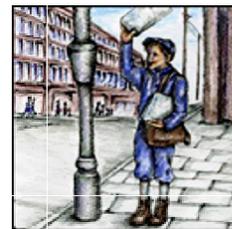




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Los Angeles and San Diego.

The *Sea Bird*, which arrived yesterday brings us files of the *Los Angeles Star* to the 22d inst. We are indebted to Adams & Co. for the first delivery of papers.

The *Star*, of the 8th inst., speaking of the Indian affairs of the State, says:

B. D. Wilson, Esq., the Indian Commissioner for this section of country, has prepared, at the request of the Superintendent, a report upon the condition of the Indians, together with a plan for their future management. It seems necessary that this report should be acted upon at the present session of Congress, and therefore Mr. Beale's absence is the more to be regretted; as he was to have taken it to Washington, and from his acquaintance with the subject, would have been enabled to give such explanations of the necessity of some change in our Indian system, as would have ensured for the report the favorable action of Congress.

Mr. Weaver writes to Mr. Wilson that the Indians about San Geronio are more than usually friendly.

A large body of the chiefs of the Southern tribes recently assembled at the Tejon Pass, expecting to meet the Indian Commissioner at that place.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles have ascertained the condition of the indebtedness of the county to be as follows:

Whole amount of warrants drawn upon the Treasurer to Jan 1st, \$66,826; redeemed in cash, \$19,809; balance of indebtedness, \$47,017

We mentioned by the last arrival that upwards of 2,500 sheep had reached Los Angeles from New Mexico. The owners have since disposed of the whole lot to drovers from this section at \$9 per head. The *Star* says:

These sheep are said to be the finest ever brought into this country, all selected wethers of the largest description.

We learn from Chino that some two thousand of Col. Williams' sheep died during and since the recent storm. The number may be exaggerated, and we certainly hope it may be.

John O. Wheeler and G. Thompson Burrill, Esqs., were admitted to practice as attorneys and counsellors at law in Los Angeles county.

The Board of Supervisors are making provisions for the erection of a county jail. The proposition to raise the necessary funds by a special tax, appears to meet with general favor, and seems really to be the only feasible plan. The memorial to the Legislature, signed by the Supervisors, will be aided by the petition of numerous citizens, and it cannot be doubted, that the

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FATAL AFFRAY.—A few days since, during a difficulty between Mr. P. Dunn and a Mr. Mercy, at Santa Barbara, the latter shot at the former with a revolver. Mr. Dunn, being armed, immediately drew his pistol and fired three shots, killing his antagonist almost instantly. He then went before a magistrate, was examined, and acquitted of blame, upon the ground that he was acting self-defence.

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THE GREAT RACE.—To the disappointment of many, citizens as well as strangers, the "great race" between Ito and Fred. Coy, for ten thousand dollars aside, was not run on Thursday. All the world turned out early on the day appointed, with every sort of animal—horses, mules and donkeys—and every description of carriage, from a wheelbarrow to an eight mule baggage wagon. The racers were paraded upon the ground, and expectation run high, although the betting was not very brisk. It seemed to be a prevailing opinion that there was some "jockeying" going on. The hour appointed for the race having passed, announcement was made that the owner of Fred. Coy would pay the forfeit, and that there would be no race. The reason alleged was, that the main stakes were on the steamer *Sea Bird*, not yet arrived, but the more probable cause is to be found in the fact that the Californians were too wide awake, and could not be induced to risk their money on the result of the race. They could not understand why the horses should be brought seven hundred miles merely for the sake of running in Los Angeles, and very naturally concluded that the match was made for a "bite," they, the Californians, to be the victims.—*Star*.

The shock of an earthquake was felt at Santa Barbara on the 29th ult.

A commission of Justice has been in session for a week or more, taking testimony in the contested election cases.

Dr. Allemani, the Bishop of California, arrived in Santa Barbara on the 27th ult. We learn that from Santa Barbara he will proceed to Los Angeles.