

Africa, Australia and the "Islands of the Sea."— There will also be issued from time to time, a Steamer Edition, calculated for circulation abroad, from which all foreign matter will be excluded, and the entire paper devoted to such articles as will be likely to interest our friends left at home.

We have made arrangements with men of decidedly literary merit, in different parts of our State and Oregon, who will keep us advised of every important fact and circumstance occurring in their vicinity that will be likely to interest the miner, mechanic, merchant or general reader; and no expense that our circumstances will warrant, will be spared to render our paper one of the best in the State.— And while we enter the field, the opponent of no one personally, we claim as our privilege, and shall exercise the right at all times, to discuss any question and express our views and opinions fearlessly upon any subject that may come under our notice, in which the public have an interest or a right to know or to act.

And though we disclaim every intention of making the *Herald* either sooner or later, a violent partisan paper, we do not deny that our predilections are decidedly Democratic, and when called upon to show our colors, shall unfurl, unflinchingly and unblushingly, the pure banner of Democracy.

OUR CITY,

ITS SITUATION—EXTENT—PRESENT BUSINESS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS.—Placerville, the Emporium and Metropolis of the mountains of California, is situated near the center of El Dorado county, and is the third city or town in the State in point of population and wealth. Containing within what should be the corporate limits, five hundred and fifty-five dwelling houses, shops, stores and manufactories. There are eighteen hotels and public houses, five blacksmith's shops, two of tin and sheet-iron, three tom shops, two drug stores, two books and stationery, three cigar stores, one brewery, three joiner's shops, five jewellers, seven bakeries, four saloons, six restaurants, three dry good stores, two express and exchange offices, one soda factory, two saw mills, two dairy establishments, two liveries, eighteen boot, shoe and dry goods, and the ballance made up of groceries, shops and stores, in which a general assortment of miner's tools, clothing, groceries, provisions and hardware, indeed every thing

medium for the diffusion of interesting, local and foreign intelligence.

Of the sincerity of the remark, that "two papers cannot be supported in this place," we leave it with the public to judge, for we now see the *El Dorado News*, a Whig paper, and the *Placerville Appeal*, a pseudo Democratic paper, both from the same Press, and the type also of the *Appeal* out of the same office. And yet, the *El Dorado News* says:

"The *Placerville Appeal* has been laid upon our table, and we must say it is an exceedingly creditable specimen of typographical neatness. It is to be a party paper of the Democratic stamp, and from the known energy and ability of its editor, Wm. S. Fleming, Esq., we predict a spicy and ably conducted sheet."

As to the proprietorship of the *Appeal*, it seems to have none. We are inclined to speak thus plainly, not with the view of eliciting sympathy from any one, but that a knowledge of the facts may be brought home to every well wisher of the *Herald*.

MINING AT HOME.

There are thousands at home in the old States east, though familiar from maps, with the geographical position of many of the mining towns of California, have at the same time but a vague idea of the actual proximity of many of the rich gold deposits to the very dwellings we inhabit.

And were we to say, though situated directly central in Placerville, (a city with a population varying from three to five thousand) and immediately upon the Plaza and Main street, that miners by the dozens are at work within twenty rods of our office, would certainly surprise many an eastern reader, indeed it would be difficult for them to understand how it can well be; yet such is the fact.

Our office and dwelling fronting upon Main street, is nearly opposite the long established and well known "Empire Hotel" and directly in front of the extensive grocery and miners' furnishing establishment, of Samuel Whitworth Esq; while in rear and within five feet of our back door, a company of some four or five, have set their Tom, and are now taking from the bed of the creek, the water of which flows, within three feet of the corner of the building, from four to seven dollars per day to each man, and yet this is the third or fourth time that the same ground has been washed.

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