

CALIFORNIA NEWS.

From the California papers we make the following selections:

Never, in the history of California, have the reports from the mines been so universally favorable. Placers which have been worked again and again, are paying well, while new diggings are constantly brought to light. Guided by the experience and skill acquired in past years, mining is beginning to be conducted in an extensive scale.

A large amount of capital has been invested in fluming, tunnelling, and water companies, some of them gigantic enterprises, and by these means many rich spots, impaevitable to associated labor, have been made available, and yield rich returns.

Business affairs at Sonora are improving. Merchants are in fine spirits at the prospect of an immediate revival of business.

The town boasts a number of fine stores, handsomely furnished, and several new buildings are going up—many refitted. One or two new banking houses are to be established.

Five large stages arrive daily, loaded with passengers, while the stages to the neighboring towns are continually passing to and fro. Twenty miles of the proposed plank road from Marysville to Nevada, have been surveyed and an easy grade obtained.

The principle merchants at Placerville, have signed a paper obligating themselves to suspend the transaction of all secular business in their establishments on the Sabbath day.

Dr. Michael Verona had been engaged alone for about three months, on a ravine leading into the Steamboat Bay; blasting a huge rock. During that time he had not made one cent.

Mr. Murray Harford, of Michigan, was shot on the 12th inst., by one Thomas Williams, on Sacramento River, some distance below the mouth of Chico Creek.

A Sacramento policeman named Carrio, was convicted of receiving a bribe of \$4.50 from a Jew peddler. He indignantly resigned.

A company is being organized, at Placerville for crossing the Plains to the States.—They leave on the first of June.

A lady is lecturing in Placerville on the mind and philosophy of human progress.

One thousand three hundred and twenty dollars were subscribed at a small meeting of the friends of the Bible, recently destroyed by fire on Stockton street.

A FORTUNATE MINER.—A miner, who has been at work in the North, deposited at a banking house in this city yesterday, \$30,000 in gold dust, the proceeds of the labor of himself and son, during the past ten or twelve months, from a claim for which \$1200 was paid.

From Coloma.—We glean the following from the Miner's Advocate of Saturday: A party working at Mamoloko Hill took out in two days last week, 306 ounces of gold.

WORKING FOR COAL.—We were out on the N. American coal Company's Mill Creek tract, on Monday last, and witnessed the boring operation as carried on by steam power.

Large Castings.—The lock, at the terminus of the Philadelphia and Sunbury rail road, now building at this place, which connects the basin with the river, is to be constructed of cast iron, on a new plan, by Kimber Cleaver, Esq., Chief Engineer. The large castings are now being made in the foundry and machine shop of E. Y. Bright, Esq., of this place.

On Wednesday evening, and since the above was written, we witnessed the casting of the first of those heavy uprights, of which we understand there are one hundred and ten to be made, weighing from 2,400 to 3,000 pounds each.

NEW ZEALAND.—Discovery of Gold JULY ESTABLISHED.—A NEW FIELD.—By a recent arrival we have files of The Auckland New Zealand for December 15th, later than previous advices.

THE CENTRE TURNPIKE COMPANY have reestablished the gate, on their road, near this place. Some of the farmers speak of it as a great annoyance, though the toll is but trifling.

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THE AMERICAN. SUNBURY.

DEMOCRATIC STATE NOMINATIONS. FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER: THOMAS FORSYTH, Of Philadelphia County.

FOR AUDITOR GENERAL: EPHRAIM BANKS, Of Mifflin County.

FOR SURVEYOR GENERAL: J. PORTER BRAWLEY, Of Crawford County.

Business Notices. DR. VALLENCIAFF is again in town and ready to operate on those whose teeth want repairing.

LAND WARRANTS.—Persons having Land Warrants for sale, can dispose of them for cash, by applying at this office.

THE THERMOMETER on Wednesday last, at 2 o'clock, stood at 98 in the shade.

THE HAY CROP, this season, has been secured in good order, and there appears to be an abundance of it. The price of good hay in this place is about \$10 per ton.

IMPROVEMENTS.—We are pleased to see that Messrs. Frider and Grant of this place have under way another large building.

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RIVAL RAIL ROADS TO HARRISBURG.

There is a spirited rivalry in the Philadelphia newspapers, between the Lebanon valley rail road company, and the Lancaster, Lebanon and Pinegrove rail road company. The first road connects with the Reading rail road at Reading and runs through Lebanon to Harrisburg.

RAIL ROAD SUBSCRIPTION CASE. Some of our readers are perhaps aware that a bill was sent before the Grand Jury, in April last, charging several of our most respectable citizens with an attempt to bribe Christian Albert, one of the Commissioners of the county, to induce him to subscribe \$200,000 to the stock of the Susquehanna rail road company.

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FATAL ACCIDENT. We are pained to learn that John Heninger, of Kelly township, Union county, and an Irishman whose name we did not ascertain, were drowned in the pool of Menney dam, on Saturday, the 18th ult., while attempting to cross the river in a boat, in company with four other persons.

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FIRE IN THE MOUNTAINS.—

The mountain along the narrows, a few miles below Sunbury, took fire on Friday, the 24th ult., and burned fiercely until Monday following. The fire was arrested at the road, leading to Conrad's near the bridge. Some fences and considerable timber was destroyed.

MR. GEORGE BILMYER, an aged and respected citizen of Liberty tp., Monong county, was drowned in Chillisquette Creek, near his residence, on Tuesday, the 21st ult. His body was drawn out of the creek with a seine which some of his children and neighbors were fishing with, and was the first knowledge they had of the heart-rending occurrence.

THE WHIGS of Dauphin county have nominated the following ticket: Assembly.—Geo. T. Hummel, Derry tp., Lot Bergstresser, Mifflin tp.

THERE are now in California about twenty-two thousand Chinamen. The capital invested and owned by the Chinese in the State, is one million of dollars.

THE HORSE THIEVES have been committing extensive depredations in Union county of late, five or six having been stolen in the space of a few days.

THE LIVERPOOL AMERICAN is the title of a new paper just started at Liverpool, Perry co., by E. L. Mowry.

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RAILROAD MATTERS.

The various projects of the day in the West and pushing forward with commendable alacrity. We scarcely open an exchange but some new line meets our eye, surveyed or let.

NOTICE of the opening of books of subscription to the capital stock of the Atlantic and Ohio Railroad Company is given in the Warren Transcript.

IT follows in the direction of Warren, Massillon, Millersburg, &c., to Columbus, and from thence will continue down the rich valley of the Scioto in part, and terminate on the Ohio at such point as will give an easy crossing of the Ohio, and connect with the Maysville and Lexington road.

THE GRAND JURY of Allegheny county, Pa., have recommended a subscription of \$500,000 to the Pittsburg and Steubenville Rail road, \$150,000 to the Cleveland and Pittsburg, and \$150,000 to the Chartiers Valley Railroad.

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ARRIVAL OF THE BALTIC.

NEW YORK, June 26.—The Collins' steamship Baltic arrived here this evening, at half past six o'clock, bringing dates to the 15th inst., four days later than the advices per Niagara.

A splendid entertainment has been given to Commodore Vanderbilt, of the "North Star," by the City of Southampton, at which 200 guests were present.

THE ENGLISH government have, both in the House of Lords and Commons, announced that the British and French fleets were jointly despatched to the Dardanelles, furnished with like instructions.

FIRST LOCOMOTIVE.—The Abbecon Railroad Company placed the first locomotive on the track of their road on Monday Morning. It is intended to carry materials for laying the track from Cooper's Point along the route.

POISONING.—Thousands of parents who use Vermifuge composed of Castor oil, Calomel, &c., are not aware, that while they appear to benefit the patient, they are actually laying the foundation for a series of diseases.

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More New Goods!!

WILLIAM A. KNOBB, RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public generally, that he has just received and opened a large and splendid stock of SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS, at his Store in Lower Augusta township.

Two Stray Cows. STRAYED away from the subscriber, about two weeks since, 2 stray cows, both white and red; one more white than the other; one cow's horns turn a little backwards.

NOTICE. NOTICE is hereby given that books will be opened to receive subscriptions to the Capital Stock of the Shuylkill Bridge Company, on Wednesday, the 27th of July next.

REGISTER'S NOTICE. NOTICE is hereby given to all Legatees, Creditors and other persons interested in the Estates of the following named persons, that the Executors, Administrators, and Guardians of said Estates have filed their accounts with the Register of Northumberland County.

CHARLES H. KAY, dec'd., settled by his Adm'r James E. Denter, dec'd., settled by her Ex'r Simon Young and Geo. F. Miller.

THE FLOUR MARKET. The Flour market is quiet; mixed Western at \$4.63; and for Western, recently inspected, \$4.70.

THE BALTIMORE MARKET. GRAIN.—Several parcels of good to prime red Wheat were in market to day and sold at 100.4/106 cts.

SUNBURY PRICE CURRENT. WHEAT, 100 RYE, 75 CORN, 62

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Borough Ordinance. NOTICE is hereby given by the authorities of the Borough of Sunbury, that all persons are cautioned against going into the river to bathe within the limits of the Borough, until half past eight o'clock in the evening.

NOTICE. NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made, at the next regular session of the Legislature, to charter a company for banking and discounting purposes, with a capital of two hundred thousand dollars.

A Stray Colt. STRAYED from the subscriber, on Friday last, a two year old mare colt, color, strawberry roan, with a light tail, long fore top, hanging down over eyes, steep rumped, close by one of the hips is a light spot.

ATTENTION, DEWART GUARDS!! YOU are commanded to meet in Market Square, Sunbury, on MONDAY, JULY 4, 1853, at 9 o'clock, A. M., fully equipped for drill.

EMON SYRUP, Oranges, Lemons, Raisins, Nuts, Candies, &c., &c., just received and for sale by I. W. TENER & CO. Sunbury, July 2, 1853.