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FROM LOS ANGELES.

TWO WEEKS LATER.

The Gold Mines—Train Attacked by Indians—Great Suffering—Organization of Military Companies.

By the *Goliath* we have the *Los Angeles Star* of the 4th inst. A train from Salt Lake had arrived, bringing news to the 2d of February.

In reference to the Gold Mines near Santa Anita, the *Star* says:—

There is nothing important from Santa Anita this week. Some who have returned state that there is no encouragement to dig, unless one has capital to turn the water, or owns a share in some of the companies.

On Monday, the 13th, twenty men commenced digging a race, which was completed in eight days—making one hundred and sixty eight days of labor. The toms and sluices were then put in, since which we have no intelligence. We are told that two claims have been sold for \$100 each. A claim is fifteen feet front. The discoverers were awarded two claims; and these two duplicate claims are those sold.

FROM CHINO.—The Four Creek Indians made a descent upon Col. Williams, last Saturday, and ran off 125 of his horses, and 25 belonging to other rancheros. Among the animals stolen was a fine American stallion, belonging to Dr. Creal.

MORE RANGERS.—The citizens of the Monte assembled on the 23d instant, and organized a force auxiliary to the Rangers of this city. The new company consists of 26 active members. The following gentlemen were unanimously elected officers, viz:—John H. Hughes, Captain; James H. Wetherbee, 1st Lieutenant; Alex. Puett, 2d Lieutenant.

It is the intention of the company to make immediate application to be received as a military police force, and to be supplied with arms, &c. The meeting was well attended, and we are assured the enrolled members are all good men.

The military police of this county, including this company, now consists of two companies of mounted and one of foot Rangers, numbering seventy-five active members. Their efficiency has often been tested, and so long as there are thieves and villains, we believe their organization will be a necessity to the community. It is the intention of the three companies to hold a meeting soon, for the choice of battalion officers, and to take measures for a more perfect organization of the force.

KILLED BY INDIANS.—Mr. J. T. Smith, just arrived from Salt Lake, reports the death of Col. Reese and two men, by the Pah Utab. We gave an account of "Reese's Train" last week.

Train" last week, and the loss of a sum of money. Col. R., on arriving at San Bernardino, had a dream, in which the locality of the money was so vividly impressed upon his mind that he resolved to return and find it. He returned with two men, and when near Salt Springs was attacked and killed. His death was reported to Mr. Smith by one of the Indians. Mr. Smith was himself attacked three times by the same band, and suffered many hardships. The last time they killed his horses and eat them on the camp ground. They also took his blankets and clothing, and left him with his wife and two children alone on the desert. He says they were for sixty hours with

scarcely no rest, and were finally overtaken by a portion of Reese's relief train and brought into San Bernardino. He was well armed, and to this fact alone he says he owes his personal safety.

By later accounts, we learn that Mr. Reese and his party returned in safety to San Bernardino on Monday night. They suffered much for want of provisions, but were successful in finding the entire sum of money in a buckskin bag. They visited the spot indicated, and found the bag had been dug out by a coyote.