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[PER ADAMS & CO.'S EXPRESS.]

Sacramento Correspondence.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 21, 1853.

EDS. ALTA:—The Mississippi Bar and Nevada Railroad Company have completed their survey to the first named point, and the engineer is now in town drawing a profile of the route, so that parties can subscribe understandingly. Mr. Dexter, of your city, the consulting engineer, has approved of the survey, and its progress is dependant only on the effect the new Mormon Island Company may be able to produce by their personal influence, should they refuse to unite and co-operate.

From present indications they will clash, and the com-

pletion of either be delayed—if ever accomplished. A strong opposition to both will be arrayed, thinking it will make this but a transit place, and carry interior merchants to the metropolis, depriving also the numerous teamsters, roadside criers and stage proprietors of their present lucrative employment. The prodigal offers of capital from your city favors the above view and injures the prospects of our being the first to lay a rail, while the owners of the steam paddy are on hand waiting a proposition to do the needful, in raising the grades of the streets, if the property-holders benefitted thereby will indemnify them for their labor.

The weather is lowering, and the rain king evidently

has his eye upon us to give us another dash of his quality.

A fair trade is doing to-day in our streets, and the shipments to Hoboken decrease.

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To collect the $\frac{3}{4}$ of one per cent tax, voted for a few days since, the Board of Equalization take the old assessment roll and give reasonable time for owners of property to swear down the original amount.

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Canals have suffered little or none; the Bear River and Auburn Co. have a copious stream the length of their ditch, and are realizing a large daily income, that will be increased as the ravines and gulches discharge their present surplusage of water.

The Tuolumne Co., at Columbia, took in \$8,000 the week ending Jan. 15th, two days of which the weather would not allow work to be done. This amount would increase, like the income from the Bear River Co., as the water runs off.

The Bradley and Berdan, the South Fork, and Oakland companies are also receiving income sufficient to complete the remainder of the works without much if any farther assessment.

Letters by to-day's mail are so full of tragical and heart-rending surmises that our citizens begin to think the fire was an immense injury to them, and they should rend their hair, pour ashes on their heads, etc. How few of them would divine the place had ever been burnt, could they visit us and take a look at this time. Scarce a trace remains to mark its course, and it is a long forgotten song.

The apartments for families at the Orleans will be opened on the 27th inst., and will be filled at once, having already more applicants than they can accommodate. A "ladies ordinary" will be kept, and in all points it will be the first hotel in the State.

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The high price of fire wood—\$20 in lengths, and \$30 split for stores, per cord—has induced some outlaws to cut down the few shade trees remaining in the streets. If the marshal does his duty they will have a chance to work for the city six months.

The debt of Sacramento county amounts to \$96,000, and is to be funded as soon as the bill can be passed in Legislature. There is a fine opportunity for speculation in this security by your brokers and capitalists.

The sales of property for taxes are about finished, and purchasers decline redemption to *bona fide* holders at the 18 per cent. advance, until the Legislature shall pass a bill explanatory of the present law and fixing a plain method of redemption. Yours, JOB.

MELANCHOLY OCCURRENCE.—On Thursday afternoon an inquest was held on board the steamer *Thomas Hunt*, over the body of a man named Guy Hunneford, of Manchester, N. H. He had been sitting in the engine room, near the machinery, and was struck violently on the side by one of its cranks, which occasioned his death in about ten minutes after. A passage ticket of the *Tennessee* was found in one of his pockets, and in his valise a bible, presented to him by his wife, dated "Manchester, N. H., Dec. 15th, 1852."—*Union*.

Marysville.

MORE INDIAN DIFFICULTIES—DEATH OF A CHIEF.—A correspondent of the *Marysville Herald*, writing a few weeks since from Lyon's Ranch, gave an account of an affray with the Indians which resulted in the death of

affray with the Indians which resulted in the death of eighteen or twenty, writes again under date of 15th inst.:

Yesterday evening, information was received that the old chief was at Frenchtown, a mining settlement across the West Branch, four or five miles distant, openly threatening vengeance upon the whites for the severe castigation they had received.

A party of eight was immediately formed, and at 6 o'clock set out from Hasty's Ranch, crossed the river, arrested and brought back the old chief, arriving before 11 o'clock. After binding him, a strong guard was placed over him to prevent the possibility of his escape, until this morning, when he was removed about a mile, to Lyons' Ranch, and after a short deliberation, it was unanimously resolved to hang him at once. Arrangements were soon made, and the redoubtable old brave, who has figured so conspicuously in every Indian affray of importance in this region, since the introduction of the whites, after calmly surveying the preparations made for his execution, met his fate with consummate bravery. He was suspended by the neck to the limb of an oak in the neighborhood

The vote deciding upon this course was unanimous, but there is at least one who strongly doubts the policy or justice of the proceeding. Time will show. There are still two chiefs remaining, and a tribe that can muster at least 250 fighting men, in the immediate neighborhood of a small scattered population of exposed and defenceless whites. What course they, together with their allies, the Tigres and Nimskews, will pursue, remains to be seen.

The Winter on Feather River.

A mountain correspondent of the Marysville *Express* gives a graphic account of a snow-storm in the mountains, and the hardships and exposures many endured. The annexed are extracts from his letter:

At Shasta Grove there was a slide which stove Pierson & Condit's bowling alley, sleeping apartment, bar fixtures, &c., annihilating the alley completely, and the immediate rise of water carried it down towards your city. Esq. F. and Mr. Condit were knocked into the river by the avalanche, but were fortunately saved, we hope for a long life of future usefulness.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones and child were completely buried about eight feet under, amid boards and timber, and had it not been for the energy and presence of mind of Mr. D. Pierson, they would surely have perished. When taken out, Mrs. Jones was insensible, but recovered in a short time. Mr. Jones received no injury except having his nose peeled by the shovel while digging them out. It was truly a miraculous escape, and nothing saved their lives but the timbers falling in a curious manner, and the exertions of Mr. P. Esq. F. was slightly wounded in one of his legs, but nothing serious is thus far apprehended, and we shall look for him up here in a few days.

Lacksider & Rider's boarding-house also went down stream, followed close by the saw-mill from the mouth of Nelson's creek. The water in Feather River was much higher than it was last winter, and we apprehend that immense damage will be done below. Flour and provisions are scarce and high. Flour has been selling at one dollar per pound on Feather River, and the stock is exhausted. Unless a supply can soon get in, many must suffer.

About a foot of snow was added to our pile yesterday. Today it has rained and hailed, blowing a gale of wind all day.

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New and rich diggings have just been discovered, between the West Branch and North Fork of Feather river. Cayote diggings at Frenchtown and flat diggings at Rich Gulch, one mile from Frenchtown, which have been opened less than a week, yield from one to four ounces per day, to the hand. One lump of pure gold, taken from the cayote diggings at Frenchtown weighed \$129. Some very rich quartz veins are in the neighborhood, which have never been worked.—*Herald*.

FROZE TO DEATH.—We understand from a friend that three

or four gentlemen have just arrived from the head waters of the North Feather river. They report the death of one of their number, a Mr Hiram W. Bain, from near Montreal Point, Wisconsin, where he leaves a family. Mr. Bain froze to death near the Rock River House. The snow is still very deep, and almost impossible to be traveled over by foot passengers. They met two trains of pack mules on the way up, but no likelihood of their getting through.—*Express*.

DROWNED.—Two men, named Peter Snyder, late of Armstrong county, Pa., and John Hill, a Scotchman, late of New York city, were accidentally drowned last Sunday, while attempting to cross the Yuba in a boat, at Sandy Bar, one mile and a half above Foster's Bar.

Downieville Matters.

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A gentleman who left Downieville on Monday morning last, and returned last evening, states that the citizens of Downieville had turned out *en masse* and opened the trail by digging through three miles of snow eight feet deep, at an expense of \$500, and that he made the trip there and back easily in four days, and that the road is now in good order for pack mules. He also met many miners returning to their claims, and if the present good weather continues an early resumption of business is anticipated.

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This place has suffered much this winter from cold and the scarcity of provisions. Eighty men arrived at Shasta on the 8th inst. from Yreka, who reported that there had been no flour in the latter place for the previous forty days. Not more than two hundred persons remained in Yreka when the eighty left, some having gone to Oregon and the rest scattered in different directions. Twenty-seven of the eighty who arrived at Shasta were more or less frozen, two of them so severely as not to be expected to survive. In the whole country surrounding Yreka the suffering from cold and hunger this winter has been terrible in the extreme, and the roads from snow and mud in many places are utterly impassable.