

## The Indians—their enemies.

We had hoped to hear no more of Indian butcheries in California. With the calendar of bloody deeds which last year closed it was our earnest wish that this species of iniquity had blotted the page of our history for a long last time. That the murderous tomahawk had been buried, and the terrible rifle of the mountaineer laid aside; but our hopes have proved fallacious. In another part of the paper we publish a communication from a friend residing at Sonoma detailing particulars of the recent outrage committed by a party of white miscreants in that neighborhood. The victims upon whom the sins of criminals of their own color have been visited, were, as is usually the case, innocent of offence, and by their uniform quiet demeanor have thoroughly established a name throughout the portion of California inhabited by them, for tractability and usefulness. They were the Indian employees of the several settlers in Sonoma and Nappa Valleys, and for many years they have maintained a relationship of perfect amity with the whites. Definitely concerning the nature of their alleged evil doing, our correspondent does not speak; but we can readily imagine why the chivalrous "hounds" of the red woods have concentrated and commenced indiscriminate slaughter of the Indians.

Early last spring similar difficulties disturbed the tranquility of the miners on the American river, and the grounds of complaint against the Indians were sufficiently strong to arouse the whole mining population to arms and unite them in the work of extermination. The Indians committed several brutal murders, but they sought savage redress for outrages committed by the whites. The desperadoes of our people who went among the Indians to communicate with them through the muzzles of their rifles brought down the deadly vengeance of the various tribes around them, and the consequence was the shedding of much innocent blood. The Indians were mercilessly hunted down and order finally restored by the expulsion of the Indians from the grounds occupied by the miners. The cause of the recent aggressions in Sonoma valley on the part of the whites is said to be the murder of white men by the Indians last fall, and for which, it would appear the slaughter of whole tribes has not sufficiently atoned. We hope and trust the U. S. troops in California will prevent further violence, while the arm of the civil law will ferret out the perpetrators of these infamous crimes, and bring them to condign punishment.

**DEMOCRATIC MEETING.**—There was a very large meeting of the democracy in the plaza on Saturday afternoon for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee on organization and conference and to adopt measures for the harmonious organization of the party. The proceeding appeared to be conducted with a good deal of spirit. Ex-Governor Shannon presided, and a number of gentlemen were selected to complete the ordinary list of the officers of the meeting. A preamble and series of resolutions was read and various speeches made, all with the same general object in view. There was some little disturbance once or twice, caused by the interference of "outsiders," and one or two men were "plugged." It was quite the most formidable demonstration, however, that has taken place since the great fall election canvass occupied the minds of the political community.

We presume that the whigs will have their mass meetings soon and that both parties will keep the ball actively rolling until the election is over. The various candidates in the field who ask the suffrages of the public are hard at work and their friends are doing all in their power to secure their election. Some of them must be defeated, but he that wins the day is of course considered not only the luckiest but the best fellow. All we are anxious for is that the offices may be ably filled by men who will discharge the duties imposed upon them faithfully, without fear or affection, with an eye to the public interest rather than their own individual aggrandizement. Their reward will be in the approval of their own consciences and the confidence, respect and esteem of the public whose servants they are.

**DISASTER AT SEA.**—We learn from Capt. Baldwin, of the schr. Two Brothers, that the schr. Andes, Capt. Kenney, of New London, bound to San Francisco, was driven ashore in a severe gale in the straits of Magellan about the last of December, and became a total wreck. The Capt and crew had arrived at Valparaiso.

**FROM THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.**—We learn from Capt. King of the brig Wilhelmine, arrived yesterday from Oahu, S. I. that a large emigration may be expected to leave those Islands this spring. He says that among them are a number of farmers intending to pursue their agricultural pursuits in California.

## SACRAMENTO AND PLACER INTELLIGENCE.

(From our own Correspondent.)

SACRAMENTO CITY, March 8, 1856.

On Wednesday, P. M., after the Senator left, contrary to my expectations the embarkadero was cleared of all obstructions in the shape of tents and other shanties. This was mainly done through the exertions of our citizens, who saw the necessity of taking the matter into their own hands. There is still much rubbish remaining, which will be removed in the course of a few days. This proceeding was one of positive necessity, and one which the prosperity of the city urgently called for. The levee was and is intended for the benefit of all our citizens, and this benefit could not be realized as long as it was encumbered by the tents of a hundred individuals who used it as a place of business. Beside this, men carrying on trade without being compelled to pay rent or any kind of taxes, were enabled to undersell those who are forced to pay heavy rents up town, which in a short time would have a tendency to depreciate landed property in the city. In connection with this subject I will state that there was a very respectable meeting of our citizens held on Wednesday evening for the purpose of taking into consideration the subject of appointing a harbor master whose duty it shall be to place vessels coming into this port on an equality, which is not the fact now. Vessels which have been here during the winter and occupied an inside berth, have forced those on the outside of them to pay an enormous tax for taking freight over the decks of the former. This matter will be looked into and I hope reformed. Each vessel should be compelled to pay such per centage for the benefit of the city as the profit she receives by landing freight here will warrant the city authorities in collecting. Many vessels have kept boarders and lodgers for three or four months past without paying the city a single cent. This is wrong and should be corrected.

Mr. Atwater is in town and intends opening a theatre in the course of next week on Second street. There is also a theatre to be erected on M street, and is to be completed in six or seven weeks, so that we shall not be likely to suffer much the coming summer for want of amusement.

Many who left your city for the mining districts on the Yuba and Feather rivers, are now stopping in this place for a few days on account of the late fall of snow up in the mountains. They will be off in a day or two. In the meantime the intelligence I get from the forks of the American river and dry diggings in the vicinity thereof is favorable. Operators are averaging from \$12 to an ounce a day in most of the ravines and gulches. Beside this, they often come in contact with large specimens, many of which are now exhibiting in this city.

A large company assembled last evening at Sutter's to participate in the festivities of a ball and supper. Some thirty ladies graced the occasion by their presence, and the affair passed off to the entire satisfaction of those present.

E. Meckemkin, Esq., a well-known and useful citizen of this town, died on Wednesday evening. His remains were followed to the grave by the Masons, Odd Fellows and members of the city council.

Yours, J. G.

## SAN JOAQUIN AND PLACER INTELLIGENCE.

(From an Occasional Correspondent.)

STOCKTON, March 7th, 1856.

**MESSRS. EDITORS.**—The election for one senator and two representatives to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Taylor, Stevens and Van Benschoten, has resulted in the choice of Capt. W. D. Fair for the senate and, so far as we have the returns, Dr. Shepard and McCave, from the mines, to the lower house. The election passed off peaceably and without interest to any save a particular clique who have undertaken to set the law and authorities at defiance, and have so far succeeded that they have caused the suspension of the Judge of 1st Instance simply because he has refused to be the tool of a most precious set of land pirates.

This famous party who have arrogated to themselves the administration of law and justice have been guilty of a gross violation of the rights of society and now that their acts are about to be exposed they are forced to suspend the judge to prevent the disclosure! but they have only staved off the exposition for a short time.

Our candidates for county officers are already in the field and their name is legion. I can assure you there are at least six for every office in the gift of the people. Miners are constantly coming and going, and land speculators are just having their eyes opened to the importance of some of the towns now springing up on the tributaries of the San Joaquin. The southern mines have never been sufficiently worked to hazard a prophecy, but I am justified from what I have seen in saying that ere one year has passed there will be a different opinion with regard to them.

We had an affair of honor between two gentlemen of the darker hue which was settled by an apology after the exchange of shots by which the challenged party received a wound.

The last rains have made the roads almost as bad as they were in the depth of winter and consequently business is dull, but the reduced price of lumber has caused many to build, and substantial tenements are fast rising to displace the tents.

Yours, TRUTHTELLER.

**THE BALL.**—On Wednesday evening next we expect to look in upon a splendid fete at the Hall of the First California Guards of this place. From the scale of arrangements we should infer that no pains have been spared on the part of the several managerial committees to make the occasion an agreeable one to those who may partake of its festivities, and we predict the company will be large and select. Several of our first citizens have the affair in hand and sufficient interest has been enlisted to give to the preparations delightful zest, and to promise a joyous evening, the goods effects of which it is to be hoped will not be lost upon society in this place. We possess the elements of choicest society, and the demand is but for union. The wish has frequently been expressed here for an assimilation of its parts, and it has been as often suggested that a select ball would go far towards effecting the desideratum. In view of its achievement, a large number of our most respectable citizens have united, the time has been appointed, and the most extensive preparations have been made. This Grand Civic Ball is to be the corner stone of a social structure in San Francisco. May the plan prove signally successful. In the meantime all is bustle and preparation among the gay and fair. Our fancy stores are crowded from morn until dewy eve, and white kids and other fashionable appointments are going up, up, up! The invitations have been extended to our sister towns, and a numerous attendance is generally expected, of the fair of California. The magnificent apartments of Military Hall are spacious for the accommodation of the guests and we hope the fondest expectations of our courteous citizens may be realized.

## Correspondence of the Alta California.

SONOMA, March 2d., 1856.

**Editors of the Alta California.**—Gentlemen: Our little town has since yesterday been the scene of a tremendous excitement, but I trust the worst is over. Ever since the murder of Andrew Kelsey at the Clear Lake by the Indians, a party of men have caused much excitement among the peaceful inhabitants of this place and Nappa. On the 31st ultimo, a meeting was got up in Nappa for the purpose of driving all the Indians from the country. A party of twenty-four armed horsemen, mostly from the Red Woods, proceeded to Mr. Yount's rancho, set fire to the rancherie, and chased near one hundred Indians to the mountains; thence proceeded on to Fowler's ranch, and there shot down fifteen innocent Indians. After this, they passed on to Santa Rosa, chased the Indians from thence; came on to Jesse Bessley's ranch in Sonoma, and there killed two of his household, Indian servants; a third was fired at but escaped. The same evening, another meeting was got up in Sonoma for the same purpose. Long speeches were made, and it was partially successful in causing men and money to aid the other party. Fortunately, however, it was discovered in time to break up the scheme. Yesterday the party that is said to have killed the Indians, passed through this town, and threatened to hunt and kill every Indian, male and female, found in the country. At the suggestion of the citizens and military, the Justice of the Peace, P. Campbell, issued a writ to the Sheriff, commanding him to disperse the party; but they paid no attention and passed into Nappa Valley. Here they burned Nicholas Le Guerra's rancherie, and pursued his Indians some distance. The citizens of Nappa, hearing of these acts, met them on their way to Cayetano's ranch, and finally succeeded in arresting their progress. To-day a part of them returned to this place, and it is said a few have gone to the mines, fully equipped with saddles, horses, &c. A courier was dispatched from here, and two from Nappa to the Governor, for instructions how to proceed. The citizens are much alarmed, the mountains are full of terrified Indians, and it is feared they will in return kill every white man within their reach. How it will end, God only knows. VERITAS.

## LOCAL MATTERS.

**Daring Robbery.**—A most daring robbery was committed on Saturday evening, between the hours of six and seven o'clock, in Kearny street. The premises of Markwald, Caspari & Co., was entered by false keys, and the safe which stood near the door, forced open, and gold dust and coin abstracted therefrom to the amount of \$5,375, together with a number of valuable papers. Among the papers stolen, was a German bill of exchange. Up to a late hour last evening, no trace of the robber had been discovered.

**Police.**—There was nothing worthy of notice occurred at this office yesterday.

**Olympic Amphitheatre.**—The performances this evening are for the benefit of Master RAFAEL, who deserves well at the hands of the public. Although very young, he exhibits great equestrian talent, and under the able tutelage of Mr. Rowe, will make an artist. He is beautifully formed, rides with much grace, and performs all his feats without boggling. This evening, Mrs. and Mr. Rowe will both appear, and the entire strength of the company, dramatic and equestrian, will be called into requisition. Master Rafael is a great favorite with the public, and we look for a crowded house.

**Mrs. Kirby's Benefit.**—We were pleased to see a full house at the Olympic on Saturday evening, upon the occasion of the benefit of Mrs. Kirby. The performances went off well, and the beneficiary upon being called out, returned her thanks for the patronage which had been extended her in becoming language. Mr. Hambleton was also called out, and Mr. Carlton, the amateur, who personated St. Pierre. We are glad to perceive a growing disposition upon the part of the public to patronize the drama, and trust that it will have no abatement. A liberal support bestowed upon the present enterprise of Messrs. Rowe & Long, will be a strong incentive to them in presenting all possible attractions to the public. The first to establish equestrian and dramatic entertainments upon the Pacific coast, it should be the duty of the public who complained of the lack of amusements and the disorganized state of society, to bestow upon them a patronage which will enable them to reap some benefit from the expenditures they have made, and to show them that they are not ungrateful.

**Open and Shut.**—A few evenings since the magnificent rooms of the Miner's Bank building, which had been filled with the sound of music and "rêlery by night," was closed, and but a faint taper like light was visible inside. The Haley house followed suit, and there were two darkened buildings in the square. Last evening, from the Haley house a hundred lights were gleaming, and the room was full of visitors. The house has been leased by Fenno and Dickenson, as a place for refreshment and amusement.

**County Clerk.**—The candidates for this office are numerous and capable. Among the names before the public, is that of F. Dickenson, who stands well among his host of friends as deserving, and in whose election many repose the greatest confidence.

**NOTICE.**—Owners of goods stored in the warehouses of the subscribers, on which three months' storage is due, are requested to settle the same within ten days. **SIMMONS, HUTCHINSON & Co.,** Clay st. wharf or foot Sacramento st. m7-6

**SHIP FLAVIO.**—Consignees by this vessel are hereby notified that she is ready to discharge, and are requested to call at our office and pay their freight, and receive an order for their goods. Feb. 20, 1856. **MACONDRAY & CO.** 20F-3W

**THE NAME OF WILLIAM NEWELL** is offered to the public as a candidate for the office of Coroner at the approaching election, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party. m9-18\*

**CONSIGNEES** per ship Susan Drew will please call on board, pay freight and receive their goods, within twenty days after her arrival, 25th February, or they will be stored at their expense. March 7th, 1856. m9-4

**WE** are authorized to announce DAVID T. BAGLEY, as a candidate for the office of county Recorder of the district of San Francisco, subject to the nomination of the whig party of the district. m6

**THE NAME OF JOHN P. VAN NESS** is offered to the public as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of the district of San Francisco, subject to the nomination of the whig convention. BY MANY VOTERS. 11F

**PARKER H. PIERCE, JR.** is recommended as a candidate for Sheriff, at the coming election, by many whigs, subject to the nomination of the whig party of this district. 12F

**CANDIDATE FOR CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT.**—We are authorized to announce ELLISON DICKY as a candidate for the office of clerk of the supreme court, subject to the nomination of the whig party. m6

**WE** are authorized to announce CALHOUN BENHAM, Esq., as a candidate for district attorney of the judicial district of San Francisco, subject to the nomination of the whig party. m6

**CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF.**—Col. J. J. BRYANT is recommended by many voters to the citizens of the town and district of San Francisco for the office of sheriff at the coming election. m6

**FOR RECORDER.**—The name of ROBERT D. HART is respectfully suggested to the voters of San Francisco as a candidate for the office of Recorder, at the ensuing election. m11-19\*

**THE NAME OF R. G. CROZIER** is offered to the public as a candidate for county clerk at the coming election, by [23F-24\*] MANY FRIENDS.

**ARRIVAL OF THE KINGSTON.**—The ship Kingston arrived in this port on Thursday, the 7th inst., with 155 emigrants from the States. She sailed from Panama on the 14th of January, and made the voyage to San Francisco in the short space of 53 days.

It will be seen, by the following complimentary card, that a large number of the passengers, upon their arrival, endorse Captain Luscomb as a gentleman, and recommend the Kingston as a safe and comfortable ship. In publishing this card, we have thought proper to publish the names of the passengers who signed it, and the States from which they emigrated, and to add, for the satisfaction of their friends, that they were all in good health.

**A CARD.**—S. N. Francisco, March 7th, 1856.—We, the undersigned, who came passengers on the ship Kingston, from Panama to this port, do, in consideration of the able and polite manner in which the captain, mates and crew of said ship have discharged their respective duties, tender to each of them our sincere thanks; and do hereby recommend the Kingston as a safe, well provisioned, comfortable and fast sailing ship, and can, without hesitation, say that her captain is a gentleman, and worthy to be patronized by a generous public.

Lewis C. Bailey, Will Jennings, L. F. Dunlap, A. J. Mitchell, Silas F. Brown, Horace Smith, Ky.; Sherman Eastman, Mich.; Daniel B. Nye, Jr., Mass.; Elias Garst, O.; Nathaniel Head, Horace French, Mass.; E. S. Lathrop, Mich.; A. N. Ellis, Abraham Keene, 2d, Mass.; James L. Russey, Ind.; Mordecai E. Perry, George H. Keen, Mass.; Thos. Marston, Ambrose Clements, John Warburton, Ohio; Samuel C. Turner, Ala.; John Hogshead, Ind.; H. Young, Ohio; L. C. Lang, worthy, Iowa; Oren Marsh, Mich.; J. M. Scott, Ind.; P. F. Logan, Mo.; Wm. J. Williams, Me.; B. M. Ashley, Mass.; Edward S. Rockwell, Mich.; Frederick Bumgarden, Ohio; Wm. B. Bradford, Ind.; David A. Johnston, Ohio; Wm. N. Lokor-Mo; Isaac Lacore, N.Y.; James M. Beall, Ind.; Saml. Bougher, Tenn.; John Linton, Penn.; Peter Cannon, Ind.; Wm. T. Parker, Miss.; Andrew Bunker, Mass.; R. S. McKinney, Samuel O. Montefiore, Pietro Marini, Ohio; G. W. Maxwell, Iowa; J. R. Lockwood, Ind.; Daniel D. Long, Herman Long, James Murray, D. M. Rouzer, F. F. Richter, Ohio; H. Weinman, F. Weidman, Ill.; Jonathan H. Delong, Ind.; Charles M. Peterson, Pa.; George Hasfous, Francis H. Nye, Mass.; David H. Comp. Conn.; John B. Doom, Ky.; Albert Hart, Jamaica; William P. Bass, Miss.; J. W. Griswold, Ind.; W. A. Dromgoole, Miss.; E. W. Chancery, Mich.; T. Ramsdell, O.; Samuel A. Pearson, Mo.; Moses Mayer, Ohio; James M. Day, Wis.; Henry Hinkel, Iowa; Timothy Trebble, Mass.; H. M. Hulbert, Miss.; E. W. McCafferty, Ill.; Conrad Williams, N.Y.; Emanuel Boone, Ohio; O. S. Coleman, Mo.; Hy. Hinkley, J. B. Wright, Miss.; James E. Rooker, Mo.; A. Tavares, M. Tavares, S. C. Smyth, B. F. Hopkins, F. Koon, Van Thorp, Robert Bellingham, Ohio; R. Winchester, A. Lewis, J. E. Maddox, N.Y.; A. Maddox, Mo.; Joseph Thorp, Ohio; L. B. Coloney, N.Y.; Abram Cook, Mich.; James M. Patterson, Ohio; Willis McKinney, Ind.; John Fox, Ohio; Lindley McKinney, Ind.; Wm. Hall, N.Y.; Wm. D. Frazee, Ky.; Larkin Allen, Ind.; John Miller, Jr., Ohio; Harrison Morrison, Pa.; James A. Humfrell, Ohio; Charles B. Richmond, Pa.; Charles J. Church, Z. S. Mynick, Mich.; James Lacore, N.Y.; William F. Hathaway, Mass.; Charles Bovet, Tenn.; G. W. Barnes, Mobile.

**WE** the undersigned, passengers on board the ship Kingston, from Panama to San Francisco, having been compelled to employ the services of Dr. Albert Ball, surgeon of said ship, take pleasure in thus conveying to him our public acknowledgements of his skill and kindness, exhibited towards us in the discharge of his duty. To the citizens of San Francisco we can safely recommend him as a skillful physician. Owen Marsh, of Michigan, Charles B. Richmond, Mass.; J. C. Smyth, B. F. Hopkins, F. Koon, Thomas Marston, Ohio; Edw. B. Moore, Boston; F. Bungearner, Ohio; Oliver Wood, Michigan; Charles J. Church, E. S. Rockwell, Mich.; Samuel C. Turner, S. C.; Charles H. Nutzer, N. H.; Matthew R. Smith, Ind.; Wm. Pylott, W. A. Dromgoole, Miss. m11\*

**WHIG GENERAL COMMITTEE.**—A regular meeting of the Whig General Committee of San Francisco will be held this (Monday) evening, March 11th, 7½ o'clock, at the St. Francis Hotel. Punctual attendance is requested. By order, JOHN J. R. DE PUY, Ch'n.

L. PARSONS, Secretaries. S. FLOWER, m11-1

**GRAND CIVIC BALL.**—NOTICE.—The several committee of arrangements, appointed at a meeting of the subscribers to the above festival, are requested to meet at the hall of the First California Guard this, Monday evening, at 7 1-2 o'clock. m11-1

E. S. LOVELL, Sec'y and Treas.

**FOR COUNTY JUDGE.**—The name of Maj. RICHARD N. ALLEN is presented to the electors of San Francisco, by his many friends, as a candidate for the office of County Judge, at the ensuing election, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party. m11-18\*

**WHIG CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY CLERK.**—The name of C. M. K. PAULSON is proposed as a candidate for the office of County Clerk at the ensuing election, subject to the decision of the nominating committee of the Whig party. m11-5\*

**SHIP NORFOLK** is now ready to discharge. Consignees will please call, pay freight and receive orders for their goods, as per bills of lading, deliverable at tackle's end. R. S. DOOR, on Battery. m11-10\* between foot of Pine and Bush street.

**CONSIGNEES** per brig META are requested to call on the undersigned, pay their freight and receive orders for their goods, without delay. **HAVEN & LIVINGSTON,** Consignees, Mellus, Howard & Co.'s building, Central wharf. m11 6

**PERSONS** desiring to purchase real estate are requested to notice the sale of water lots, and lots in Benicia and Yuba, advertised to be sold at auction by Morris & Co. to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, at their sales room in Clay street. m11-1

**FOR SHERIFF.**—The name of D. W. THOMPSON, our present active and efficient Deputy is offered to the public as a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the nomination of the democratic party. He will be supported by m9-20\* A HOST OF FRIENDS.

**THE NAME OF COL. WM. H. COWPER** is offered to the public as a candidate for the office of County Recorder, and will be liberally supported by m6-24 MANY CITIZENS.

**WE** are authorized to announce SAMUEL FLOWER, Esq., as a candidate for county clerk, subject to the nomination of the whig party of the district. m6

**THIS** is to notify all persons concerned that I have appointed Henry M. Naglee my attorney. 26F-1m ALBERT PRIEST.

**FOR COUNTY CLERK.**—The name of JACKSON MOSES is offered as a candidate for county clerk at the coming election. m11-12\*

**FOR COUNTY CLERK.**—T. S. POMEROY, the present clerk of the district court, is a candidate for county clerk at the ensuing election. 13F-1m\*

**WE** are authorized to announce F. DICKINSON, Esq., as a candidate for the office of County Clerk, subject to the nomination of the Whig party. m11-10\*

**WE** are requested to state that H. TOLE is a candidate for the office of County Recorder. m11

**FOR RECORDER.**—The name of ORRIN BAILEY will be submitted to the Whig party for nomination. m9-5\*

**FOR RECORDER.**—JOHN A. MCGLYNN, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party. m8-4\*

**FOR SALE.**—In store, as follows: 14,000 lbs jerked beef; 1000 gross superior matches; 200 bbl's porter and ale; 50 casks tallow; 50 kegs lard; 200 casks brandy, saleratus, mess pork, dry goods, etc. W. MONTGOMERY, No. 288 Montgomery street. m9-2\*