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ARRIVAL OF THE AMERICA.

The steamship *America*, Capt. Fauntleroy, arrived from Oregon yesterday. She brings no later dates than those previously received by the *Columbia*. The following is her memoranda and list of passengers:

Memoranda.

S. S. *America*, Capt. Fauntleroy, left San Francisco Aug. 3rd, at 4 1/2 P. M.; arrived at Humboldt 5th. at 7 A. M. Experienced heavy weather all the way from San Francisco. Left at 6 1/2 P. M.; arrived at Trinidad at 8 1/2; left at 9 1/2; arrived at Crescent City 6 h at 6 1/2 A. M., left at 12 1/2; arrived at Umpqua 7th at 7 A. M.; left 8th at 5 1/2 A. M.; arrived at Port Orford at 11. Left at 11 1/2; arrived at Crescent City at 5 1/2; left at 7 1/2; arrived at Trinidad at 12 M., and left 1 1/2 A. M. 9th; arrived at San Francisco.

Passengers.

Capt J T Wright, J B Wadsworth, E R Faulkner, Mr and Mrs Davis and two children, R Parker, lady and three children. H Gleiner, J Crickett, J Gibson, A Bloch, H Muller, Mr Work, Mr Gilbert, J Chaffer, Dr J Clark.

OYSTERS.—The *Oregon Times* says that a large ten acre bed of oysters has been recently discovered by the "Oyster Boys" at Shoalwater Bay. They are said to be superior to the Baltimore oysters. This, if correct, is a Godsend to us poor dainty starving individuals, and affords an instance of the natural products of Washington and Oregon.

PARTICULARS OF THE HORRID MURDER AT SAN JOSE.
The *San Jose Telegraph* contains the following particulars of the horrible murder recently perpetrated near that place.

On last Thursday one of those terrible crimes was perpetrated about ten miles north of this city, which makes us shudder with horror at the cruelty and depravity of human nature. Mrs. Antonia Higuera, taking her two little children, Francisco and Candelaria, and a little Indian boy, as nurse, left her husband's house for the purpose of going to a neighboring brook, to do some washing. Not returning in a reasonable time, her husband and friends went in search of her, and found the bodies of the unfortunate lady and her children in the branch, with every appearance of having been brutally murdered. The little Indian nurse is missing, and has not been found.

Another Indian boy, about 12 years old, who lived on the ranch, after being absent for a day or two, being pressed by hunger, came to a neighboring ranch, and stated that the murders had been committed by an Indian youth of about 16 years old, who lived on the ranch of the deceased lady's husband, and who, from some cause, had conceived a bitter hatred towards Mrs. Higuera. The boy states that the Indian struck Mrs. Higuera with a rock, and knocked her down, and then threw her into the water. The eldest child he killed by striking its head against a tree, and the youngest one he drowned. The nurse he carried off with him. The boy who gave this information, says that he remained with the murderer a day or two in the mountains, and that he has gone northward. Large parties are out in pursuit, and there is reason to hope that he will shortly be apprehended. The informant is in custody.

SAD ACCIDENT.—We learn from Mr. Lane, of the firm of Smyley & Lane, just returned from Poor Man's Creek, that James Whitson, an old resident of this place, was very seriously injured in a mining claim at that place on Thursday, the 3d instant, by the falling of a rock weighing some 200 pounds, which struck him upon the head and mashed him down upon the bed rock, fracturing his skull over the region of the forehead very severely. But little hope of his recovery is entertained by his attendant physician, Dr. Vaughan.—*Mountain Messenger.*

INDIAN FIGHT.—An Indian fight came off about a mile from this place on Friday last, on the other side of Wood's ravine, between Wemeh's tribe and the Indians living on the Yuba. The belligerents exhibited their skill in keeping at as great a distance from their antagonists as possible. After considerable manœuvering, one of the Nevada Indians received an arrow in the thigh, whereupon the whole party, considering themselves fairly whipped, took to their heels and fled. The Grass Valley Indians were to have assisted Wemeh, but on coming to the test, they backed out of the scrape. The Nevada Indians would have saved what character they had for bravery, if they had followed the example of their allies. A large number of our citizens went out to witness the "engagement," and were greatly disappointed at the want of courage exhibited by the natives.—*Nevada Democrat.*