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The steamer *Senator* arrived at San Francisco on Monday last, bringing two weeks later news from the Southern portion of the State. Some difficulties have occurred with the Indians, and the papers are fearful of an Indian war.

A letter dated San Geronimo, Oct. 29, and published in the *Southern Californian*, gives account of a meeting held in that vicinity, to take measures against the depredations and threatening aspect of the Indians in that valley and neighborhood. The letter says:

From the late movements of the Indians, there is reason to believe that they are meditating some evil. Several weeks since a council of chiefs was held here — for what purpose no one knows; but it was attended by warriors from all the neighboring tribes. They kept their proceedings a profound secret.

The squaws are now moving into the mountains, leaving their "fighting men" behind. As this is the first time such a thing has ever occurred here, it causes great uneasiness among the residents.

There has been much dissatisfaction of late, and within the last few weeks they have made various threats against the whites.— They are apparently preparing for war and the mountains are filled with them.

As the settlers in this Pass are scattered through a space of from 20 to 25 miles, they will be almost without protection in case of sudden difficulty.

Very serious losses have already occurred to the settlers at San Geronimo, their cattle having been stolen and driven off; one man recently lost one hundred head.

It is reported the Indians would not allow Col. Washington and his surveying party to approach the Colorado river.

The *Californian* says: The fruit season is upon its last legs, and will soon be over. Our citizens have generally done very well, their fruit bringing ample returns. Next year it may be expected that fewer grapes will be sent North, and more wine manufactured.

The total number of children between the ages of four and eighteen in the Los Angeles School District (which comprises the present town limits) is 821. Of these 405 are males, and 416 females. There are 26 orphans.

EMIGRATION.—We learn that about forty wagons have crossed the Colorado *en route* from Texas for California. It is estimated that upwards of fifty thousand sheep and several thousand head of cattle will come into this State by the southern route.—*Star*.

TELEGRAPH TO SAN DIEGO.—We are informed from a reliable source, that a Telegraph Company is about to be organized, for the construction of a line of telegraph from this city to Los Angeles, for the purpose of making a connecting link between San Francisco and the Atlantic States; and we are also informed that the line, if thought advisable will be continued to San Diego. The object of the projectors of this enterprise is, as we are informed, to connect with the great Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company, from the Pacific to the Atlantic, and thus bring us into almost instant communication with New York and all the cities of the East; also, affording our merchants quick and sure communication from all the principal points of the Eastern and Southern States.
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AUBURN LIME.—From the *Press* we learn that Mr. H. T. Holmes, of this place, has burned 19 kilns, averaging 290 bbls, equal to 5510 barrels; each barrel 200 lbs., equal to 1,102,000 lbs; whole number of hands employed from 12 to 15; largest kiln burned