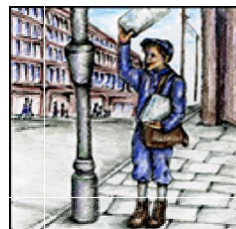




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### San Diego Correspondence.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., Dec. 31, 1851.

*Messrs. Editors:*—We have been without news for some days, from the mountains. The last gave a vague account of an engagement between the Indians and regulars at the Coilles, some fifteen miles beyond Agua Caliente. That this engagement took place, that the Indians ran after the first fire, and that they lost from five to ten killed and wounded, is all that we know. For a mutilated account of the matter, you are referred to the San Diego Herald, which you will probably see, as the editor was yesterday busily engaged in distributing them among the passengers of the Gold Hunter. To say as little about him as possible, (for it would be uninteresting to every body but himself) I will simply state, that the last three numbers of the San Diego Herald have contained nothing but a list of San Francisco advertisements, and misrepresentations, equivocations and false insinuations. It is a public print, and as such we have a right to speak in plain terms. When called upon for certain insinuations that appeared in his sheet, (I cannot call it newspaper) he can only say that *some one* told him so, but can't for his life recollect who. But to the point. The editor of this sheet sides as nearly as he can with Antonio Garra and the two traitors who were hung a short time since. He persists in his insinuations, that Don J. Anto. Estudillo and Don Joaquin Ortega, were instrumental in, and the cause of this outbreak of the Indians, as stated in the confession of these culprits. There never was a more ungenerous, and false accusation persisted in by man to try and do others a shameful injury. He holds out an inducement for some desperadoes, who might for a moment believe (not knowing this editor) what is thrown out, and not knowing the other party, to take their lives, or otherwise maltreat their persons. These two men are our best old citizens, worthy, respected and respectable—none more so. They are held in such high estimation by the people of the county, that these scandalous insinuations are received with a disgust and contempt equalled only by that in which they hold the author, as an individual; and I sincerely believe, that if the *press* from which this printed matter has been ejected, was the property of the *editor*, it could only now be found at the bottom of the bay.

The company of volunteers under Capt. Haig, from San Francisco, have been here several days, unable to fit out for the mountains there being no arms except a

fit out for the mountains, there being no arms except a few in the hands of the U. S. Quartermaster. The Governor, in place of giving them a letter of recommendation to Gen. Bean, should have sent arms, provisions, equipments, &c. They then could have recommended themselves to him. I learn that some of them returned on the Gold Hunter to San Francisco. The company is awaiting the return of a courier that Capt. Coutts, San Diego Volunteers, sent out to Major General Bean and Major Heintzelman. Three days was allowed the courier, but he has not returned, and this is the fifth day.

Their future movements will depend upon this courier, whether there is necessity or not for volunteers. It is regretted by all that the Indian Agent made his appearance at this unseasonable time. There is to be a war with these Indians equalled only by that with the Seminoles. It has indeed commenced, but the *talk* of this Agent about the great and good Father may smother it for a while. They inhabit a range of mountains so close to the settlements along the coast, that there is never to be any peace until they are driven beyond the Colorado—driven after severe castigation, not bought.

Capt. Fitzgerald arrived at Sta. Isabel on 22d, with a company of volunteers from Los Angeles. They were, as he wrote on the 24th, without provisions and without arms. The presumption is, that they have returned to Los Angeles.

At 4 P. M., no further news.

Yours truly,

LATER FROM VALPARAISO—THE INSURRECTION QUELLED.—We learn from Capt. Iplard, of the Danish brig Andreas, arrived yesterday morning from Antwerp, via Valparaiso, Nov. 14th, that quiet had been again restored in Valparaiso, after three days hard fighting. So fierce was the contest that the balls flew off among the vessels that lay at anchor in the harbor. All the foreign residents still kept their arms in readiness, in case of another outbreak. The Government troops were successful, and many of the insurgents were confined in prison, and others were forced to leave the city for safety. In the interior, at Coquimbo, Copiapó and other places, the Cruz party were causing much trouble to the Government troops. In consequence of the outbreak, business of all kinds was dull. The A. brought no papers.

FROM SAN JOSE.—We learn by the Visitor of yesterday, that Theodore Valenques, who was lately

convicted of grand larceny, was on Friday last brought before Judge Redman to receive the sentence of the court. He was condemned to be executed on the 30th inst. He said he conformed to the provisions of the sentence, but desired that the audience would take compassion on his wife and children and contribute to her support. He then requested a pen, ink and paper, that he might write to his brothers, which was of course granted. He was then taken by the Sheriff to the county prison, there to await his awful doom.

The roads are in a wretched condition to and from San Jose, owing to the late rains. The Guadalupe on Friday and Saturday was so swollen as to render it almost impassable. It is now so that it can be crossed without difficulty.

**ACQUITTED.**—Francisco Valencia was yesterday brought before the Court of Sessions for trial for grand larceny. The jury retired about 1 o'clock, and in a few minutes returned with a verdict of "not guilty."

The meeting of the Democrats of Santa Clara Co. last week, called for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Convention, resulted in the choice of the following gentlemen:

Thos. L. Vermeule, E. D. Hammond, H. C. Smith, H. F. Williams, James T. Thompson, Gen. Whiting, Arthur Shearer, Wm. Daniels.

**FROM CHILE.**—The Diario of 4th Nov. says that the country is retrograding morally and materially in consequence of the existing insurrection; that commerce is paralysed, prices nominal, transactions null, and payments difficult.

There is no employment for laborers and mechanics; those who were actively contributing to the national prosperity by their industry before the outbreak, are now compelled to remain idle and await the return of peace.

General Cruz, with the forces under his command, arrived at Chillan on the 25th of October. His army is reported to amount to about 2,170 men. That of

Gen. Bulnes which is at Longomilla is 3,444 strong—and is said to be well disciplined and well affected. No action has taken place between the two armies, but a slight skirmish of the advance posts, resulting in the capture of five of Cruz's men, and the death of two others.

At a meeting of the citizens of Valparaiso, held at the office of the Intendente, on the 4th Nov., for the purpose of effecting a more complete organization of the new volunteer corps, which has been formed since the commencement of the insurrection, called the "Guardia de Orden," Don Nicomedes Ossa was chosen Commandant; Don Vicente Vidaurre, Sergeant Major; Don Pedro A. Martinez, Adjutant; and Don Manuel Orrego, Don Ramon Barredo, Don Domingo Lopez, Don Adriano Borgoño, Don José Garreton and Don Carlos Lamarca, Captains of Companies.

It is decided that every citizen composing the guard is to be provided with a musket, which he is to keep always on hand, so that at the first alarm he may hasten to the post of danger.

**HAVING THE SURE THING.**—A correspondent of the Stockton Journal, who, though he has had bad luck in following in the "lead" of capricious fortune, among the quartz veins, is nevertheless to be congratulated that he possesses a vein of such good humor, gives the following touch of his experience in taking the chances:

At Bear Valley the battle is over and the smoke has cleared away. I was interested in the last dead thing. Quartz and Meikewham traced the main lead from where the Mexicans had struck it, to what they supposed was the main deposit. Winterblossom, McTurk and myself were to have an interest. We started on Friday morning to prospect the place. We followed Meikewham.—Occasionally he would raise his hand and wink. He spoke in monosyllables when he spoke at all. *Whi—ew!* whistled Meikewham; and as we approached him he remarked in a whisper, "you see how this lead runs; the Mexicans have on y a small portion of it. This is the main deposit." We threw off our coats and never stopped digging until we had sunk a hole eight feet deep, and struck the ledge. We washed one hundred pans, on the ledge, and didn't get a red cent!

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Winterblossom looked at Meikewham with much such regard as Balaam may have cast upon his ass, when he discovered the animal's capacity for holding an argument with him.

Yours,

WILD CAT.

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF SAN DIEGO.**—At a special meeting of the Common Council of San Diego on Tuesday evening, the 23d ult., the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved. By the Mayor and Common Council of the

Resolved, By the Mayor and Common Council of the city of San Diego, that the hospitalities of the city be tendered to Capt. Haig, and the company of volunteers under his command, who arrived here to-day from San Francisco, for their patriotism, and the alacrity with which they responded to our call for assistance, when we were hourly expecting an attack from hordes of hostile savages.

Resolved. That our especial thanks are due to the

Resolved. That our especial thanks are due to the merchants of San Francisco for their kindness in offering to fit out such volunteer companies as were anxious to proceed to our assistance; thereby manifesting a patriotic liberality, commensurate with the stand they have assumed and maintained as honorable men in our State, [the following clause was appended to this resolution when it was first offered, but was afterwards withdrawn,] and presenting a gratifying contrast with the illiberality of a notorious Evening press, whose petty articles, assailing the motives of those anxious to render us assistance, have had an effect injurious to the whole Southern country, and will be cherished and remembered by the people thereof, long after the effects designed to be accomplished, shall have passed away.

**ROSAS DRIVEN TO THE WEST OF LA PLATA.**—We have, says the New York Herald, some interesting news from Buenos Ayres and the neighboring provinces of La Plata. It appears that General Oribe, the ex-President of Montevideo, or the Oriental Republic, and who, while sick and wasting away so long and patiently, besieged the city of Montevideo, has finally capitulated and surrendered to General Urquiza, of Entre Rios. This takes away the last hope of General Rosas in the Banda Oriental; and with Corrientes, Uruguay, Entre Rios, and Paraguay, backed by Brazil, opposed to him, he is certainly in a position of great embarrassment. As, however, he commands the west side of the Plata, the opposing forces will be compelled to invade

Buenos Ayres and overthrow Rosas or keep a large force constantly in the field to check any further movement he may make.

RECORDER WALLER.—This gentleman, with the singleness of purpose which has characterized him throughout his official career, has signified to G. W. Baker, Esq., that he is prepared to give up his office whenever it shall be claimed by that gentleman. Mr. Baker, it will be remembered, was elected in September last, as one of the new city government. This conduct on the part of Recorder Waller is highly praiseworthy; and is a befitting final act to a laborious, faithful, and able discharge of the public duties which have devolved upon him for the past six months.

U. S. SENATOR FROM TENNESSEE.—Ex-Governor

James C. Jones, of Tennessee, has been elected a United States Senator, by the Legislature of that State, to serve six years from the 4th of March last, when the term of Mr. Turney expired.