#### From the Baltimore American. California and its Gold.

We are indebted to a friend, at present residing at San Francisco, in California, for a copy of the " Polynesian," published at Honolulu, the capital of the Sandwich Islands, which contains some interesting items respecting the gold mines of California. We copy from it the following account of a trip to the mines made by one of the seckere after the golden treasure

From San Francisco, our road lay through the valley of the Pueblo to San Jose, a distance of about 60 miles. A lovelier country eye of mine never flowers of every hue, traversed here and there with wanting in my mind to heighten the effect, and, indeed, without which I thought it incomplete, was a number of snug New England farm-houses scattered along the valley, and embosomed in the trees near the road the "village church" should pierce the clouds with its glistening spire ; instead of which a short time in the road brought us in sight of the dingy tile-covered mission of Saint Clara. The forded and passed on to Sutter's Fort, through a fections even in the best. country of great richness, and apparently capable of supporting an immense population. But not a human being was to be seen; rancheros and all had riving at Sutter's, however, we found at the fort a regard for their own character. young Manchester. The blacksmith, the turner, the carpenter, and, indeed, mechanics of every trade, are actively engaged at their various callings, and ligion and humanity : all aiming at one grand object, viz: the means of miles above the fort.

pare a cup of coffee and partake of a lunch; and while the fire was being kindled, one of our party dipped up a tin cup full of the sand from the bed of the little brook which ran gurgling past, washed it, and at the bottom found some four or five pieces of gold. This was our first attempt at gold digging. About sun-set we arrived at the saw mills of Capt. Sutter, the mill-race. We had ridden over gold, silver, finite. platina, and iron mines some 25 or 30 miles, and over a road, too, where a city cab could travel with blooming in flowers and sparkling with springs.

Should I relate to you all that I have been told in regard to the mines since I arrived (but a few hours) I am fearful you would think the savor fishy. in the grandeurs of benevolent enterprise, in the As near as I can ascertain, there are about one thou- general advancement of Christianity, now gladdensand white men engaged in gold digging thus tar. The term "white man" is used in contradistinction norance, prejudice and wickelness, yet to be overto "Mormon." These last named fanatics, with come by the simple power of truth and love, and in the sly Brannan at their head, are quite numerous, the interesting changes of the world, one would think having laid claim to a large proportion of the gold there might be found enough to occupy the columns region, demanding 30 per cent, of the ore from all of the public jonnal, without wounding the spirit persons digging thereon. This fact will undoubted- and perverting public taste with bitter reproaches of the " white men" who have last arrived from the sea coast have stated their determination not to pay any per centage, and swear that whatever has already been paid shall be "choked out" of Brannan. This disinterested man, when last at San Francisco, arranged all his affairs and passed receipts with every one with whom he had business, stating, with a very lengthened phiz, that perhaps he should not survive to return, as the miners had threatened to shoot him, but that duty urged him onward. Thus far the gold has been obtained in the most primitive manner, by washing the earth in tin pans, wooden bowls, Indian baskets, &c. The average I am told has been \$16 per day for each man engaged, and the deeper the soil is dug the richer it becomes. One man obtained over \$30 in one washing-say fifteen minutes. I was told by an old miner that not more than one-halt of the gold is secured in the present rude careless way of working. With a proper machine and the use of quicksilver, double the amount could be taken from the same soil. The largest amount taken by one person in one day was \$200. The pieces are of an extraordinary size, the largest weighing half an ounce. The mountains have been explored on every side, and gold found on every creek. It is the opinion of all, that 30 or 40,000 percent of Nor is gold the only mineral discovered here. Platina has been found in one And every article usually kept in a Hardware Store place in some considerable quantity, and very extensive mines of silver ore have recently been discovered within five miles of the saw-mill, and are said to be very rich. Iron is also very abundant, and will pay about 85 per cent. The richness of the soil in the immediate neigh- the of borhood of the mines is most astonishing. Farms can be made in every direction that will feed all the miners that can be employed. The climate is found to be very healthy and free from the chilly winds that how I around the sea-coast. The granite of the mountains is said to be equal to the celebrated Quincy, and a beautiful quarry of marble has been dis- By G. W. M. Reynolds, the celebrated author of covered on the Consumnes river; specimens of which will, before many years, adorn the fronts of public buildings in your flourishing city.

as we have before stated, where it is believed to terminate about a league North of the point at which it was first discovered.

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In another place it is said :

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ore taken therefrom. An express has been sent to the Salt Lake settiement, where about 10,000 Mormons are located. There is a rumor that equally rich mines have been discovered in that region, and gazed on--the level prairies completely matted with that the Mormons encamped there are engaged in mining operations. If this be not true, the whole streams, together with the " cattle on the thousand Mormon force will probably muster and come to the hills," presented a beautiful picture. All that was Sacramento for the purpose of digging gold.

> Correspondence of the Norfolk (Mass.) Democrat. BOSTON, December 9, 1848.

#### Newspapers.

The manifest improvement in the spirit of many of ou: public journals, and especially the ever-widening circulation given to religious intelligence, are topics of cheering interest to the good of every road leads from this to San Joaquin, which we name. Still it must be admitted, there are imper-

The first lines of the following, from the Watchman and Reflector, furnish a rebuke for some who might be expected to be restrained from vituperabeen deserted, and Americans, Californians, and lu- tion, out of respect for "the meckness and gentledians had all gone to the "gold diggings." On ar- ness" of their acknowledged L-ader, if not from

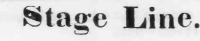
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"There are among us papers, styled religious, washing the gold at the mines, which are some 40 which excite the worst passions and bitterest feerings

of our nature. Papers which abound in herce de-After leaving the fort, we passed along the banks nunciation and harsh invective-which vitiate the of the "American Fork," as this branch of the taste, darken the conscience, breathe a blight upon Sacramento is called, and soon commenced ascend- charity, poison the well-springs of thought and acing the hills which stretch out from the base of the tion. But the paper which being called religious, great Sierra Nevada. About noon we stopped to pre- is true to its name, is a useful, wealth imparting guest. It is the teacher of the young; the companion of the aged. It does not, like the ponderous tome, repel the laborer whose leisure moments are few and lar between ; it wearles not the child; it tasks not too heavily the sluggish intellect of the silver haired. It grows not old, for its life, drawn the from purest sources, is perpetually renewed. Its interest where the gold was first discovered, while digging does not fail, for it speaks of the boundless, the in-

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