

[BY ADAMS &amp; CO.'S EXPRESS.]

The steamer *America* arrived from San Diego last evening, bringing dates to the 5th inst.

We are indebted to E. S. Dean, Purser, for a list of passengers and memoranda:

#### Memoranda.

Left in San Pedro sch Golden Gate, Capt Schelly; at Monterey sch Jno Dunlap.

#### Passengers.

Major Cross, U S A, R D Blawvelt, jr, Geo F Hooper, C Hundhandson, E A Latimer, U S A, Donna Maraquita Maldonada, Donna Loreta Mavaillas, P. Dunn and lady, Mme Cavit, W H Hooper, G Knowlton, Messrs. Hockaday, Glover, Morris, Dalton, Wolfskill, Sloan, Kirkwood, Long, Sandford, Mosmer, F Arness, F R Taylor, Pintes, W Fife, W H Moore, F Demalyas, L Arcosta, Roncillin, F River, J H Hill, F Masser, F Gilbert, Wells, Fargo & Co's messenger, Jas A Fort Adams & Co's messenger, J Wilson.

The excitement about the Kern River mines has revived, and the conviction is general that there are good and extensive diggings.

A weekly line of stages had been put upon the road to Kern River, and large amounts of merchandise were being sent forward by the mule teams. The people generally were in motion for the mines. The miners were reported to be making from \$5 to \$50 per day.

The Pacific Co.'s Salt Works were producing two hundred bushels per day, with the capacity of increase if desired.

Maj. M'Kinstry, U.S.A., who arrived in the *America*, is late from Fort Yuma. He is on his way to the Atlantic States, and his probable destination is said to be Kansas Territory.

The San Diego *Herald* learns that the new quarters at Fort Yuma are rapidly progressing. The adobes for the barracks are already prepared and on the ground.

INDIAN DEPREDACTIONS.—We learn that our valley is once more infested by hostile savages from that nest of horse thieves, Owen's Lake. Parties of them are known to be lurking about, awaiting an opportunity to run off stock.

It is now about eight months since the last extensive foray made by these rascals, during which our rancheros have enjoyed an unprecedented freedom and security from their depredations.

It will be recollected that Lieut. Beale, when Superintendent of the Tejon Reservation, had an interview with this tribe, and by the prompt and energetic measures he pursued, deterred them from a further prosecution of their horse thieving excursions, and during his time, and up to the present, no single excursion has been made by them to this valley.

The fact that a period of eight months, a lapse of time unprecedented hitherto, these Indians have been induced to let us alone, shows conclusively the beneficial effects of the influence that Lieut. Beale brought to bear upon them, and is a proof that if the same efforts had been continued and policy carried

out, that they would still have continued peaceable and quiet.—*Southern Cal.*

**OUR SCHOOLS—BAD ENOUGH.**—There is in Los Angeles 753 scholars; in the Monte, 271, and in San Gabriel, 167; making in the three districts 1191 children, between the ages of four and eighteen. Of this large number, we are assured that not more than 150 are attending school. This surely is a bad picture of the inefficiency of our present school system, and calls loudly for reform.—*Los Angeles Star.*

**ANOTHER ONE.**—A young man by the name of Francisco Leiva, was shot through the head by Felipe Sanchez, causing his death almost instantly. The fatal occurrence took place last Sunday night, in the upper part of the city, during a row.—*Southern Californian.*

**SONS OF TEMPERANCE.**—It will be gratifying to many of our readers, to learn that the above Order has been started and is in active operation in this city. Quite a number of gentlemen have given in their adherence to its support, and the Lodge as constituted already numbers quite a list. Applications are being constantly made, and every prospect is afforded of a rapid advancement of the Order.—*Ib.*

The sale of city property during the past week, shows an increased value of more than one hundred per cent. within the last year. Lots that sold last year at from one hundred and thirty to one hundred and sixty dollars, brought at the present sale, from three hundred and twenty-five to four hundred and fifty dollars each. Sufficient property was sold on the second day to liquidate all the indebtedness of the city; consequently the sale was then stopped, and no further sale of city property can be made without an alteration in the law under which the Trustees act.—*San Diego Herald 4th ult.*

**ARRIVAL OF THE SURVEYING PARTY.**—The party of Engineers who have been engaged in the survey of the route for the Southern Pacific Railroad, under the direction of Mr. Chas. H. Poole, civil engineer, arrived on Monday, 22d, having surveyed the proposed line to the extreme western border of the Desert, at Cariso Creek, where it connects with the U. S. surveys between Vallecitos and the Colorado river. The line has been accurately measured and levelled, and we learn that maps and profiles of the route are in preparation, which together with a full report of the survey, are to be submitted to the directors of the railroad company at an early day.

We understand that a choice of several practicable routes exists, the central or main one having been thoroughly surveyed, and a partial survey of others made; while explorations at the same time indicated the practicability of several passes to the Desert, beyond which no serious impediment is known to exist, that part of the route being nearly a perfect level.—*Ibid.*