

stole a fine saddle, and had here also to pass near several persons asleep. We learn that the owners of the mare have strong suspicions as to the *gentleman* who committed the theft. This is the boldest robbery of which we remember to have heard. We learn also that another gentleman in the same neighborhood lost a horse the same night.

LOCUSTS.—We are informed by Mr. S. A. Booker, that in the neighborhood of Douglass' ranch, on the Calaveras, myriads of locusts have made their appearance. So numerous are they, that, for a distance of three miles, the air is fairly black with them for three hundred feet from the earth. They are moving in a westerly direction, at the rate of some two or three miles a day, and are destroying vegetation to an alarming extent.

U. S. TROOPS.—Company K, Third Artillery, numbering 60 men, Lieut. Loeser commanding, arrived in this city yesterday morning on the *Cornelia*, en route for Fort Miller. They take with them two brass mountain howitzers and a large provision train. We understand that they will relieve the detachment of dragoons now stationed at the Fort. The latter command will be garrisoned at Tejon Pass, near the Indian Reservation.

CITIZENS' BALL.—From what we can learn, we are led to believe that the ball to be given on the 4th inst., at the Weber House will be a splendid affair. Our friend, Angevine Reynolds, the well-known and popular landlord, is leaving nothing undone that can be done to make the arrangements perfect. Everybody wants to go, and we expect to see one of the largest, as well as most agreeable parties ever held in this city.

THE "FAST CRAB" DISTANCED ALREADY.—The "slow coach" of the *Republican* published the news by the *John L. Stephens* thirty-six hours in advance of the *Argus*. As we pre-