

Few men in this community have been more fortunate in his private and public career, than Col. J Neely Johnson. He enjoys a large share of the confidence of the public, particularly of his Whig associates, and has probably filled more public positions with credit to himself, than any man of his age and politics in the State. We understand it to be his intention to visit Washington city, where he will spend several weeks, and will also visit such other portions of the Union, as business or pleasure may suggest.

THE LAST SPEECH.—Will the Senate permit Mr. Peck's counsel in the bribery case to have the closing argument? We think not. We consider it a foregone conclusion that Mr. Palmer's counsel was to close the argument. As the gentleman was there at the Senate's invitation, of course, that body will extend to him all possible courtesy.

WITH THE wealth and political influence of San Francisco against him, Mr. Peck's position in the Senate is very similar to that of the poor man at the frolic. Unless the mountain boys rally to his assistance, the money of San Francisco will prove too weighty for him. A poor man has a bad show when struggling against those who can control their hundreds of thousands.

MILITARY.—A military company, Capt. H. W. Theall, has been organised at Sonora, with the the title of the "Sonora Greys." It numbers seventy-eight men, rank and file, and is purely local in its character.

MASONIC.—A new lodge of F. and A. M. was instituted in San Francisco on the 26th inst.