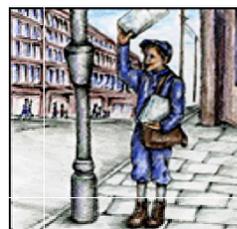




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IN-AND-ABOUT AUBURN, Feb. 10, 1853.

Messrs. Editors :—Your valuable sheet, which is always welcome, reaches these “diggings” regularly, by the popular expresses—Wells, Fargo & Co. and Adams & Co.—now the mud seems inclined to “dry up.” In perusing your columns, I see but little said about this important part of our State, consequently, I suppose you have no regular correspondent in this section, therefore, I conclude you will not object to some information in regard to it from a mere “prospector.”

I have been really surprised to find so little said about the extent of the gold region and its richness and other matters of public importance; we must attribute it partly to selfishness on the part of the parties engaged here, to monopolize. Recently there have been some big lumps of the “pure oro” found. It is now quite common to see and hear of four and five hundred dollar lumps; and two days ago a “strapped” Dutchman came along and dropped into an old “prospect hole” to try his luck, and after a few “picks” found a piece of pure gold worth over 1500 dollars!—you can better imagine his dilemma, than I can describe it. But these “big lumps” (although they are somewhat stimulating) are not the most valuable part of mining, as far as I can learn, for the miners have more confidence in the “Flats” and hill sides, where they can regularly realize from half an ounce to six ounces daily, and I am told the latter is not an uncommon yield to each hand—at any rate it seems to me enormous, where, I supposed from reports, that the country had been “worked out,” but since the Bear River Canal company have engaged in the enterprise for bringing water to this section, I believe the gold territory has been greatly developed and extends miles further than was supposed a year ago, and is sufficient to give employment to thousands of men.

to give employment to thousands, and to amply reward the industrious adventurer!

In alluding to the Bear River Water Company, I may express my astonishment at the magnitude of their work; truly, we, who reside and confine ourselves to the cities, know but little that is going on "up country." This company, I am credibly informed, have expended about half a million of dollars, and are now beginning to be repaid, handsomely, for their great outlay, and when the surface water drains off, and their distributing branches are completed, they undoubtedly will receive a splendid return.

I find my communication growing long, before I can enumerate half that is going on, in the way of saw and quartz mills, lime kilns, plank roads, &c., but must reserve them for another, if such things are acceptable to you. I intend to extend my explorations more extensively before returning to city life. Yours truly,

PROSPECTOR.

CALIFORNIA METHODIST EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE.—This body, after being in session at San Francisco nearly a week, brought its labors to a close on Tuesday. The following list embraces the appointments made for Sacramento District:

- Sacramento District—J. D. Blain, P. E.
- Sacramento—R. B. Stratton.
- Stockton—G. S. Phillips.
- Placerville—B. F. Rawlins.
- Diamond Springs—W. S. Turner.
- Ione and Drytown—G. B. Taylor.
- Volcano—To be supplied.
- Mokelumne Hill—I. B. Fish.
- Vallecita—J. McHenry Caldwell.
- Columbia and Springfield—A. S. Gibbons.
- Sonora—David Deal.
- Mariposa—Joseph Pettit.
- San Joaquin—To be supplied.
- Calaveras—H. B. Sheldon.
- Sacramento River and Cache Creek—Jno. Bennem.

SELECT BOARDING SCHOOL FOR BOYS.—The select boarding school of Rev. C. M. Blake, located at Benicia, is highly spoken of, as suitable for the preparatory education of boys designing to enter college or to qualify themselves for a business pursuit. Pupils are understood

for a business pursuit. Pupils, we understand, are in attendance from different parts of the State; and parents in this region speak very flatteringly of the manner in which their sons have improved under the admirable tutorage bestowed upon them. California is much in want of schools, and this presents one of the best, as it is among the first opportunities offered to parents for the education of their children.

SAN FRANCISCO WHIG. — The *Whig* announces to its readers, that it has made an arrangement to obtain regular correspondence from Washington City, New York, and Boston, and will soon be in receipt of letters regularly from other leading cities in the Union, and also from Europe

We are gratified to hear so favorable an account of the business success and prospects of the *Whig*, and anticipate for it a brilliant and successful fortune, in its able advocacy of those real interests peculiar to California and the Pacific, and of those principles and measures which lie at the foundation of the *Whig* party.

THE *Stockton Republican* contains later intelligence, confirming the report of the killing of Mr. Starkie, by the Mariposa Indians, and the subsequent attack of the whites upon the savages, with a loss of twenty or thirty of the latter. It is even rumored that the Indians had had an engagement for three hours with the regulars at Fort Miller, but this lacks confirmation.

WELLS, FARGO & Co., by their attention in supplying us with late copies of down-river and interior papers, have laid us under renewed obligations.