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Summary of a Fortnight's News.

So little has transpired of general interest since the departure of the steamer of the 1st inst., that in making up a summary of events we are at a loss for a leading feature of news. In all parts of the State, from which we have intelligence up to the eve of the departure of the Golden Gate, the greatest order and quiet prevail. In the South, the Indian disturbances are at an end, and throughout the mining region of Northern California uniform peace and good will go hand in hand with prosperity.

The State Legislature is now in session at Sacramento, to which city it adjourned about a week since. This removal of the seat of government was brought about by the failure of the Vallejo contractors to provide suitable accommodations for the State officers and the Legislature. That body convened on the 5th inst. at Vallejo, and proceeded to the business of opening the session. The message of Gov. McDougal was transmitted, and followed by the resignation of that officer. Gov. Bigler having been declared elected, and installed, and his inaugural, with that of Lieut. Gov. Purdy's to the Senate, having been received and read, the Legislature took steps to adjourn. Several propositions were made, by the citizens of Benicia, San Jose, Marysville and Sacramento, and finally, after some opposition, the Legislature, by a concurrent resolution, decided to meet at Sacramento, where a fine, commodious, new Court House had been placed at their service. On Friday last, 16th inst., both Houses met at the new seat of government, where they have since continued in quiet session, without accomplishing any important business. The State archives had been removed by order of Gov. McDougal, during his administration, to San Jose; and the people of that town, when an attempt was made to remove them, obtained an injunction, and detained the archives for several days. They have since been removed, however, and the question, Where is the State Capital? will soon be settled by a decision of the Supreme Court. But little doubt exists that the Capital rightfully belongs to San Jose. As we have stated, the proceedings of our Legislature, thus far, are destitute of general interest. There are two or three contested seats, to be disposed of before legislation will become brisk. The election of a U. S. Senator is the first important step to be taken. A number of candidates, the most prominent of whom are, Messrs. Weller, King, McLean, Henley, and Broderick, are before the Legislature, but at this time it is utterly impossible to determine the pros-

pects, and decide upon the chances of either.

A Settlers' and Miners' Convention has been held for several days past in Sacramento. It is by no means a full representation of the Settlers' and Miners' interests of this State, its long pretentious title to the contrary notwithstanding, and but little interest is taken in its proceedings.

Col. R. McKee, Indian Commissioner, has been quite successful in his treaties with the Indians of the North coast country. He has made treaties with four large tribes, and it is the belief of the people of that section, that they will be respected, and that Indian difficulties in that quarter are at an end for the present.

In Southern California peace and contentment likewise prevail. The last act of the Indian Insurrection terminated with the death of Antonio Garra, the chief of the most powerful hostile tribe. He was captured by a detachment under command of Gen. Bean, brought into San Diego, and after a fair trial was condemned and shot, Jan. 10th. The Indian Commissioner, Dr. Wozencraft, afterwards went among the disaffected tribes and concluded treaties of peace with the Cahuilla, Pablo, Calientes and San Luis Rey Indians.

The advance guard of the Boundary Survey, arrived in San Diego, on the 7th inst., and they report the Indians along the Gila as an ugly set, requiring the strong arm of military law to keep them in check and proper position. Mr. Gray, Chief Engineer of the Expedition, made the journey from the junction of the Gila and Colorado to San Diego, in six and a half days. The party were destitute of provisions most of the journey. The survey of the Gila was commenced in the latter end of October, and prosecuted about 350 miles. It was abandoned about 60 miles above the confluence of the Gila and Colorado, where the party had no alternative but starvation.

A battle occurred, Jan. 4th, between the insurgents and Government forces of Lower California, in which the former, under Negrete, were defeated and dispersed by Lieut. Ant. Chavis, commandante of the military colony called La Frontera in Lower California. The fight occurred at Santa Tomas. The loss on either side was slight.

The most gratifying feature in the progress of our affairs, is the great excess of immigration over the passenger departures by the Panama steamers every month. The tide of human beings setting towards our shores gives ample assurance of business prosperity, and from its character, promises stability in the future.

The weather for the past fortnight has been delightful—the skies bright and clear. The miners begin to complain once more of a scarcity of water. Enough rain has already fallen to establish the prospects of the farmers.

THE PROMETHEUS AFFAIR —The outrage committed by the British war vessel, in firing into the steamer Prometheus, has not yet been atoned for, nor a satisfactory explanation made. Our last accounts from the States, however, indicate that a course of policy has been declared by our government, which utterly repudiates the right of foreign vessels of war to exercise a police over our commerce anywhere. The affair was brought before Congress, and Mr. Cass presented a resolution as follows :

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to the Senate, if not inconsistent with the public interest, any information he may have received respecting the firing into the American steamship Prometheus by a British vessel of war in November last, near Greytown, on the Mosquito Coast ; and also, what measures had been taken by the Executive to ascertain the state of the facts, and to vindicate the honor of the country.

A New York paper says:—

The President's Message is