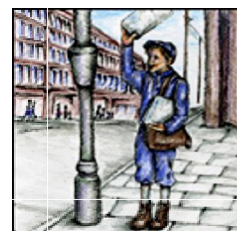


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Los Angeles Items.

We received last night by the Sea Bird copies of the Los Angeles Star of the 20th and 27th December. Below are such extracts as appear of interest. Speaking of the Indian war, the Star says :

“The facts which are daily brought to light, clearly establish that we have escaped most imminent peril. The plan was deep laid, to unite the Indians from the Colorado to the Merced, to a simultaneous attack upon the three lower counties of this State, and had the Union been consummated, we doubt if any American resident would have been spared to tell of its consequences. As it is, twelve of our countrymen have been slaughtered.”

The Star publishes a letter and declaration of Antonio Garra, implicating Ortega and Estudillo, but expresses doubt of its truth.

The Star thus explains the capture of Antonio Garra :

The capture of Antonio Garra is principally owing to Mr. Pauline Weaver's influence with Juan Antonio. Mr. Weaver fitted out the Cahuilla chief with mules &c. for the trip, and has been maintaining the party ever since they brought in their prisoner.

Some thirty animals, horses and mules, were stolen from the Weavers about three weeks ago by Juan Baptiste, a captain of influence in the Cahuilla tribe. Juan Antonio, when informed of the theft, sent to Baptiste to restore the animals, and bring in the thieves on pain of death. Some of the horses were given up, and the Indians are still in pursuit of the other stolen animals.

TAXING THE INDIANS.—The officers of this county had sufficient discretion to avoid levying contributions from the Indians, but in San Diego county the law was put in force to the extent that its reading would justify. From three rancherias commanded by Antonio Garra, the tax-collector of San Diego Co.

by Antonio Garra, the tax-collector of San Diego Co. collected \$250 in money, and drove off eighteen gentle milch cows and five gentle horses and mules.— Persons have called upon us and offered to produce proofs of these facts, stating themselves to have been eye-witnesses of the proceedings. From the rancheria where Garra lives, \$150 in money was collected.

THE TULARE INDIANS.—Capt. Vincent Haler, who accompanied the Indian Commissioners at the time they were engaged in making treaties with the Tulare Indians, has arrived in this city from the Tulare valley. Capt. Haler has visited all the rancherias between the Merced and the Tadjon Pass, and he reports the Indians throughout the whole of that section of country as being friendly and manifesting every disposition to abide by the treaties which have been established.

Savage and Company have about 6000 Indians at work at the reservation at the Fresno. Affairs are remarkably quiet in that region.

Some few weeks ago a delegation of Indians from the Southern portion of the State visited the Tulare Valley, and endeavored to arouse the Indians to unite in an insurrection against the whites, representing that twenty Californians would join them. The Tulare Indians gave a decided negative reply to the invitation, and expressed their determination not to verge from the treaties they had made with the United States.

The Star publishes the confession of Marshall, who was executed at San Diego. He asseverates his innocence, and says that he and Beru were obliged to join Garra to save their lives, but that they escaped from him as soon as possible. He gave his name as William Marshall, son of Joel Marshall of Providence, R. I., and stated that he came to this country in 1844, in the ship Hope.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.—Monday, the 22d, was the day appointed for the meeting of this Court, but the Judge being absent, Col. Covington, the Deputy Marshal, adjourned the Court from day to day for three days, and then *sine die*.

FOREFATHERS' DAY.—The anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims, was not forgotten in this city. On the evening of the 22d, about thirty gentlemen partook of a supper provided by Mr. Harry Morrow. The good cheer received ample justice, and the occasion was remembered in toasts, songs and speeches. The presence of ladies tended to restrain all im-

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The examination of the "young Lugos," charged with attempting to kill Benj. Hayes, Esq., was commenced on Wednesday last, before Justice Ma'lard. The examination so far has thrown little light upon that mysterious affair.

DEPUTY SHERIFF.—Mr. Joseph Yancy has been appointed by Mr. Barton, a deputy sheriff for this county.

THE FLOOD.—An immense quantity of rain has fallen during the past week and overflowed the streams to an extent to render them unfordable. The mail from San Diego, which was due several days ago has not yet arrived, and it is improbable that its detention is owing to the high waters. More rain has fallen during the past week than in all the the previous winter, and the signs do not indicate a speedy cessation.

DROWNED.—A man said to be a Sonoran, was drowned in attempting to cross the river yesterday morning. His name has not been furnished us. Another person narrowly escaped a similar fate, but was lassoed and drawn to the shore by a Californian, when life was nearly extinct. We have heard of an instance where a person who was crossing with his cart, lost his oxen and barely saved his own life.

The cultivation of Barley is engaging the attention of most of our farmers. An intelligent observer estimates that at least one thousand acres will be sowed with this kind of grain in the county of Los Angeles alone.

GAME.—The county abounds with geese and ducks, which the sportsmen dispose of in the city at from four to six shillings a pair. Talk of "California prices," when a large fat goose can be purchased for 25 cents! A few days ago, Capt. Lovell and Dr. Adkins, at Chino, killed eight geese at one discharge of their fowling pieces.

PANTHER.—One of these animals lassoed in the mountains near San Gabriel, was brought into town this morning and exhibited to our citizens "free gratis." The "varmint" looked sufficiently ugly to render his company most agreeable at a distance.

COL. BENTON'S MEMOIRS.—A correspondent of the N. Y. Courier and Enquirer, says—

Mr. Benton is drawing toward completion the memoirs of his political life. The work will form two large octavo volumes, and will consist in a great measure of what its author said, thought, or did, during the time he was a member of the Senate. It will be of some interest as a contribution to our current political literature, and will be useful as placing in accessible shape materials for history, which, in impartial hands, will help to set forth in a true light the events of the period.

It is said to be his intention, as soon as the last pages of this work are deposited with the publishers, to depart for Missouri, and there take up the cudgels against the great dragon of Calhounism, which, it seems, is not yet extinct in that State. In August, 1852, a Legislature is to be elected, which Legislature may have to elect a U. S. Senator, though the term of Mr. Atchison will not expire before March, 1855. But a vacancy may occur, and Mr. Benton is too old a soldier not to provide in season against such an eventuality. At all events, he designs to enter, at the beginning of his seventy-first year, into a contest as fierce, vindictive, and implacable as was ever waged between political and personal opponents, for the mastery of the party in Missouri. He declares to his friends that the rotten part of the body must be detached from the healthy members, must be cut off and the caustic applied, or that Democracy will become an offensive carcase in the land. He will perambulate the State, and expound the doctrines of the true faith in every corne into which the person or the voice of man can penetrate.

CODIFYING THE STATE LAWS.—The Marysville Express is out in favor of a commission to revise our State laws. The suggestion is worthy the attention of the Legislature, for something decisive must be done speedily to rid our statute book of the crudities and want of system which now defaces it.

CAVE J. COUTS, Esq.—This gentleman, at a meeting of the San Diego Volunteers, on the 31st ult., was elected to the office of Major.