

proposes to go to Lyons, to Bordeaux, Toulouse, Marseilles, and Tours, to take the lines of railway. He pretends that he can travel quicker by rail. The price of each machine will not exceed 1200f. for men, and 1000f. for women. If the experiment succeeds, Don Diego will take out a patent, and will make the sale of the machines a branch of commerce. Although greatly astonished at this new invention, several members of the Academy have pointed out the inconvenience of bringing it into general use.— In point of fact, there will be no security for any one, if by the aid of such machines all our usages and customs be overthrown, and if malefactors can fly on the roofs of houses, afterwards get into apartments and commit all sorts of depredations. It will be very curious to see policemen in France or England pursuing thieves in the air, in order to lock them up on earth. It appears that 1855 promises us all sorts of marvels.

**THE HUMBOLDT INDIANS.**—The Indians of this Bay are now holding a general meeting at their Ranchera on Pattewott river. They are offering sacrifices to the “good spirit to hold the earth still;” the shocks of earthquakes lately felt have frightened them so much that they would have left for the hills if the “wagas” (whites) had not persuaded them that there was no danger. The council has lasted five days, which time has been spent, in the day by the old men in handing down traditions, and the night by the younger ones in dancing, which they keep up all night. The Bay Indians have a tradition that this bay was produced by an earthquake, which swallowed up the land and destroyed a large and powerful tribe of Indians—only a few escaping—which statement is almost corroborated by the evidences presented to us, viz: trees buried to the depth of two hundred feet, and more palpable proofs in the immense fissures found in the hills to the south-east of this place, which appear to have been made within a century.—*Humboldt Times.*