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**San Joaquin Intelligence.**

STOCKTON AND VICINITY.—The *Republican* of Saturday says, the report that the jury who tried Turner for the murder of Taylor, stood eight for hanging and four for acquittal, was incorrect. Only one or two were in favor of a verdict for murder, four were for “not guilty,” and the rest were probably in favor of a conviction for “manslaughter.”

AUSTRALIA.—Quite a passion prevails in some parts of the southern mines for emigration to Australia, and within the past week, it is calculated, not less than one hundred men have passed through Stockton, en route for the new El Dorado. We fear that many persons will be disappointed. It appears from private advices that miners are as frequently foiled in Australia as they are in California; that some make large fortunes in a few days, whilst others do not realise their daily bread.

THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER.—The *Republican* says the steamer Marysville returned from her experimental trip to the neighborhood of Fort Miller, on Thursday morning. The boat traveled some three hundred and forty miles, and did not meet with any obstacle to the navigation. We are assured that there are no snags in the river, no rapids of a formidable character; and a gentleman who accompanied the expedition, declares the San Joaquin to be the noblest river in California. We regret that the expedition was unprofitable to the enterprising projectors, the population in the Fort Miller region being but small and the miners of the Fresno having been driven off by the high water. Only \$1000 worth of goods were disposed

er. Only \$1000 worth of goods were disposed of. The steamer San Joaquin left Stockton for Fort Miller yesterday, with stores for the Indian settlement.

**FRENCH CAMP AND RAGTOWN.**—A correspondent of the *Republican*, writing from French Camp, says: At present, business here is quiet, compared with what it has been for some six or eight weeks past. The mart of this section now is Ragtown, situated some three-fourths of a mile north of the main town and at the head of navigation. Ragtown consists of some thirty odd business-looking fabrics at this time, and I presume to say that before another week it will contain as many more, notwithstanding that most of us suppose its life will be a short one.

We take the following from the same paper:

**FROM CARSON'S.**—The weather still continues delightful; not a cloud has obscured the sky for a month past. Flour has fallen as low as \$20 per hundred pounds, and all other articles of provisions in proportion. In the meantime the miners having claims have been doing well. The tunnel company a short time ago broke out a two pound lump. Many claims on Albany Flat, in the immediate vicinity, are doing well. Welsh, Tason & Co. are carting their dirt more than half a mile, and are averaging forty dollars per day to the man.

We have had quite an excitement here since the late San Andreas outrage. The miners of this camp were out in bands on active service for several days in search of depredating greasers who were supposed to be on the wing in this vicinity, but no arrests were made. A vigilance committee was formed on Monday last for the purpose of ferreting out any evil doers; at least we are going to watch them.

**FROM MARIPOSA.—THE INDIANS QUIET.**—The report circulated in regard to the Indians attacking Fort Miller, and the killing of Mr. Converse, on the San Joaquin, is unfounded. Some of the Chouchilla Indians made some little disturbance, such as often happens among them, but it was immediately quelled, and no excitement whatever was created. A gentle-

man just from Tulare reports the Indians at that place friendly and quiet. During the flood the inhabitants were compelled to subsist for several weeks on barley; but at the present time everything is in a thriving condition. The miners in Mariposa and vicinity are doing well, and the roads are in as good condition as ever, with the exception of a few bad places; the stages will run whenever passengers enough can be had to make it an object.