

Mr. Raymond placed in our hands the following marriage contract, which we recommend to the notice of all our young lady and bachelor readers:

CARSON RIVER, July 4, 1854.

By these presents we hereby certify, in the presence of witnesses, that we will from this time henceforth, to the end of our lives, live together as man and wife, obeying all the laws of the United States as married persons. In witness, we set our hands and seals this fourth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

[Signed]

JAMES DOVER,

RACHEL F. ALBRECHT.

Witnesses, Jas. B. Ellis, Charles H. Albrecht, Augustus C. Albrecht.

We like the above plan of "splicing," it saves expense; there's no parson's nor justice's fees to pay, no license to take out. It will no doubt meet with the hearty approval of a large body of our young men—the "have nothings," as the fees amount to "nary red."—*Mountain Democrat*.

SUICIDE.—On yesterday morning a man, name unknown, jumped overboard from the ferry boat at the junction of the Sacramento and American rivers, and sank immediately. He was seen previously to bind a cord on which were suspended heavy iron rings about his neck, showing that the suicide was premeditated. The body was recovered in about half an hour. He had on two hickory and a red flannel shirt, Panama hat, thick boots and black pantaloons, in the pockets of which were found a bottle of liquor and two small keys. He had brown hair, black whiskers and was apparently about 35 years of age. The Coroner held an inquest on the body, and the jury brought in a verdict of suicide.—*Union*.

FATALITY AMONG INDIANS.—As an example of the decimation of the Indian population of our country, we need but refer to the Hock Farm digger tribe, which consisted of over five hundred souls a few years since—so we are informed by Gen. John A. Sutter. The same gentleman also says that of that entire number but *fifteen* are now living. The decrease has been far more rapid since the settlement of the State by Eastern emigrants.—*Ib*.

PROGRESS OF THE PANAMA RAILROAD.—Notwithstanding all the difficulties against which the Railroad Company have to contend,—such as the embankments caving in, hands getting sick and deserting, the rainy season, and other obstacles—the work still progresses rapidly. On the 13th instant, the train ran to within about one mile of the Summit, thus making the present station very little over twelve miles from Panama. At this end every thing is going ahead in good style, and we have every reason to believe, notwithstanding the prognostications of some wisecracs to the contrary, that the cars will be heard shrieking through this good old city of Panama before the end of the present year.—*Star & Herald*.