

ous nature occurred at Mormon Island on the 4th inst., occasioned by the premature discharge of a cannon, and by which two men, named J. F. Clark and John Barriekle, were severely injured. The latter was blown some eighteen feet from the cannon, and was burned horribly.

PERSONAL.—We are glad to welcome back among us our old friend, Capt. John C. Dent, and congratulate him on his good fortune in having induced one of the fair maids of that famous State of Pike to accompany him hither to his new home. Happiness attend them.

DROWNED.—The yachts David Scannell and Jerry Bryant were capsized in the bay of San Francisco, on the 4th inst., while racing, and Mr. Perkins, the owner and builder of the former, was drowned. Another person, name unknown, was also drowned. So says the *Alta*.

RETURNED.—A. C. Bradford, editor of this paper, returned to this city, yesterday morning, from a visit to the East. He came a passenger on the Golden Age on Saturday last.

WE ARE indebted to Wells, Fargo & Co. for first delivery of Sacramento and Marysville papers yesterday.

A MOUNTAIN SURVEY.—Dr. Bradley, of Diamond Springs, has undertaken the survey of a mountain cut-off road, which is thus described by the *Sacramento Union*:

He spent a couple of weeks in exploring a route for a wagon road, and cutting out a trail along the line of the South Fork of the American river, from Cold Springs, on the old Carson emigrant road, to the summit of the Sierra Nevada. They cut out a trail to within seven miles of Clear Lake, which is located between the two summits. The route proposed by Dr. Bradley is really a cut-off from the old road,

by which a very considerable distance is saved, and the mountains about Tragedy Springs, and what is known as the Western Summit—which is said to be much the most difficult of the two—are avoided by keeping up the South Fork. The grade is reported as very favorable, with no obstacles to prevent the making of a good road for a very reasonable amount of money. Dr. Bradley and party were forced to return before fully completing their reconnoissance, as their provisions were exhausted, and they were attacked by a hostile band of Indians. Not being armed, as they did not dream of hostile Indians being about, they concluded best to retrace their steps, and obtain provisions, arms, and a reinforcement. The money necessary to pay their expenses was made up by voluntary subscriptions in Mud and Diamond Springs.

THE FOURTH IN SACRAMENTO.—As the authorities permitted a general celebration of the Fourth to go by default, the only observance of the day at all note-worthy was the excursion of the Public Schools. The children connected with the schools, together with the superintendents, teachers and others, made an excursion to Leonard's Ranch, a few miles above Sacramento, on the river. The *Union* says that the whole number on the ground could not have been less than 1,200, one half of whom were children. A fine dinner was spread and the children amused themselves by dancing to the music of the band. During the exercises letters were read from Gov. Bigler, Hon. Paul K. Hubbs and Rev. O. C. Wheeler. In the city, the Sutter Rifles, a new volunteer company, paraded, and by invitation proceeded in vehicles to Buckner's Ranch, where the citizens in the neighborhood were celebrating the day. Here a fine dinner was served, followed by a dance.

THE FOURTH IN SAN FRANCISCO.—The *News* says that although the Fourth was celebrated