

FROM THE ISTHMIAN.—An arrival at New Orleans from Chagres, brings dates of the 16th ult., and sixteen returning Californians. There were on the Isthmus over 3000 persons waiting for vessels to take them to San Francisco, with all prospects of a successful going forward. The vessels that had gone up would probably be prevented from returning on account of the wholesale desertion of their crews, and new ships were not coming to hand so rapidly as was expected.

Many of those on the Isthmus had spent all their money, and had neither the means to go on or return. Their condition is most pitiable in every way, and teaches a lesson to all who in their haste to gain riches, push headlong into circumstances in which danger surrounds them, and from which there is no escape.

COMING BACK.—Many of the California emigrants, on arriving at Independence, Missouri, are discouraged with the prospect of getting across the Plains, and are returning. The means of many were worn upon their arrival at the rendezvous, and the difficulty of procuring forage for their very great.

Mr. Buchanan, the only survivor of a company of seven, which left New York for California by the Mexican route, has arrived at New Orleans by the steamer Havel. His comrades all perished.

The New Orleans Delta contains a letter from Home, Mexico, in which the writer states that all the adventures he has met, including Col. Webb's party, are heartily tired of their journey; but that they are ashamed to give it up, and therefore press onward.

In the late news from California, it is stated that the elections to form a provisional Constitution had taken place, and that meetings had been held to express public opinion on the subject of slavery. There was a unanimous sentiment against slave labor.

ARRIVALS OF GOLD DUST.—Ship Sophia Walker arrived at Boston on Monday, in 64 days from Valparaiso, with the following quantities of gold dust: 20,000 worth of California gold dust, which is owned by New York and Baltimore houses.

A vessel arrived at Fairhaven, Ct., last week, from the Sandwich Islands, having on board \$40,000 in California gold dust.

Brighton Cattle Market, Thursday, May 3, 1849.

At Market—345 Cows, 18 pairs Working Oxen, 30 Cows and Calves, 500 Sheep, and 5000 Swine.

Cattle—We quote a very small number—Extra 57; first quality \$6.50 a very small number, \$6.25; third do. \$5.25 a very small number.

Working Oxen—\$7.50, \$8.00, \$10.00 and \$11.00. Cows and Calves—\$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50 and \$3.00. Sheep—Small lots at \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.25, \$3.50, \$3.75, \$4.00, \$4.25, \$4.50, \$4.75, \$5.00, \$5.25, \$5.50, \$5.75, \$6.00, \$6.25, \$6.50, \$6.75, \$7.00, \$7.25, \$7.50, \$7.75, \$8.00, \$8.25, \$8.50, \$8.75, \$9.00, \$9.25, \$9.50, \$9.75, \$10.00, \$10.25, \$10.50, \$10.75, \$11.00, \$11.25, \$11.50, \$11.75, \$12.00, \$12.25, \$12.50, \$12.75, \$13.00, \$13.25, \$13.50, \$13.75, \$14.00, \$14.25, \$14.50, \$14.75, \$15.00, \$15.25, \$15.50, \$15.75, \$16.00, \$16.25, \$16.50, \$16.75, \$17.00, \$17.25, \$17.50, \$17.75, \$18.00, \$18.25, \$18.50, \$18.75, \$19.00, \$19.25, \$19.50, \$19.75, \$20.00, \$20.25, \$20.50, \$20.75, \$21.00, \$21.25, \$21.50, \$21.75, \$22.00, \$22.25, \$22.50, \$22.75, \$23.00, \$23.25, \$23.50, \$23.75, \$24.00, \$24.25, \$24.50, \$24.75, \$25.00, \$25.25, \$25.50, \$25.75, \$26.00, \$26.25, \$26.50, \$26.75, \$27.00, \$27.25, \$27.50, \$27.75, \$28.00, \$28.25, \$28.50, \$28.75, \$29.00, \$29.25, 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