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Arrival of the Sea Bird—Later from the South.

The Sea Bird, Capt. Hilliard, arrived at San Francisco on Thursday, bringing 51 passengers and dates from Los Angeles to the 25th ult.

On the 25th, the steamer Isthmus was going into San Diego.

At Monterey, the severe gale had unroofed many houses, and blown down others. Farms had been flooded, and the stock suffered considerably.

At Santa Cruz, the wind blew violently in the harbor, and four or five vessels are reported as driven ashore.

The San Diego *Herald* gives a long account of the festivities in honor of the feast of the "Conception of the Blessed Virgin." The church service was very solemn, and bull-fights and fandangoes were the order of the afternoon and evening.

EARTHQUAKE ON THE DESERT.—By arrival of two government trains, the *Herald* has received later accounts from the Colorado river; the Indians still continue peaceable.

The train, about forty miles this side of the river, at a place known as the Mud Holes, experienced a very severe shock of an earthquake; the earth, after moving backwards and forwards some three or four feet in an undulating way, nearly capsizing men, mules and wagons, burst with a loud report, resembling much a heavy

with a loud report, resembling much a heavy peal of thunder, rending the earth and leaving a long deep chasm, from which exuded a large volume of gaseous matter, resembling the smoke of an overheated furnace. One of the teamsters, a very intelligent man, informs us that he has witnessed many earthquakes in Peru, where he lived for several years, but never saw anything to equal this. Fortunately there was no injury sustained.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER.—The Los Angeles *Star* states that Mr. Beale, the Superintendent of Indian Affairs in California, is on his way from San Francisco to Los Angeles, via Stockton and the Tulare valley. After examining into the condition of Indian affairs in that neighborhood, Mr. B. will proceed to Washington upon business connected with his office.

A Spanish Theater is in full blast at Los Angeles. Donna Maria Sepulveda took a benefit there on the 13th.

INTERESTING TO SPORTSMEN.—We find the following in the *Star* of the 12th: We learn that a race has been made up by Messrs Moore and Brady for ten thousand dollars a side, to be run on the 20th January, one heat of six miles. Mr. Moore names "Fred. Cop," and Mr. Brady has the privilege of naming either "Ito," or "Black Swan," any time within four weeks. The forfeit, five thousand dollars a side, has already been deposited.

A race has also been made up, to be run on the 10th of January, by Mr. Day's "Dick Johnson," and Mr. Brady's "Jane." The purse is two thousand dollars a side.

All the above mentioned horses are in training in this neighborhood, and promise well.

COUNTY TREASURER.—Mr. Timothy Foster has been appointed by the Court of Sessions, Treasurer of the county of Los Angeles, in place of Dr. J. G. Downey, chosen to that office at the last election, but who declined to qualify.

The storm has been quite severe at Los Angeles. Many old residents say that so much

rain has never before been known to fall before Christmas as during this season. The streams are swollen so as to be impassable, particularly the Santa Anna and San Gabriel rivers. At San Pedro a strong southeast gale has prevailed all the week ending the 25th, with a high surf, making the landing extremely dangerous. The new jail has been completely washed from its foundations, leaving scarcely one stone upon another. Estimated loss \$1500. The night of Thursday, the 23d, was highly tempestuous.

LYNCHING.—Jose Dolores Velasquez, indicted some time since for rape on an old woman of 90, was found prowling about the mission, and sentenced by the people to seventy-five lashes, which were duly administered. He was then handed over to the authorities, but subsequently escaped.

It was rumored that a party of Utahs were hovering round the Cajon Pass, waiting for opportunities to steal horses.

The *Star* says that the practicability of navigating the Colorado by steam is settled. A steamboat heavily laden with freight is now at its mouth. It is supposed a flourishing town will spring up in that vicinity ere long.

Three men, in going from Catalina Harbor to San Pedro, were caught in the southeast gale on Christmas night, and driven on the rocks to the northwest of San Pedro. Two of them were lost; one was named Smart; the name of the other was not ascertained. Smart formerly taught school in Galveston, Texas. The survivor's name is Charles Rhodes.

The very heavy and inclement weather has occasioned much distress on the whole coast, and there is at present no prospect of a favorable change.

The late southeast gales have carried away the brick store-house at San Pedro, and destroyed and damaged a large amount of Government stores. The mountains were covered to a great depth with snow, and at Santa Barbara, the highest peaks had a white covering. Frost had been felt along the whole coast.

Forty to fifty Mormons had arrived at San Pedro when the *Sea Bird* left. Thirty-three of

Pedro when the Sea Bird left. Thirty-three of them are Elders and Missionaries, sent to Calcutta, Siam, Sandwich Islands, &c., to promulgate their peculiar doctrines. They have taken passage for this port in the brig Col. Fremont.

Assistant George Davidson, of the Coast Survey, had selected between San Pedro and Los Angeles, the location for a base line for the commencing of the triangulation of the coast from the Mexican boundary to Point Conception, and for the topography of Catalina Island, according to the instructions of the Superintendent, Prof. A. D. Bache. The season is extremely unfavorable for the rapid progress of these operations.

STREETS OF SAN FRANCISCO.—Mary Jones, a fair correspondent of the *San Francisco Whig*, has been suffering terribly from damp feet, occasioned by a superabundance of “corporation blacking.” It appears from the following extract of her letter, that the thoroughfares of our sister city are in as deplorable plight as our own:

“Why, there is not a single street in your city of San Francisco in which a lady can walk without the risk of her life, from drowning in the mud, being run over by drays, or tumbling into pitfalls, at the peril of her neck! Yet you call this “gallantry!” Even when some individual, more humane than the rest, does build a sidewalk, some other man (by way of keeping up your character for “gallantry”) is sure to encumber it with so many boxes, and bales, and bundles, that we are driven farther into the street than ever! Every conceivable and inconceivable thing, from a handsaw to a bale of hay, is to be found upon the sidewalks. The last day I ventured out, I left fragments of my loose mantilla on half a dozen dry goods boxes, and I was only consoled for my misfortunes by seeing one of my friends with a fringe of straw upon her shawl, and another, like some unfortunate member of the canine species, with an empty tin cannister fastened to the skirt of her dress.”

SPECIE PER OREGON AND NORTHERNER — The following is the list and quantity of bullion shipped per the above steamers. Though not so

large as upon a former occasion, yet the quantity proves that, so far from its being exhausted, California still holds her own:

Burgoyne & Co....	\$300.000	Jacobs & Levi.....	11.164
Crosby & Dibblee...	26.926	Flint, Peabody & Co.	22.574
Spatz & Newhouse..	10.500	Drexel S & Church..	50.000
I. B. Thomas.....	20.000	B. Davidson	140.000
Case, Heiser & Co...	70.000	Wells, Fargo & Co...	35.000
Rising, Caselli & Co	12.000	Adams & Co.....	350.600
Wyckoff & Co.....	17.000	Page, Bacon & Co..	560.000
Tallant & Wilde....	40.000	Other shippers.....	141.802
Sanders & Brenham.	13.540		
Total.....			\$1,821 388