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VERY LATE FROM CALIFORNIA
News from San Francisco to the 25th of January has been received by way of Vera Cruz.

The winter has been a very severe one in the gold country, twelve to eighteen inches of snow being on the ground on the 11th of January. The miners at that period had not suffered much, for they were still digging a little, as the streams had not risen any.

Col. Benton's letter to the people of California was published on the 11th of January. The editors of the "Alta California" say that his advice is substantially what the citizens are now acting on; and with the sanction of his name, it is to be hoped that the cause of Provisional Government will not be allowed to retrograde.

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THE STATE DEBT. A citizen of the western part of Pennsylvania has written a letter to a member of the Senate proposing a scheme for the payment of the State debt.

JUDGE LONGSTRETH.—The Harrisburg Union says the physician who has had the Judge under charge, states that he is gradually recovering his former health, and alleges that so soon as the weather becomes more settled, he will be able to resume his duties in the Canal Board.

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U. STATES POSTAGE.—IMPORTANT REGULATIONS. The Post Office Department has published the rates of postage under the late treaty with Great Britain, and as modified by the late act of Congress.

THE LIBERTY OF THE PRESS.—The Elizabethtown, N. J., Journal has been denounced from the pulpit in that place for opposing a law to prohibit travelling through that State on Sunday.

CALIFORNIA BEATEN!—The Gold Placer of Carolina.—At the Mountain Creek mine, in Catawba county, belonging to our friends, Messrs. Casler & Shford, their hands collected, in two days and a half, with the simple operations of the pan and hand rocker, 2,208 dwts. of gold from the vein, and from the sands below, by the use of the mill, 159 dwts. more.

MR. TUCK'S POSITION.—Hon. Amos Tuck, at a Whig supper at Portsmouth the other evening, said: "The editors who have assigned to me all sorts of opinions will take my presence here this evening as evidence that I have gone over hood and line to the Whigs."

FROM THE STURDINESS OF MR. TUCK'S manner we are inclined to believe that he must be a descendant of a certain Friar of the same name whose history is probably familiar to our readers.—N. Y. Mirror.

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