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We are placed by the Los Angeles *Star* in possession of the following news from Southern California, the desert and the mountains. The *Star* was brought by the arrival of the Goliah:

GRAND FIESTA AT THE TEJON—AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS.—Mr. Edwards arrived from the Tejon this week, on his way to San Francisco. From him we gather the following interesting intelligence: On the 16th inst., Superintendent Beale gave a grand Fiesta to the Indians, at which several thousand were present, from all portions of the Southern country; from as far north as the Chowchilla river; from the western slope of the Sierra Nevada; from the great desert on the eastern side of the range; from the Tulare Lake, and from the Coast range. With them Lieut. Beale had a long talk; explained the system he had adopted for their support, and desired their assistance in carrying out the proposed plan. They appeared much delighted with the prospect of having farms for themselves, and were eager to furnish hands to assist in carrying out the work now going on. Useful presents were distributed among them, after which the dancing commenced, and continued till sunrise next morning, when they all departed for their respective rancherias, much pleased at what had taken place, and expressing great satisfaction at the prospect of raising by their own toil, enough for their support.

Lieut. Beale has now thirty plows running, (all worked by Indian boys,) and expected, in the course of this week, to start as many more. The land selected for cultivation is very fertile, and the prospect of a large crop next summer, induces all to work hard and willingly.

For the last two months, Lieut. Beale has been upon the spot himself, conducting, with energy, all the works going on; and should the results be at all commensurate with the care and attention he has bestowed, the Indians will long remember him as a benefactor.

DEATH OF AN OLD MOUNTAINEER.—Capt. Andrew W. Sublette, formerly of St. Louis, Mo., died at Los Angeles, on Monday, Dec. 19th, aged about forty years. He was a younger brother of the famous old trapper, W. L. Sublette, and like him, Andy's penchant for the mountains was such that nearly his whole life was spent among them. His first trip was made at so early an age that his brother, fearing the child might suffer if compelled to subsist upon hunters' fare, took a cow along to afford more certain nourishment. At the age of seventeen, he commanded a large pack train destined to trade with the Indians of the Rocky Mountains. In 1849, he accompanied Lieut. Beale, as a guide from the frontiers to California, and since that time he has resided in this vicinity. He was brave and generous, and has left many warmly attached friends.

WAGON ROAD THROUGH WILLIAMSON'S PASS TO THE DESERT.—It is said that Capt. Parkinson, and William T. Morris, prospected as early as June 20th, 1852, the Pass now claimed as having been discovered by Lieut. Williamson and party, and burnt their way through to the Desert beyond. They found a vein of auriferous copper in the Pass, but kept their discovery secret for their own interest. Lieut. Williamson cut a wagon road through it, and first made public the fact of its existence.

WINTER IN THE SOUTH.—The *Star* of the 17th says: "Winter has come: The rains have started the young grass, and the plains and valleys already have a beautiful tinge of green. The mountain tops are covered with snow, presenting a strong contrast, and the chillness of the air renders a fire quite acceptable."

TO BE HUNG.—Ignacio Herrera, was convicted of murder, in the District Court of Los Angeles, and sentenced to be hung, on Monday, the 13th of February. This will be the first judicial execution that has taken place in Southern California.

COLD WEATHER.—We are informed by a gentleman from Bear River, that the weather was so cold in the beginning of the present week at Johnson's ranch, that the surface of that stream was frozen over with ice more than the eighth of an inch thick.

For several days past, the frost has been so heavy during the early morning hours at this city as to produce a like result where water

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THE METROPOLITAN. — This fine Theater opened at San Francisco on Monday night, under the management of Mrs. C. N. Sinclair, with the play of Much Ado About Nothing. The audience was large and discriminating. Mr. Murdoch played on the occasion.

Arrivals at the Principal Hotels, Dec. 28.

VERANDAH—B F. Mann, Marysville, H. C. Fisher, San Francisco; T. C. Throp, city; O. Ely, San Francisco; C. O. Burton, Marysville; N. King, Vernon; Wm. Morse, do; R. M. Derges, do; Jerome Story, Santa Clara; Chls. G. Clapp, San Francisco; Mr. McComb, Colusa; G. S. Nelson, ———; Thos. S. Smith, Bear River; Wm. Buchmaun, Wild Cat Island; H. W. Z. Grice, San Francisco; G. R. Clark, do; D. S. Crosby, Rod Bluff; Wm. T. Vaudone, Nevada; W. W. Barnes, San Francisco; D. C. Cohen, Greenwood Valley; Frank Deluce, city; H. Johnstone, do; P. Ladwillos, Marysville; Wm. Loser, do; A. Gilbert, city; John S. Stone, Jackson; John S. Litcomb, San Francisco; S. W. Herring, do; Henry O'Neill, Sacramento River; B. McMurray, Marysville; O. Evans, Yuba county; James Stebbins, do; B. P. Hugg, do; C. W. Dannals, do; H. B. Kellogg, do; Chls. Weyers, Rorer Bar; J. C. Bostwick, do; E. M. Cartwright, do; L. B. Clark, do; S. M. Cotta, Grass Valley.

SACRAMENTO—O B. Smith, Marysville; A. C. Kent, O. Burbank, Geo. Cowes, Charles Devire, San Francisco; A. H. Hoyt, Sac. City; Alcora Chau, San Francisco; J. Lapsley, do; J. L. Gicks, Nevada; C. H. Nelvad, Sac. City; Charles Winterstine, do; Mr. Richmond, do; John J. Armstrong, Auburn; S. C. Gugtt, Dry Creek; V. Gugtt, Dry Creek.