

Arrival of Beale.

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SUPERINTENDENT BEALE reached the city yesterday from the Tulare Valley, after a toilsome and most adventurous trip across the continent. He encountered difficulties and dangers in crossing the unexplored regions, lying between the Rio Grande and the Sierra Nevada, which nothing save the most indomitable energy, aided by consummate tact in the management of the wild Indians of the Basin, could have overcome. He passed morass and foaming torrent—mountain and desert—over desolate sand plains and through savage hordes, and succeeded in bringing all the party that stuck by him, safe into California. In his progress he discovered several large streams not heretofore known, and took careful note of the configuration and conformation of the country with reference to its fitness for habitation and the location of a railroad. As heretofore stated all his arms and provisions were lost while crossing the Grand river, a tributary of the Colorado, and he was compelled to tarry among the Indians until Mr. Heap could go to Taos for supplies and return. At this point his company became wearied and disheartened by the obstacles that lay before them, and clamored to return. Mr. Beale gave his consent, recrossed the Grand river, and traveled one day's journey back towards the settlements of New Mexico. There he halted, told his company they might proceed—he had started them on the back track—but that he intended at all hazards to go on to California by the route he had marked out. Three men, including a Delaware Indian, stayed with him, the rest went on their way back, and he returned to Grand river, there to await the coming of Mr. Heap. The passage of the desolate and forbidding *jornados*, was a work of toil and peril. Starting at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the party hurried rapidly across the desert. They traveled until midnight, when they were compelled to dismount and traverse the remaining distance on foot. They stopped not a moment for rest, and yet did not reach the opposite side of the desert until 11 o'clock next day.—S. F. Herald.

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