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Lieut. Beale, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, arrived in Los Angeles on the 27th ult., himself and company all being in fine health. They left Westport, Missouri, on 15th June; but lost 18 days, in consequence of having upset a canoe, with their arms and equipment, in crossing Grand river, a branch of the Colorado. This accident compelled them to delay at that point, until a new supply could be got from Fort Massachusetts, New Mexico,—a distance back of 400 miles, which Mr Heath accomplished and returned in 18 days. They travelled with pack mules altogether, having no other provisions than pinole and pemican, and wild game with which their hunter supplied them plentifully every day! From Fort Massachusetts, they took the route described by Leroux in a statement quoted at length by Col. Benton in a recent letter, and which our readers are referred to: the distance from the Fort to Los Angeles being 1077 miles. Lt. Beale describes it as abounding, the whole way, to within 150 miles of Los Angeles, with wood, water and the most luxuriant pasturage—an easy wagon road, and perfectly practicable for the proposed railroad. They had no guide, who might have enabled them to cut off much of this distance. The distance from Fort Massachusetts to Westport, or Independence, is about 750 miles. They had no trouble with Indians.

On Wednesday last, the Lieut.'s company—nine in all—with B. D. Wilson, Esq., Indian Agent for southern California, started for San Francisco, by the Tejon, Tulare Valley, etc., intending to visit the Indians on the route; they expect to return in about a month, to complete the necessary arrangements for establishing a Reserve for the Indians of Los Angeles and San Diego counties, either at San Luis Rey Mission, or Temecula. Too much praise cannot be given to Lt. Beale, for the energy and perseverance which he has shown in conducting his little expedition, so successfully, to its destination—occupying in all only fifty travelling days. We trust fervently, that now we are to have a complete change for the better, in the aspect of Indian affairs for California, which must take place if the efforts of the government and its agents meet with a proper sympathy and cooperation, from the people of this state.

THE SALT LAKE WAR. Lieut. Beale passed Little Salt Lake, and two or three other settlements of the Mormons, and found that considerable excitement prevailed about Indian hos-

ilities. At one of them, the day before he arrived, the inhabitants received an order from the Great Salt Lake, carried by an express of 35 men, requiring them to move into the interior with all their property. They seemed to be comfortably fixed at this settlement, living in good adobe houses, and protected by a stockade, and apparently ought to have been able to stand a siege for a long time, from the whole Utah nation. But, on receipt of the order, they commenced making preparations for removal, taking down the doors and windows of their houses, packing up furniture, and soon all were on the way to a place of greater safety: the people said they "did not mind it," as they had been compelled to do so before two or three times. They still expected, however, to be able to gather their crops, which were very fine and abundant.

THE PAH UTAHS. On his journey, one day Lt. Beale was surprized to see a solitary Indian coming down a lofty hill, and making for the camp. He proved to be one of the nation which is supposed to be so degraded in the scale of humanity, as to defy the efforts of philanthropy for their regeneration. He made signs, as if wishing to accompany the Americans, which was agreed to, and he came in with them. He may be twenty five years of age; his appearance is pleasant enough. Not being able to ride on horseback, Lieut. Beale had, for the present, to leave him with his friend Capt. Andrew Sublette, in this county. He will be well treated, and, perhaps, on the Lieut.'s return, may serve as a useful medium of communication with the nation which the Lieut. has some idea of visiting, escorted by the Los Angeles Rangers.

LOS ANGELES RANGERS. This fine company went out on a target excursion a few evenings since. The company are all fine looking men, and as they rode through the streets elicited many complimentary remarks from our citizens, as well as many approving glances from our darkeyed señoritas. We are informed that notwithstanding the horses were rather wild and unused to firearms, that there was some splendid shooting done on the occasion. Most of the gentlemen belonging to the company have seen service, and on more than one occasion have witnessed "battle's magnificently stern array."

FIRE. It is not often that our citizens are aroused by the cry of fire. But a most singular conflagration occurred in the store of Messrs Sichel & Leupheim, about 3 o'clock yesterday morning. Some one passing by, seeing the smoke issue from the door gave the alarm. The proprietors slept in a room adjoining, and were scarcely awakened. The flames were soon extinguished, but scarcely an article in the store was saved; everything was burnt to a crisp. The loss is estimated between five and six thousand dollars.

It is proposed to hold a Pacific Railroad convention in San Francisco, sometime in the early part of this month.

We publish below a short and pithy letter from A. F. Coronel, Esq. to Dr. J. P. McFarland. It will be seen that the name of Mr Coronel has been used as an opposition candidate to Dr McFarland without his consent. Mr Coronel is a sterling Democrat, and gentleman of great personal popularity. Ever since the organization of the Democratic party in this county he has been one of its leading and controlling spirits—and nothing but factious and desperate opposition could ever have supposed he would be willing to be made the instrument of injury to that party, with whose fortunes he has identified himself.

Mr Coronel is the nominee of the party for the important office of Assessor of this county. It is well known that if he had consulted his own wishes he would not have permitted his name to be used even for that office—but the people clamorously demanded that he should sacrifice his feelings to the public welfare; and actuated by a regard for the wish of the community, he finally yielded his consent. That he will be elected Assessor we have no doubt, and connected as he is with the democratic party, which is now completely in the ascendant in this county, we have no hesitation in predicting for him a successful and brilliant career. We here give his letter, in order that there may be no mistake concerning his position. We understand also that he has personally assured Dr McFarland that he would willingly support him in the coming election:

Los Angeles, August 29th 1853.

Jas. P. McFarland,

Dear Sir:—In regard to your third letter, I will say, that I have not consented to be a Candidate for the First Senatorial District,

I believe that by the foregoing you will remain satisfied with your friend.

Respectfully yours,

A. F. CORONEL.

We understand that the Democratic Central Committee resolved to place on the democratic ticket the name of Dr Thomas A. Mayes as a candidate for the office of Coroner; and the name of S. C. Foster, Esq, as a candidate for the office of Supervisor, in place of Wm. M. Stockton, Esq, resigned. We believe the selection of these two gentlemen will give universal satisfaction to the democracy. We also understand that the committee decline putting any name on the ticket for County Treasurer, not deeming themselves authorised to do so after the county convention, by an express vote, had refused to nominate a candidate for this position.