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CALIFORNIA LODGE AT SAN FRANCISCO.
 —The annual election for officers of this Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Masonic Hall, Kearny st., which resulted in the choice of the following named brethren, to serve for the ensuing year:

Peter A Brinsmade.....	W. M.
A. A. Selover.....	S. W.
John Nandewater.....	J. W.
William Reynolds.....	S.
Michael Caspari.....	T.
Charles G. Scott.....	S. D.
Robert B. Hampton.....	J. D.
John E. Addison.....	M. of M.
Thomas R. Johnson.....	Tyler.

THE M STREET MARKET.—It is designed by the City Council that all marketing in meats, vegetables, &c., shall take place shortly at the M street Market House. This is in accordance with the agreement entered into with the contractors of the building, and will have a decided tendency to bring into occupancy a number of un-tenanted houses in that part of the city, as well as to advance the price of improved property. It has been agreed that the stalls shall be rented at the rate of \$75 per month each, and to be disposed of for the term of six months; the rent to be paid monthly in advance. The stalls will be put up at auction, and the person offering the highest premium over the monthly rent to have the first choice, and so on, until all are disposed of. An ordinance will soon be passed by the Council creating the office of Market Master, and defining his duties.

CARGO OF HIDES FOR EXPORT—FROM SACRAMENTO CITY.—There were “cattle on a thousand hills” within the borders of California, long before the first panful of glittering earth was dug from her streams; and from the “golden gates,” as they are now designated, many a merchantman was wont to sail, freighted with a cargo of California hides, which found a ready market in our Atlantic cities. This trade was carried on very extensively while California was a Spanish province. In common with the other interests of the country, it rapidly declined under Mexican rule, and when the gold excitement broke out the business was abandoned entirely. Since then, cattle have been slaughtered by thousands, solely for their beef, while the hides have been thrown away. There is no doubt but that the hides thus wasted, would yield a handsome profit, if they were cured and shipped. They are always marketable in the Atlantic States and in Europe. A large number of men might find profitable employment, in saving hides now wasted around slaughter yards all over the country, and the money realized from their labors would be a clear gain. We doubt not, this branch of trade will soon be renewed in all parts of the State. We believe, however, Sacramento City will export the first cargo of hides, for we have not heard of any shipment being made from any other place, and a ship-load will soon be despatched from this port. J. R. Hardenbergh & Co., and Dr Riggs, are now lading the brig Samuel French, with a full cargo of beef hides, which they have caused to be cured during the past summer. The vessel will sail for the Atlantic in a few days, and as the trouble of curing the hides has been the only expense, the enter-

prise can hardly fail of turning out profitably. Heretofore, our country has imported almost every necessary of life, and exported nothing. This is a ruinous policy. The quicker we can find something to export, the better it would be for the country.

THE MARYSVILLE LINE.—The Gov Dana and Fashion now connect at this city with the Senator and New World, and thus complete a regular line between San Francisco and Marysville.

LATER FROM THE MOUNTAINS—INDIAN TROUBLES.—Dr. D. S. Seriven, who has lately arrived in San Francisco from the Mariposa country, furnishes the Journal of Commerce with the following interesting intelligence:

Great excitement prevails throughout the Mariposa region, in consequence of the difficulties that are apprehended with the Indians. Savage, the white chief, had entirely failed in his efforts to pacify them, and they had on the contrary commenced hostilities. At the Fresno s they attacked Savage's camp, and murdered three men, besides destroying his houses and goods. The Indians that have been with Savage have deserted him—even his squaws. As soon as he was informed of this, he went in pursuit of them with twenty-five men. On the second day they were overtaken, but were in such large numbers, as to render it advisable to refrain from hostilities. The Indians told Savage of the depredations at the Fresno s, and that they were the mortal enemies of the whites. They wished him to tell the whites that they were their enemies, and should murder all who fell in their way.

Upon being informed of this, Savage and his party returned to Mariposa, at the same time visiting the surrounding mines, and informing the diggers and others of the dangers to which they are exposed. Companies were immediately raised and organized, and were on the point of leaving in pursuit of the Indians.

A bloody fight is supposed to have taken place ere this, as the Indians were seen

collecting in large numbers at the Fresno.

A report has reached Stockton that the silver mines discovered several months since, beyond the Sierra Nevada, have proved very rich, and large quantities have already been secured. During the summer, it will be remembered, companies were started in Stockton and Mariposa to work them—they have been remarkably successful.

THE ENORMOUS RENTS.—Business folks at the Bay, as well as here, complain of the enormous rents demanded by property-holders. The News, in commenting on the subject, says:

It must be apparent to every one who even casually notices the progress of building in the city, and more especially on the part just rescued from the bay, that the abomination of high rents must soon yield to the usual course of business, and that houses and stores, like clothing and provisions, must be regulated by *supply and demand*—those forces that regulate commercial affairs.

THE HON. JOHN BIGLER.—The Pacific News of Saturday has the following in regard to the Hon. John Bigler, one of the representatives from Sacramento county. The compliment it pays to Mr. B. is as true as it is just:

We learn that the Hon. John Bigler and family arrived at San Jose on Thursday evening. Neither the past nor present Legislature could boast of a more able or honest member than John Bigler. We hope that more of the members will be accompanied by wife and children while staying at the Capital; for we believe such men are more likely to make good legislators, than those who are here "but for a day."

ROBBERIES ON THE ISTHMUS.—Mr. R. S. Morton writes from Panama to the New

York Journal of Commerce, that robberies are of daily occurrence on the Isthmus, and it is actually dangerous for persons having money to cross, unless in large bodies, and well provided with Colt's Revolvers. As yet, it has been impossible to detect the perpetrators of these every day outrages. It is evidently the work of some dexterous thieves, who have their spies traveling on the steamers, as well as on the Isthmus.

Dr. Franklin, or Dr. Jackson, who left California some time since in the steamer, had a large quantity of valuable specimens. Arrived at Panama, he procured his mule and started in company with others; accidentally his mule got astray from the train, and was not out of sight for fifteen minutes, but when he returned his trunks were gone, having been cut from the mule.

Another case was that of Mr. H. B. Hawkins, late of this city, which we mentioned yesterday. When Mr. H. arrived at Panama he was unwell, and he concluded to send his trunk, containing \$8,000 in gold dust, across in charge of his friend, Mr. Joseph Marsh, of Buffalo. He had got about a quarter of the distance, when he was struck from behind, with a bludgeon, by one of the natives, which felled him senseless to the ground. They then tied his hands, and made off with the carpet bag containing the money, since which no clue has been obtained of the bag or money. Mr. Marsh was badly cut in the head and was taken back to Panama to recover.

There are doubtless many desperate characters now on the Isthmus, and persons on the way to the States cannot be too cautious.



CALIFORNIA STEAMSHIPS.—A fine steamship, built at the foot of Hanover street,

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Philadelphia, by the Messrs. Birely, was launched in November last. She is 120 feet long, 23 feet beam, and 8 feet depth of hold, and is a companion to the other launched a short time previous by the same builders. They are designed for California by their owner, George W. Aspinwall. These steamers, from their size, are evidently designed for the river trade in this country.

STEAMERS FOR THE CHAGRES RIVER.—The brig Kate Anderson, which sailed from Bangor in November last for Chagres, had on board the machinery and fitted carpenter's work for two steamboats that are to run on the Chagres river. Four engines, of fifty horse power each, are taken out to propel the boats, and every thing provided to facilitate, in connection with the Panama railroad, the passage of the Isthmus. Among the passengers were the captains, engineers and crews of the two boats, which were all prepared to set up on their arrival.

PROPELLER STEAMSHIPS.—Ten vessels of this description are building at Philadelphia. Four of them have recently been commenced for Capt. Lopez and Lincoln & Co., viz: one 210 feet in length, designed for California; one, to be called the Aconda, intended as the pioneer of a line between Philadelphia and Rio Janeiro; two, to be called the Mountaineer and Reindeer, for the coastwise trade. Of the remainder, two are to run between Philadelphia and Richmond, and two are for Geo. W. Aspinwall, Esq.

THE LEGISLATURE.—The Alta says that a large number of the members of the Legislature who have been rusticated in San Francisco the past week, talk openly of adjourning the Legislature to that city. "Ta-

king it for granted that they will not violate the constitution nor law by so doing, they give as reasons for the contemplated movement, that they would have access to libraries, to men deeply versed in law, in parliamentary usages, to all the comforts and conveniences of life, to all necessary helps and aids in legislation of whatever kind, to the centre of information respecting the wants of the State, and also that their bills can be paid here in State scrip at par, all which they say they cannot have and do at San Francisco."

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APPROPRIATELY NAMED.—The News dubs the squirrel which is to be found throughout California, and whose strongest propensity seems to be to burrow in the earth, as the "burrowing squirrel." Referring to them, that paper says they frequent every good soil, and feeding as they do upon seeds and roots, they commit ruinous depredations by making in the soil large deep holes, to the serious injury and hazard of the fast horseman, and the destruction of the crop of the agriculturist. They are always very fat, and "eat," says the Texan, "unlike anything else to be met with in the shape of meat. I never seed such eating." The corner of a new adobe building in San Jose, occupied as an office, has been completely undermined, so as to sink and ruin the structure, by the enormous cavity dug out beneath it by one of these industrious and persevering animals.

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FOR ALDERMANIC HONORS.—Among other candidates for Aldermanic honors at the Bay, are Messrs. Robinson, Bartlett, Wheeler, and Minturn.

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MASONIC.—A Chapter of Royal Arch Ma-

sons has been instituted in San Francisco.
This is the first Chapter on the Pacific side.

PROGRESSIVE.—In a letter to the Pacific
News, a "South Australian" thus speaks:

There are now, I believe, between one
and two millions of inhabitants in Austral-
asia, a great majority of whom are tired of
being tied to the coat tail of John Bull, and
begin to think they are able to manage
their own business, and looking at their
elder brother, Jonathan, think *he* has done
so well, *they* might be able to do something
in time, with a little instruction. Before
many year Australia will be a Republic; I
hope, without bloodshed.