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Mr. G. C. Lusk, express messenger of Adams & Co., furnishes us with the following news :

At the Red Bluffs, on the Sacramento, above Colusi, on Thursday, Mr. Myers found two of his horses shot by Indians. One of them was pierced by three arrows, which were still sticking in him.

Mr. Tomlinson, a Shasta merchant, coming down the country met several of his teamsters at Cottonwood, who informed him that the Indians had run off twenty-four head of his work oxen. Having six or seven men with him, he mustered up a few others and started in pursuit of the thieves, declaring his determination to have a scalp for every ox stolen.

MORE OF THE PLANK ROAD.—Inasmuch as our estimable friend of the *Express* shows his teeth at us in his paper of Friday, and accuses us of “catching at everything which presents the semblance of an obstacle to the prosecution” of *their* plank road, we cannot forbear copying what the Nevada *Journal* says of the one we talked some time ago about building :

The *Herald* labors under an error in saying the “geographical position” of Marysville over Sacramento caused our citizens to “determine in favor of Marysville.” If the question had been one of geographical position alone, it would *instantly* have been decided in favor of Sacramento. We have urged from the start that Sacramento was the natural point whence Nevada county could most cheaply and readily draw its supplies. It seems inexplicable to the Marysville papers—especially to the *Express*,

the Marysville papers—especially to the *Express*, which makes up in zeal a melancholy lack of discretion—how we can believe this of Sacramento, and yet favor the Marysville road. To us it is perfectly clear.

That is a greater “obstacle,” neighbor, than we have yet thought of interposing.

THANKS.—Mr. R. H. Vance, the daguerreotypist, is entitled to our thanks for taking the likenesses from which our engravings of the three murderers were procured, and Messrs. D. N. Hunt, Under Sheriff, and Capt. McDonald, of the prison brig, for obtaining the consent of the prisoners to have them taken.

OLD BULLION AT WASHINGTON.—It is said no man at Washington attracts so much attention as ex-Senator Benton—now a member of the House of Representatives. His advent in the House, will be an event to be noted. His character, talents, experience, and vast information, will give him an influence in that body possessed by no man since the days of John Q. Adams.

AN ASSAULT AT OAK HILL.—Mr. Robert E. Draper, who came into the city by the Coloma road on Friday afternoon, informs us that a teamster with his wagon, in which was a drunken man, stopped in front of the Oak Hill tavern, a few moments before he passed. The drunken man demanded liquor, which the landlord refused to let him have. He then procured a gun barrel, with which he made an assault upon a gentleman in the bar room, striking him a blow on the head, and injuring him very severely. Afterwards he assaulted the landlord, dealing him a blow across the arm, when, with the teamster and wagon, he departed. The names of the parties were not learned by Mr. Draper.

CLIPPER GOLDEN LIGHT—SAFETY OF SEVEN MORE OF HER CREW.—A letter was received

MORE OF HER CREW.—A letter was received at New York city on the 28th of March, dated Antigua, March 6th, containing the following news:

A vessel being about to sail for Baltimore, I hasten to acquaint you with the following: The *Golden Light* was struck by lightning on the night of the 22d ult., and set on fire in the fore hold; the crew endeavored to subdue the fire all night and all the next day without effect. The fire broke out on the 23d, at 8 A. M., and the captain, crew and passengers were compelled to abandon her. For this purpose, five boats were prepared to take the thirty-five souls—four whale boats and one ship's boat, two of the ship's boats having been previously lost. In leaving the ship, one boat with seven hands was left behind, in consequence of injuring the thwart or mast step in shipping the mast. They had no compass, and by the time sail was made, the other boats were out of sight. The boat's crew followed the captain's order to steer west, and, after a perilous passage, they made our island yesterday, to windward. The men have arrived in town, all well. Their names are Thomas Gordon, James Patrick, Albert Lawrence, William Copeland, Alexander Sinman, Charles Fin and Albino Gracis.

This present opportunity, the Sylph will probably be detained to take on the men.

The British bark *Robert Watt*, from Bristol, bound to Jamaica, with coals, struck on the North Reef on the 4th inst. She has been abandoned.

FROM MORMON ISLAND.—A gentleman informs us that a man slightly aberrated, committed suicide at Mormon Island on Thursday, by hanging himself. The dead body of another man was found on the road, shot, a few miles this side of Mormon Island, on the same day.

WASHINGTON ON DITS.—The special correspondent of the *Times and Transcript* gives the following gossip relative to the individual

the following gossip relative to the individual prospects and movements of Californians :

Mr. Hobbie's return to the position of First Assistant Postmaster General, must be regarded favorably in California. He is perfectly conversant with the wants of the Pacific domain in the matter of postal facilities, from several months employment on that coast in arranging the present system.

Among the passengers on the Illinois, to leave April 20th, are Ex-Governor McDougal and family. This will be the third trip Mrs. McDougal has made to California in five years, and she intends it for the last. Mr. T. O. Larkin and family are also shortly to take their final departure for their Pacific home. Mr. Samuel Brannan expects to sail on the 20th, but has purchased an elegant residence for his family in New York. Judge P. A. Morse is en route for New Orleans, whence he will take passage in the course of May or June with his family, to reside permanently in California. These are but a very small dortion of the expected household departures this spring. Hundreds of old as well as new Californians are making preparations to migrate with their families, and settle in the favored land of their adoption.

Among the current *on dits* may be mentioned the approaching nuptials of Hon. T. B. Van Buren and Miss Sheffield, a resident of or near Albany. It is expected that Senator Weller will consummate a similar union before the next session of Congress, but not until a visit to his constituents has intervened. Hon. J. W. McCorkle is regarded as the preferred suitor of Miss Donelson, one of the reigning "belles of the season;" and Mr. Latham is spoken of as having made his election sure, and being likely to grace the Capitol next winter with the presence of a fair bride, whose fascinations are recognized alike in the gay saloons of Washington and in the free domain of frontier life.

Colonel Bryant, lady and daughters are tarrying in town, awaiting the earliest opportunity to sail for California. It is a remarkable fact that three of the most accomplished musicians and singers in private society are now here, and on their way to the golden shores.

A COMPLIMENT.—Mr. First Comptroller Whittelsy—an excellent officer—tendered his resignation to Genl. Pierce, but upon the request of the President, has consented to withdraw it. It is supposed he will be retained, much to the dissatisfaction of those who had

hopes of getting their hands at an early day, into the public treasury.

LARGE IMPORTATION OF FURNITURE.—Messrs. Taylor & Newcomb have just received from the East, a most extensive importation in this line; for style, variety and cheapness, they can well compete with any other establishment in this country. Hotel and housekeepers would do well to give this magnificent stock an early inspection. Store No. 89 J street, between 3d and 4th.

AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.—J. B. Starr will sell at 11 o'clock, a large assortment of groceries; also, a two-story frame house.

SCHOOLS.—Hon. J. G. Marvin will please accept our thanks for the "Second Annual Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to the Legislature of California." The report is made by Judge Marvin as Superintendent, and contains much valuable information relative to public schools throughout the State.

In Sacramento county the number of white children, as reported in the census of 1852, between the ages of 4 and 18, was 2,151. No report has been received from the county this year.

Amount of school money assessed under the revenue law of 1852—\$3,616 01.

Amount paid into the State Treasury for the support of schools, up to January 18th, 1853—\$1,993 00.

THE STEAMER NEW WORLD.—We have received a communication from Mr. R. Chenery, agent of the Union Line of Steamers, requesting us to correct the statement made in yesterday's paper, that the New World had made the trip from Sacramento to this city in "five and a half hours." We quote from the letter, "The New World left Sacramento at 2 o'clock, and arrived at Pacific wharf at 8.35; consequently she must have been six hours and thirty-five minutes making the passage." We have

by five minutes making the passage. We have hitherto been extremely careful in making any statements concerning the trips of the river steamers, knowing that a generous rivalry between the lines, led those connected with them to regard newspaper assertions with great jealousy. The error mentioned above is one of those for which of course we must be responsible, though we are blameless for its occurrence. The papers from the interior are sent to the editorial room of this office immediately on the arrival of the boats from Sacramento, and with them, the name of the Express arriving *first* with the news. On Monday night Messrs. Adams & Co. favored us with the first papers, and their messenger, whose name we have not learned, distinctly reported repeatedly, that the above time had been made, with the request that mention might be made of it through our columns, which was accordingly done. We regret that the gentleman should have made such a mistake, or that we, trusting to the hitherto unfailing accuracy of the statements of the messengers, should have inserted such an improbable trip. The passage of the New World on this occasion she has frequently exceeded herself, and equal time has been achieved by every boat in the trade. When such active rivalry exists between the splendid boats on the Sacramento routes, the Express Messengers cannot be too strict in their reports of trips.—*San Francisco Whig*.