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**From Pitt River.**

We learn from our friend James L. Hart, Esq., who has just returned from these new diggings, that the miners holding claims on Squaw Creek are making capital wages. No additional gulches or ravines have yet been discovered that have proved more than ordinarily rich. Many miners have left for their old claims about Horsetown, Middletown, Muletown, Arbuckle, Bald Hill, &c., satisfied to hold on to them, with the hope of working them in the fall when the Shasta Mining and Water Company shall have completed its work. Notwithstanding this, however, the Pitt River diggings are emphatically good, and will yield many a pile during the summer to the fortunate ones of the large number of miners who will mine there the present season.

We have been shown a memorandum book, together with some private papers, belonging to Col. James Frenner, that were found in an old deserted Indian Rancherie, some fifty miles up Pitt River. This removes all doubt in regard to the fate of that lamented gentleman and his companions. The book and papers are of but little intrinsic worth, but will be forwarded to his brother. The papers were found by a prospecting party, and sent to this place by George A. Duffy, Esq.

We are sorry to learn that this party, in crossing Pitt River, lost three of their number by drowning. One of the men lost was John

Lee, from Iowa.

The miners had an Indian shot on Squaw Creek for stealing.

By advertisements in the proper columns, it will be seen that Capt. Fleeson has established a trading post at the crossing of Pitt River, and that Morehead's Ferry is in full operation. Thus persons desirous of visiting these mines, will find no inconvenience in doing so.

Will not some miner write from Pitt river? Where is the nervous quill of "Stimpson Jim."

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EMIGRATION TO CALIFORNIA.—Our advices from Missouri assure us that the emigration the present season from that State will be greater than any previous year. The *Oscola Independent* says, "we learn from all parts of the State, the emigration to California and Oregon will be much larger than last year." The *St. Louis Intelligencer* of March 5, also says, "our population—that which can be least spared—is, if we are rightly informed, going off in troops—every face set west." This being the case, we trust our citizens will see the wisdom of taking timely steps to have the Noble Route properly opened. As this is undoubtedly the least difficult pass through the Sieras, a large portion of the emigration may be brought immediately into this section, provided timely and adequate measures are taken. We look upon this as a matter of the greatest importance to this portion of the State, and trust it will not be neglected.

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A WARNING.—A gentleman between Mud Lake Ranch and Pitt River, when traveling alone, was so incautious as to permit several Indians to approach him, because they exhibited to him the fact that they had no arrows in their quivers. The consequence was that as soon as