy-four. If the northern route be taken the fogs must be encountered; but by taking the southern one we may escape them, perhaps entirely, and at all seasons of the year. The whole distance from San Francisco is, by the northern, 5,509, and by the southern, 5,373 miles.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—We have received files of papers up to the 4th ult.; but they contain no matters of special interest. The

Polynesian reports "the loss of the whale ship Charles Drew Carey, ten months out, with 1,300 bbls. oil, and 10,000 lbs. of bone. She left Lahaina on Tuesday, and ran down to this port on Wednesday morning, all ready for sea, except some men which she came to ship here. The Captain left the ship and came on shore, leaving the mate in charge, and the ship standing off land. About midnight, on Wednesday, she struck on the reef, a short distance to the westward of the harbor, and although the wind was off shore she could not be got off. As the tide ebbed, she thumped heavily, carrying away her rudder and stern-post.

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" We learn that there is strong probability that the vessel, as well as her cargo, may be saved. Capt. Penhallow has taken his bark, the Connecticut, to the spot, and every effort will be made by him to unload the Charles Drew and float her off."

The Friend, published at Honolulu, says :

" On the 22d of April, in latitude 45 N, longitude 155 E, the "Henry Kneeland," Clark, master, fell in with a Japanese junk, having 13 persons on board. The vessel left Yeddo for Kuno, three or four days sail, but was driven to sea, and had been 66 days driven at the mercy of winds and waves, masterless and rudderless. For 40 days their water had been out, and they had subsisted on snow-water. Their food consisted the most of the time of refuse fish. The junk had no cargo on board. Captain Clarke took the crew on board the Henry Kneeland. The commander and two of the crew of the junk came passengers to Honolulu on board the H. K. Two of the crew are on board the Moringo; six were taken to Petropaulaski, and were taken charge of by the Russian authorities, and two came passengers by the Nimrod."

We clip the following from the same paper, in regard to the amount of oil which whales yield. The Friend says that a polar whale yields, upon an average, about one hundred and twenty barrels of oil. Facts have been collected showing that eight ships, that visited the Anadir Sea, and Arctic Ocean, took one hundred and fifty-two whales, yielding nineteen thousand, one hundred barrels of oil; or one whale, one hundred and nineteen barrels.

WRECKED.—We learn that the brig San Jacinto, Capt. Byard, was wrecked in coming out over the bar at Humboldt Bay, on the night of the 8th instant. All hands were saved, but the whole of their effects lost.

THE STOCKTON BAKERS. — The Journal is down on the Stockton bakers, who, says that paper, have not only made a combination to charge 25 cents for the smallest possible sized loaf, (say two mouthful size,) but they are increasing the amount of *sour flour* out of which they generally manufacture it, from the usual standard of one third, to *one half sour!*

SUSPENDED.—Mayor Purdy, of Stockton, has suspended the City Marshal. He has collected over \$20,000 taxes. The Mayor considers that this sum is too large for the amount of his bonds. The whole matter is to be investigated at the next meeting of the Council.

CALIFORNIA NEWSPAPERS.—The "Alta" thus notices the various publications in California: "In the newspaper line we are not wanting in numbers. Three in Sacramento, and one Whig organ additional expected. In Stockton, two; in Sonora, one; in Marysville, one; in San Francisco, six dailies, one semi-monthly, and another daily advertised to appear on the 5th inst. In Monterey, one; in San Jose, one Whig paper, and two more threatened in San Diego, twenty in all."