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## NEWS FROM THE INTERIOR OF THE STATE.

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By the arrival of the steamship *Senator*, at San Pedro, on Tuesday morning, we received San Francisco dates to the 4th inst., from which we take the following summary:

A destructive fire took place at the Novelty Distillery, San Francisco, about noon of the 2d inst. The fire was occasioned by the bursting of the alcohol still, and as the liquor struck the flames they were soon communicated to all around, although it is said that if the necessary means had been at hand they might at first have been arrested before they had communicated to the spirits and other combustibles. As soon, however, as the flames reached the spirits the conflagration was general, and the interior of the building was enveloped in flames—there being thirty thousand gallons of liquor in the distillery at the time.—Mr. Isaacs, one of the employees attached to the works, was charging the still at the time, and was not only knocked down by the explosion, but was also dangerously scalded. His brother was standing by his side at the time and received a similar injury. At the time of the explosion there were about thirty persons in the building who suffered to a greater or less extent. Mr. Carrell, one of the number, was shockingly scalded, and expired about eight o'clock Friday evening. Bernard Bird, also dreadfully scalded, died at an early hour on the same evening. Carrell and the two Messrs. Isaacs were removed to the house of Mrs. Cunningham, and received every attention at her hands. Wm. Deal and Mr. Kelly were also severely scalded. Messrs. Herschfield and Barnett, the conductors, as well as Peter Burns, were slightly injured.

Owing to the heroic conduct of a creole woman, named Emily Edwards, the lives of four men were saved. She herself had been badly burned in the fire of 1851. She was the first to give the alarm; she had the fence torn down and carried out a large quantity of grain, and she it was who saved the four men who were scalded, by dragging them from the building and covering them with her own clothing which she tore off her person.—Several of the engine companies were promptly on the spot, but owing to the nature of the contents of the building, in the course of 40 minutes it was entirely consumed. Several of the firemen were severely injured by the falling of the walls, one of whom, named Thomas J. Seward, died in the course of an hour.

The building, itself, cost \$27,000, which would be increased to \$100,000 by the machinery and necessary apparatus. It was the largest distillery on the Pacific coast, and the property consumed could not have been less than \$250,000. It was owned by a company, and the principal portion of the capital was invested by parties in New York, where an insurance of \$100,000 is said to have been effected. In San Francisco, the principal stockholders were Alsop & Co. This loss will be increased, from the fact that it will interfere with contracts to a large amount, already made.

INDIAN FIGHT NEAR RED BLUFF—TWENTY-FIVE INDIANS KILLED.—A correspondent at Red Bluff:

writes to the *Sacramento Union*, under date of Oct. 21, that he had just heard through Mr. Bumpis, of a fight between the Indians about twenty-five miles from that place, in which some twenty-five were killed. He says that the Indians are committing robberies and murders in all directions in that vicinity, and suggests pertinently that something should be done to protect the people of the north, particularly the women and children, in this connection. He asserts that it is unsafe for a white man to sleep out of his house, and that if something is not done by the authorities, the people will wage war on their own hook. A company of volunteers has been drilling at Red Bluffs for some time past, and is held in readiness to attend the call of the Governor.

**FOUR CATTLE THIEVES HUNG.**—At Hill's Ferry, in Stanislaus county, three Mexican and one German were hung in a row on the 19th ult. for stealing cattle. One hundred head were found in their possession when arrested. A Court of Judge Lynch was held, which resulted in their conviction. The Mexicans were stubborn, cool and collected to the last, making no confession or manifesting any signs of penitence beyond asking those around them to pardon, and regretting that they must die without the absolving aid of a priest. The German made a full confession, admitting that he deserved his fate. He left a wife and four children.

**A STRONG NORTHER.**—Yesterday, about 5, A. M., the wind which had been moderate at North, increased to nearly a gale, causing a heavy swell in the bay. Many vessels dragged their anchors, and those lying at the wharves were more or less damaged by chafing. Many parts of the different wharves were damaged, having the piles broken off by the swell. The new made ground at North Point Warehouse, was somewhat damaged, the filling in at several places having been washed away. The damage done to the wharves and shipping in the harbor is considerable.—*Times and Transcript.*

**FROM YREKA.**—The *Shasta Republican* says that Captain Jacob Rhodes has organized a company in Yreka for the purpose of taking a part in the warfare which now exists with the Indians. The company consists of twenty-five picked men. On Wednesday last it was to have marched for Rogue River Valley. It is the intention of Captain Rhodes to scour that region of country. We have no doubt he will do good service. On Wednesday last several wagons, heavily freighted, arrived at Yreka from the Sacramento Valley, via the new wagon road. The road is in good condition, and travel will continue over it until the snows begin to fall.

**THE YUBA INDIANS.**—A writer in the *Marysville Herald*, from Empire Ranch, Oct. 26th, says that Col. Henly and Sub-Agents have been in this vicinity for the past few days, to remove the Indians to the Nome Lackee Reservation. This morning one hundred and fifty left. Col. Henly is deserving of much praise. Notwithstanding the difficulties encountered, he has succeeded in removing some of the most aged and infirm, whose heads were whitened with the frosts of one hundred years.

The *San Francisco Sun* of Friday says:—The *May Tribune* has gone into the control of General James Allen, the Know-Nothing State Printer and the well-known "six foot two" editor of General Jackson's organ in Cincinnati, (*The Republican*) in 1832. The *Farwell Tribune* has dried up—the efficient editorial corps (*dead heads* of course) of that concern, have returned to this city.

**MURDER AT MARE ISLAND.**—Two men attached to