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The *Republican* has a leader on the business importance of Stockton, and thinks "that in less than six months we [Stockton] can boast of more brick houses in proportion, than even San Francisco."

A correspondent of the *Republican*, writing from Big Oak Flat, says:—"The miners at present are doing as well in this vicinity as they have done for the last two years."

A Convention of the Democratic party of Mariposa county will meet in the town of Mariposa on Saturday, June 12th, to nominate candidates for the State Assembly and Senate, to select delegates to the State Convention at Benicia, and to transact other business for the good of the party.

We take the following items from the *Sonora Herald* of the 8th inst. :

OPENING OF THE NEW ROAD.—The new road, coming in at the south end of Sonora, was opened on Saturday last, by the passage of one of the Stockton stages over it for the first time. All the stages now travel it, in preference to any other route. It passes through Campo Seco, and is much shorter and at the same time a better road than either of the old ones. Still it might be very much improved; and therefore we trust that the residents at this end of the city will use their endeavors to make it one of the best roads in the county. Property on South Washington street has risen in value since the opening of the road.

MINING NEWS.—In all parts of our county mining has been flourishing in an unprecedented manner since the 1st of March. Never were the miners of Tuolumne doing better; and never, at any period, was more gold extracted from the ground here. Our population has been steadily increasing, unoccupied grounds are being taken up

every day, improvements are visible in every camp, water-races are in operation, by which the miners are daily profiting; and, in truth, the greatest activity is discernible everywhere.

Among the late improvements we notice a very large double sluice which has been constructed at Springfield, by the Springfield Labor-saving Co. The head of the sluice is raised about 30 feet above the ground, up to which the dirt is hauled on rail cars. Underneath the staging which supports the sluice an engine is erected, which is kept in constant operation pumping a stream of water for the sluice from a well close at hand. It is also intended, when the arrangements of the company are fully completed, to haul up the dirt to the sluice by means of the engine—it being done at present by ox power. The company have tried their machinery several days, washing dirt which was close at hand, and we learn that the result has been poor.

AN ACT authorizing the Treasurer of the State to issue Bonds for the payment of the expenses of the Mariposa, Second El Dorado, Utah, Los Angeles, Clear Lake, Klamath and Trinity, and Monterey Expeditions against the Indians.

The People of the State of California, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:—

Section 1. A sum not exceeding six hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated and set aside as an additional war fund, payable in ten years, out of any moneys which may be appropriated by Congress to defray the expenses incurred by the State of California, and interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, in the suppression of Indian hostilities, or out of the proceeds of the sale of any public lands which may be donated or set aside by Congress for that purpose; and should no such appropriation or donation be made, or if an amount sufficient should not be appropriated or donated within the said ten years, then the bonds authorized to be issued by this act shall be good and valid claims against the State, and shall be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of the expeditions mentioned in this act.

Sec. 2. Such liabilities as have been incurred, allowed as provided by law, or may be allowed by the Board of Examiners, for the Mariposa Expedition; also, such accounts as have been or may be allowed, under legislative authority, for the Second El Dorado, Utah, Los Angeles, Clear Lake, Klamath and Trinity, and Monterey Expeditions against the Indians, shall be funded, or paid in bonds bearing seven per cent. interest per annum from the date of issuing the same.

Sec. 3. All accounts heretofore examined and allowed by the Board of Examiners, consisting of the Treasurer and Comptroller of State, and all other accounts of claims for services and supplies rendered in the foregoing campaigns, which have been examined and allowed by either branch of the present Legislature, and as shown by the

branch of the present Legislature, and as shown by the pay rolls and abstracts accompanying the same, or which may not have been so examined and allowed, shall by said board be again examined where warrants have not been issued, and if allowed, it is hereby made the duty of the Comptroller to issue his warrant on the Treasurer in favor of the person holding the claim so allowed, payable out of the war bonds; and the Treasurer shall, on presentation of such warrant, therefor exchange the bonds provided, to be created by a preceding section of this act.

Sec. 4. In the examination herein required to be made by the Comptroller and Treasurer, they are hereby fully empowered, whenever or wherever any mistake may be detected by them against the State, in the allowance which may have been made by either branch of the Legislature to claimants, to correct the same by a proper reduction thereof, and in the allowance to be made of claims which have not been examined, they shall have power, and are hereby required, to pay the officers and privates the same as is allowed by the act of March 17th, 1851, providing for the defence of the eastern frontier against the Indians, and shall limit their payment for supplies to the prices at which like articles were worth at date of such purchase, in the neighborhood where made.

Sec. 5. The State Treasurer is hereby authorized and required to cause suitable bonds to be provided for said payments in sums of one hundred, two hundred and fifty, five hundred, and one thousand dollars each.

Sec. 6. All such bonds shall be signed by the Treasurer in his official character, made payable to and endorsed by the Governor in his official character, who shall affix the seal of the State thereto, and countersigned by the Comptroller; which bonds, executed as aforesaid, shall be transferable by assignment on the bonds by the owner thereof, or by his attorney in fact, and bind the State for the faithful payment thereof.

Sec. 7. After the bonds shall have been countersigned by the Comptroller, it shall be his duty to make a register of the same in a book to be kept for that purpose, with the number and amount thereof, and deliver them to the Treasurer, charging him with the same. The Treasurer shall also keep a register of such bonds.

Sec. 8. Coupons for the interest shall be attached to each bond, so that they may be removed without injury or mutilation to the bond.

Sec. 9. Any claims which this State has now or may hereafter have upon the General Government for moneys expended for the purposes aforesaid, shall be and the same are hereby set apart for the payment of the principal and interest arising upon said bonds.

Sec. 10. The Treasurer is hereby authorized to defray such expenses as may be incurred in obtaining the blanks for said bonds, provided that they do not exceed the cost of one thousand dollars, to be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 11. The Treasurer shall deliver the bonds to claimants, whenever demanded by them in person or by legal

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Sec. 12. Whenever the Treasurer shall derive a sufficient sum from the tax herein provided to be levied, he shall make certain arrangements for the payment of the interest of the war bonds, and shall advertise for three months at least, in some newspaper in Sacramento City and San Francisco, notifying holders of bonds when the interest will be paid at the State Treasury.

Sec. 13. "An Act authorizing the Treasurer of the State to negotiate a loan upon the faith and credit of the State, for the purpose of defraying the expenses which have been and may be incurred in suppressing Indian hostilities in the State, in the absence of adequate provision being made by the General Government," passed February 15th, 1851; also an Act passed March 17th, 1851, entitled "An Act authorizing the Governor to call out troops to defend our frontier, and providing for their pay and compensation," be, and the same are hereby repealed; provided that this repeal in nowise affect the war loan bonds already issued under the provisions of the Act so repealed.

MINING ITEMS.—We clip the following from various journals printed in the mining districts :

The intelligence from the mines is still encouraging. At Brown's Valley the feeling in quartz stock continues excellent, and the Plymouth Mill Company are hurrying in their extra stampers. At Long Bar the miners are generally doing well. Sluicing has been tried at this place and found to operate well. The Big Bar Company are getting along finely with their race.

At Parks' and above, nothing but the high stage of the water prevents the river mining being prosecuted with the greatest energy, but the difficulty will now soon be removed. There can be no doubt but that an immense amount of gold will be taken out of the bed of Yuta and Feather rivers this season.—*California Express*.

A company of seven miners, who have been at work within fifty yards of our office for six weeks, have averaged eight dollars per day to the hand during all that time. They have plenty of ground left to keep them employed for three months to come.—*El Dorado News*.

GOOD YIELD.—Mr. Tallmadge and his two partners, who are at work on a plain in this place, near Thomas & Young's store, took out \$256 during Wednesday and Thursday. For the month ending on the 6th inst., they have taken out of this claim seventeen hundred dollars.—*Ib.*

MINING AT COLOMA.—The Coloma Bar Company are making extensive arrangements for mining this summer. A meeting was held last Saturday, and a joint stock company formed. They have taken up the ground from the falls to the Sutter Saw Mill; and in a few weeks the river will be drained for the distance of a mile. We wish the

will be drained for the distance of a mile. We wish the company all success for their perseverance. Last summer they expended thousands of dollars, and were unable to get into the stream in consequence of their machinery being inadequate to pump out the deep holes. This season, we hope they will guard against this important item.—*Ib.*

NEW ROAD.—A county road is being opened from Coloma to Georgetown, via Kelsey's. Nearly all the travel will go in that direction as soon as Messrs. Rowen & Pearis complete their splendid bridge across the South Fork, which will be in the course of a few weeks.—*Ib.*

RED HILLS.—The canal which is to convey water from Coloma to the Red Hills, a distance of six miles, is nearly completed. The ditching is completed, and Messrs. Brooks, Clark & Co. will soon have their contract finished, when the water will be let into the work. This canal waters one of the richest placers in El Dorado county, and furnishes employment for a large number of our sturdy miners.—*Ib.*

IN TOWN.—San Francisco has resumed quite its old political aspect. A large number of the legislators are in town, and the purlieus of the Union are crowded once more. Lieutenant Governor Purdy, Comptroller Pierce, and Major Roman, the Treasurer of State, arrived a day or two since.