

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS. — The Democratic members of the Legislature held a caucus last night to determine upon candidates to be voted for as Hospital Physicians, &c. Mr. Griffith, of Yolo, was appointed chairman, and Mr. Whiting, of Santa Cruz, Secretary; Mr. Kellogg, of Yolo, Assistant Secretary. Mr. Blake was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms, and Mr. Dowdigan door-keeper.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Sprague, of Shasta, binding those in caucus to abide its decisions and vote for the nominees. After a discussion which consumed the entire evening, the resolution was passed by a vote of 52 ayes, to 32 nays. The caucus then adjourned to meet again to-night.

WELLS, FARGO & Co. handed us the Nevada *Democrat* yesterday, from which we copy. The *Democrat* discourages the further immigration of Chinese. It also says that water is plenty and the miners generally doing well. The *Democrat* doubts whether the miners ever enjoyed a more prosperous business. At Cherokee companies are making from \$20 to \$30 to the hand. Old diggings were paying as well as new, and new claims were being taken up daily. In one claim of Mr. Ryan's two persons had averaged as high as \$300 a day. So successful are the miners that they count their days' works by ounces, as they used to in 1849.

RUMORED MURDER OF CAPT. HOWARD.— On Saturday evening last we received the painful intelligence that Capt. Wm. Howard, Inspector of Customs for Walker's Pass, had been murdered. It has no confirmation, and we hope may prove unfounded. The suspicion that he had been, occurred as follows: Some time last week several acquaintances of Mr. Howard, on their way to the Tejon, met and passed him and his Indian boy at some place on the road.

on their way to Stockton. At night, while the party bound to the Tejon were camping, two men passed by on horseback, leading Howard's horse, and had his Indian boy between them. They were hailed and asked to stop, but passed on heedless of the request, which, together with the fact of them having H.'s horse and boy with them, aroused the suspicion that all was not right. A messenger was immediately dispatched from their number to Mr. Howard's brother's ranch, on the Merced, to see if he had reached that place; but he had not, and we fear the report that he has been murdered is too true. Our informant says that a party left Quartzburg and Mariposa immediately, in search of him. Capt. Howard had many warm friends and acquaintances in this city.—*San Joaquin Republican*.

DR. J. F. MORSE.—This gentleman, the well known physician of this city, in a communication to the San Francisco *Evening News* thus disclaims any connection with the *California Farmer*: "Nearly two months ago Messrs. Warren & Son became the publishers and editors of the *California Farmer* by purchase. In that purchase I sold out all the interest I ever had in any San Francisco periodical, whatever, and would really like to enjoy the privilege of being so regarded by the public."

POST OFFICE LITERARY DEPOT.—We acknowledge our indebtedness to Curle Brothers, for an assortment of the very gems of the current literary productions on the Atlantic side. Their stock has been very considerably added to in the way of monthlies, papers, magazines, &c., &c., by the recent arrivals.

THE CONCERT.—Adams & Co. have handed us a copy of the Marysville *Express*, of yesterday, in which we find a laudatory notice of the concert given by Madame Bishop and M. Bochsa, on Tuesday evening.