

From California.

By the Western Mail, which arrived on Thursday the 10th, we have Sacramento and other California dates to Oct. 22.

Lieut. General Scott arrived in San Francisco on Sunday morning, Oct. 16, on the Golden Age. As the steamer neared the wharf, several bands played, "See the Conquering Hero comes." So great was the rush of all classes of citizens to see the old veteran before he landed from the steamer, that it became necessary to close the wharf gate. He did not make his appearance for some two hours, and when he came on deck he was loudly cheered from the shore by the thousands of citizens there assembled, accompanied by a salute from the Artillery of the California Guards.

The Commander-in-Chief with his suite walked ashore and was escorted to a fine barouche which had been prepared for the occasion, drawn by four milk-white horses, and followed by another, conveying Gov. Weller and Gen'l Clark, U. S. A. Commanding the Department of the Pacific, preceded by several independent companies of citizen soldiery, bands, &c., under the direction of Brigadier General Haven; the chieftain was escorted through the principal streets of the city, and then to the Oriental Hotel, amidst the applause of the people who were anxious to see the old hero and to welcome his arrival in their city, by every conceivable expression of respect they could bestow.

Speaking of his reception, the *National* says:

"Everywhere along the route, the gallant old hero of Lundy's Lane was received with the most vociferous acclamations of delight. The house tops, windows, and streets were densely packed with our citizens, who all seemed eager to get a glimpse of the war worn warrior. Boutequets were showered upon him in abundance, and as he passed beneath the triumphal arch erected on Montgomery street, a wreath of laurels and flowers, which depended from its centre, fell over and encircled his martial form. On reaching the Plaza a grand salute of thirty three guns was fired by the Monumentals, under the direction of George Hossefross. The old General seemed to "snuff the smoke of battle" with real gusto, as its blue clouds rolled over the grass square towards him. In fact, throughout the whole proceedings, he seemed delighted, although the continued exertion of bowing to the multitude must have fatigued him somewhat. It was a complete ovation and triumphal entry which must have been as gratifying as unexpected by him.

Speeches were then made by the Commander-in-chief of the U. S. Army, Governor Weller and others, brief but pointed. Lieut. General Scott apologized for not appearing in regimentals, but the whole affair was so unexpected that he had not prepared himself. He said he was delighted at his reception, but regretted that it must necessarily have been on the Sabbath, as it interfered with his going to church, which he had not omitted for forty years. He felt a glow of undisguised pleasure when he saw around him so many of his old gallant companions in arms through the Mexican campaign.

Governor Weller followed with a few remarks, welcoming the gallant old chieftain, and rejoiced that the people of California had given him such a reception.

General Clark, of the Pacific Department, said in substance: "I am no speaker. It is one of the happiest days of my life to welcome my superior in arms to California. God bless you all—you all know what I would say." He seemed much affected.

Col. E. D. Baker then came forward, but had to renounce his intention, merely saying: "my heart is too full for utterance." The assemblage then dispersed and General Scott retired to the apartments, which been provided for himself and suite."

General Scott left San Francisco on the Steamer Northerner at 5 p. m., on Monday, October 17. On his way from the Oriental Hotel to the wharf he was, says the *National*, followed by a tremendous multitude of persons—greater by far than when he arrived. His hand was shaken by thousands as he rode down, and the anxiety of all to shake hands with him and his willingness to oblige them, imperilled the lives of many, and the General frequently warned them to take care of the wheels and horses hoofs. He went on board amid tremendous cheering, and the steamer Northerner slowly backed out whilst the Artillery band played "Hail Columbia Happy Land." The Shubrick at this moment, having on board the President and Board of Supervisors, the Chief of Police, the commissioned officers of the Second Brigade, and a large number of distinguished citizens, members of the Judiciary, members of the Bar, etc., approached the wharf and rounding too, fired a salute and accompanied the Northerner to the Heads.

The following letter was addressed to Gen. Scott on Monday, by the members of the Volunteer Regiments that served under him in Mexico:

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17, 1859.

TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL WINFIELD SCOTT—

SIR: Your old friends who have served under you in your different glorious battles and campaigns, desire to meet you for congratulation and the interchange of good wishes. They do not desire to make this a public occasion, but an informal meeting of old friends and soldiers. It seems to them that in some sort you owe it to those who have stood by you in the most perilous times as tried soldiers, and brothers alike in dangers and in triumphs, to meet them as brothers in a private and friendly way, at the domestic hearth or at the festive board.

We have been appointed a Committee by the company of veterans who had the honor to escort you yesterday, to dine *em famille* with them at such a time as may be convenient to you.

Allow us in the most earnest manner, to urge you to give us all this opportunity of taking you by the hand and, in this distant land, gained by your victories, and which we have made our home, to indulge in the teeming memories of our common past, and in aspirations for your continued glory and happiness.

JOSEPH DANIELS,
Late Major U. S. Q. M. D.

T. W. FREELON,
Late Captain 15th U. S. Infantry.

WM. L. DUNCAN,
Late Captain 4th Illinois Volunteers.

General Scott declined giving an answer to this request until he comes back from San Juan.

From British Columbia.

The latest advices from Victoria are to the 11th of October. The only item of news worthy of note was the exhibition of a large turnip weighing sixty five pounds and measuring over four feet in circumference.

Governor Douglas has written to Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton recommending that the claims of the Hudson Bay Company to the following hands be confirmed: To Old Fort Langley; New Fort Langley and adjacent farms; point at the forks of Smess river; point at the forks of Harrison river; Fort Hope, with clear land adjoining, especially block No. 1 on official map of the town, which encroaches on the fort; Fort Yale, portion marked "reserve," and block XVII on official map of the town; Fort Dalles; Fort at Kamloops, known as Thompson's river, with lands adjacent; Fort Douglas; Fort Shepherd on the Columbia river, with adjoining lands; Fort in the Kootanais country, if north of the forty ninth parallel; the various posts in New Caledonia belonging to the company, and other points along the route from Fort Hope to Thompson's river and New Caledonia, not permanently occupied but improved by the sowing of grass seeds; Fort Simpson, with lands adjoining; Fort McLaughlin.

The *Colonist* calls it a gigantic land grabbing scheme.

He might as well have asked for the whole country to be confirmed to the company of which he is a member and the general superintendent of its affairs in the north west.

Meeting of Capt. Rowley's Hand-cart Company.

G. S. L. CITY, Nov. 12, 1859.

EDITOR DESERET NEWS:

SIR—You will oblige the undersigned and confer a favor upon many other individuals, by inserting the following note in the News.

It will be remembered that, on Sabbath, the 6th, a notice was read in the Tabernacle, that a meeting of the Hand-cart company which crossed the Plains under the direction of Capt. Geo. Rowley, would be held on the 8th inst. (Tuesday) at early candlelight, in the 13th Ward School house, for the purpose of inquiring into certain grievances said to exist in the company, against Capt. Rowley.

Accordingly, at the appointed time, the meeting convened, Elders Joseph W. Young and Robert F. Neslin, by appointment, presiding, and, after singing and prayer, the brethren and sisters had full liberty granted them to speak their minds freely; and it was impressed upon them that, inasmuch as many reports were in circulation throughout this city, derogatory to the character and management of Capt. Rowley, while crossing the plains, if they knew of anything worthy of blame, they should there and then tell of it.

They were told that, if Capt. Rowley had been known to sell or otherwise dispose of provisions belonging to the company, to be at any time drunk and thereby neglect his duties, to have taken their luggage from the carts into the company wagons and charged freight thereon, appropriating the proceeds thereof to his individual use, it was due the Hand-cart company that these things should be known in the right place, and be properly and severely dealt with.

The Saints occupied about three hours in speaking of their journey and the conduct of Capt. Rowley towards them, and the unanimous testimony of every one present was, that br. Rowley had done his duty as captain of the company, to the best of his ability.

There seemed to be some little dissatisfaction in regard to the supplies of bacon, sugar, and tea, but, after some explanations from

those who served out the provisions and from br. Neslin in regard to the amount furnished at Florence, all seemed satisfied.

Br. Rowley spoke of the reports that were in general circulation; he acknowledged that he had been somewhat remiss in keeping his accounts and stated that he had never had experience in such matters, especially where so many parties were concerned.

He said his greatest fault had been in not being strict enough with the company; to all of which those present bore testimony.

At the close of the meeting, a unanimous vote of the company expressed the following sentiments—"That this company hereby acknowledge its entire satisfaction in regard to the conduct of Capt. Geo. Rowley, while crossing the plains, and we wish the sense of this meeting published in the *Deseret News*."

Your brethren in the Gospel,
JOS. W. YOUNG,
ROBT. F. NESLIN,

CLIPPINGS.

—The *Sierra Democrat* tells of a Frenchman, who, becoming infuriated through losses at rondo, discharged his pistol, but hit nobody—of a fancy nigger that got into a row with another nigger, whilst playing at "nraw," and was stabbed between the shoulders, bleeding about fourteen gallons!—and of a fellow named French Pete, who, on Thursday, shot at a frail creature and took the top of her skull off. Such is Downville.

—The *Marysville Democrat* is informed that a hill above Timbuctoo, Yuba county, literally tumbled down, on Monday night, Sept. 26.

—The Stockton jail is said to be chock full of prisoners, six of whom are charged with murder.

—The *Napa Reporter* has on exhibition at its office an apple weighing 1 lb. 9 ozs.

—Bayard Taylor was lecturing in Placerville, El Dorado county,

There are 337 persons in the Insane Asylum in California.

—The express office of Wells, Fargo & Co., in Jackson, Amador county, was broken into and robbed of \$7,000 in gold bars.

—A fire broke out in Auburn, Placer county, which consumed some fifty frame buildings, and would have destroyed the whole town, had not some brick buildings arrested its further progress. Damage, \$50,000.

—The ship *Black Warrior* arrived in San Francisco from Hong-kong with over one hundred Celestials.

—A tomato, grown at Santa Rosa, measured in its largest circumference 23 inches. Its largest diameter is 8 inches, and its smallest 2 inches, and weighs 2 pounds.

—Tobacco is being successfully cultivated in the gardens at Placerville.

—Corn is selling in the vicinity of Marysville at 87cts. and \$1 per bushel. Last year the price was \$1.50.

—The new Directory gives the population of Sacramento at 10,795 persons—426 being colored.

—The Illinois farmers are complaining that that the wheat crop does not average so much per acre as was expected—that, indeed, there is only two thirds of an average crop.

—The Montreal Transcript says that, although the Victoria Bridge will be completed by the end of November, the grand inauguration will not take place until next year.

—It is said that Mr. Bates' chief recommendation for the Presidency is that he is sixty five years old and the father of sixteen children.

—The city of Wilmington, Del., is so well satisfied with the recent experiments with the water gas at that place, that preparations are now being made (says the *Wilmington Journal*) to dispense with coal gas, and use the water gas exclusively.

—A self-supporting fence has been invented by Charles Vandemark. It needs no posts.

—A machine for the manufacture of ice is now in operation in London, which turns out three tons of that commodity daily. It is the invention of Mr. Harris of Australia. The refrigeration is produced by the evaporation of either in a vacuum.

—The Rev. Geo. Scott has given, through the *London Daily News*, a translation of the new projects of late prepared by the Government of Sweden to be laid before the approaching meeting of the Diet, granting a measure, though not a full one, of religious liberty. The proposed laws, by greater completeness and more careful preparation, are looked upon as a great improvement on the proposal

made to the last Diet. All the old laws affecting religious liberty are to be repealed.

—There are in Egypt three hundred miles of railroad. When the running of the trains was commenced, mummies were used for fuel, and are said to make a very hot fire. The supply is almost inexhaustible, and they are used by the cord. What a destiny! to provide for a locomotive.

—One of the most celebrated divines of Paris is reported to have declared that the dresses of the ladies had become swollen with their iniquities.

—Francis Snead, of San Francisco, lately put up in Los Angeles, 2,700 cans of preserved peaches, pears, jams and figs. He is about to preserve olives.

—An individual in Tulare valley, who has an extensive field under fence, well timbered with white oaks, sold the acorn crop of the present year for \$1,800, to be gathered by the purchaser. The trees throughout the entire valley were loaded with acorns, and as soon as they begin to fall the hogs will fatten.

—A sale of the overland stage property by the sheriff of Placerville realized \$3,164.

—It is said that a tree lately cut a few miles above Placerville, furnished at the saw mill 10,240 feet of sawed lumber. A single log from another tree, of twelve feet in length, and sixty five inches in diameter at the smallest end, made over 2,000 feet of lumber.

—The *Placerville Express* says, that it was demonstrated at the late fair that the grapes raised on the hills and mountain sides, alongside of the miners, were better than those raised in valleys and low lands.

NATURAL CURIOSITY.—There exists on the southern overland mail route, two hundred and eighty miles east of El Paso, on the road leading to San Antonio, a remarkable spring, known as the 'Leon hole.' The following are a few particulars descriptive of it: It is fully one hundred and fifty feet in diameter, and has been sounded to the depth of eight hundred feet without finding bottom. The surface is as smooth as that of a mountain lake. It breaks out, running about three miles, when it disappears, and again, six miles distant, reappears, forming a stream fifteen or twenty feet deep in many places. It is slightly impregnated with alkali and salt, and contains five varieties of fish.

A CONTRAST.—Allowing the population of Sacramento city to be 11,000, which is a trifle over the recently published figures, we find by comparison, there are in Sacramento one doctor to every two hundred and seventy-five inhabitants, while in Great Salt Lake City we have only one doctor to every four thousand inhabitants. In Sacramento they require one lawyer to every one hundred and sixty-two persons, while the inhabitants of G. S. L. City are contented with one to every two thousand and we are happy to inform the world that neither doctors nor lawyers get rich on their professions in this country.

OLD CALIFORNIANS LEAVING.—We were well aware that a large number of the earlier settlers of California were dissatisfied with 'things in general,' as they have existed for a few yers back, but were not anticipating the reception of news informing us that three of the pioneers of Napa valley, Messrs. Keillog, Hudson and Teal, established and influential men, have left for Western Texas. The uncertainty of land titles in California, the irregularities in the labor market and the want of a market for their produce are said to be the causes inducing them to leave. It is said, should they return a favorable report others will follow. Surely California, with all her gold, is going under.

EXODUS OF FREELOVERS FROM SAN FRANCISCO.—A company of Freeloze Spiritualists, under the guidance of Dr. Tyler, had sailed from San Francisco for San Salvador in Central America, to which place an agent had previously been dispatched, who purchased a tract of some 50,000 acres of good arable land, at 12 1-2 cents per acre, or \$6,250. One of the members, Mr. John Snelling, of Alameda county, is said to be worth \$40,000, all of which he has thrown into the common fund for the equal benefit of all those belonging to the association.

LARGE CAULIFLOWER.—We were shown, last week, a cauliflower grown in the garden of Mr. Charles Lambert, of the 7th Ward, in this city, that measured upwards of three feet in circumference and weighed five pounds.