SAN FRANCISCO, March 27th, 1854.

The steamer Brother Jonathan, of the Nicaragua line, arrived last evening with 697 passengers, 197 of the number being ladies, and 101 children. Her detention was caused by an accident to her machinery, during a very severe gale in the Gulf of Tehuantepec. Her air pump having broke when two days out from San Juan, one of her boilers gave out, and leaked so badly that it could not be used. The vessel was brought to anchor and the boiler mended, so that she was enabled to reach Acapulco, where she remained two days repairing. On the 20th, four days from Acapulco, a fire burst, which sent up a large amount of steam, causing some consternation among the passengers. Since that accident she used but one wheel to this port.

Yesterday, while the passengers were leaving the ship, a lady fell from the gang plank into the water, but through the gallantry and heroic conduct of Mr. Hutchinson, the first officer of the Brother Jonathan, she, together with a gentleman who had sprung to her assistance, were rescued from drowning.

By the orders of Mr. Flint, the agent of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, the steamer Republic was put in readiness yesterday to proceed to sea in search of the Jonathan. Her steam was up, and the steamer thoroughly provisioned for a trip to San Juan, when the delayed steamer was telegraphed. The whole affair was carried on without the knowledge of Mr. Garrison, and the same reflects the highest credit upon Mr. Flint and the company he represents.

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INDIAN FIGHT AT YREKA.—We were favored last evening with a visit from Col. W. Wiler, commander of the American forces at fort Brown, near Shasta. The Col. very kindly furnished us with the following particulars of the encounter at Yreka Pass, which will prove interesting to our readers.

On the 25th ult., with a command of seventy-two officers and men, they pursued the savages into the above mentioned pass near the Oregon line. On reaching the northern end of the pass, the Indians, in a body numbering about 500 strong, made a most bold and vigorous attack, but were repulsed after a well contested fight, with the loss of sixty or seventy, and driven into the mountains.
During the engagement, Col. W. received three wounds, one in the right side, one in the left arm, and another in the foot. Sergeant Downey was wounded in the left side; Lieut. Douglass was pierced through the body by an arrow, and Lieut. Sava was slightly wounded. There were five privates killed.

During their pursuit they discovered the dead bodies of two females who had been brutally murdered, and their heads stuck in the mud, leaving their persons exposed; besides many other evidences of savage brutality.

The Colonel is an old Florida fighter, though a young man; was at the taking of Vera Cruz, and was severely wounded at the storming of Cerro Gordo, but still looks hale and healthy as though being chased and shot at by the Indians agreed with him. —Marysville Express, March 28th.

THE PIONEER.—The third number of this California magazine is said greatly to exceed the preceding numbers in beauty of appearance, rivalling any periodical published on this continent. The publication office has received new material by a late arrival. Not having been favored with a copy we give the above at second hand.

EXCITEMENT.—Unusual excitement was manifested at the Bay, on the arrival of the Brother Jonathan. The Alta says: "For some three or four blocks before reaching the steamer, the wharf was so densely crowded that it was almost an impossibility to get through."

COMPLIMENTARY.—The passengers by the steamer Brother Jonathan on her recent unfortunate trip, have united in an expression complimentary to the officers of that vessel.

PANTOMIME.—The pantomime of "Godenski, or the Skaters," was performed by the Montplaisirs, for the first time in California, at the Metropolitan on Monday evening.