

on the surface, and that he had brought in near a pound to San Rafael. The Star says, "if the discoveries of gold prove true, Lower California may hope for better things in future."

DEATH OF A PIONEER.—On the 13th inst., Isaac Slover and a young man named James A. McMinds left Los Angeles on a hunting excursion into the mountains of the Cajon Pass. In the afternoon they met a very large bear and supposed they had killed it. On approaching, they found that it still breathed. Slover dismounted, and was creeping around a bush to get a fair view before shooting, when the bear jumped upon him, breaking his right thigh in two places, badly crushing the bone, biting a piece out of his left thigh, and severely wounding him in the left side and head. McMinds fired, and the bear left Slover and chased McMinds a few yards, but instantly returned and laid down within five or six feet of Slover. Afraid to shoot again lest it should seize Slover, McMinds crept up and carried Slover off some distance and put him on his mule, and he rode a quarter of a mile in this condition, when, complaining of being too faint and sick to go further, a bed was made for him of their blankets, and here the two remained till Saturday. He had remained more than twenty hours, with only a little water which his faithful friend had been able to get into a powder flask. He died about one o'clock on Monday morning, shortly before the party got to the mouth of the Tejon. Mr. Slover was over 80 years of age—a veteran hunter, and of great bodily vigor. He was a native of Kentucky, and had hunted buffalo from Kentucky to Missouri and Arkansas, until the bark of his neighbor's dogs drove him to the prairies and the Rocky Mountains. He came from New Mexico to California in 1843, and has since resided on the Los Angeles frontiers.

A SWINDLER.—The Los Angeles Star says that a man named Lawrence, who took a drove of sheep from that county to Sacramento for sale, has decamped to Salt Lake with the proceeds, amounting to \$6,000. The Star adds: "Two persons were immediately sent in pursuit, who succeeded in overtaking the fugitive, and recovered about \$5,000 of the money. We understand that the persons have returned, but have not made known the fate of Lawrence."

The Indian Reservation at the Tejon is reported by Col. Beale, the Los Angeles Star

says, to be in rather a bad condition, the Indians deserting for their homes in the mountains.

FIRE AT SAN BERNARDINO.—The house of Harvey Green, of San Bernardino, was burned to the ground on Saturday night, Oct. 14th. All the goods in the house were consumed.

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