

sonal popularity. We are gratified to be able to add, that these votes were cast irrespective of party associations. We do not hesitate to say, in the language of a San Francisco Snob, when receiving a cane at the hands of a select circle of Snobs, that this is "the happiest moment of our lives."

The Expresses of Rhodes & Co., and Cram, Rogers & Co., placed us in possession of the *Mountain Herald* of the 2d September, on Wednesday last. We appropriate the following paragraphs:—

The first emigration to this place direct, arrived on Thursday last. Among them are our old citizens, Messrs. Smith Bennett and David Calhoun. The latter gentleman left here last winter and has returned with his family. To him we are indebted for the following interesting information:

Mr. Conner, formerly of this place, and others, have gone in over Noble's Route to Shasta, in consequence of not having sufficient force for protection against the Indians, who are represented as numerous and hostile on the lakes. The company who went from here had quite a skirmish with them at Tulare Lake, killing one Indian, and were cut off and obliged to fall back on the main force under Captain Walker. They then advanced on the Indians and drove them back into the Tulares. It is believed by the force that Topsy and his band are amongst the Indians on the Lakes. There is now a sufficient force on the trail to protect the emigration and render travelling safe; and a company have gone on to the Humboldt to apprise the emigration of this fact. The grass from the Humboldt is good.

Five thousand pounds of new flour from Hellmans & Co.'s mill in Rogue River Valley, has arrived in town, and may be found at the store of H. T. Templeton & Co., who will hereafter have a large supply from this mill. We are informed that it is of a first rate quality.

They are also making flour at the mill of Messrs. McDermit & Davidson in Scott Valley.

We shall shortly expect to see some of it.

A prisoner by the name of Dean, sentenced to the penitentiary for three years, made his escape from the jailor of this county on Saturday night last, and has not yet been arrested.

HON. MILTON S. LATHAM.—The following is the card of Mr. Latham, addressed to B. F. Lippincott, Esq., declining to run as a "Broderick" candidate for Congress. We will not be astonished to find that this little note, in a short time, has raised Mr. Latham to a position a step or two nearer the Senatorial chair, soon to be vacated by Mr. Gwin, than even that occupied by Mr. Broderick himself:—

SIR: In pursuance of your wish, I now notify you of my conclusion as to running for Congress again. From private considerations, it has always been my wish not to be returned to Congress; but, regarding private interest as subject to the demands of party, I have been willing to allow my name to be used by my friends, if it would tend to secure success and harmony to the Democracy. The present condition of affairs in the State renders such a hope, on my part, evidently futile.

With sincere respect, and a deep sense of gratitude to those who have so far honored me by their nomination, I respectfully decline being a candidate.

Your obedient servant,

MILTON S. LATHAM.

Sacramento City, Sept. 2, 1854.

FLUSH TIMES OF ALABAMA AND MISSISSIPPI.—We are under many obligations to Mr. A. Roman, for a copy of this humorous book. The object of the author, Mr. J. G. Baldwin, in presenting this series of sketches, is to illustrate the characters, and the phases of society, of the flush times of 1835, '36, and '37—the days of gigantic speculations, boundless credit, and rag money. The work has met with remarkable