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Sacramento Daily Union, Volume 5, Number 629, 29 March 1853 — Latest from Shasta mid Yreka.
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Latest from Shasta and Yreka.—Indian Depredations.—Three Men Shot!

We are indebted to Adams & Co.'s Express for the following highly interesting news:

On the 23d inst. John Neilon, with a train of forty mules and ten men arrived at Shasta from Yreka, by the Sacramento route. As they approached the foot of the "Sugar Loaf mountain," some 35 miles distant from Shasta, they were startled by the explosion of fire arms and loud shouting. On the top of "Sugar Loaf," as they ascended, a train of seventy mules and twenty men were met—the men being principally Mexicans. They were in great confusion, and had just suffered an attack from the Indians. Two men of this train had been wounded. When attacked, it was passing the summit of "Sugar Loaf."

The Mexican leading the bell mule was shot by an Indian who came boldly out into the trail. He was shot by an arrow through the bridge of the nose, taking the left eye entirely out. The fight was maintained running—the object of the packers being to save their mules.

At the time the second party came up, the Indians occupied a natural defence formed by large rocks, above the trail, and surrounded thickly by mansanita bushes, rendering it, with the property to be protected, impregnable for the Indians.

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As Mr. Neilon and party proceeded, they could still hear the firing. He supposes the Mexican train must have lost ten or twenty of their mules and cargoes.

Several mules have been killed near Shasta in the last week.

No attacks are heard of from other sources.

An Indian was shot on a cottonwood tree, on the evening of the 22d. He was caught in the act of stealing, and four bullets were shot into him.

Major Reading has caught an old offender, and it was understood that he was to be hung on the 24th.

LATER.—Since the foregoing was in type, we have received the *Shasta Courier*, containing the following account of the same transaction :

A TERRIBLE FIGHT WITH THE PITT RIVER INDIANS.—Mr. John Neilon arrived in this place on Wednesday last, bringing information of a very severe fight between a number of packers and the Pitt River Indians on Sugar Loaf Mountain.

He arrived at the Sugar Loaf Mountain, on his return trip from Yreka, about noon of last Tuesday in company with a party of 10 men and 40 mules, where he met Mr. Bruner, with a party of about 20 men, engaged in a severe conflict with the Indians. He represents the mountain literally alive with these red devils, who had selected a position where they had every advantage over the whites, the only indications of their presence being a continual flight of arrows, accompanied by the most terrific yells. Mr. N. and his party—their mules unpacked—fought their way through at once, leaving Bruner and his men to make good their way over the mountain. When Mr. N. reached the Back Bone, he heard firing in the direction of the Sugar Loaf, and supposed that Bruner's party was still engaged with the Indians.

The Indians had fire-arms, but did no execution with them, not charging their guns with a sufficient quantity of powder. One of Mr. Neilon's men, a Mexican by the name of Pedro Caino, had his left eye shot clean out. He is now in town under the care of Dr. Baldwin. Mr. N. also saw one of Bruner's party, a Mexican, severely wounded in the

ner's party, a Mexican, severely wounded in the fight by an arrow. How many of Bruner's party were killed is not known here at this time, no parties having arrived over that trail since the fight.

Mr. Durand, with a pack train, was met by Mr. N. about ten miles beyond the scene of conflict. He had two of his mules shot the same day, although he succeeded in saving their cargoes.

Sugar Loaf Mountain is about twenty five miles to the north of this place immediately on the Sacramento trail leading from Shasta to Yreka.

EDITORIAL CHANGE.—Mr. Pixley, of the *San Francisco Whig*, has retired from its editorial management, and is succeeded by James D. Whelpley, Esq., a gentleman of distinguished reputation as a writer and experience as an editor. He was formerly, as we recollect, editor of the *American Whig Review*, and his talents and accomplishments, we anticipate, will prove a decided acquisition to the editorial chair in the State. The recent leaders in the *Whig*, upon the Clayton and Bulwer Treaty and English aggressions, generally, we presume, were from his pen. They exhibit the writer's intimate knowledge of the subject, and presented some facts relative to the origin of the Monroe doctrine that we had not before noticed. But the sentiments and opinions expressed struck us as sounding a little extravagant.

A LOVELY SPECTACLE.—Mr. A. Delano, better known as "Old Block," writing from Grass Valley to the *Times and Transcript*, says that on Sunday, the 20th inst., a Sabbath School procession of seventy little boys and girls, marched through the streets under the escort of their various teachers. A spectacle of this nature always brings to mind the injunction of Christ: "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

EXCITEMENT AT KNIGHT'S LANDING—A

MEXICAN WHIPPED!—Mr. Lusk, the express messenger of Adams & Co., informs us that a Mexican was whipped by the people at Knight's landing, on the Sacramento, Saturday evening last, for robbing the house of Mr. Snowball, of clothing, female apparel, &c. A hundred lashes were inflicted upon his bare back.

Knight's Landing is situated about fifteen miles above Fremont.

CURIOSITIES.—Mr. B. P. Moore, of No. 75 Third street, will accept our thanks for the literary curiosities with which he has favored us, viz: two copies of the *Independent Chronicle*, published at Boston, December, 1794, and printed by Adams & Larkin. We may have occasion to quote from these papers hereafter.

BAELS.—A perfect mania seems to exist in the mining towns for routs and balls. Our interior exchanges teem with accounts of the pleasures enjoyed at these places of amusement, and the large number of ladies who give them their attendance.

DUTCH CREEK.—On this creek, the *Miners' Advocate* says, the miners are doing well. Some of them are making as high as \$60 a day, while none are realising less than \$8.

THE CIRCUS.—Lee & Marshall's Circus was to perform in Placerville on Saturday, Sunday and Monday nights. On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings it was to perform in Coloma.

STAGING.—The Express line of stages between Placerville and Sacramento have reduced the fare to \$8. Two daily lines are in regular operation.

JOAQUIN.—This notorious mountain robber

was lately seen by Mr. Pomeroy, of Mokelumne Hill, at the Upper Rancheria, and recognized by a well known scar on his cheek.

SOLD.—The *Placer Herald* says that Mr. C. Green has disposed of his line of stages between Sacramento and Auburn.

WE ARE under obligations to Rhodes & Lusk's Express, for a copy of the *Shasta Courier* of the 26th inst.

ADAMS & Co. will accept our thanks for down river letters, and the *Herald* and *Alta* of Sunday.