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The steamer Ohio arrived at the bay on the 25th inst., after a passage of five days from San Diego. We have received through Gregory's Express, late copies of the *San Diego Herald* and *Los Angeles Star*. From these journals we glean the following intelligence :

On the 12th April the citizens of San Diego were alarmed by a very severe shock of an earthquake, which continued some thirty seconds. An adobe house, with a tiled roof, situated near the Plaza at Old Town, was destroyed by the shock. The motion was vibratory and oscillating from west to east, and it is more than probable that it had its origin in some of the islands lying to the westward of us, whose volcanic construction renders them at any moment liable to a visitation of this nature.

Andrew B. Gray, Esq. having been removed from the office of Chief Surveyor of the U. S. Boundary Commission, Major Emory unites in his person the joint offices of principal Surveyor and Chief Astronomer for the American Commission, as Mr. Salazar does in Mexico.

ARRIVAL OF GOVERNMENT COURIER FROM THE GILA.—The Government Courier from the Gila reached here on the 14th inst., four days from Camp Yuma, bringing despatches for the Commanding General of the Division and the mail for the Atlantic States. By this arrival we have advices as late as the morning of the 10th. The route over the Desert is daily becoming worse, owing to the scarcity of water and grass, and as a consequence much

ty of water and grass, and as a consequence, much suffering will be endured by the train of animals now employed on the road. The transport schooner Sierra Nevada is moored in the Colorado, at a point distant seventy miles from Camp Yuma. The contractors are indefatigable in their endeavors to supply the post from the vessel, but owing to a loss of one of their flatboats, they fail to meet, to any great extent, the want of the troops. A thorough examination of the river has been made, and all parties are satisfied that it can be safely navigated by small steamers, such as are used on the Ohio—a fact of no small importance, inasmuch as it demonstrates a problem hitherto wanting solution, that a line of posts can now be established upon the Gila, with a certainty of being supplied with facility, and that promptness so necessary to the success of all military operations, and will secure to us an easy transit of travel over a route which but for Indian depredations, would be considered by every body as the most feasible of the numerous land routes leading from the old States to our favored country. We congratulate our citizens on the prospect before us, and if no other result had attended the recent campaign on the Gila, the money necessary for its outfit would have been well and satisfactorily expended. Major Heintzelman, with that energy and promptness that has ever attended his command, has been active in the pursuit of the Indians, and they have received a lesson that will long be remembered on the Gila. Their fields have been destroyed, and they themselves been driven to the mountains.

The following handsome compliment is paid by the *Herald* to the officers of the company of dragoons who were encamped at Norris' Ranch during a portion of last summer:

Co. A., FIRST DRAGOONS, commanded by Lieut. Stoneman, and Company F, 2d Infantry, under charge of Lt. Frasier, arrived here on the 13th inst. Co. C, Lt. Roy arrived yesterday. The whole are en route for Benicia. We, in common with our readers, regret the departure of this fine body of troops, officered by young officers of tried energy and zeal. Their services have been invaluable during their short campaign in our district, and entitle them to the thanks of our people.

The above companies were to have left on the U. S. Transport bark Anita, on the 17th inst.

The schooner Santiago arrived on the 14th inst., in 10 days from San Francisco.

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SALT SPRING MINES.—A letter has been received by the President of the Salt Spring Mining Company from the Superintendent of the works, representing the appearance, prospects, &c. as very flattering. It is gratifying to learn that the labor and capital which has been invested in this enterprise is meeting with its reward.—*Los Angeles Star*.

SCHOOL.—We learn that a school will be opened on Monday morning, at the house of Don Manuel Garfias, under the superintendence of Miss Julia Dalton.—*Star*.

LOWER CALIFORNIA.—Captain Don Manuel Castro, Mexican Commandante of the neighboring frontier, is in town. Our readers will remember that a few weeks since, we commented on the inhuman murder of two American citizens, (Van Ness and McDonald,) by a party of Mexican soldiers, headed by an officer. We are rejoiced to learn that Captain Castro has taken the matter in hand, having arrested, ironed, and despatched the accused to La Paz for trial before a Court Martial. We doubt not justice will be meted out with an even hand, for Capt. Castro is determined to use his influence and office towards redeeming the stigma now resting upon his command, growing out of the murder above alluded to.—*San Diego Herald*.

The wharf at San Diego, new town, has been purchased by the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. for ten thousand dollars.

MURDER AND LYNCHING AT SAN ANTONIO.—We learn the following particulars of an inhuman murder and its signal punishment, which occurred at a place near San Jose, called San Antonio, last Friday week.

A Mexican and a Peruvian were travelling in company, peddling goods. They arrived at San Antonio on the afternoon of Friday, and asked permission of the occupant of a house to stay there all night, which was granted. While sleeping under the corridor, which place they had selected in order that they might protect their goods, an Indian cook stealthily approached, and striking the Mexican on the head, nearly severed it at one blow, killing him instantly. The assassin then attacked the Peruvian with the same weapon, and cut and bruised him in such a manner that no hopes are entertained of his recovery. On learning what had taken place, the citizens sallied out in pursuit of the Indian in the morning, and soon found him; but it was only after a desperate resistance that he was finally captured. He was firmly bound, and as it was determined to execute him immediately, he was told that he had but an hour to live. He said his sentence was per-

out an hour to live. He said his sentence was perfectly right, that he deserved death, &c., but asked that his hands might be loosed, that he should not be kept suffering in the meantime. This request was granted, but no sooner were his hands at liberty than he used them to hurl a large stone at one of his captors, which struck him with such force as to inflict a severe wound. The citizens were now so exasperated that the Indian was hung without further ado.—*Los Angeles Star.*

A REGULAR LINE OF CLIPPER VESSELS FROM BOSTON TO SAN FRANCISCO.—We call attention to the advertisement, in another column, of Messrs. Flint, Peabody & Co., agents of the line at San Francisco, and as the subject is of interest to all who think of bringing their friends to this country, we give an extract from the *Boston Atlas*, received per last steamer :

A REGULAR LINE OF PACKETS TO SAN FRANCISCO.—Messrs. Glidden & Williams have organized a line of packets to sail regularly from this port for San Francisco every month certain, and oftener, according to the requirements of the trade. During the past six months they have despatched the following splendid clippers:—Witch of the Wave, Syren, Raven, Flying Fish, John Bertram, and Hoogly; also, the fine new ship Roebuck, and all regularly on the days they were severally advertised to sail. They are now loading the clipper ship Argonaut, which will sail on the 20th inst., and be succeeded by the new and beautiful clipper ship Antelope, which will sail on the 1st proximo. After her will follow another clipper ship, and also the well known favorite ship T. B. Wales, which will sail on the 20th of March. These vessels are all consigned to Messrs. Flint, Peabody & Co., at San Francisco. This well known firm have made arrangements with Messrs. Glidden & Williams, by which parties in San Francisco can secure passages in this line of packets for their friends here, who wish to emigrate to San Francisco. Considering the vast number of passengers at present waiting at Panama for the means of transportation to San Francisco, it is believed that many starting from here will reach their port of destination quicker by the ships of this line, than if they were to take their chance at Panama. Messrs. Glidden & Williams, in this city, and Messrs Flint, Peabody & Co., at San Francisco, are so intimately acquainted with the whole details of the trade between the two ports, that all who transact

business with them may rest assured, that whatever they undertake will be punctually and faithfully performed.