

POSTSCRIPT.

From the Journal of Commerce of Thursday morning.

ARRIVAL OF THE EMPIRE CITY.—Great Fire in San Francisco and Stockton.—\$2,000,000 of Gold Arrived.—At a late hour last night, we received a copy of the *Alta California*, of Jan. 1st, brought by the steamer *Empire City*. The most important news is the destruction of nearly half of San Francisco by fire. The estimated loss is a million and a half of dollars at California prices.

The *Empire City* does not bring the mails. They will be brought on by the *Falcon*.

The *Alta California* is nearly occupied by the doings of the Legislature at its organization at San Jose, and the Message of Gov. Burnett. He gives a brief history of the rapid settlement of California and its business prosperity, and then enlarges upon the civil and criminal code necessary for the State. The subject of taxation is fully discussed, and the necessity of encouraging agricultural labor and raising materials for domestic consumption is wisely urged.

Gov. Burnett is highly gratified at the constitutional exclusion of Slavery from the State, declaring "that the people of California are once and forever free from this great social and political evil." He recommends the exclusion of free blacks, because they cannot enjoy social or political equality, and manumitted slaves, as hirelings, will be brought there in large numbers. The doings of the Legislature were unimportant, as both branches had just organized.

THE BURNT DISTRICT in San Francisco is represented by wood-cuts in their papers. Before the steamer sailed the ruins were cleared up, and new buildings rapidly erecting.

A fire at Stockton on Sunday night, Dec. 23, destroyed a number of buildings, with property valued at \$150,000.

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