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DOWNIEVILLE.—The *Mountain Echo* says that considerable excitement has been created in several precincts of Sierra county, by an anticipated clashing between the miners and the officers of the law. These difficulties generally have their origin in the course of some suit about mining claims, in which, let the decision be as it will, the mulcted party is seldom satisfied.

The mining intelligence is, as usual very favorable from the Downieville region.

Suits were brought against a number of Downieville merchants for trading in gold dust without a license. Many of them had paid up, while others continued to resist the tax.

COLUMBIA.—The *Gazette* says that the miners in that neighborhood are all making good wages.

At Murphy's the claims are paying "big."

A rich quartz vein has been discovered 12 miles east of Sonora. The lead averages four feet in thickness, and a shaft has been sunk to the depth of 86 feet.

Two men were found drowned in the Stanislaus river at Burn's ferry, on Saturday last. The bodies were not identified.

Fifty hands are employed in constructing a suspension bridge across the Stanislaus at this point.

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Indian depredations are common in the neighborhood of Columbia.
The small pox has made its appearance among the Indians near Springfield. A number of deaths had occurred from its prevalence.
PLACERVILLE.—The *Appeal* says that on Sunday last a miner at Coon Hollow, named Mason, was accidentally shot by another person name not learned. The bullet entered between the shoulders, inflicting only a slight wound.

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