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From Yreka.

Mr. A. J. Horsley, Cram, Rogers & Co.'s Express messenger, left Yreka on the 3d inst., in company with a party of twenty-five gentlemen, and arrived in this place over the Sacramento trail, on Wednesday of this week. The party took the precaution to travel the entire distance with an advance scout of ten men armed with rifles, and hence were not at all troubled by the Indians, who have committed so many and serious depredations upon that trail. The party brought some 250 pack mules through with them.

When Mr. H. left, business was improving. Provisions had slightly declined; flour was selling for 50 cents per lb., sugar 50, and coffee 60. Clothing was obtainable at fair prices.

The citizens of Yreka have gotten into quite a spirit for building, and a number of elegant and substantial stone houses are in process of erection, among which we may mention those of Messrs. Smith, Parker, and Hellman. The house of Mr. Parker is to be made entirely fire-proof.

Messrs. Garland & Co. re-opened the Yreka Hotel on the 22d of Feb., on which occasion they gave the citizens of Yreka a splendid ball. It has been represented to us as having been a most brilliant affair. Our informant counted thirty-three ladies and between forty and fifty gentlemen in the ball room at one time. Who will wonder then that the party delayed all

will wonder, then, that the party danced all night till broad daylight." Quite a number of gentlemen hailing from this place, arrived in time to participate in the enjoyments of the occasion, and speak of the whole affair in the most enthusiastic terms.

Extensive preparations are being made throughout Scott's Valley, for farming upon a large scale the approaching summer. Two quartz machines have arrived in the valley, by way of Oregon, and will speedily be put in operation upon the claims known as Best's and Shackelford's. The leads are said to be very rich, and the owners anticipate an abundant yield.

The mines about Yreka have paid well all winter, and the miners now are making good wages, having every where an abundance of water.

Very rich diggings were lately discovered upon Althone Creek, a tributary of Rogue River, distant about 60 miles to the northward of Yreka. The miners are rushing thither in great numbers. The diggings about Jacksonville are also very good, and have been so all winter.

A party are out endeavoring to find a trail over the Coast Range from Yreka to the new town just starting on the coast, below Scottsburg.

The Indians were perfectly quiet throughout Scott's Valley.

A friendly Indian brought in another mule belonging to the lamented Freaner. The Indian got it from the Pitt River tribe.

RICH DIGGINGS ON PITT RIVER.—Very rich mines have been discovered within the past few weeks, upon a stream leading into Pitt river.