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## News from the Indian Reservation.

Mr. J. H. Millmore arrived from the new Indian Reservation, near the Tejon Pass, on Thursday morning, whither he had been with stores, &c., for the Indian Agent. He has made the quickest trip, to and fro, on record. He left Stockton with nine teams on the 21 Dec; arrived at the Reservation on the 24th, and reached Stockton again on the 5th of Jan. The distance from Stockton to the Tejon Pass is 398 miles, and the road is one of the roughest in the country.

In reference to the prospect of Lieut. Beale's success in his benevolent undertaking of civilizing the untutored Indians of the southern country, Mr. Millmore has furnished us with some very favorable evidence. There are some 700 Indians (many of them belonging to the wild tribes,) now profitably engaged in the cultivation of the soil. These savages are very apt scholars, readily learning the use of the plough; and when kindly treated, are exceedingly tractable. Lieut. Beale calculates that they will this year raise a million pounds of wheat. Two miles of land has already been sown, and there are some six or seven hundred acres of barley yet to be put in. The chiefs of the mountain tribes seem to watch these proceedings with intense curiosity, and many of the more influential of their number have left to induce their adherents to "come in." The past treatment they have received from the whites has made them suspicious, and it is difficult, of course, to persuade them that provision is now being made for them in good earnest. As they see the crop spring from

the earth, and their comrades comfortably housed, fed, and clothed, they will doubtless all yield to the evidence afforded by facts, and become anxious themselves to enjoy these privileges.

Our informant says that an Indian will follow a plough a distance of 18 miles a-day. Each furrow is a mile in length; and the Indian works a mile forward and a mile back nine times a-day. The Reservation is some eighty miles distant from any white settlement.

These facts may be relied on for, although Mr. Millmore has no pretensions to the blandishments of polished life, he is a practical man and common sense observer of causes and effect.

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