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**Trinity County Correspondence--Political Intelligence--Mining News--Indian Disturbances, &c.**

WEAVERVILLE, March 24th.

*Messrs. Editors:* Notwithstanding the many disadvantages attendant upon a continuous snow and rain for the past three weeks, our village has continued to flourish. Four or five new houses are about being finished, and many old ones have been thoroughly repaired. Indeed, our village looks comparatively city-like, and we can now say to all who may visit this place of health and prosperity, that they need not trouble themselves with their bedding, nor entertain the least fears of lodging out doors, as heretofore.

Many new traders have lately come in, and judging from this, we conclude there must be some anticipated rush for this portion of the mines. One infallible indication of the prosperity of this village is, that already two Jews have found their way here—*prima facie* evidence of the prosperity of any village. There are at this time five hotels here; five regular trading houses; drinking houses too numerous to mention, and one dairy about to be established.

Judge Williams, Gen. Denver, and others, arrived here a few days since, and took the reins of the Democracy of this place; and as in all instances they are quite tractable. They are all trained to work in single and double harness. However, it is thought, with all their drilling, that the *would-be monarchs* will have quite a time in getting the people of Trinity County to consent to his annoying another Legislature. Nor is it believed that the State will be

run to the enormous expense of another contested election. Mr. R. G. Stuart has declared himself a candidate for the Senate from this district. Mr. Stuart is a Whig, and came before the people at the solicitation of no few influential Democrats. He is a young man of not only intellectual, but moral worth; and if genuine merit demands any thing at our hands, would certainly receive the support of an honest community. Though he is Whig in his feelings and opinions, he is honestly a Whig, and not for self-aggrandisement, his motto being: the greatest good, for the greatest number.

One of our Justices of the Peace having his curiosity fully appeased as to the honor and profit attached to that office here, resigned some time since, and a new election has been ordered. This election, which comes off in a few days, has created quite an excitement here, almost equal to Col. Harper's Indian War Expedition. There are now not less than five candidates for this office. They certainly must look forward to the flattering prospects for a summer's litigation. Indeed, such is the condition of things here, that every body has turned lawyer. The monte dealers have concluded that the last is more profitable than a game of chance, and have gone to the practice. Some have united the two professions, and they work admirably and yield handsomely.

The mining prospects of this county are more flattering than ever. The damming companies begin to meet, and river claims are looking up again. The Arkansas Damming Company, owning the largest and by far the richest claim on Trinity river, met on the 13th instant, to make arrangements for working that claim. The dam will be let out to contractors. The race, with very little additional labor, can be made to turn two miles of the river. On nearly every bar on the river, there are companies erecting wheels and dams. The hill diggings continue rich; but, owing to the difficulty about the water, which is brought in by companies, but few can work to advantage. The water tax is too great. Originally, there were but two water companies, which in summer took in their races all the water in East and West Weaver Creeks. Now, there are a dozen, and consequently the whole mining commu-

dozen, and consequently, the whole mining community is kept in commotion. A suit is now pending, which, it is to be hoped, will settle all difficulties. The question to be settled is, whether priority of races gives right to the water. If so, a few men are rich, without doubt; for they have an immense and very rich mining country at their disposal. And the result will be, that men who might do well will be compelled to go on the rivers and creeks. The Indians have commenced anew their depredations. They but a short time since murdered a gentleman on Trinity, and took his packs and pack train. A party went in pursuit of them, and followed them to the South Fork of the Trinity river, where they could hear the Indians on every mountain top, but could not see or get near them. While in this Indian land they concluded to prospect this fork of the Trinity river. Having nothing but tin cups, they washed the dirt in them, and in many places got from five to ten cents to the cup full. As soon as they can get a company sufficient to keep off the Indians, they will start for that river and prospect it more thoroughly.

WINTER.

**A LOQUACIOUS RAVEN.**—A correspondent in Trinity, writes us as follows in relation to the speaking bird of the mountains:

Quite an excitement is produced here by the talking of a raven, which early last fall was shot and its wing broken. This bird has been supplied with food by the miners of this neighborhood. From necessity it was thrown upon the charity of the miners; it visited from cabin to cabin, and got its food. A few days since a company of young men from Jefferson City, Missouri, observing the movements of this most intelligent bird, concluded to tie it and make a pet. It had become perfectly gentle, and no one ever pretended to abuse the confidence of old *Tar-head*, as it was called from the fact that its head had been gummed over with pine pitch. They had trained it to catch a piece of meat when thrown quite across the cabin, as well as a monkey.

Becoming insulted at the treatment of these young men, it concluded to quit its home, and immediately set about untying the string, which it accomplished very soon. They got a piece of raw hide and confined "old *Tar-head*." While they were about this,

Tar-head, touched with the sting of persecution, with indignation turned his head up and broke silence, by saying: What do you mean? These were the first words it spoke. This appears incredible; but you must acknowledge not more so than the secret knockings, and holding converse with the dead, which many believe. If I were to tell you that a Mountain Digger Indian had learned to speak the English language, you would not be at all surprised. And I can assure you that the ravens of the mountains are by far the more intelligent of the two. The only advantage the Indians have, is, that they can kindle a fire. I shall shortly make Tar-head a visit.

THE BALL.—The Ball which was to have been given at the American Fork House, on last Thursday evening, and which was postponed on account of the inclement weather, will come off on Thursday evening next. Preparations are being made on quite a liberal scale, and the affair will no doubt go off with great *eclat*.

SENATOR CLEMENS AND HENRY CLAY.—Mr. Clemens, in concluding his brilliant speech in the U. S. Senate on non-intervention, made the following beautiful allusion to the Father of the Whig party, the illustrious Henry Clay. It is a noble and well-deserved tribute from the youngest member of the Senate to its greatest ornament:

“Mr. President, we have all read recently, and none of us I trust without deep feeling, the opinions of the venerable statesman whose bodily infirmity now keeps him from among us. Who is there with a higher wisdom than his? Who is there with a wider experience? Who is there with so few motives to deceive himself or others as to the true interests of his country? His voice comes to us clothed with all the sanctity the grave can give, with the added knowledge of existing things, which the grave must take away. Standing upon the verge of two worlds, and looking back upon that which he is about to leave, his heart swelling with a patriotism little less than holy, his vision clear and unclouded by the passions and prejudices which dim our sight, he

the passions and prejudices which dim our sight, he tells us that ours is a mission of peace, not a mission of blood ; that to avoid all interference in the affairs of other nations, to preserve our own independence, to live for America, to labor for America, and, if need be, to die for America, is a sacred duty, the performance of which will best serve the cause of human liberty in every land beneath the sun. Sir, I shall follow his advice. If my own judgment differed from his, I should distrust it, and feel inclined rather to be governed by the suggestions of him whom all men of every party have agreed to name patriot, statesman, sage."

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COMMERCE OF ST. LOUIS.—A committee of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, in answer to a call from the Secretary of the Treasury, has made a report of the amount done in that city. The report estimates the trade of St. Louis, at the present time, at \$60,000,000 per annum, and the amount of exchange sold at \$30,000,000 a year.