

On the 20th December a small train arrived via the Beckwith Route, and proceeded to the neighborhood of Purdy's Bar, near the West Branch, where they will pass the winter. The party consisted of Mr. A. F. Wheeler, wife and three children; Mr. J. C. Dobbin and Master F. Dobbin, all from Galena, Illinois.

Mr. Riley has been living on Feather River since the spring of '50, is a practical miner, and on his way home with a few thousands, which he has accumulated during his residence in California. He hopes to return in a few months, with a life partner.

**THE STARVING INDIANS IN THE NORTH.**—The situation of the Indians in the northernmost counties of this State is truly deplorable. Not only do they stand in need of the ordinary necessities of life, but they are on the very verge of starvation. The proceedings of a meeting held recently at Pittsburgh, Shasta county, afford unmistakable evidence of their pitiable condition. The first resolution states that the Pitt River, McCloud and other Indians of the vicinity are continually thronging the streets, begging for food, and compelling the whites either to support them or witness cases of actual starvation.

The second resolution calls for the establishment of a temporary reservation to afford them immediate relief.

The next resolution alludes to the appropriation by Congress of \$300,000 for their benefit, and states, moreover, that there are at present one thousand Indians on Pitt and McCloud Rivers, Crow Creek and their tributaries, whose means of subsistence have failed owing to the inroads of the whites.

The succeeding resolution holds it impolitic that such enormous expenditures should be squandered in permanent reservations in the heart of the country, which is populating more rapidly than any other ever did. That such a policy is injuri-

ous to the best interests of the State, and productive of no permanent good to the Indians, as they must eventually again be removed; and they believe that a less sum distributed among them annually, in times of need, in grain, and cultivating their friendship and confidence, would, in two or three years, gain their consent to be removed to a region set apart by nature for their reception, where they may repose undisturbed by white settlements for years to come; the western portion of the great interior Basin, not exceeding one hundred miles from Fort Reading, and connecting with that point by a good wagon road.

A committee was appointed to correspond with the Indian Agent and lay the matter before him in behalf of these Indians, and another committee of five appointed to receive donations from individuals for their temporary relief, in the event that no action is taken by the agent for their benefit.

J. A. Driebelbis is recommended as sub Indian Agent for the Shasta District. The proceedings of the meeting appear in the *Shasta Courier*.

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AUSTRIA.—The most important news from Europe as telegraphed, is the statement that Austria had come to an understanding with the Western Powers, and will make common cause against Russia. If this news is fully confirmed it is more than likely a general peace will follow the fall of Sevastopol. This fortress will be taken, because the honor as well as interests of England and France require that they capture so important a place after having invested it. Both nations would feel themselves disgraced by a repulse, or by a treaty which left it in the possession of Russia.

It is more than likely the United States Government will tender its mediation to bring about a peace between the European powers.

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