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The steamer *Columbia*, says the *Times* of Wednesday, having on board the mails of the 13th, must have been out over twenty days, and should certainly arrive to-day. The *Northerner* has probably been out seventeen days, and is due to-day.— She has on board the mails of the 20th from New York, and among her passengers will, without doubt, be found a large number of returning Californians—our new Collector and Post-master, several of our delegation in Congress, and the remainder of our newly appointed officials, who were to leave New York on the 20th by the steamer *Illinois*.

**RAPID TRAVELING.**—Patterson & Co.'s U. States Mail Line of coaches via Somerset House and Mormon Island, are making exceedingly quick trips between Sacramento and this place. On Wednesday last, they arrived in five hours and fifty-five minutes, bringing mails and passengers.

## TRADE OF THE WEEK.

PLACERVILLE HERALD OFFICE, }  
May 21, 1853. }

With the steady increase of our mining population, is noticeable an increased activity in every department of trade. Dust continues to come in so abundantly, that larger amounts of specie are required for its purchase than ever before; though there seems no lack of means in the hands of buy-

## RETAIL PRICES-CUR

CORRECTED WEEKLY.

<b>BREADSTUFFS—</b>		French do
Flour, 73 100 lbs	\$9 00	Gin 73 gal
Corn meal do	10@12 00	Whiskey 73
Crackers 73 lb	25@37	Madeira Wi
Rice, China No 1 73 lb	10@12	Port Wine 73
Rice, Carolina 73 lb	14	Claret Wine
Split peas 73 lb	12@15	Ale 73 bot q
<b>BEANS—</b>		Ale 73 dozen
Chili 73 lb	12	Porter 73 bot
<b>BUILDING MATERIALS.</b>		<b>PRESERV</b>
Brick 73 M	20@25 00	Turkey 2 lb c
Lime 73 hund	5 00	Chicken 2 lb
<b>LUMBER—</b>		Oysters 2 lb c
Shingles 73 M	8 00	Lobsters 2 lb
Shakes 73 hund	4 00	Clams 2 lb ca
NAILS—73 lb	20@16	Sardines 1/2 bo
<b>COFFEE—</b>		<b>PROVISION</b>
Unground 73 lb	25	Mess Pork 73
Ground 73 lb	30	Fresh Pork 73
<b>CANDLES—</b>		Beef America
Adamantine 73 lb	50	Bacon 73 lb
<b>CHARCOAL—73 bu</b>		Hams 73 lb
<b>DRUGS &amp; MEDICINES—</b>		Butter firken
Alcohol 73 gal	2,50@3 00	do fresh 73
Cream Tartar 73 lb	1@1,25 00	Lard 73 lb
Tartaric Acid 73 lb	1,25@1,50	Cheese 73 lb
Soda 73 lb	50@37	Salt 73 lb
Opium 73 lb	9@10 00	Potatoes 73 lb
Sulphur 73 lb	1,00@75	Sweet Potato
<b>FRUITS—</b>		Onions 73 lb
Raisins 73 lb	37	Cabbage 73 lb
Currants 73 lb	25	Turnips 73 lb