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LO! THE POOR INDIAN.—We clip the following from the San Joaquin *Republican* of Saturday:

Mr. J. H. Millmore arrived from the new Indian Reservation, near the Tejon Pass, on Thursday morning, whither he had been with stores, &c., for the Indian Agent. The distance from Stockton to the Tejon Pass is 308 miles, and the road is one of the roughest in the country.

In reference to the prospect of Lieut. Beale's success in his benevolent undertaking of civilizing the untutored Indians of the Southern country, Mr. Millmore has furnished us with some very favorable evidence. There are some 700 Indians (many of them belonging to the wild tribes,) now profitably engaged in the cultivation of the soil. These savages are very apt scholars, readily learning the use of the plough; and when kindly treated, are exceedingly tractable. Lieut. Beale calculates that they will this year raise a million pounds of wheat. Two miles of land has already been sown, and there are some six or seven hundred acres of barley yet to be put in. The chiefs of the mountain tribes seem to watch these proceedings with intense curiosity, and many of the more influential of their number have left to induce their adherents to "come in." The past treatment they have received from the whites has made them suspicious, and it is difficult, of course, to persuade them that provision is now being made for them in good earnest. Our informant says that an Indian will follow a plough a distance of 18 miles a day.

The Reservation is some eighty miles from any white settlement.

CITY PROPERTY.—The *Herald* gives the taxable property of San Francisco at, "on the 1st July last, $28,880,200; within the city and county, $32,391,538. The city taxes for the current year are estimated at $540,000, of which only $72,670 remains unpaid. The State and county tax amounts in addition to $599,

and county tax amounts, in addition, to $599,-689 63, of which $493,937 has already been collected. The receipts from City Licenses during this year amounted to $307,816; from city taxes alone, to $1,405,707 during the last four years."

SOUTH FORK CANAL COMPANY.—The El Dorado *Republican* says that the Trustees of this Company left Placerville on Thursday morning to examine the upper end of the route of the canal. "On the completion of this work," it adds, "depends the very existence of Placerville."

THE San Francisco *Herald* says very dryly, that "yesterday, in the case of Flint, Peabody & Co. *vs*. Plunket, Judge Satterlee, of the Superior Court of San Francisco, reversed the decision of the Supreme Court, delivered some months since, declaring Alcalde grants to be valid. How long are we to be thus afflicted?"

A MEETING of some of the principal merchants of San Francisco was held at the Merchants' Exchange, on Friday evening, for the purpose of adopting some plan for the effectual resistance of the onerous State Tax Law. A committee was appointed to prepare suitable resolutions for the consideration of a future meeting.

THE ORATORIO.—The San Francisco *Com. Advertiser* says, that Hayden's grand Oratorio of "The Seasons" will be produced on Tuesday evening next, at the Musical Hall, by the Philharmonic Society and Pacific Musical Troupe, supported by an orchestra of twenty-five pieces. It has been in rehearsal for several weeks.

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Dock warehouse, at San Francisco, is a two story brick, covering a whole fifty vara lot, being 137½ feet square, with a storage capacity of 12,000 tons. It has a stone foundation and is perfectly fire-proof. The site was formerly a rocky bluff.

SILVER MINE IN MONTEREY COUNTY.—The *Echo del Pacifico* says that there is a silver mine in Monterey county, which has been worked for a month past, and promises to become extremely productive.

FIVE new brick cisterns are to be built on the line of Powell and Dupont streets, San Francisco, of the capacity of 30,000 galls. each.

ACCIDENT FROM POWDER.—Two children of Thomas Tate, a boy and girl, were dreadfully burned by the explosion of a cannister of powder recently at Sonoma, says the *Bulletin*.

LEGAL OPINION.—The opinion of the Supreme Court on the license question, is published in full in the San Francisco papers. It is an elaborately argued opinion, and gives to the State absolute power over the subjects of taxation. We shall have occasion to refer to this opinion hereafter.

THE Sexton's report of Marysville for the last month gives fifteen as the number of deaths during that time.

PRESENTATION.—Messrs. Marvin & Hitchcock, of San Francisco, have presented the Stockton Hook and Ladder Company with a handsome ensign.

DR. ROBINSON and his company are expected in Sonora soon, as also the Chapman theatrical corps.

VETO.—The Mayor of Sonora has vetoed the recent grant of that city to the Sonora Creek Mining and Road Company.

COURT OF SESSIONS.—Proceedings of the Court of Sessions of El Dorado county, at December term, 1853, since report in our last number:

Thomas Ashton, assault with intent to commit murder. State prison one year.

John Gustavus, perjury. State prison two years.

A. J. Binney, perjury. The jury found a verdict of not guilty, without leaving their seats.

John B. Smith, bigamy. Found guilty, one month's imprisonment in county jail and $500 fine, to stand committed till paid.—*Empire County Argus.*

"ON THE SLY."—About 34 head of cattle taken in execution by the Sheriff, as the property of Francisco Borquez, to satisfy a debt due P. J. Vasquez—were stolen one night last week by Francisco's brother, which he took to Napa and sold to Mr. N. Coombs, who was not aware of the theft. The smart *hombre* has not been arrested, to our knowledge.—*Sonoma Bulletin.*

WHAT NEXT?—A Mr. Pocock has invented an artificial kite and hawk, which being made to hover over a flock of grouse or partridges so terrifies them that instead of flying off they sit quietly awaiting the sportsman's advance, and submit to be shot without the slightest attempt to escape. An artificial spider for entrapping flies is now engaging Mr. Pocock's attention.

AN EXCELLENT ORDINANCE.—The new license law levies a tax of $300 per quarter on all persons engaged in the business of raffling any kind of property, and $200 per quarter on all who are engaged in disposing of property with tickets or dice. We hope this ordinance, like many others, will not prove a dead letter. —*San Francisco Courier.*

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BUSINESS IN SAN FRANCISCO is reported down to the lowest point in dullness. The *Evening Journal* says: "We have never known business in San Francisco more completely suspended than at the present moment."

Col. T. G. Johnson is announced in the *Alta* as having arrived on the Sierra Nevada. He comes as the agent of the New York Pacific Railroad company—the moonshine company the New York *Tribune* calls it.

THE high wind of Thursday extended over the whole State.

SIERRA.—The Gibsonville *Trumpet and News*, assures the *Golden Era* that Mr Helm, the editor, writes his own editorials, as an editor should; and that his paper is published at the Marysville *Herald* office for the first six months, as the season was so far advanced, when it was established, as to render the transportation of a press to that mountain region impracticable.

On the 1st of January, the *Trumpet* says, the sun shone clear and warm, whereupon the snow assumed the "melting mood" and "took a running start," which helped out the ditches and miners considerably.

The editor has been on a prospecting expedition in the mountains. He says:

"A few days since we waded through the snow to Onion Valley, Nelson Creek, Hopkinsville and Hopkin's Creek. Our stay at Onion Valley was rendered particularly comfortable and pleasant by our friends Timberman & Bonnor, whom we had the pleasure of meeting for the first time. This settlement is small, containing but few dwellings and three stores, yet we were struck with the air of thrift and prosperity every where apparent. Esquire Bonnor showed us a fine specimen of pure gold, taken out in that neighborhood, by Lewis Penfield."

"Nelson Creek is very prosperous this fall and winter. One company of five shares took out about $2000 last week. Other companies are doing well. A single individual is putting up a saw mill, and preparing to carry water in a flume for several miles, at a cost of from 25 to 30,000 dollars. There

are two good stores, with boarding houses in connection with them.

"The miners on Hopkin's Creek are very busy and doing well generally. We have serious doubts about any other other mining neighborhood averaging better than this little creek. We were unable to visit Poor Man's Creek; but were told times were lively there, and miners generally prosperous. There are two settlements here; one at the forks, and the other three miles above, on the Hopkins. The stocks of provisions, &c., in each were fair, and the traders seemed to be doing a prosperous business."

BUTTE.—We learn from the *Record* that a mining claim on the hill in the vicinity of the Court House, prospected $76 to the one hundred buckets of dirt. The same hill will pay at almost any point, the only trouble being the scarcity of water.

FARMING.—There is considerable improvement in the shape of farming going on in the vicinity of this place. The little valleys in the foot hills make excellent farms. We learn that Mr. Sanford, between this place and Wyandotte, grew stalks of corn, last season, measuring 17 feet. There are several very neat and profitable farms in the same vicinity. The foot hills around this vicinity will produce the cereal grains as well as any land in the world, and at the same time when water can be procured, will pay the industrous miner good wages. The ground across the river from Bidwell is now being converted into a farm.

THE WEATHER.—This hackneyed subject, besides being distressingly dry of late, has been showing us what it could do in the way of a freeze up, and on Friday morning sent the thermometer down seven degrees lower than it has ever before been known, in this vicinity, even by our "oldest inhabitant."

A glowing description is also given by the *Record* of the National Ball, which came off on Friday last, at Bidwell's Bar.

SHASTA.—The *Courier* is urging upon the business men of Shasta the importance of improving the trail from there to Yreka. It says a few thousand dollars will remove all difficulties and complaints, and expresses its gratification at the prospect of the merchants and business men moving in the matter.

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A call, in the *Mountain Herald*, for a meeting in favor of the formation of a new territory from North and South California, is published at length by the *Courier*.

No mining news from Shasta.

STABBING AFFRAY AT MARYSVILLE.—The *Herald* says:

Yesterday morning a man named Jones entered a Mexican house on First street, and called for something to drink. This being furnished and properly discussed, an altercation ensued between Jones and the landlord, in which glasses and bottles were called into active requisition. Matters progressed, bellicose and still more belligerant, until Jones, seizing a knife, inflicted several severe wounds upon the person of the Mexican, which will have the effect of keeping him quiet, at least. Jones was subsequently arrested, and taken before Justice Singer, who, after due hearing, bound the accused over in the sum of $1,000 to appear before the Court of Sessions.

THE *Evening Picayune* says: "It is stated that ex-Comptroller Pierce will be sent by the Legislature to Washington, as agent, to press the claims of the State against the general government, on account of Indian wars and other matters. Mr. Pierce's familiarity with the details of the claims, and his shrewdness as a financial manager, would doubtless enable him to do as much as any man could do, to secure their payment. They will never be paid except through the management of a special agent.

THE FREMONT CLAIM.—Judge Hoffman, of the U. S. District Court, has rendered a long opinion against the validity of the claim of Col. Freemont to ten leagues of land in Mariposa county. This opinion reverses that rendered by the Land Commissioners, which confirmed the claim. The opinion is published at length in the *Alta*.

VETO.—In vetoing the ordinance to remove the sheds at the steambaat landing, Mayor Hardenbergh was evidently acting upon the old maxim, that "prudence is the better part of valor."

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A MONTHLY periodical, entitled the *California Pioneer*, will make its first appearance on the 13th inst., at San Francisco. Each number will contain sixty pages, and resemble the *Knickerbocker*.

THE CHINESE CONSPIRACY CASE.—For want of evidence, the two Chinamen detained on a charge of extorting money from their country women, were discharged on Friday. The San Francisco *Herald* thinks the witnesses were restrained by the threats held over them.