

THE GAZETTE.

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SANTA BARBARA; THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1856.

The Gazette has, in a humble way, from its first issue, eighteen months ago, to the present time, labored industriously for the benefit of the county, and the State generally. This labor, it is hoped, has not proved wholly vain.

We have never been waited upon by any honorable gentleman with an invitation to be shot at for the use of slanderous or libellous words, nor have we caused any body else to be waited upon by honorable gentlemen with similar invitations.

In the absence of our associate we have been obliged to issue the Gazette on a half sheet, but soon as he returns, we shall issue on a full sheet, and labor cheerfully as heretofore in the hope and confident expectation of seeing, ere long, a numerous and permanent population occupying, studying and gathering wealth from the soil, contributing to society and the State material support, character and respectability.

Fire has been raging for the last four days in the coast range, a few miles eastward of this city, consuming a vast amount of wood and small growth.

ROBBERIES. A man by the name of Jas. M. Sanburn was robbed on Saturday evening last, while on his way from this place to Selby Flat.

Two other men were robbed the same night near the same place. One of them, Mr. J. W. Daw, had only a dollar and a quarter, which the robbers took.

Two teamsters were robbed of about a hundred dollars in money and a pistol, at the Half Mile House, on Thursday night last.

On Monday night at the same place seven men were robbed. It is supposed by our informant that chloroform was used, as the rooms were entered, the clothes of the occupants taken from under their heads and relieved of whatever money they contained.

On the same night the house of Mr. Foster, within a few rods of the above place, was entered, and Mr. F.'s trunk taken out, carried across the road, and broken open.

No FREIGHT. The steamer Sea Bird left on Thursday, with less freight, probably, than she ever carried from the port of San Pedro.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE IN COURT. Frank Dumas, aged nineteen years, who was convicted of grand larceny some days ago, was on Saturday brought into the Court of Sessions for sentence.

CALIFORNIA LAND CLAIMS. Information has been received here from the Attorney General, says the Los Angeles Star, by C. E. Thom, Esq., acting U. S. District Attorney, that in the cases of the following claims, confirmed to the claimants by the U. S. Commissioners, and also on appeal by the District Court, the appeal in the Supreme Court will not be prosecuted by the United States:

- No. 13. Jose de la Guerra y Noriega. No. 15. Jose Carrillo and Jose Antonio Carrillo. No. 27. Jose Rafael Gonzales. Nos. 47 and 63. Francisco Perez Pacheco. No. 66. Diego Olivera et al.

U. S. MINT AT PHILADELPHIA. The Director of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, in pursuance of an authorization from the Secretary of the Treasury, has given notice that purchases of silver for coinage will be made on the following terms:

For the information of the public it may be stated that according to the above rate of purchase, the yield of various classes of coin or bullion will be about as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Cents. Includes items like Five-franc pieces, Mexican and South American Dollars, Old Spanish Dollars, etc.

Purchases will be made at the branch of the Mint at New Orleans at one-half per cent. lower than the above prices, payable at the option of the Department in drafts on Boston and New York.

At San Francisco, the purchases may be paid for in gold or silver, at the option of the Superintendent thereof, until a sufficient supply of silver bullion is received to meet the demand for silver coin at that institution.

PROGRESS IN AMERICA. The London Athenæum, in regard to this country, says: Should the 1845-50 rate of increase be maintained for fifty years, the population will amount to 190,000,000—nearly equal to the whole of continental Europe.

THE TEHUANTEPEC ROUTE. Col. Wm. Smith, the contractor for the carriage road over the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, lately returned to New Orleans, and the Bee remarks that he brings very favorable accounts of the progress made.

PASSENGERS. During the past nine months 5,910 passengers have arrived by sea in our port. Of this number, 4,421 were men, 1,143 women, and 346 children.

MR. PRESCOTT'S METHOD OF WRITING. The Newark Advertiser publishes a letter received by a gentleman in that city from Wm. H. Prescott, the historian, giving the following account of his apparatus for writing: You ask me to give you some account of the apparatus which I use in writing.

THE MOON. Dr. Scoresby, in an account that he has given of some recent observations made with the Earl of Rosse's telescope, says: With respect to the moon, every object on its surface of one hundred feet was now distinctly to be seen, and he had no doubt that under favorable circumstances it would be so with objects sixty feet in height.

FREAKS OF THE INSANE. Old Dr. Rush, of Philadelphia, used to relate a singular case of monomania in a patient in the Philadelphia Hospital. He took it into his head that he was a painter, and resolutely refused for a long time, though possessing fine organs of speech, to utter a word.

WELL TANNED. In Lynn, a short time since, as a man was engaged in digging potatoes on Boston street, he struck with his hoe a hard substance, and on removing the earth he found it to be the board cover of a vat or pit.

The Emperor Louis Napoleon spends in his rústicating tour a small fortune daily. A correspondent of an Eastern paper says: Every day a package containing ten thousand francs is despatched to him by rail from Epinal, so that, I suppose, may be considered the measure of his pecuniary outlay.

THE LONDON CHRONICLE ON AMERICAN POLITICS. "We should be sorry to see Mr. Buchanan elected, because he is in favor of preserving the obnoxious institutions as they exist, and the unity of the States. There is no safety for European monarchical governments if the progressive spirit of the Democracy of the United States is allowed to succeed.

New Advertisements. An Adjourned Meeting of the Democracy will be held THIS DAY, at 4 P. M., at the Court House.

Election Proclamation. STATE OF CALIFORNIA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a GENERAL ELECTION is to be held on TUESDAY, THE 14th DAY OF NOVEMBER next, throughout this State, at which the following officers are to be elected:

- FOUR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS, TWO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, A SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, A CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT, Also, STATE SENATORS are to be elected, as follows: From the 4th Senatorial District, composed of the counties of Alameda and Santa Clara, one Senator.

Witness my hand and Great Seal of State, at Sacramento, the 26th day of September, 1856. J. NEELY JOHNSON, Governor of California.

IN CONFORMITY with the above Proclamation, and an order made on the 14th inst., by the Hon. Board of Supervisors, notice is hereby given, that, in connection with the officers mentioned in the said Proclamation, the following County Officers will be elected: County Coroner, County Surveyor, Public Administrator, County Superintendent of Common Schools, and one Supervisor, two Justices of the Peace, and two Constables for each township.

Election Notice. THE GENERAL ELECTION will be held on the 4th day of November proximo, in the county of Santa Barbara, at the following places: In the First Township, at the house known as the residence of Emilio Ortega, in San Buenaventura, and situated at the corner of the Mission garden.

THE HON. CHARLES FERNALD, President Judge of the Court of Sessions, and V. W. Hearne and Antonio de la Palma y Mesa, Associate Justices of the Court of Sessions of Santa Barbara County, in the State of California, and Charles E. Hase, Esq., District Attorney of the aforesaid county—Gentlemen: You will please take notice that the undersigned, who was convicted of an assault with a deadly weapon, with the intent to commit murder, on the person of Thomas S. Martin, before the Hon. the Court of Sessions of Santa Barbara County, State of California, on the 10th day of June, A. D. 1856, will make application in his own behalf to His Excellency the Governor of the State of California, the Hon. J. Neely Johnson, for a pardon from said conviction, by which the undersigned was sentenced to imprisonment in the Penitentiary of the State of California for the period of two (2) years from the date of his entrance therein, A. D. 1856, the time of said conviction.

W. M. A. D. E. N. Friends and Acquaintances of W. M. A. D. E. N. are invited to attend the funeral of the late W. M. A. D. E. N. on Friday, the 17th inst., at 10 o'clock, at the residence of the deceased, No. 145 Broadway, New York City.