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Affairs on the Pacific Side.

The dry weather prevailing at the date of our last summary still continues, with not the remotest symptom of any speedy change. The consequences of the long continued drought are proving pecuniarily disastrous to both the farming and agricultural community. Immense numbers of the former are lying idle on account of the scarcity of water, while the latter are unable to plough their ground, as it is now baked and wholly impervious to the plough.

Big lumps of gold are, however, found as frequently as ever. In Calaveras a nuggett weighing over 160 pounds has been extracted, the value of which is estimated to be upwards of \$36,000. It is the largest lump which has ever been discovered. A number of other valuable specimens are chronicled as having been found in Tuolumne county.

Trade, owing to the small quantities of gold dust coming in, is exceedingly dull, and will not continue to improve until we are visited with heavy rains.

The Supreme Court is holding a session in chambers at Benicia, and it is supposed that a decision as regards the location of the Capital will be immediately given, inasmuch as the court has been convened for that special object. Meanwhile the new State House is rapidly progressing, and will be in readiness before the assembling of the Legislature in January.

A State Educational Convention is to be held on the 26th inst., at San Francisco. The steamboats are to convey the teachers to and from the Convention free of expense. The main object of the meeting is to discuss all proposed improvements in the management and teaching the public schools of the State. It is also proposed to consider the propriety of establishing a Teachers' Institute.

The decision in regard to the Sutter Land title has not yet been declared. The dilatoriness of the Board of Land Commissioners is the subject of severe animadversion.

The Indians in Klamath and Siskiyou counties are suffering severely for the necessaries of life, and if not speedily assisted, many of them must starve.

The steamer *New World* ran into a snag nine miles below this city on Saturday night, the 9th, and a hole was stove in her larboard bow. She was gotten off on Wednesday, having experienced no great damage.

Later news from Carson Valley reports the discovery of rich gold placers on the east side of Carson river.

December strawberries of luscious flavor, have been chronicled by the press. They were grown in Alameda county. This office has likewise been the recipient of a lot of excellent cotton grown just south of the city.