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NEWS OF THE MORNING.

The Pony Express from St. Louis with dates to the 9th, and the Overland Mail with dates to the 9th, have respectively arrived at Carson City and Visalia. The Pony is expected to arrive here to-day noon.

We issue a Double Sheet of the Union to-day in order to give room for the important decisions of the Supreme Court in reference to the public lands in San Francisco, occupying some twenty-five columns of the Union, and which effectually quiet the Peter Smith titles.

No advance had been made on the bill to encourage the building of a telegraph line from St. Joseph to Placerville. The bill to provide for transporting the Pacific mails was still among the unfinished business, and we shall not be much surprised to hear that Congress adjourned without passing either of these bills.

Contrary to general expectation, the Senate rejected the Mexican treaty, and that sick man will be left to struggle on in anarchy as it has done heretofore. Congress seems disgusted with the use which has been made of the profits of the public printing.

The Kansas Admission Bill was defeated in the Senate by nearly a party vote. Pugh and Iatham, on the Democratic side, voted to admit, and Douglas paired off with Clay, which was equivalent to voting for the bill.

In our columns to-day will be found an account of a great political editorial contest which has been waging in New York between Greeley, of the Tribune, Raymond, of the Times, and Webb, of the Courier and Enquirer.

Two hundred guns were fired in San Francisco in celebration of the decision in the case of Hart vs. Burnett, involving the Peter Smith titles to land in that city and county.

Barometrical Observations.—An item in our local column of Saturday referred to the proposed establishment of observatory stations in this State and in Carson Valley by Lieutenant R. S. Williamson, of the United States Topographical Engineers.

Political Conventions.—The news by the Pony Express is to within a few days of the meeting of the Richmond and Baltimore Conventions. Of course they formed the theme of general comment.

The signs continued favorable to Douglas. Large meetings had been held by his friends in several of the leading cities on the Atlantic. In the South the movements were decidedly towards the Baltimore Convention.

Pony Express.—The safe arrival of another Pony Express was a welcome piece of news to the people of the Pacific side. It has been very anxiously looked for by the public for several weeks past.

Sacramento News.—A daily-morning paper with this title appeared yesterday in this city. It is published every day except Monday, by F. R. Folger & Co.

BERIED ALIVE.—A man named Henry Stedek was buried alive, June 23d, in a well at the Presidio, in San Francisco. He was a native of Germany, and left a wife and three children.

MISSING ACCIDENT.—A man named Edward Schiff had three of his ribs broken at North Beach, Jan. lately, by the falling of a bank.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Pony Express brings the news of the determination of the two houses of Congress to adjourn on the 18th of June. But the vote in the Senate was so close that it is altogether probable the resolution will be reconsidered and a later day agreed upon.

There is great reason to believe that the present generation of men and women are not after all to be disappointed in their expectations of witnessing the return of the great Comet of 1264, last seen in 1556, when Charles V. was Emperor of Germany, and from that monarch's apprehensions on the event, sometimes called by his name.

When the Comet of 1858, known as Donati's Comet, appeared, it was as first supposed to be the illustrious visitor of three centuries before, and so announced in the Paris press, from which we copied. The error was very pardonable, because its return the very month (September, 1858) when the stranger became visible, had been predicted by one or two eminent astronomers.

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SACRAMENTO, PLACER AND NEVADA RAILROAD.

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