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SOUTH FORK, SALMON RIVER,
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DEAR TIMES.—I have spent several days from the forks, to twenty-five miles up this stream, and within twenty or thirty miles of its source, which is in the same snow capped mountains, with the North Fork of Trinity river. This stream, runs in a North-west direction, through a very rough mountainous region, mostly timbered. The timber consists of scattering pine, arbutus, fir, spruce, madroña, oak, chinquapin and a variety of under brush. The bed of the stream is quite narrow, and in many places canons. The bars and flats, are mostly composed of boulders, some very large, intermixed with clay, sand and gravel which makes the mining very laborious. These mines, were first prospected, in 1850 and were worked but little until last spring, when the whole river was laid out in claims, prospected, and worked with various success—very few of the claims, however coming up to the expectation of the holders.

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Many of them sold out, or abandoned their claims, and left the river, so that there is not much more than one tenth of last spring's population remaining here—but those that are at work, are making from three to ten dollars per day, and some few are doing better. There is a large amount of mining ground untouched, that will yield, from three to eight dollars per day—there are several gardens on the flats, which produce sufficient vegetables for the present demand. Col. Buel has a large one about twenty-five miles above the forks; he has five acres of fine potatoes and six or eight thousand cabbages and other vegetables in proportion, such as onions, parsnips, beets, squashes, melons, corn &c. Provisions have heretofore been brought here from Shasta, over a rough trail, of nearly one hundred miles, and almost destitute of grass; but the expense of transportation is now materially lessened, by the opening of a new trail by Mr. Lack, from Union, Humboldt Bay via Eden valley, Trinity river, making the whole distance to the forks of Salmon sixty-five miles, the trail is a first rate one, and well opened and has abundance of good grass at all the camping places.

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The country, over which the new trail passes, has every indication of a good gold region; it follows the divide between the heads of New river and Red Cap, the mines on both of which streams, are being profitably worked, at this time. Eden valley, is on Trinity river, some twelve miles above its junction, with the Klameth, is a most delightful valley, it has some three thousand acres of rich tilable land and will produce to perfection all kinds of small grain, indian corn, melons, &c.

There are several large ranches of Indians in the valley but they are well disposed and peaceable. Capt. D. Snyder, has commenced a wagon road from the valley to Union, and has several hands at work on it, at this time. He expects to get it half way through this fall, and complete it next season. New diggings have lately been discovered some six miles above the forks of Salmon river in a large gulch, which pays from sixteen to twenty dollars per day, to the hand. The miners are flocking in daily. More anon.

A RAMBLER.