

Arrival of the Southerner.**GOLD EXCITEMENT AT SANTA BARBARA.**

[PER ADAMS AND CO.'S EXPRESS.]

The steamer *Southerner*, Capt. Hillard, arrived yesterday morning from San Diego, bringing dates from Los Angeles to August 3d.

The following is her passenger list:

Lieut Mason and lady, Major Hentzleman, Capt K S Burtons, Lieut O'Connell and four non-commissioned officers of the U S A, Judge Hayes, John D Warren, Adams & Co's Messenger, G Lyons, Miss F Henley, Mrs Carolina Franklin, Denison, Manasse, Marke, Cohn, Chorp, C D Poston, Ehronburg, McCoy, W Robinson, Hancock, Dr F Chorpenung, H P McRevin, F Paigue, F Garcia Saek, H C Clark, Clark, Carroll, Briz, Ruiz, Anderson, Fort Clansell, Taylor, Wilt, Helm, Bonnard, Thomsen, Hughs, Fitzgerald, Alsuette, Dennis, Ward, D W A Pexander, and 24 in the steerage.

We are indebted to Jno. D. Warren, Messrs. Adams & Co.'s Messenger, for the following items of news:

GOLD EXCITEMENT IN SANTA BARBARA.—When the *Southerner* came into Santa Barbara, on her trip from San Diego here, the whole town was in a state of excitement caused by the discovery of "rich gold diggings" on Kern River, within eighty miles of that place. A party of three Mexicans first made the discovery, about two weeks since. After having worked five days, they had four hundred and eighty dollars in scale gold. They returned to Santa Barbara for provisions. After procuring enough to last some time, they returned to the newly discovered mines, accompanied by a large party of citizens. The reports they bring may be relied upon. The average amount made per day is twelve dollars to the hand, working with a common rocker.

MAN MURDERED.—On the morning of July 31st a strange man was found dead within three miles of the Mission San Luis Obispo, a ball having pierced his heart. He was dressed in a brown tweed sack coat, gray satinet pants and a checked shirt. He had four buckskin purses upon his person, one of which contained a trifle over \$150. In the immediate vicinity of the place where the body was found was hitched a brown horse, branded G. H. A new California saddle and an American bridle were on the ground by the horse. When last seen alive this man was at Santa Marguerita, in company with a man who was mounted on a large sorrel American horse, and carried a rifle. An inquest was held on the body of the murdered man. The verdict was that he died from the effects of a pistol shot from the hand of some person unknown, as no weapon could be found thereabouts.

The *Star* has hoisted the names of Denver, Herbert and Leake. From that paper we take the following items of news:

THE INDIAN AGENT.—Col. Thomas J. Henly, the newly appointed Superintendent of Indian Affairs for California, started on Monday last for the Tejon, in company with Lieut. Beale. The promptness and dispatch the Colonel

has evinced in entering on the duties of his office, gives us the assurance that he lacks none of the energy that characterises Lieut. Beale. As a gentleman and consistent Democrat, we have reason to congratulate the administration in its happy selection to fill so important an office. As the administration saw fit to make a change in this office, we feel confident it could not have chosen a man better qualified; for honesty and humanity are two qualifications indispensable in dealing between the red man and Government. His stay at the Tejon will be a short one, owing to his having to return to the north, in order to select a reservation in that region, where he intends putting in crops on the same basis and plan adopted by Mr. Beale.

Lo! THE POOR INDIAN!—Two Indians were found murdered in our streets the past week, by some person or persons unknown, and dumped into the common receptacle made and provided for such cases. This surely looks rather bilious; but we are at a loss to devise any plan that will remedy the evil. If our City Fathers, in their wisdom, see fit to license all the petty grog shops about town for fear that the wheels of our city government will clog for the want of funds, it would be hard to suggest a remedy that would prevent the selling of liquor to the Indians.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.—Hon. I. S. K. Ogier, Judge of the Southern District, held a special session, commencing on Tuesday, the 25th ult., and adjourned yesterday to the next regular session in December.

The first sale of city lots under the provisions of the new ordinance was held yesterday at the Mayor's Office. The bidding was spirited, and prices ranged from thirty-one to seventy-five dollars per lot.

From the *Southern California* we take the following:

FROM SONORA.—Mr. Asa Dean, who resides at the Monte, but recently from Sonora, informs us that every thing is quiet at the present time, but that the people are, as a general thing, discontented with the Mexican Government. He has been there about six months and visited all parts of the country and speaks from actual knowledge. The people, he says, are waiting with great patience to hear of the confirmation of the Gadsden treaty; they are anxious to come under the protection of the United States. A great many of them are moving to Altar, in hopes it will be included in the territory ceded. They are all well aware, from sad experience, that the Mexican Government is unable to protect them against Indian depredations, which has been for years, and is now, perpetrated almost every day. Many wealthy men have been reduced to poverty, by being driven from their homes and having their stock stolen.

Mr. Dean says he knows of very rich gold and silver mines in that country, and is now preparing to fit out a company to go and work them.

✓TULARE COUNTY.—We learn by a gentleman late from the Four Creeks, that Tulare County is fast settling up with farmers, who are laying out farms, and improving them with the intention of making it a permanent place of residence. They are making all preparations necessary to put in a large crop next season. The class of people settling there are practical farmers, who will go into the business in the right way and next year we may have a good account of their efforts.

The crops this year are light, on account of the lateness of the season that they were planted and the dry season they have had; but they have sufficient for home con-