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Calaveras Intelligence.

We are indebted to Gregory for the "Calaveras Chronicle" of Saturday last, from which we extract the following items :

CARSON'S.—We are happy to learn from Carson's Hill that all is quiet, and that there is, for the present, at least, no likelihood of a conflict taking place between the two quartz companies. There are now but two companies at work upon the Hill—the Union and the Louisiana companies.

MURPHY'S DIGGINGS.—An energetic company of fourteen men have finished a canal six miles long, which conducts water to a flat, that prospects very rich. This canal, which was carried through in six weeks, at some places is on an elevation of one hundred feet above the level of the creek.

DROWNED.—A man named George Caldwell, from New York, while attempting to cross the Mokelumne river, within half a mile of Pickering's Bar, on Monday last, capsized the canoe, and was drowned.

MURDER.—Mr. Mann, Treasurer of Mariposa county, was brutally murdered while on a collecting tour through the county. He had about \$940 on his person, for which the assassins killed him. The murderers made their escape.

GOOD PAY.—A party of four, who had dirt which they had taken out of one of the coyote holes, on Stockton Hill, realized from one day's washing fifty ounces.

JES We are greatly indebted to the Hon. Daniel Webster, for copies of his Albany, Buffalo, and Washington speeches on the Compro-

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mise question.

**Late and Important from San Diego—Bill
Marshall and Juan Verdugo Hung.**

By the steamer Gold Hunter, through Gre-
gory's Express, we have received files of the
San Diego Herald down to the 25th ult.

The trial of the notorious Bill Marshall and
Juan Verdugo, was concluded at San Diego on
the 14th December, and it was announced on
the plaza that they would be executed at 2
o'clock, on Saturday.

The Fitzgerald Volunteers were ordered to
be on duty at that time, to conduct the prison-
ers to the scaffold, which had been erected a
short distance out of town, near the Catholic
burying ground.

The graves were dug, and all the prepara-
tions made during the forenoon for carrying
out the sentence of the Court Martial. At
about two o'clock, the volunteers were under
arms, and the people began to gather in con-
siderable numbers about the Plaza and Court
House. A priest was with the prisoners most
of the forenoon, and accompanied them to the
gallows, where they received final absolution.
They were then allowed to make remarks.

Marshall spoke first, and said that he was
prepared to die, and he hoped that his friends
and the people around would forgive him ; that
he trusted in God's mercy, and hoped to be
pardoned for his sins. He asserted his inno-
cence of the crime for which he was about to
die.

Verdugo spoke in Spanish. He confessed his
guilt, and said he was ready to yield up his
life as a forfeit for his crimes and wickedness.

The ropes were then adjusted—the priest ap-
proached them for the last time, said some con-
soling words to them—repeated a final prayer—

...sing words to them—repeated a short prayer—
 extended the crucifix, which each kissed several
 times, when he descended from the wagon,
 which immediately moved on, leaving the poor
 unfortunate wretches suspended about five feet
 from the ground. The fall could not have been
 more than a foot, at the most, for their necks
 were not dislocated. Marshall struggled con-
 siderably, but the Sonorian scarcely moved a
 muscle. Both of them were in their shirt-
 sleeves, and neither of them hood-winked.
 Marshall was quite a small-sized man, with re-
 gular and rather agreeable features, and a head
 indicating, phrenologically, great determina-
 tion. The other was much stouter, with a
 frame apparently of great power. He was a
 shade darker than the average of Californians,
 and had a most brutish countenance. After
 being suspended about an hour and a half, the
 bodies were cut down and interred in the Cath-
 olic burying ground.

FIGHT BETWEEN THE U. S. TROOPS AND THE
 INDIANS.—The San Diego Herald of December
 25th, gives the following particulars of an en-
 gagement between Major Heintzelman's com-
 mand and the Indians at the Coyotes:

Maj. Heintzelman's command was attacked
 at the Coyotes on Sunday morning last, by *Cha-
 pulgas*, at the head of one hundred Indians.
 An engagement of a few moments duration en-
 sued, during which the Indians were entirely
 routed, leaving eight of their number dead on
 the field—Chapulgas being among the slain.
 None of our troops were injured, although they
 received the enemy's fire at a distance of twen-
 ty-five yards. It appears, owing to our troops
 approaching the Coyotes, by the pass leading
 upon the desert, Chapulgas took them for a
 party of emigrants. A well delivered fire con-
 vinced them of their fatal error. The Indians
 fled to the mountains, hotly, but vainly pur-
 sued by our troops. Some twenty-five or thirty
 of the enemy used rifles in the engagement.