

A Meeting of the Sacramento City and County Democratic Central Committee will be held at the Office of C. A. JOHNSON, in Sacramento City on WEDNESDAY Evening the 22d instant, at 7 o'clock.

A full and punctual attendance is desired, as business of importance will be before the meeting.

Postponement. The above Meeting has been postponed until FRIDAY evening the 23th instant, at the same hour and place above mentioned.

Our Power Press in Operation. To-day's issue of the Transcript is the first struck off by our new power press. This is one of Hoe's large cylinder presses, and is the first one put up in California out of San Francisco.

We have a large supply of excellent paper now due, which was made expressly for the Transcript, and in a few weeks, when all our arrangements shall have been completed, we shall be ready to meet entirely the wants of this rapidly advancing community.

For the mail that leaves on the first proximo, we shall issue a steamer paper on a DOUBLE SHEET, the size of the double Alta California, containing news from all parts of California, also from Oregon, the Sandwich Islands, &c.

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A DONATION.—On Monday last, in the Assembly, Mr. Lisle presented to the House two fine octavo volumes, entitled Documentary History of New York (2 vols.), and a copy of the report on the Finances of U. S. Congress, (1849-50), requesting the acceptance of the same from M. D. Boruck, Esq., of Sacramento, for the State Library.

GOOD TIME COMING.—The Sable Harmonists, extensively known throughout the Southern and Western States, and the very best negro melodists that have performed in this country, will appear at Lee's Exchange Hall on Saturday evening next, and give the citizens of Sacramento a specimen of their abilities.

THE CITY HOSPITAL.—For the week ending the 20th, there have been admitted 4; discharged 6; died 2; remaining 37.

The Claim of Capt. Wm. Waldo. We noticed yesterday, the introduction of a resolution by Mr. Lisle, in the Assembly, requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best efforts to procure an appropriation by Congress of a sum sufficient to remunerate Capt. Wm. Waldo, for important services rendered by him to emigrants coming to California overland.

At the head of this list stands Capt. Wm. WALDO, we rejoice to do honor to his name. With a nobleness of heart he stepped forward and used every energy of soul and body to arouse the people of the entire State to a realization of the helpless situation of those who were yet far off from this land of plenty.

But the trials of the journey, though severe, did not equal the poignancy of feeling which the scenes of desolation and despair, daily appearing after his arrival, induced. Soon he found that his supply was not equal to the great demand. Mothers, and wives, and little children were arriving daily, without food.

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Late from Nevada City. We are indebted to Mr. Davis, of Davis & Co's Express, for the following item of intelligence from Nevada City. Mr. Davis informs us that there is a good deal of excitement there on account of Dr. Lenox having been murdered, while sitting in his office.

THE CITY POLICE.—Mr. Berry stated to the Council last evening that there were about eight hundred applications for admission as members of the City Police. There are only some dozen or fifteen situations to be filled.

A FLARE-UP!—MR. GAY'S DAMAGES.—A protracted discussion, and one that turned to be highly exciting, took place in the Council, last evening, on the motion to rescind a resolution which instructed the Commission now sitting, to assess Mr. Gay's damages, to take into consideration the real damages sustained, and to settle on honest and fair terms.

MR. TWEED.—I have listened to such language before, and I'll not put up with such insinuations much longer. I am ready, and the sooner the issue is made, the better. I'm ready.

THE PRESIDENT.—Order! Mr. Tweed—I call him to order. I'll protect myself. I cannot allow any such imputations in regard to the course I shall pursue. I have always got permission to address the Board before I did so, as counsel for Mr. Gay.

PLACERVILLE NEWS.—A letter from a correspondent in El Dorado county, states that the Placerville streets continue to present a very peculiar appearance, being nearly impassable, on account of the many holes that have been sunk by those who were digging for the "lumps."

ON DIT.—We learn from a letter in the Alta, that Mr. Rayland, private secretary to Governor Burnett, will be married to Miss Letitia Burnett, on Thursday evening next, (to-day).

THE INDIAN COMMISSIONERS.—The New States that Dr. Wozencraft, one of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs for California, left San Francisco Monday evening, for Sonoma, the head-quarters of Gen. Smith, for a detachment of U. S. troops, to proceed to the seat of the recent Indian difficulties.

SEVENTY MEN KILLED BY INDIANS.—In our postscript on Tuesday morning, we copied an article from the News, giving an account of a battle that had taken place between some whites under Capt. Savage, and the Indians. Also in regard to the descent of Indians on a party of whites, in which a large number were killed.

THE INDIANS ANNEXED.—In his Annual Message, the President states that the various tribes of Indians brought under the jurisdiction of the United States by the recent acquisition of territory, are estimated to embrace a population of 124,000.

ARRIVAL.—The Steamer Goliath arrived at San Francisco day before yesterday.

District Court, Sacramento County. January Term, 1851.

JUDGE ROBINSON, PRESIDING.

O. Hooley's fine remitted and excused from attendance until Monday next.

Edward Highton excused from attendance until same date.

Abraham Hiss, plaintiff, vs. Samuel Heyman, defendant. Order of publication for six months.

Stedman Penrose, vs. A. P. Petit, &c.—The city restrained from paying over money to Petit, and J. H. Mackenzie, appointed receiver.

A. Goodyear, vs. B. Lee. Jno. H. Scrantom, vs. same. George S. Reynolds, vs. same.

F. H. Shartz, vs. Perrin & Dodge. Dismissed on motion of plaintiff.

Keithley Trumbo & Co., vs. M. Cunningham. Jury rendered verdict for plaintiff for \$394.37.

Dewitt & Howison, vs. Wm. H. Crowell & Co. Jury rendered verdict for plaintiff for \$580.69.

D. V. B. Henarie & Co., vs. Dan'l G. Whitney. Jury, and verdict for plaintiff for \$937.50.

People, vs. Charles Currier, Charles Huff, and Isaac Ford, alias Isaac F. Martin—Horse stealing. True bill presented at the present term.

Grand Jury appeared in court with three additional indictments, and not having completed the business before them, returned to their room.

ITEMS FROM THE BAY.

There is no doubt of the election of Dr. Robinson and Mr. Cronise for Aldermen, and Mr. Gibbs for Assistant, at the election at San Francisco on Monday.

ESCAPE FROM PRISON.—John Mannel Pose, confined upon a charge of stealing \$2100 from Joseph Griffiths at Sacramento City, escaped from the prison at that place, and is supposed to be in this city.

He is described as being five feet, nine inches in height, dark complexion, full face and small eyes. A reward of \$500 is offered for his apprehension.—[Cassery's Balance.

AN BLOPMENT.—A woman named Mrs. Green, left the protection of her husband to share the fortunes of a man named Edwin Carroll. They took the steamer for Sacramento yesterday afternoon.

But little reliance can be placed upon the future proceeds of the public lands for the diminishing of the debt. \$8,075,986 of this debt comes due within the next two years.

The President, therefore, recommends a modification of the present tariff; and, while he would not propose a high tariff, he deems specific duties highly feasible and necessary.

In allusion to California the President says: There being no mint in California, I am informed that the laborers in the mines are compelled to dispose of their gold dust at a large discount.

This appears to me to be a heavy and unjust tax upon the labor of those employed in extracting this precious metal; and I doubt not you will be disposed, at the earliest period possible, to relieve them from it by the establishment of a mint.

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POSTSCRIPT.

BY THIS MORNING'S BOAT. Through Freeman & Co.'s Express.

Awful Disaster!!

STEAMER MAJOR TOMPKINS BLOWN UP!!!

ONE MAN INSTANTLY KILLED, AND SEVERAL WOUNDED!!

We are much indebted to Mr. S. G. White, Messenger of the prompt Express of Freeman & Co., and Mr. Ayers of the New England hotel, for the following particulars of a most melancholy disaster.

The Steamer Major Tompkins, on her downward trip to San Francisco, last evening, when she was thirty miles below this city, burst her boiler, wounding and scalding some six or eight persons, and killing instantly one man belonging to the boat.

The steamer West Point took most of the passengers to San Francisco, the New World took the remainder to our city this morning. The disaster occurred about half past four o'clock, yesterday afternoon.

Dr. Gouch, who was on board of the Tompkins, and Mr. Brannan rendered every assistance in their power. Capt. J. D. Phillips, mate of the Tompkins, and D. S. Kelsey, Captain of the West Point, and Captain Hutchings, of the New World, deserve more than a passing notice—also, J. S. Arnold, Mr. Gamble, the steward of the N. World, Dr. Hulse, and Mr. Ayers, who rendered valuable assistance.

The following is a list of the killed and wounded so far as our informants were able to procure them:

KILLED. Edward Tracy, fireman.

WOUNDED. Edward Lamb, badly scalded. Richard Waters, do. do. Mr. Taylor, clerk, do. do.

Mr. Johnson, of the Magnolia, badly scalded. Dr. C. T. Whittier, do. do. J. R. Lunt, slightly scalded. Edw. Giles, do. do.

—Orr, do. do. H. A. Whiting, do. do. S. Cunningham, do. do.

Immediately after the disaster, and whilst Dr. Whittier was suffering the most intense pain, and all excitement on board the Tompkins, a villain stepped up and took off his gold watch, and was about appropriating it. He was however seen by a person, and the watch was re-taken.

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