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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, March 24.

MESSRS. EDITORS—The Militia bill, which was under discussion when the 2 o'clock steamer left, was passed this afternoon after debate and having been amended.

During the debate Mr. SOULE facetiously suggested an amendment providing that the soldiers in future Indian wars shall receive as pay \$10 for each scalp they bring in. He remarked, that had this rule been adopted before some of the brave warriors who had gained titles and epaulettes would find their pockets in the end rather flat.

Mr. WALTON remarked that a difficulty arose as to what fund these \$10 pieces should be paid from. He suggested that they should be paid out of the moneys to be received from San Francisco after the Water Lot act is repealed.

By the passage of the act, all the old humbug system, with its scores of valiant Brigadier Generals, Colonels and Majors, is swept away. The Governor is allowed simply seven Aids, each with the rank of Colonel of cavalry. The bill also provides that troops hereafter called out as militia shall receive only such pay as is allowed to U. S. troops. When this amendment passed, Mr. ROBINSON rose and said that this was "glory enough for one day," and that the people need not hereafter fear any Indian wars.

When this subject was disposed of, (you will recollect that the bill originated in the Senate, and has yet to go into the Assembly,) the Telegraph bill was taken up, so amended as to enable other companies to introduce their wires into the various cities through which the proposed line is to run, and passed.

The bill allowing Mr. Freamer (Mustang) to construct a plank road from the head of the Sacramento valley to the Oregon line was then taken up.

Mr. LOTT ably defended the measure, remarking that from the line of this road, branches were to be run in various directions.

Mr. VAN BUREN opposed the bill on the ground of its unconstitutionality.

Mr. BRODERICK would vote for the bill provided he can be satisfied that it is constitutional, but he thought there were many objections to the bill in its present form. He desired it to be recommitted.

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The bill proposes to grant to Mr. Freamer 200 yards on each side of the road.

The Senate adjourned without passing the measure.

The Assembly were occupied this afternoon in the debate on the measure to allow the Governor to appoint a temporary Justice of the Supreme Court, in order that the Bench may be full during the absence of Judge Heydenfeldt. Nothing definite however was effected.

SACRAMENTO NEWS.—The Sacramento papers of yesterday (received through Gregory) are destitute of news. The excitement in Marysville has entirely subsided, Tanner being unmolested in the hands of the law.

The damage done on the North Fork of the American river by the late freshet, says the *Sac. Union*, will be very great, many companies having brought timber down to the river, out of which they intended to construct flumes during the coming season. Innumerable tools, sluices and toms also departed on voyages of discovery, and all the coyote holes and shafts on the bars were nicely smoothed over; but the indefatigable miners are at work again, and generally doing well. There will be a very large amount of capital expended on fluming this stream in the coming summer, and judging from past experience, although the failures will not be few, still the general average will be good.

Snow fell at Eureka (thirty-five miles north of Nevada) to the depth of eight feet and four inches during the late storm.

A share in the Sacramento *Daily Union* is offered for sale. An advertisement will be found in another column.

OUR BUSINESS RELATIONS WITH THE EVENING PICAYUNE.—The proprietors of the *Alta California*, noticing the statement in the *Evening Picayune* of yesterday, complaining of the non-fulfillment of certain business arrangements between the two establishments, as also the ill-natured and unjust comments of that journal upon the circumstance, have only to inform

the publishers of the *Picayune* that they are prepared to go into either a private or public investigation of the causes which led to the derangement of the late business transactions, whenever it may please the gentlemen of that establishment to set about "proving" the justness and truth of their imputations and inuendoes. We cannot consent to notice their ridiculous and wanton charges and petty malevolence in any other way.

AUSTRALIAN ROYAL MAIL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.—Efforts are already on foot in England to open a direct and regular communication by steam be-

tween that country and her auriferous colonies in the South Pacific. A company has been formed with the above title, and a capital of £500,000, for the purpose of immediately establishing a line of iron steam propellers. The plan is—1st. To establish a bi-monthly communication with Australia by means of four large iron screw steamers, touching at the Cape de Verd Islands, the Cape of Good Hope, King George's Sound, Adelaide, and Port Philip, on the way to and from Sydney. This will require at once an expenditure of £200,000. 2d. To extend this to a monthly communication as soon as possible. For this part of the plan an additional £200,000 will be required in the course of the second year. 3d. To supply, as experience proves to be expedient, steam

communication between Australia, the Indian Archipelago, and England, and with a view to accomplish such important objects it is proposed to take power to increase the capital of the Company to £1,000,000.

☞ The proceedings of the Common Council last evening, are unavoidably crowded out.