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SAN JOAQUIN NEWS.

The fleet little boat *Sophia* arrived last night at about 9 o'clock, making the run from Stockton in the short space of seven hours.

We have the *Journal* of yesterday by Adams & Co.

Stockton.

The weather for the past three days had been clear and pleasant.

CATCHING WILD HORSES.—Mr. Allen informs us that the people of the upper sections are now doing a thriving market trade in the flesh of such wild horses as can be captured and killed.—*Journal*.

The *Journal* contains a letter from Forlorn Hope Valley, which states that the citizens on the Merced had suffered but little or no loss from the effects of the overflow.

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We learn from Mr. Allen just down from King's river a few items of news from that region, which may be of interest to many who have friends there.

The usual complaint of a scarcity of provisions prevails, and many were forced to desert their places for this region to obtain subsistence. Flour at Fort Miller commanded \$1 per pound very readily when it was offered for sale; but the market was bare, and but little could be obtained for love or money.

Mr. Allen corrects the report given to us by Mr. Hines of the great floods in that neighborhood, although he himself was water-bound at the Chowchilla in company with eleven others for several days, during which time they lived on fifty pounds of flour that they paid some Indians to pack across the stream.

The relations that exist between the whites and Indians are of the most amicable character, and all fears of any outbreak have disappeared from the minds of the settlers.

Mr. Allen disputes the correctness of Mr. Smith's report, wherein he estimates the number of Indians in that region at 14,000. According to the best opinions of reliable men, he gives the number as at the highest only 4,000, on the San Joaquin, King's river, Four Creeks and in Tulare Valley.

Sonora.

The Central Committee of Miners of Tuolumne Co., have suggested the 3d May for the Assembling of the State Miners' Convention, and have also recommended that none but practical miners should be eligible to a seat in the Convention.

The Common Council of Sonora have petitioned the legislature for a branch of the State Marine Hospital, to be located at that place.

WEATHER, &c.—We are at length gratified by being enabled to chronicle the advent of fair weather. The first day of the week alternated between wet and dry, and old Winter made one or two desperate attempts to continue his ruthless dominion over us. Tuesday was a very pleasant day, and bets were made upon the continuance of fair weather. That night, however, it rained pretty smartly. Wednesday morning opened clear again, and ever since we have been blessed with the sight of genuine California skies—pure and unclouded as the forehead of beauty. The miners are out in full strength, and are doing their utmost to make up for lost time.—*Herald*.

PROVISIONS—Large quantities of provisions are now on the road from Stockton to Sonora, which will all be jogging onward during the cessation of the rains. At present it is slowly coming in, but it is absorbed the moment it arrives, so entire has been the exhaustion of eatables of all kinds in this market. Prices are still at the very highest, flour being up to \$120 per barrel, where small quantities of it happen to be held. Beef is 50 cents per pound, pork 50 cents, and other things in proportion.

FROST.—Old King Frost freezes up the toes, and pinches the features of our citizens just at this time, during the absence of the sun. There is a great demand for blankets; and living in tents is decided to be very uncomfortable. A good, warm log-house is now anything but a superfluity.

Calaveras.

The *Chronicle* of the 15th is filled with extracts from the Governor's Message.

ACCIDENT.—We regret to state that Miss Carpenter sustained a serious injury, having been thrown from her horse on Tuesday last, near Butte City, north of the Mokelumne river.

LYNCHING.—On Saturday last, Mr. Williams, of Jackson, was informed that a quantity of carpenters' tools which had been stolen from him several months ago, were secreted in a certain cabin on Murphy's Gulch. He procured a search-warrant, and on Sunday examined the cabin, and found the tools and the thief, whose name is Christopher Ferrill, and is supposed to be a "Sydney duck." The miners of Mur-

posed to be a Sydney duck. The miners of Murphy's Gulch assembled and examined into the case of Mr. Ferrill, and as a large quantity of stolen property was found in his cabin, most of which was recognized and claimed, they voted that he should receive twenty-five lashes well laid on, and leave the gulch in six hours, all of which was carried into execution. Ferrill is now at or in the vicinity of Mokelumne Hill.
