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San Francisco Correspondence.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 12, 1854.

An alarm of fire this morning at 1 o'clock, called the entire Fire Department to the neighborhood of North Beach, the ignition of a pile of shavings being the cause.

Hundreds of persons have been attracted to-day to the neighborhood of Montgomery and Sacrameto streets, to witness the house raising operations of Mr. Hossefross. Owing to the cracking of the front wall of Tucker's building, the work of raising has been suspended until the walls are secured; they were cracked during the fire of 1851, and unknown to Mr. H. had not been repaired.

The Democratic primary election, for delegates to the State convention is to be held in this city on the 19th June.

The election for Lieutenant Colonel and Major of the Battalion in this city, takes place this evening at Armory Hall. The most prominent candidates are Richard P. Hammond, Esq., Capt. Thomas D. Johns, J. R. West and W. R. Gorham.

The American Theater in this city, is to undergo an entire change, the unsightly wooden structure in front is to be taken down, and its place supplied with a front similar to those of the other buildings in the Custom House block. The interior arrangements are also to be changed and altered into the same style as that which has rendered Wallack's Theater in New York, a place of fashionable resort. Every thing connected with it is to be refurnished, and under the lesseeship of Charles R. Thorne, will become a favorite with the public.

The larger portion of the new engine intended for the Monumental Engine Company of this city, arrived on Saturday, in the clipper "Union." The remaining portion is on the "Sea Serpent," now hourly expected. The cost of this new machine to land here will be about $6,500, and when in work,

land here will be about $6,500, and when in working order, will be the most powerful apparatus in the Department. She was tested in Baltimore on last New Year's day, at a time when her valves and works were frozen, and she threw, under such a disadvantage, 187 feet on a level. When playing all her streams it will require two of the best engsines here to supply her with a sufficiency of water.

The election for Alderman in the Third Ward, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Jessup, has been going on all day. The Whig candidate, W. H. Patten, and the Democratic, Dr. Van Zandt. At the present time it is impossible to tell which is which. There has been more confusion, disorder and fighting at the one poll to-day, than there is sometimes at an election throughout the city. The police here appear to be perfectly inoperative. Later news from the ballot box is that Van Zandt is elected by 60 majority.

The magnificent steamship Sonora, of the P. M. S. S. Co.'s Line, came down to-day from Benicia in perfect order, for the trip of the 16th.

Edward Cany, Capt. Folsom's agent, and Robert Sherlock, arrested for a breach of the peace and riot, waived a preliminary examination before Judge Shepheard to-day and were sent to the Court of Sessions for trial.

The trial of Gardiner, for the murder of Pratt, the mate of the Sierra Nevada, has boen going on to-day in the United States District Court, before Judge Hoffman. All the testimony being in, the counsel commenced summing up about 2 o'clock, and having concluded the case, was given to the Jury about 4 o'clock.

A fire broke out this afternoon at 2 o'clock in a frame building on Dupont street, in the neighborhood of the old fire. A pile of shavings had been placed against the house and then set on fire. It was quickly extinguished, fortunately, for a perfect gale of wind was blowing at the time.

I am indebted to Harry Reed, of Adams & Co.'s express, for full files of Oregon and southern papers. If I should acknowledge every courtesy extended by this firm, it would require more space than you can conveniently spare. MARK.

CRESCENT CITY.—The *Herald* says: "Our city is rapidly improving. Fourteen months ago there was but one log cabin standing on the present site of Crescent City, now there is nearly three hundred splendid and substantial houses, with a population of between eight hundred and a thousand inhabitants. The city has sprung

up as if by magic, and reminds us of San Francisco and other cities, in the good old days of '49 and '50."

The *Herald* also says that efforts are being made to organize a Presbyterian church, and contributions are being made to effect it. It is to be under pastoral charge of Rev. Mr. Lacy. The merchants of the place all close their places on the Sabbath.

Two large and commodious brick fire proof warehouses have been built, and some five or six others are shortly to be commenced.

Flour—Chile commands from $5 50 to $6 00.

SACRAMENTO AURIFEROUS QUARTZ.—Everybody familiar with the mineral region of this State knows that the upper portion of this county abounds in extensive surface diggings, which yield the finest of gold dust, but few are aware that in the immediate vicinity are beds or veins of quartz gold, as rich, perhaps, as those of more renowned localities. We had exhibited to us yesterday a lump of hard gray quartz, thickly studded with flakes of beautiful gold, some of which were of the size of peas. This specimen, which weighs upwards of five ounces, was found on Alder Creek, not far from the Willow Springs House on the Coloma Road.

MURDERS.—The messenger of Wells, Fargo & Co. delivers to the Stockton *Republican* the following note, dated Sonora, June 11th:

Sir—The news came in this evening that a man named Stringer was murdered at a place about one mile north of Jamestown. The deed was probably committed on Thursday last, by some person who had secreted himself in the bushes near to where his victim passed. Mr. Stringer had a wife and family in the States. The Coroner held an inquest on the body to-day. Two balls passed through Stringer's body.—His team was found near to him in a starving

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Another man, named Kelly, was found murdered in his cabin, on Brown's Flat, to-day. The object of the assassin evidently was to obtain money.

ACCIDENT.—A man named Blackman, says the *Evening News*, was very severely injured on Monday afternoon by the falling of a frame building at the corner of California and Battery streets. A heavy piece of timber fell upon him, breaking one of his thighs.

GREAT PLANK ROAD ENTERPRISE.—The Crescent City *Herald* advocates the organisation of a joint stock company for the purpose of constructing a plank and turnpike road from Crescent City to Illinois Valley, on the other side of the coast range, a distance of thirty-five or forty miles.

MILITARY COMPANIES.—Two companies, called the "Klamath Rangers" and "Coast Rangers," hove recently been organised, mainly with a view to the suppression of Indian hostilities in northern California.

OREGON POLITICAL MATTERS.—On the question of a State Convention, Washington, Clackamas, and Yamhill Counties, have gone against it by decided majorities. The Whigs in Washington County elected their entire ticket. The Democrats have probably elected Dr. Belknap as Assemblyman.

The election in Jackson County and Gold River Valley was held on the 5th inst. It passed off very quietly and orderly. Jackson Precinct polled over six hundred votes. The following named gentlemen are elected: Dr. E. Cleveland, Council; C. S. Drew, Alex. McIntyre, P. Dunn, and D. Newcomb, Assemblymen; Thos. Pyle, Sheriff; B. F. Davis, Treasurer; Probate Judge, A. P. Stearns; Prosecuting Attorney, P. P. Primm.

RATHER BULLISH.—The *Journal*, in expatiating upon the "Secret Circular," gets off the following "what do you call it?"

If it were not intended for circulation throughout the State, and was never so circulated, we think it was emphatically a *secret* circular.

A "Secret Circular" that was never circulated—that will do, neighbor: you can take the head of the class.

CRESCENT CITY HERALD.—The first number of this small but neatly printed weekly paper, published at Crescent City, Klamath county, has been received. Messrs. Fetchtig & Freaner are the proprietors.