

ARRIVAL OF MATERIAL! REDUCTION IN PRICES!

THE TRANSCRIPT FOR 50 CENTS a Week. We have just received, by way of Cape Horn, an extensive addition to our office.

Amongst the rest, we are in receipt of an extensive assortment of Cards, and with our new Presses, it is in our power to print Cards at greatly reduced prices.

Our large Cylinder Steam Press has arrived by the same conveyance, and from this day the "Transcript" will be served to our Weekly Subscribers at Fifty Cents a week.

THE MAIL STEAMER OREGON ARRIVED.—As the Maj. Tompkins was leaving the Bay on Saturday morning, her officers observed a steamer approaching, which they believed to be the Oregon, due this day.

WE will receive by her the first week's proceedings in Congress, President's Message, &c. The old mail of November should have got over the Isthmus, and we shall probably have that in connection with the one containing more recent dates.

RETURN OF JUDGE THOMAS.—It is probable that the late Judge of the Sacramento District, who went on a visit to the States some months since, will be here in the course of a few weeks.

THE PRINTERS.—The compositors in this city had a meeting on Saturday evening, and formed a Typographical Society. We have not received a list of the prices, but understand they have adopted \$1.50 per 1000 ems for composition previous to 10 o'clock; after that hour \$2.

It appears that for several months past the Times, and of course the Index, have been paying only \$1.50, and when the journeying of the three offices met to form a Typographical Society, the "Times" and "Index" men contended for \$1.50 only per thousand, whilst those from the "Transcript" held out for the regular California prices, \$2.

As a body, there is no class of men more deserving and none more worthy of liberal wages than the printers. We have always preferred rewarding them with something more tangible than words.

We understand that the printers at San Jose have had a meeting, and decided to adopt the San Francisco prices, and then present themselves to the San Francisco Typographical Society as a branch.

K STREET.—The laborers were at work yesterday, with their teams, grading K st. The work of putting the street in order progresses finely, with one exception, which we trust Mr. Petit, or the Council, or whoever has charge of the matter, will look to. We notice that the planks are being secured by spikes which are entirely too small for such work.

ACCIDENT.—We learn through Mr. S. R. Anthony, of Freeman & Co.'s express, that a Mr. J. Hunt, of New Orleans, accidentally shot himself through his right hand, at the supper table, on board the Senator, last Saturday evening.

COMMON CUNTIL.—There was no business done by this body on Saturday evening. They adjourned over to Monday.

Intelligence Respecting the Klamath and Scott's Rivers.

Through the politeness of Dr. W. H. Thomas we have been furnished with the following interesting account of the Klamath mines, &c., which we extract from one of his private letters. The letter was written by a gentleman who had spent some five months in that vicinity.

I take pleasure in embracing this opportunity to render you all the information respecting Klamath River and the mines, that is in my power. Klamath river is about as large as the Sacramento, but more rapid. It takes its rise in Oregon, and with its tributaries, drains a section of country some 300 miles in length, and 150 or 200 broad, emptying into the Pacific Ocean in Latitude 41 deg. 33 min. North—at a distance of some 250 miles north-west of San Francisco—some 50 miles north of Trinidad, and 75 miles north of Humboldt.

Gold is found any where on the Klamath from the fork of the Trinity up; but the rich mines are on the Salmon Creek and on Scott's river. I understood that two men came down to town, yesterday, from Salmon creek, which place they left some weeks ago, bringing with them, one 40,000 and the other 50,000 dollars, taken out in three weeks.

While waiting for the other party to come in below, one of them moved a little, and the enemy discovered us. The rifles of our hunters were ready, and they began. The Indians stood pretty well at first, supposing that we six composed the whole number.

Placerville Items.—A MIN SHOT.—A difficulty occurred a few days since, near Weber Creek, about a claim, in which a young man by the name of Hewes was shot through the arm. The wound is not considered dangerous.

INDIAN SKIRMISH.—A party of miners at work about twelve miles above Placerville on the South Fork of the American river, were attacked on Monday last, by the Indians, and driven away from their diggings.

Mining Provisions &c.—The whole valley in which the town of Placerville is situated, is being dug up. The diggers are making from five to fifty dollars per day.

STATE LOAN.—A bill has been introduced in the Lower House of the legislature, authorizing the State Treasurer to negotiate a loan of 300,000, on the credit and faith of the State.

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION.—Gov. McDougal has issued his proclamation, authorizing the Sheriff of Mariposa county to raise 100 men, to aid in arresting the further progress of Indian hostilities in that county.

THE VOTE FOR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.—Official returns have been received at San Jose from nineteen of the counties in the State, leaving eight counties from which no returns have been received.

Sec. 1. That from and after the close of the present session of the Legislature, the city of Vallejo, situated on the bay of Napa and straits of Carquinez, shall be the permanent seat of government for the State of California.

The Mayor of Stockton has issued a proclamation offering a reward of \$200 for the apprehension of a person known there as Little Joe, who is represented as having committed a violent and unprovoked murder in that city on the 15th inst.

Skirmish on the Cosumnes—10 Indians Killed, and 14 Badly Wounded!

We are indebted to Maj. Wm. Graham, who has located a ranch in Pleasant Valley, on the eastern frontier, for an account of an engagement which took place a short time since between himself, eight other whites, and a body of Indians, numbering forty-five.

"Scarcely two hours had elapsed when I saw one of the gentlemen, Mr. Stewart, returning. I thought of course he had been successful, & spoke to him accordingly, when, with a smile on his face, he told me he had been fired on by two Indians, who were laying in ambush, and who waited until he had passed for the purpose of getting "dead wood" on him.

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We watched them cross the Cosumnes and start up the other side. We then took up our line of march for the Middle Fork. I learned two days since, that an Indian agent has been sent out by the government, and is now in your city.

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The Recorder of Deaths may be seen at the Coffin Ware room of E. S. Youmans, on Fourth, between J and K.

Table with 2 columns: Date and Name. Includes entries for Dec 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18.

City Jottings Down.

Meeker & Co., are about putting up a large brick store on their present place of business on the Lovee.

Palmer & Co.'s Express is fast gaining in popularity. Mr. Henry Reed, one of the gentlemanly proprietors of the "Woodcock," has bought in the concern, and with such a go-ahead "team" as himself and Mr. J. H. Mumby, success is certain.

John C. Morrison, Esq., of 2nd street, has in his possession a watch cased with diamonds! It is a French hunter, and is one of the most magnificent affairs of the kind we ever saw.

The Ball on Tuesday evening, at Curtis' Pavilion, at Brighton, promises to be a very brilliant and recherche affair—excessively exclusive, and upper ten-ish.

Col. R. H. Taylor, of the "Marysville Herald," paid us a flying visit; he seems in excellent health, and feels quite sanguine about a "charter" for the place of his adoption.

Go and see those lumps of Gold in the window of Hensley & Merrill, the bankers, on 2nd street.

It is said several persons in this city contemplate committing suicide—cause unknown.

It is said that some heavy capitalists from San Francisco, are about erecting several brick fire proof buildings upon K street as in their opinion it is the best and most central thoroughfare in the city.

There are over a dozen "Night Auction" shops open every evening on J street. The greater part of them are Israeliish.

Dr. Volney Spaulding considers the present state of J street to be injurious to the health of the city.

We were shown through Dr. Riggs' Hospital, at Sutter's Fort, the other day, and were much pleased with the order, regularity, and cleanliness of the different ward.

RAIL-ROAD BETWEEN SACRAMENTO AND MARYSVILLE.—We are informed by one of the first citizens of Marysville, that an important movement has been started there, which, if carried out, will result in the mutual advantage of our city and that place.

The country between our city and Marysville is exceedingly level, and would require but little grading; but unfortunately it is so low as to render it somewhat hazardous to run a road direct, on account of the danger of overflows.

LEGAL INTEREST.—A bill has been introduced into the Legislature fixing the rate of interest in this State at 10 per cent per annum; but providing that parties may, by special contract, agree for the payment of twenty per cent per annum for money due or to become due on any contract.

NEWS FROM OREGON.—Our dates from Oregon are up to the 11th inst.

By the Spectator, we perceive that the winter has been unusually mild in Oregon. Concerning the weather at Oregon City, it says: The thermometer has sanken but once, since winter set in, as low as 17 or 15 deg. below the freezing point, and it stood at that but for a single day.

A WATERY GRAVE.—Last night, about 12 o'clock, a drunken son of the Emerald Isle, fell into one of the numerous holes in our streets, that contained some four feet of water.

APPOINTMENT.—His Excellency, Governor Burnett, has appointed Joseph N. Strout, Esq., of Placerville, Notary Public for the county of El Dorado.

AN Ounce of mother wit is worth a pound of learning.

Mortality Report. FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 18, 1850.

Table with 2 columns: Disease and Number of Deaths. Includes entries for Typhoid Fever, Inflammation of the Lungs, Pneumonia, Diarrhoea, Congestion of the Brain, Disease unascertained.

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE.

THE SENATE. Tuesday, Jan. 14.

In the SENATE, on the 14th, Mr. Robinson, Senator from Sacramento, took his seat.

M. G. Vallejo sent in a statement that he was ready to enter into bond with ample security, for the fulfilment of his proposition made to the last legislature, for the location of the permanent seat of government at the city of Vallejo.

Mr. Tingley submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved—That the Judiciary committee be instructed to enquire what right or title, if any, the State of California has to lands covered by high tide, lying within this State, or lying between high and low water mark, on navigable streams, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

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Mr. Lippincott was in favor of putting off the election until the day before adjournment.

Mr. Douglas said that if it was put off that long we would not elect any body. [Laughter.]

Mr. Lippincott—So much the better. Mr. Heydenfeldt, thought that little progress could be made in legislating until this matter was decided.

Mr. Woodworth was of the same opinion. While thirteen candidates for the office were in the field, energetically pressing their claims, we could do nothing for being tensed to death.

Mr. Broderick (Robinson in the Chair) introduced a bill to abolish the Recorder's Court in the city of San Francisco; referred to the Judiciary committee and the Senate adjourned.

Thursday, Jan. 16th. The Judiciary Committee reported, in accordance with the petition of Thomas J. White and 500 others, recommending its passage; "An act to amend an act, declaring certain rivers, creeks, and sloughs, therein named, navigable."

The bill in relation to lotteries was so amended, as to make the penalty a fine not less than \$500, and by imprisonment not less than six months, or by both. The bill was passed as amended.

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Mr. Fingley, from the same committee, dissented from the report, and on his motion it was laid on the table till Monday, when he will present a counter report.

The Committee on the Surveyor General's report, say: "Your committee report, that the language used by the Surveyor General is undignified and discourteous, and should not receive the consideration of the Senate. They therefore recommend that the communication (herewith returned) be laid upon the table, and your committee discharged from the further consideration thereof."

Mr. Adams introduced the bill which he had given notice, to let the public printing be contracted to the lowest bidder; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the committee on "public printing."

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Mr. Moore wished to ask if "net proceeds" in the resolutions reported, meant to imply the balance left after paying the expenses of the army and navy, or not.

Mr. Kellogg replied, "no." [A message was received from the Senate, informing the Assembly; that a joint resolution that the archives of the State now at Benecia, be placed in the office of the Secretary of State, had passed that body.]

Mr. Lisle, of Sacramento, could see no reason why we should claim the moneys collected as revenues here, any more than those collected elsewhere; but that we had a claim upon the general government for the payment of the expenses in maintaining government prior to the admission.

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Wednesday, Jan. 15. Mr. Hall, from the committee on Claims, made an adverse report upon the petition of R. A. Wilson, praying to be remunerated for services rendered as Criminal Judge at Sacramento, which was adopted.

He said he wished to read the memorial carefully; that he had been informed that it contained a libel, in reference to the late riots for the city of Sacramento. That certain individuals, who got up those riots, took an active part in them, were presenting bills, in aid memorial, against the State if such was the case, he wished to know all about it, so that he might know how large a bill to present on his own account, as he took a part in the suppression of the disturbances.

The vote was reconsidered, and the memorial ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hall presented a memorial from Col. William Rodgers, commander of the expedition against the Indians in El Dorado County, asking remuneration for himself and men, for services rendered.

On motion, the memorial and accompanying documents were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Lisle, so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the appointment made by him to fill the vacancy in the 6th Judicial District, occasioned by the removal of the Hon. James S. Thomas from this State, was referred to the Judiciary Committee, with instructions to report on Friday next.

Thursday, Jan. 16. Mr. Carr gave notice that he should introduce a bill granting divorces. Also, to tax silver and quick-silver.

Mr. Cammell presented a bill to regulate the interest on money.

Mr. Saunders asked leave to withdraw the report of Colonel Rodgers, respecting Indian disturbances. Granted.

Friday, Jan. 17th. In the Assembly, the greater part of the day was taken up in discussing the question of the "civil fund," and the moneys collected as a revenue by impost duties, which was participated in by Messrs. Moore, Richardson, Crane, Dr. Robinson, Kellogg, and McCorkle.

The bill passed in the Senate in relation to the inspection of steamboats, was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Covarrubias, of Santa Barbara, appeared and took his seat.

News from China. Dates are received up to Nov. 5; this is twenty-seven days later than the last advices. We take the following items from our exchanges.

The China Mail of Oct. 31st, contains the following particulars of a tremendous explosion at Tyta, which took place on Oct. 29th.

On Tuesday evening last, the melancholy news reached this place that the Portuguese 32-gun frigate Donna Maria II. had been blown up at the Tyta that day about 2 p.m., and that of those on board scarcely a man survived.

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