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### From Shasta.

A copy of the *Shasta Courier*, of the 26th inst. has been received, abounding with interesting news. We make up from it the following summary :

A meeting was to have been held on the evening of the 26th inst., to form a company to hunt the Pitt River Indians from the Sacramento trail. Capt. Weatherlow, a veteran Indian fighter, is willing to make the attempt with a small company of experienced men.

A new trail, leading from French Gulch to Yreka, has been opened. This trail leads up Clear Creek to French Gulch, crosses the Trinity divide, and strikes Trinity river at Sherman & Pendleton's ferry, about six miles below Varry's well known ranch.

Miners about French Gulch are doing well.

The *Courier* says : " A party of Coast Range Indians, on the 11th inst., Mr. Tracy, of Adams & Co's Express, writes us, run off some five or six head of horses belonging to Mr. Thomas Middleton, near Red Bank Creek. As soon as the theft was known, Henry Lutman and John Breckenbridge started in pursuit. They came up with the Indians the day following, when a most desperate encounter ensued, the two white men putting the entire band to flight, after killing eight of their number."

An Indian, suspected of stealing an ox, was shot at Woodmen's ranch. Afterwards the ox

shot at Woodman's ranch. Afterwards the ox was found mired, and the Indian shown to have been killed without real cause.

On Tuesday, the 22d inst., an Indian was captured and shot through the head, by order of some white men on Cottonwood, for stealing a bag of hard bread. Next day another was hung at Reading's ranch, by permission of Maj. Reading, for attempting to steal beef.

Joaquin and a portion of his band are believed by the *Courier* to be lurking about somewhere in the Northern region. On this subject it says :

Mr. Lusk, of Rhodes & Lusk's, and Mr. Tracy, of Adams & Co.'s Express, say that six Mexicans, carrying each twenty-four shots, passed through Colusa a few days since, on their way up the Sacramento Valley. The same party, a few days after, were observed by Mr. Morse, of Baxter & Co.'s line of stages, on the road a short distance below this place. Just before leaving Colusa, one of the party, with a scar upon his cheek, and in other respects answering to the description of Joaquin, remarked to some persons present that they might not know him then, but that they would hear from him in a short time.

The *Courier* gives the following mining intelligence :

**BIG LUMP.**—A short time since Mr. Kelly took out of his claim at Lower Springs a lump of gold weighing 26 ozs., less two bits. The claim of Mr. K., we believe, lies immediately across the old stage road.

**ANOTHER.**—Mr. Hiram Boice, one day last week, found a lump weighing 10½ ozs. in his claim in Mad Ox Canon.

**STILL ANOTHER.**—Mr. Gilmore exhibited to us a handsome specimen, worth \$152, which he dug up the past week in his claim in Jackass Flat.

**AND YET ANOTHER.**—Foley & Hughes last week took a lump worth upwards of \$50 out of their claim on the bank of Clear Creek, opposite Morrowville. (French Gulch.) The day following, the claim yielded the two upwards of \$100.

The *Courier* says that :

The command under Lieuts. Bates and Radford,

recently sent over the Sacramento trail to Yreka, at last accounts was stopping about twenty-five miles this side of Shasta Valley, and about fifty miles beyond the Sugar Loaf Mountain, the scene of the late Indian fight.

Who ever heard of United States troops being present *at* an Indian fight ?

HEALTH OF THE ISTHMUS.—We have already spoken on this subject ; but that our readers may have all the benefit of an endorsed denial of the reported sickness on the Isthmus, we give place to the following correspondence :

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26, 1853.

MR. C. F. LOTT, Purser Steamship California—Dear Sir:—It was my good fortune to be a passenger, with my wife and child, on the steamship California, during her last passage from Panama to this place. I was accordingly on the Isthmus about the time that the Sierra Nevada left Panama, and am able therefore, from personal knowledge, to contradict the report of sickness on the Isthmus—circulated here from that steamship.

I have crossed the Isthmus five times, and never found it more healthy—or, indeed, as healthy—as during my recent transit.

I am happy at my ability to make this statement, for the reason, that I should be sorry that travelers by such unfounded reports should be diverted from patronizing a line of steamships so well worthy of patronage as those in the Pacific Mail Line,—on board of which every effort possible is made to promote the health and comfort of passengers.

Very respectfully, yours,

B. G. LATIMER.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25, 1853.

C. F. LOTT, Esq.—My Dear Sir: In reply to your note of this morning, I am happy to inform you that I have received many letters from my family, as well as from some of my old professional friends, who one and all assure me that Panama—and, in fact, the Isthmus—is as healthy as they have known it for the last three years.

There have been a few cases of sickness down at the Island of Toboga, some of which terminated fatally.

My anxiety for my own family, as well as old and esteemed friends, who still remain in Panama, urged me to make inquiries among the passengers that came up on the three last boats. I am happy to say that they confirm the intelligence I had received by

that they confirm the intelligence I had received by my letters. With great respect,

I am, my dear sir, yours, &c.,  
E. A. THELLER.

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SAN FRANCISCO, March 26, 1853.

CHAS. F. LOTT, Esq., Purser of Steamship California—Dear Sir: Having learned, since my arrival in this city, that it is currently reported that it is very sickly on the Isthmus, especially in Panama, I regard it as due to my friends, and to all whom it may concern, to certify that I was in Panama twenty-four hours previous to the sailing of the steamship California, on which I came passenger, and that I visited the city extensively, in company with gentlemen resident there, who had every opportunity of knowing if sickness was prevailing there, and I obtained no information, and heard no intimation of any prevailing sickness, and it is my opinion that there is no unusual sickness there, and that passengers who may desire to cross the Isthmus by way of Panama, have nothing to fear from any prevailing disease.

JOSHUA SOULE.

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SAN FRANCISCO, March 26, 1853.

CHAS. F. LOTT, Esq., Purser Steamship California—Dear Sir: In reply to your note of this date, I can state that I was on the Isthmus and at Panama five days previous to the sailing of the steamship California, and during that time I made particular inquiry of personal friends, druggists and professional gentlemen, respecting the health of the place, and by all of them I was assured that for several weeks the place had been entirely free from malignant disease, and they considered that Panama had seldom been more healthy than at the time I made these inquiries.

Truly yours,

J. P. ECKELS, M. D.

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PLACERVILLE.—Ten handsome residences have lately been erected in this place.