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Reduction of Freights.--The following are the rates of freight at present to the mining towns in the southern section, and although the fall is very great, the quantity of goods going forward is comparatively small. Probably merchants are waiting for a further decline, as the tendency is downwards, and as country merchants have suffered serious losses from the high rates they have been compelled to pay heretofore. To Sonora and Columbia 7 and 8 cents are paid; to Agua Frio 8c; to Murphy's 10c; and to Angels 8c. To all the other quarters the rates have fallen in the same ratio, and should the weather continue as at present, we may expect a reduction shortly to the old standards. There are plenty of wagons in town. Pack mules are abundant.--*Journal.*

Staging.--Within the last week, this important feature in our communication with the mines, has been resumed to a considerable extent, and passengers find no difficulty in reaching any section of the mines they may wish.

Indian News.--In addition to the news contained in the communications in another column, we hear a report that the Indians have attacked Fort Miller, and also killed Mr. Converse at Converse's Ferry, on the San Joaquin, and carried off his wife into captivity. Four hunters, who formerly made regular visits into Mariposa, from the Chowchilla, are also reported

as missing. These are only straggling rumors.

A man named Scates, 82 years of age, was hung in Jefferson, Miss., recently, having been convicted of the murder of his own son.

The *Detroit Advertiser* of Wednesday contains a feeling and edifying obituary of Hon Wm R. King, Vice President elect, his death having been reported in that city by telegraph.

Costly Pleasure.—Some few years since, an orthodox clergyman, in one of our New England cities, felt a strong desire to read Walter Scott's novels. And he so far sacrificed his principles that he made up his mind to do so. For several successive Sabbaths, he supplied his pulpit by means of exchange, and employed his time as proposed.

Having finished his fearful work, he found, to his great surprise, that he had brought leanness on his soul.--- Some one remarked, "he will not get over it for months, and perhaps, not even for years." "No," said the late Prof. Stuart, "nor to all eternity."

Friend of Virtue.

Friend of stupidity!

The friends of Hon. Benj. Hallet are very active in getting up an influence in favor of his appointment, as Collector of the Custom House, in Boston.

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