

GOING AHEAD.—The work of reconstructing the house of Engine Company No. 4, on Fifth street, was commenced yesterday. According to the terms of the contract, it is to be completed, we believe, within thirty days.

A MULE THIEF.—One Richard Barker, fresh from the Auburn jail, was arrested yesterday, charged with having stolen a mule on Sunday last, from Rattlesnake Bar. As the animal is valued at eighty-five dollars, and the defendant admits the larceny, he may be considered a promising candidate for the State prison.

KIDNAPPING.—A Mexican named Marcus Vaca was arrested yesterday on a charge of having lately kidnapped several Indian children, which he disposed of in this city. The subject will, doubtless, be promptly investigated by Recorder Curtis, when we will be enabled to detail the facts.

COMING ALONG.—The experience of the past few days furnishes us premonitory symptoms of the approach of the rainy season. Yesterday morning was peculiarly indicative of a damp time coming, and the prevailing air is tinged with a wintry chill. As we can scarcely calculate the advent of the storm with any degree of certainty, it would be well for all hands to make due preparation for its reception.

DEPARTURES.—By the departing steamers of the 16th inst. an unusually large number of old residents of Sacramento leave for the Atlantic States, among whom are Messrs. Edward Haren, Jr., R. C. Clark, Dr. J. W. Taylor and Col. Mat Miller. All of these gentlemen, we understand, intend returning in a few months to make this their permanent residence.

THE COURT HOUSE AND JAIL.—On reference to the proceedings in the Court of Sessions yesterday, it will be seen that Mr. Shaw has thrown up the contract for the construction of the contemplated Court House and Jail, and that the order awarding the same to him has been rescinded.