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From our Evening Edition of Yesterday.

THE MURDER OF PETER O'KEEFE .- A man nam eath of Peter O'Keefe, on Monday night last, near pt made to run over him. The bugg

O'Keefe's death. It was done in self-defence. Bar Fight with the Mojaves -- 23 Killed. of Major Armistead and the Mojave Indians. Twenty-three of the Indians were killed: the num-

ber of wounded is unknown. Indians at work, his men shot one. The other left 23 dead upon the ground.

Shipment of Treasure. PER STEAMER SONORA, AUGUST 20, 1859.

Wells, Fargo & Co	\$300,449
Alsop & Co	181,100
B. Davidson	162,000
Sather & Church	
Parrott & Co	102,541
Freeman & Co	96,112
E. Kelly & Co	96,000
Tallant & Wilde	80,000
Mark Brumagim & Co	76,000
Wm. T. Coleman & Co	75,500
Jas. Patrick & Co	70,000
D. O. Mills & Co	60,000
Levi Strauss	53,824
Abel Guy	53,500
Crosby & Dibblee	45,681
J. Seligman & Co	
	44,000
B. F. Hastings & Co	32,000
Taaffe, McCahill & Co	32,000
J. B. Newton & Co	30,895
Scholle Bros	29,000
J. B. Thomas	25,000
Ross, Dempster & Co	23,300
L. & M. Sachs & Co	21,700
J. B. Weir & Co	20,528
Fretz & Ralston	20,000
S. L. Jacobs & Co	17,000
C. T. Meader & Co	15,000
Treadwell & Co	15,000
Flint, Peabody & Co	12,545
A. S. Rosenbaum & Co	12,000
Einstein Bros	12,000
M. Heller & Bros	10,550
0 good & Co	
Geo. T. Grimes	10,000
De Witt, Kittle & Co	10,000
J. H. & J. S. Bacon	10,000
Stevens, Baker & Co	9,130
Geo. Howes & Co	
Kerby, Byrne & Co	8,300
J. & M. Phelan	7,000
J. H. Coghill & Co	6,500
J. H. Coghill & Co Macondray & Co	6.000
S. Rich & Bros	6,000
G. H. Willis	5,859
B. Hamburger	
Weiller Bros	
Turner Brothers	5,000
W. B. Cummings & Co	4,000
Wm. Newell & Co	3,800
O. T. Giffin & Bro	

quinces, pomgranates, palms, and other fruits produce well. Plantains, pincapples, and the northern fruits grow to advantage.—3' H. C." in the Arizonian. B H Reed...50 sks oats 4 do bran 1 coop turkeys 1 coop

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S & B...7 coops chickens. A CATTLE PLAGUE IN THE HUMBOLDT VALLEY.

—A gentleman recently arrived from the valley of Humboldt, informs us that large numbers of emigrant cattle are dying from a disease of the lungs, occasioned by the inhalation of a peculiar goat or fly. These insects are said to exist in incredible swarms in that region, and fill the air about the cattle so densely that the poor brutes cannot breath without inhaling them.—Placsreille Observer.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL.

SATURDAY EVENING, August 20. cribed, being confined for the greater part (beyond MOENING, and delivered to subscribers in the city at 50 cents per week, payable to the Carriers; single copies 10 cents. Mail subscribers, \$16 per annum, in advance; for six months, \$9; three months \$5. in regard to several descriptions of merchandise i terms. Candles have a decidedly upward tendency Few parcels remain in first hands, and the partie engaged in the movement seem disposed to take up such lots from the jobbers as can be obtained within a certain limit. It will be noticed that the rate to-day were higher than these previously quote

STEAMER ALTA CALIFORNIA......Is published on the departure of every mail steamer, in nounce to the content of every mail steamer, in nounce to the content of the Altance transport of the content of the Altance transport of the content of the cont amounted to \$2,132,566 24, against \$2,144,975 98 the shipment was \$2,034,939 16, giving also an

> decrease of 263 passengers. The ship Morning Light cleared on the 25th o eived per Overland Mail, we learn that the ship Reynard was chartered at New York for \$22,000 to load for same. The ship Osborn Howes, hence arrived at Calcutta, May 18th.

against 1,097 by previous steamers, showing a

with them he inflicted the wound which caused The Boston Bulletin, speaking of the hydrostatic log, says: "The object of this invention is to obtain a register of the speed of ships, by a column of nercury, in such a manner that the height of the column shall depend upon the velocity alone, and not be affected by any disturbing causes, such as The force of the resistance due to the velocity is the water below the bottom of the ship ; this force of the crops of the Indians in retaliation for late air in a small cylinder, which air communicating by acting upwards, compresses a portion of inclosed arders and thefts, and surprising some of the means of a little pipe with the bulb of a glass tube Indians collected about him and attacked. After a cury in the tube, by depressing it in the bulb. But fight of about an hour, he repulsed them, and they as any single column of water and air thus acting upon the surface of the mercury in the bulb alone, must depend not jonly upon the distance of the cylinder from the water line, but upon the resistance

Fresnel lens for lighthouses, says: "The main im

IMPORTATIONS. SANTA CRUZ-Per Alfred Adams

MENDOCINO—Per J S Cabot. Godeffroy, Sillem & Co...125 M feet lumber NOYO RIVER—Per Æolus. H Wetherbee...180 M feet lumber

MONTEREY—Per Black Prince.
Barker & Co...35 cords wood WILLIAMS' LANDING—Per Olivia.
R S Eells & Co...40 M feet lumber.

Daily Alta California.

SAN FRANCISCO, SUNDAY, AUG. 21.

Additional by the Overland Mail. The Surveyor General of Utah.
Col. S. C. Stambaugh, the recently appointed surveyor General of Utah, has received his nal instructions, and will leave Washington immediately for his new sphere of duties.

The Republican State Convention of Minnesota last week nominated Alexander Ramsey for Governor, Ignatius Donnelly for Lieut. Governor, J. H. Baker for Secretary of State, and Charles Schoffer for Treasurer. Cyrus Aldrich and Wm. Windon are the candidates for Con-

Minnesota Republican Convention.

Fire in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, July 25.

Harrison & Wilson's spice mill, on Walnut street, was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon, to the extent of \$15,000. Fully insured. opening of the African Slave Trade Washington, July 25.
From information received here, it appears that some of the Southern representatives

while claiming to be opposed to the re-opening of the African slave trade, are pledging them-selves to introduce in Congress a bill repealing ing an aggregate of passengers departing of 834, all statutes upon the subject, leaving it, as against 1,097 by previous steamers, showing a they profess to desire, to the regulation of the and as death seems to be regarded as too se were a penalty for violating what some conside merely a law regulating commerce, it is thought others who are opposed to the slave trade will agree upon a measure with a view to make the

says they may be of serious import to the country, if we do not meet them calmly and with foresight. Viewing the results of war, and its aperture or apertures, presented in such a direction that velocity does not produce any increase of pressure. Thus the mercury rises according to the indicator is placed between two columns of water and air, which are always equal to each other in length; and the mercury rises according to the difference between the pressures upon its two surfaces, the result of resistance or velocity alone."

The same journal, speaking of the improved.

At wood's Theatre a few fair actors hold forth mightly, but the audiences are neither large nor select. The steamer Baltimore, one of the sharpest and fleetest of the river craft, connects at Alton with the Chicago railway, making the upward run in about two hours. Owing to the late rains the Missouri and twenty-five miles above the mouth of fleetest of the river craft, connects at Alton with the Chicago railway, making the upward run in about two hours. Owing to the late rains the Missouri and twenty-five miles above the mouth of fleetest of the river craft, connects at Alton with the Chicago railway, making the upward run in about two hours. Owing to the late rains the Missouri and twenty-five miles above the mouth of fleetest of the river craft, connects at Alton with the Chicago railway, making the upward run in about two hours. Owing to the late rains the Missouri and twenty-five miles above the mouth of fleetest of the river craft, connects at Alton with the Chicago railway, making the upward run in about two hours. Owing to the Missouri, and twenty-five miles above the mouth of fleetest of the river craft, connects at Alton with the Missouri and twenty-five miles above the mouth of fleetest of the river craft, connects at Alton with the Chicago railway, making the upward run in about two hours. Owing to the Missouri, and twenty-five miles above the mouth of fleetest of the river craft, connects at Alton with the Chicago railway, making the upward run in sistence.

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Mexican Matters--Legation Glorification over the Peace Prospects---Foreign Postage, etc.

Washington, July 26. The Liberal Government of Mexico, through

OUR ST. LOUIS CORRESPONDENCE.

Sr. Louis, July 28, 1859.

nees are in favor of building the road at once to The Balloon War and other Voyages in Prospect. ase of failure she will assuredly have to provide for the payment of the January interest, as the surplus earnings must go toward paying off the floating debt of the road.

The urgent necessity of continuing work on the road so as to complete it to Kansas City, is apparent, from the fact that a large proportion of the travel of the Platte country and of Kansas has now to go by the Hannibal and St. Joseph road, and rect communication can only be obtained with Kansas City by the opening of the proposed exten-

Unfortunately some of these Missouri politician owever, imagine that their popularity will be en-anced by epposing any and all State aid, and that masses of St. Louis and Missouri are "sound" on the through road, and unhesitatingly say that they will give their support to no candidate for Congress several States; but as the Constitution confers on Congress the power to prohibit the trade; the completion of the road to California.

The August Election.

The politics of our own State were never so 'muddled" as are those of this, with reference to the forthcoming August election. There are alagree upon a measure with a view to make the prohibition and abolition more effective, by the certainty of punishment and otherwise, than capital, and thus they think that good will result from the present agitation of the subject.

Official Appointments.

WASHINGTON, July 25.

Mr. Sould, who came from England, in the steamer Canada, passed through here to-day, en route for Mexico. He is attached to the British Legation of that country, and conveys them.

important dispatches thither.

Arrival of the Mail Steamer.

The Moses Taylor, with the California passengers and treasure from San Francisco, July 6th, arrived at New York on the 27th.

The Effect of Peace on American Commerce.

Philaddlephia, July 26.

The N. Y. Herald, in an editorial on the effects of peace on the commercial interests, says they may be of serious import to the country if yor deposit meet the stop in the sunday liquor traffic, and to devise means to stop it. A committee of one from each Ward was elected for the purpose of ascertaining the sense of the people upon the subject at the various polling places at the coming election. places at the coming election.

Alton. A few hours leisure the other day, enabled me to visit this flourishing city, situated on the right bank of the river, three or four miles above the mouth of the Missouri, and twenty-five miles above St. Louis,

has a number of imposing looking structures which stand out in bold relief from the yellow bank. A few handsome dwellings adorn the summit of the ridge, but on landing, one finds little in the place that is deserving of more than brief mention. The town is one of the oldest in Illinois, but has been ciuded contracts for the supply of minne and sharp's rides, cannon, and ammunition to suit. These will be forwarded to Mexico by September 1st. It is not yet known here whether adescribed as consisting in the middle part of a cylinder of glass, composed of a plano-convex hoop in the centre, and above and below of a number of in the centre, and above and below of a number of right united, present the appearance of a number of right and inverted hood-mouldings. All these hoops are

Wheat and Corn Crops.

street, near Chrestnut. There had been a disorderly gathering there the previous night, and the fire no doubt was the act of an incendiary. Two frame cottages, the property of Mr. Pretman, of Covington, was destroyed. In one of them was the furniture of Mr. N. C. Morse, which was all burnt, and in the other the property of Mr. Wetherill, a school teacher.

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CITY ITEMS.

nia miners were as old as these, millions had been circulated in the cities. To-day another Overland Express arrives at Leavenworth, but brings neither gold nor encouraging news. What a pity that the half-way station on the great California Central transits and the control of votes on the Pacific Railway bill. It would run to Pike's Peak before they could come to a vote, even were they all bent on giving us the road, of which there is just now about as much prospect as there is of the auriferous "prospects" of the Pike's Peakers. Amountain and owner voyages in Prospect.

A Mountain and Wise have been incessantly employed in blowing up each other sky high, since they together "got out of the woods" in Jefferson county, New York. The friends of the former are trying to raise him \$20,000, so that he can build an erial ship which shall land him in Europe. Mr. Charles Wise, son of the Professor, arrived in this city a day or two ago with his daddy's big balloon

Jupiter. The latter is to continue his experiments
with the assistance of his son. They intend to start

Kansas Constitutional Convention.
This body still drags its slow length along, accomplishing very little except in the way of wrangling over frivolous questions of order.
The report of the Appointment Committee has been adopted. It provides thirteen districts, 31 Senators, and 75 Representatives. This is not permanent, but until a new appointment is made on anent, but until a new appointment is made on ne basis of the census ordered by the last Legis From the Plains.
One J. C. Robindoux, who left the Platte Crossing on the 18th inst., reached St. Joseph on the 24th.
He states that a few nights before he lett, while a Salt Lake train from Leavenworth was encamped Sait Lake train from Leavenworth was encamped at Ash Hollow, one of the proprietors went out to look for stock but did not return. His body was found thirty-five miles distant.

A company of soldiers are stationed on the road between Forts Kearney and Laramie for the purpose of protecting the emigrants.

Arrangements, it is said, have already been made by the government authorities for the removal of Fort Kearney to Cottonwood Springs, eighty-five miles farther west.

Col. Titus, who has been stopping at the Planter's House in this city for some time, left for Arizona on the 26th. He is an old resident of that country, tive stovepipes and chimneys. just shipped some machinery thither via Texas, and is accompanied on his trip by a number of employees. He expresses himself as confident that his enterprise will prove renumerative. As to the organization of the Territory, the colonel says such step now is premature. The wants of the country do not require it; neither do the people desire it.

Government Trains for New Mexico. There arrived at Council Grove, K. T., on the 6th, a government train in charge of Lieutenani khipple, Third Infantry, en route for New Mexico he party, consisting of Capt. Wainwright and milly, Capt. W. R. Gibson and lady, Lieutenani Whipple's family, Mrs. Lieut. Stein and family, Lieut. White and brother, and Mr. Childs were well,

and getting along finely. Dramatic entertainments are at a low ebb her

There are belonging to the Department: 905 members. 16 engine houses, 14 engines, 14 hose carriages, 3 hook and ladder trucks, 12,559 feet hose: 63 cisterns, capable of holding 1,783,000 gallons; 72 hydrants.

There have been during the years 1858-59 150 fires and 38 alarms.

Washington street. Mr. L. was a member of Tiger Engine

Major Armistead left here with 25 men late in the evening of the 4th instant, for the la-

GRASSHOPPERS IN TEHAMA.—A few days since, 25 PIECES BILLIARD CLOTH; 100 pieces Cassi

IMPORTANT FROM THE COLORADO FIGHT WITH THE INDIANS 50 or 60 KILLED-3 SOLDIERS WOUNDED The Los Angeles Star publishes the following SPEEDILY, FORT MOHAVE, N. M., August 6th, 1859.

goon, 15 miles below this Fort, the head quarters of the Mohave Indians. shall was directed to follow with a reinforce-ment of 25 men early next morning, by the main trail. Major Armistead succeeded in gaining the head of the lagoon by a circuitous oitre down the left bank of the lagoon. Th bank and fired upon them and killed one; the others fled and gave the yell, which soon the whole country about seemed to reverberate. After proceeding about a half a mile further through heavy thickets of arrow wood, the Major thought it prudent to return to the head of the lagoon, as the Indians apparently were gathering in large force. Here at the head of the lagoon, on the right bank, he took a position the men dealeyed in grouns of four wide. On the opposite side of the lagoon fron this position, is a dense thicket of arrow wood along the bank of the lagoon, a few scattering otton wood. To the rear of the position, an lose up, is a grove of mesqueit, the ground open and clear underneath. Here they awaited the Indians, which was not more than twenty minutes, when they commenced to show them-selves in large force, surrounding the position, and closing in on all sides, within short range 29,589 00 of the rifle muskets, which were soon brought 1.200 00 and 1.200 00 into play with deadly effect. Major Armistead thus fought them for three quarters of an hour, against overwhelming numbers, which were increased ever moment by the arrival of fresh warriors from the more distant places, when Lieut. Marshall arrived with the reinforcement of 25 men. The Lieutenant had heard the firing when yet some four miles from the scene, and hurried his men up at double quick time. The Indians upon the extreme right were taken very unexpectedly by the arrival of the party in their rear, which Lieut. Marshall imediately charged, driving them from their

Major Armistead, leaving the proximity the second party, immediately ordered a ser-geant and eight men to cross the lagoon and these men from the opposite side, order Lieut. Marshall to cross and take a position that side. The Indians, though forced to re Gent's Shirts and Collars neatly Polished. was arrested by Officers Lees, Chappelle, and Johnson treat, were not beaten; they soon rallied and at the Railroad House, charged with having fradulently returned to the fight, attacking the party of Lieut. Marshall with great pertinacity; this continued for some ten or fifteen minutes when he was ordered to fall back, re-cross the ssrs. Eckman, Tennant & Co., incurring a debt, as above showing a disposition to charge the position manœuvre, they withdrew themselves out of reach of gun-shot, giving occasionally a few crowded under the shade of the mes

> Major Armistead, believing the Indians have given up the fight, ordered the command to fall in, and commenced the march back to the Fort. The command had not proceeded far, when the Indians again railied, crossed the lagoon at the position just left in great number. Major Armistead, anticipating the nistead, anticipating the

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