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A correspondent of the *Columbia Clipper*, writing from Springfield under date of November 5, communicates the following in relation to a Grand Council held by the California Indians: As you requested me to let you know something of the late movement of the Indians, I will do so. Most of the Indians of note in this vicinity have just returned from a large Council, which has been held near the headwaters of Tuolumne river, which is represented as being one of the largest gatherings ever held in this country. My informant, an Indian brave called Moostak, says there were delegates from a great many tribes, on both sides of the Sierra Nevada; also from a long way to the northward; the latter, he says were riding American horses. They bring exciting accounts about the war up North, which was the cause of the Council. He says great inducements were held out to persuade them to join with their Northern brothers in the war against their common enemy, the whites. The wrongs they had suffered were dwelt upon—they said their children had been stolen and carried off, they knew not where—their wives had been taken from them, and they had been shot down—stabbed with knives—beaten with clubs, and otherwise maltreated, for the most trivial offences, and often for nothing at all. On the other hand, the advantages to be gained by a war, were painted in glowing terms: the horses, cattle, blankets, flour, with the clothing and provisions of all kinds, that they would steal were enumerated and harped upon, to excite their cupidity. But, says my informant, all their talk was of no avail—the Indians here would not join them. Some few were in favor of it,

but they were overruled by a large majority. The warriors from the North went off in a very bad humor, threatening that when they had killed all the Americans, they would come and kill them also."

MORTGAGES.—Judge Shattuck, of the Superior Court, in the case of Phelan vs. Olney, decided yesterday that a note described in and secured by a mortgage, by its mere assignment and delivery, carries its lien with it to the hands of the assignee, who may enforce it with equal success as the assignor.

A mortgage to secure two notes, each falling into the hands of the holder of one of those notes, cannot be satisfied in full by him while the other note is outstanding.

S. F. Sun, Nov. 9th.

SAN FRANCISCO FINANCES.—The financial condition of the city and county of San Francisco is still somewhat gloomy. The county has been liquidating some small claims at the rate of \$2 scrip with 10 per cent. interest, for one dollar indebtedness. Within the last six years there has been paid into the city and county treasuries nearly \$11,000,000, and all this has been drawn out, while the present indebtedness, funded and unfunded, amounts to at least \$4,000,000.

NEWS.—A Western editor, whose subscribers complained very loudly that he did not give them news enough for their money, told them that if they did not find enough in the paper they had better read their Bible which he had no doubt would be news to most of them.

"So far so good," as the boy said when he had finished the first jar of his mother's jam.

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