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Summary of News.

The last fortnight has been unusually barren of events of general importance, and the quietude succeeding the excitement of the elections has been rather dull to the mercurial population of California; though, doubtless, conducive to the interests of the public and of individuals.

There is some degree of interest, and more of curiosity, manifested on the part of the public, in the movements of the supposed leaders of the supposed secret expedition to Sonora, of which a great deal has been said, and of which there is little known. The sudden and unexpected return of a small party of gentlemen who visited Guaymas a few months since, for the supposed purpose of arranging the preliminaries for the reception of the expedition, revived popular attention to the subject. The authorities are watchful, but find nothing suspicious. The gentlemen presumed to be at the head of the movement are in the mean time quietly pursuing their ordinary occupations, and if they are organizing an expedition, they are very judicious about it. It is said the party will sail in the course of two or three weeks, perhaps sooner, but there is no reason to suppose they have fixed upon a day of departure. If they have, it is certainly not the time assigned by those not in the secret. A communication has been

received from the U. S. Minister at Mexico, requesting the authorities to keep a sharp lookout for any expedition, and to prevent it if it should be attempted. He says any expedition of the kind will inevitably lead to hostilities between the two Republics. How the Minister arrives at that conclusion we know not. If a party should enter upon Mexican territory with hostile intentions, they would voluntarily forego all claim to the protection of the American flag.

go all claim to the protection of the American flag, and the Government at Washington would be compelled under the treaty to disclaim the movement, or else acknowledge the power of private individuals

to declare and wage war in the name of the United States. If the expedition go into Mexico peaceably, and conform to the terms of the treaties existing between the two countries, there will be no ground of complaint. If the expedition goes down, it will go on its own responsibility, neither asking nor expecting aid or protection from the Government, and cannot, independently of other causes, produce national hostility. The probability however is, that there will be no expedition at present, and that there will be no outbreak of hostilities without it.

The late disaffection on the part of a portion of the American and other foreign population in the Sandwich Islands, has also created some interest here, and there has been some talk of expeditions in that direction, but there will be none, at least not for some time. The people who are acquainted with the state of political affairs in the Islands, and who would be the first to favor any movement tending to hasten the annexation to the United States, are aware that any demonstration bearing the least resemblance to interference in the domestic affairs of the kingdom, would compromise American interests and influence there.

The arrival of Superintendent Beale, and his activity in his department, has already exercised a most salutary influence upon our Indian relations. The tribes with which he has held interviews are delighted with the policy of colonizing them on Government reservations, and are anxious to commence their new mode of life. It is generally conceded that this is the only practicable plan of preserving permanent peace with the Indians. They must be enabled to support themselves by their own labor, or else live by stealing from the whites. When they are located on their reservations, they will not only provide themselves with the necessaries of life, but will be amply able to support their own schools, churches, and other domestic institutions, in a manner adapted to their moral and intellectual condi

tion. The establishment of the first of these colonies will mark an important and interesting era in the history of the State, and of the Indian tribes.

Our domestic industry of every class is in a prosperous and satisfactory condition. The agricultural products of the country are very abundant, and the prevalent opinion among the farmers is, that California will raise enough grain next year for home consumption.

The immigrants are nearly all in. They have been arriving through a number of passes, at different places, from Shasta to San Diego.

A suspension bridge over the Stanislaus has been completed.

The telegraph poles between San Francisco and San Jose have been erected, but the telegraph is not yet in operation. The telegraph from Sacramento to Nevada will be in operation on the 1st of December.

The Sacramento Council are discussing plans to furnish the city with water.

Meetings have been held in most of the interior towns to send delegates to the Railroad Convention in this city on the 3d inst.

A number of parties are engaged in making surveys in the interior of the State, and in the passes of the Sierra Nevada, to ascertain the best course for the Railroad.

Several earthquakes were felt in the lower part of the San Joaquin Valley on the 2d inst.

The Indians at the head of Russian River have been troublesome, and the settlers in the neighborhood are talking of giving them a lesson.

The Rogue River Indians were induced to make peace on the 11th inst. They are to receive \$60,000 for the land on the south side of the river.

There was a battle on the 12th ult. between the Applegate Indians and the Rifle Rangers. The latter lost one man, the former twelve or fourteen.

There have been several difficulties about land titles within the last fortnight. In one case a man was killed.

There was a conflagration on the 18th, of an unfinished brick house on Pike street near Clay; the work of an incendiary. The loss was about \$10,000.

The steamer *Uncle Sam* arrived from New York on the 19th.

An ordinance passed by the Council to authorize Thomas O. Larkin and Saml. Brannan to build a railroad on Market street, within the city limits, was vetoed by the Mayor.

There have been three deaths by violence in the city in the last two weeks and a large number of burglaries.

A French opera has been started under the direction of Mons. Planel, and has proved quite successful.

A company has been formed at Placerville, to make a canal from Cosumnes River to *Pratt's Creek* a distance of 23 miles. This canal will aid very materially to develop the resources of a rich district, about 15 miles long by 10 wide. The estimated cost is \$100,000.

The mines in Carson Valley are not profitable, and the settlers there are generally engaged in other occupations.

The Quartz mines in Grass Valley have lately been paying much better than formerly.

Rich diggings have been found in Lake Valley on Johnson's Route, on the eastern side of the Sierra Nevada.

Utah.

Lieut. Beale in passing over the table land between the Colorado and the Gila, discovered a number of ruins of human habitations. Some of them were very extensive and of stone and showed that a numerous and industrious population once existed where all is now barren. A multitude of remains of crockery and domestic utensils were found. It is supposed that the ruins are of Aztec origin.

The Yuma and Cocopa Indians are at war. They had a battle about the 1st of the month; the Yumas were victors.

Thirty-five thousand sheep have been brought into the State by the Southern route from Chihuahua.

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The Sisters of Notre Dame are building a large brick addition to their College building, the front being fifty feet and the depth 102 feet, three stories high—the structure is of the most substantial character. Next season we learn that it is their intention to add to the front one hundred feet more, of the same style of the front now going up.—*Santa Clara Register*.