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Thomas B. Overton Gold Rush letter to Editor

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had an opportunity to find nothing very interesting or new to you; but if you deem anything I write worth, publishing-y can correct, amend and add to, so that it may be passable. As I am about fulfilling my promise to the east side of the Its dimensions are y, which is built of ou, do not forgel yours. I expect to find several ins the jailor's apart numbers of the Bradford Reporter, when I reach riff Dobbins, and the risoners. There are San Francisc You undoubtedly ere this have seen and publish in the most safe maned, different accounts of Chagres and Panama, and it will be entirely usedless for me to give you a description of them and our passare to Panama. comfoit and convecells are supplied yed from the reser-It was like all others, enduring some few hardships that an abundance of well repay us, even for our journey thus far. At well repay us, even for our journey thus far. At the time we left Panama there werk twenty five hundred Americans on the Isthmus, all anxiously awaiting a passage. Soveral versels arrived coon alter we got, there, but they were immediately burght, burght, and there, but they were immediately comfort and clean ared. pon the level of the blic offices, which are t officers. They are pacious hall and conbought up by speculators, and the passage was pu up from two to two hundred and fifty dollars, in the steerage. We thought ourselves fortunate in get nvenience, with the The Commissioner's the southside, where ting a passage in a small schooner, consequently mer, who has not yet we set sail on the Schooner "San Juan," we set sail on the Schooner "San Juan," (pro-nounced in Spanish, San Wann) on the 21st day of April, twenty three soils all told, W. E. Singer Marter. The schooner was bought by a company, and Singer serves as Capt. He being our friend, inded for him. The by the Register and in the first room is and commodious e business at the office Henry Overton and myself get our passages for room, is intended for \$150,00 each. There were no charts to be found, th east come, is oc except an old Spanish one, a copy of which we secured, and with it set out to coast it up to San his office. Francisco. We had but a small quantity of water in the third story, and aboard when we left Panama, and from the infor t spacious rooms in mation received from our Indian pilot, we concluts arrangements are ded to run into La Tablos a small place about eigh-ty miles from Panama. The pilot ran us into the mouth of a small river, and we found when too fort and convenience requent it, while its late that the town spoken of was some ten miles

ing the largest number iver be congregated in up the river. We were here in a very dangerous story. At the west situation, laying six days and nights, surrounded by lesk, a gallery extends reefs and ledges of rocks within a few yards of us, ch are two Jury rooms and where the tide rises and falls twenty feet in ade upon each side of twenty-four hours. You can imagine our situation of fifty feet, forming a there with the wind and current both against us, rard for the accomm uth, where will also he Grecian Ionic style ereux, architect, and

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the water breaking and foaming over the rocks and we at times expecting our little vessel to be dashed to pieces upon them. The current sets in and runs out this river like a mill-tale ; at different stages of the tide a boat can land on shore. At such times we often went ashore on hunting and explor ing expeditions. You well know that on the former expedition I would be the first one, conse quently at every opportunity, I was ashore with my gun, and were I tell you of the immense

ount of wild game in the woods and small prairies and ravines here, I would hardly be believed At overy few rods not one but droves of deer would ump and fly away from you, monkies innumerable hopping about upon the trees over head. Par-

rots chatting and calling and talking as if they, were sole possessor here. I killed a couple of the latter of a larger and different plumage from any I had ever seen, merely for the sake of their feath-ers, and had some some of my fair friends in Towanda them made into a fail, I would venture to say, they would think them the most beautiful ever seen. The monkies we left alone, having a specimen of killing them, we let the poor things

be. I will tell you the story-coming, up the river from Chagres a party of us went but a short disexpended up tance into the woods, and discovered two old monncludes, we kies with their six young ones up a large tree; two ch are suffior three of the party immediately fired bringing down the mother dead. The old father of the only a small

family was still in the tree very severely wounded, in the arti the young ones immediately ran to him for protect tion and while holding on the limbs by one hand, ening by the he would pass the young ones down into a hole in the crutch of the tree where they were in safety. The poor old fellow now made some most lament ured up from iad", no par-has in the reality. Alable cries, and by his actions seem to ask to be spared, but one of the party soon put an end to his misery by shooting him dead. He was the largest a crime of " commu one I ever saw. When about leaving the place we

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held the trees were completely covered with monkies in every direction, and the more we looked the more seemed to be coming. I have heard eople to the lections, and since that when they are wounded their comrades public senti kill them, this may account for their coming in such to represent numbers upon us. We left and then I made up my mind uever to kill a monkey. We found a few Indians about the country near La Tablos, and were visited by quite a number who brought us crceive faithful to It is admit-

ering chickeps and beans, also a white many tail, beautiful to the subling, and then again to that cut us, a vreaching who was the only white one which would indee one shutder, so high and let zen of the town, and who was making a splendid rific the rocks rise from the sea, with the eternal

which poisoned it; we eat of it for breakfast the next morning, and soon after there was a great time in taking emetics. Thanks to Dr. Ladd, he supplied me with a bottle, and a great service it has been to us. Fortmately no one was seriously E. O. Goopmen-My Dear Sir-Agreeably to a promise made you when I left home, I proceed to write you, and let me here say my friend, you will injured, and since then we have contended our selves with merely looking at their gambols, occaonally one would jump on board, but he was

soon in his native element again. It is fine sport to have the porpoise come round a vessel, they come in droves of thousands, some of them turns somersets as they jump out of the water; others awimming close alongside, and giv mg you a knowing look then disappear, as much as to say, "excuse me if you please."

In sailing along up the coast, the mgst remarks ble signt is the coast juself. It is one continued chain of mountains from the bay of Panama a far as we have yet come, they are all of a volcan-te nature, some of their peaks, were lost to our view, being far above the clouds, others again in view, being volcanic with smoke pouring from their tops, at night the blaze from them could be as districtly seen. About the 10th of May, we were beginning to get near Realijo; a port in Guatemalia, and intended to make into that place, but from not having a good chart it was impossible to find it, we were detained some six or seven days in hunting for the place.

I have kept since I left home a short diary of ou travels &c., a few extracts may be interesting to you. "Friday 11th May, very sick, and for a sick person such a place is enough to kill a well person without being sick. At 12 o'clock, M., we were in Lat. 11º 8', very good breeze, to day Lat. 12, we expect to reach Realijo; this is seven hundred miles from Panama. It is doubtfut if we reach there as expected. If calculations come ou as usual we will reach there next week

The rainy season has now fairly commenced, not only rains but pours down. I sleep on decl and being soaked through every night with the rain, is not a very good medicine for one that is sick, and can but just drag himself about. I would rather suffer this than sleep below where it is so very hot, and where the cockroaches are in swarms and large as fists, besides a poisonous reptile called centipedes, and then also tarantolas, whose bive is very poisonous under its full of them. Sunday 13. As I expected we did not reach Realijo last even ing, we are running along the coast, South in search of the town, three of our men have gond ashore to find natives, and enquire where the town is-they have returned-found no natives

We came very near losing our vessel to-day pon the breakers near shore. Capt. Singer dis played a good deal of coolness when in the great est danger, and his orders which saved the vesse like a hero. What is to come next God only knows Here we are arrived at last at the place we suppose ed Realijo was, but no such town here, and now we are almost out of water, we will not reach it to-day. Monday 14; In sight and opposite some land as yesterday. Tuesday 15; Passed a miser-able night, half sick and lodged on the anchor chains-towards morning a heavy rain. We caught good supply of water, enough to last for ten days so now we are bound for Acupulco." We coasted along as before experiencing nearly the same weather rather more rain, accompanied al-ways with thunder and lightning. The view along the scoast up was more magnificient if possible than that we had passed. Mountains so high that we at times would be in sight of them for two o three days, and whose tops were only discernable when the sky was clear.

We cast anchor in this port on the 8th inst., afte laying off and on along the coast some six or eigh days in order to find the harbor; and now for a faint description of this place, the scenery aroun t and we must close.

The coast some few miles to the south and sout east of Acupulco, presents some of the most sub lime and beautiful scenes, I ever witnessed in the whole course of my life. I have viewed the beau tiful scenery of our own county with admiration and have gazed with wonder and astonishment the mighty works of nature displayed throughout our land; but all that I ever have seen sink into insignificance compared with these. To stand up on the deck of a vessel, on the great Pacific, and turn your eyes towards the continent you will look upon het mountains whose tops are lost in the clouds, her vases washed by the waters of the ocean that runs mountains high, and surge and foam and roar like distant thunder, such was a scene I will never forget. Our vessel was sailing along finely up the coast, and as we passed along, the scenery would alternately change from the fortune out of the poor natives by distilling "aguat thunderings of the waters in caverns that reach fax adente," a kind of strong liquor which they are under them. At one time we would see the moun-very found of. While laying in this place one of tain sides covered with the most beautiful green our company shot a fine bullock, this was quite a verdure, and soon after would appear the barren,

other place than in Mexico, would constantly be visited by thousands. - Nature has made this place lower by some hundreds of feet than the mountains upon either side - while man has dug out the treas and brush and cleared away the rocks that obsour-F W ed the view, but more panicularly to make a pas sige for the breeze to come through from the orean to the city. At all times during a hot day will be found at this spot a fine cool and refreshing breeze. Upon the right of this upon a high bluft of rocks where a man is stationed who hoists flags when any vessels are in sight. To the right further still and nearly north are cannons placed upon heights that overleok the town,-next comes a road or oath that leads towards the city of Mexico, to the west are high mountains the city of piexed, to the their tope, running around to the east, where they ferminate in the sea, with the exception of a nar-row gorge in the mountains to the left of East vhere a pass leads out into the country: A shore distance from the city to the south east a high point outs out into the bay upon which is situated a good Spanish fort, well garrisoned. Acupulco boasts o but one Church and from the great devotion main fested by her citizens for it, I should judge it an swers a better purpose than if they had a dozen It is very richly ornamented with images, paintings pictures &c. They have during service a full band of music with drums &c., and play some very W lively and good airs, also violins and when they play one thinks of anything else but religion. The Church is occupied nearly at all times, both night and day, where hundreds of Senoras and th Senoritas can be seen kneeling for hours upon the hard stone floors, and pavements, outside the church, and kissing the dust. To see them one will believe that their devotion comes from the heart, and if so their religion most certainly will carry them through, as well as any other. The men are great rogues, they do not mind the church they will lie, cheat, and us the women-

do no work, the women do it all. The streets are very irregular and narrow, and enerally paved-they are kept very clean by the convicts who are chained together and employed in sweeping the streets, and conveying away the filth &c. The back part of the town is under and along the base of a mountain and the houses stand very close together and in order to get from one to the other, one is obliged to scramble over rocks that require the use of hands as well as feet. In a great many parts of the city are beautiful, yarde filled with coccoa, orange, lemon and other trees loaded with fruits and flowers. They are mostly nuclosed by high walls; but in many instance they remain exposed to view, the walls being shaken down by an earthquake that destroyed the city a few years ago. Ruins of old Spanish hous es, and walls, and courts can be seen in every diection.

teal every thing can lay their hands upon. They

The markets are open each day from dayligh in the morning till 8 o'clock, A. M., and again from dark until 9 o'clock P. M. Everything sold is by the women. It is a sight to see them there by hundreds sitting around upon the bare ground with their wooden bowls and trays before, them-The market indeed consists almost, entirely of fruit-and of such a variety and quality as to almost surpass belief.

They have almost atl the fruits of the northern clime, and all those of the southern, to write the names of each kind would fill a half column in in your paper. The natives almost entirely live upon their fruit, which has been so bountifully provided for them. The natives are not a large class of men, but well formed and very active, and what is remarkable they keep themselves very clean and neat, this may easily be accounted for, by their be ing in the water half of the time, the women bathe daily as well as the men." The Senoritas generally, are very good looking, some of them quite pretty Their hair is the most beautiful ornament a their person-jet black and very fine it reaches alnost to their feet, they are very proved of this and take great pains in displaying it to the best advantage, they are easily got acquainted with and are very fond of the Americans. It is customary for the Americans to be very polite to them, bringing them eigars &c. and sitting down in some cool ver-andah and pass away the time as pleasantly as if chatting away with some of our own fair girls. I have heard much opposition expressed against L F ng, and 1 sometimes had an idea of stopping myself, but hereafter I will smoke for the sake of he enjoyment I have seen here.

Our vessel sails for San Francisco to-morrow day is the 20th she is now filing up almost read ne hundred and fifty passengers, she is direct from Panama, but made very slow time almost foriy days coming here. I forgot to say that we were until the 5th inst. before we arrived at this port-48 days, we calculated when we left, of m

the knowl- The public nistaken poli- orthy of their m overboard of the party, this time, es- lics may ex- let 'them be ach better to may be cor- way, than to reate distrac- takes years s of senators is wishes of publ, carry a in the senate. d there is no the districts. lefeat of any	treat for us. At last a fair breeze came and we were once again upon our journey; one days sailing from the place we left brought us into the Pacific Ocean; after sailing some twenty five miles from the coast we laid our course for San Francisco. From that time until we reached here, I cannot give you a fair description. We have experienced all kinds of weather; mostly storms and carms, not much fair weather; we have been in calms and not a breath of wind for days and nights, and then would come a thunder storm, which are so terrific upon this coast that the stoutests heart tremble at witnessing them; our little vessel herself would fairly tremble under the repeated crashes of thun- der that seemed to burst upon her decks. I have stood many a night upon her when she has been toosed and pitched to and fro while it seemed as if I could hear the lightning hiss about the chains and	rough and rugged sides of some volcanic moun- tains with scarcely a green spot upon it, whose desolation looked such that man nor brute could live upon it. Amidst scenes like these is to be seen far away from the sea, a narrow channel or entrance through the rocks, the bluffs on either side being very high. No person in viewing it when passing up the coast (without he was ac- quainted with it) but what would take it to be some cove or small bay that set in but a short dis- tance—and still this is one of the entrances to the harbor of Acupulco, which is bound in time to be famed throughout the whole world for its beauty- and safety. Would that I had the power of giving a just and fair description of this beautiful bay, and the thousand scenes that surround it. It is about two miles through a narrow passage, high moun- tains and rocks rising perpendicularly on each side	those on board, to be in San Francisco in thirty days, so you see how they are disappointed, we are now some 1500 miles from Panama and two thousand from the former place. Capt. Singer calculates it will take us full as long to get there as it has to come this far, our captain is a good seaman and up- on several occasions we have been placed in posi- tions that required an experigenced man upon the sea, he has always been equal to any emergency as yet and all have confidence in him. My friend H. C. Overton is well and in fine spirits, he looks more like a Spaniard than an American, were you to see him at a Fandango dancing with a Senorita you would think him one in truth, tanned by the sun and bis face covered with beard you would hardly know him. My respects to friends. Respectfully yours. Tho. B. OVERTON.	h K dtu sj
andidates, for ves, this fall,	irons after being blinded by its brilliancy. No one	to the anchorage in the bay, and four miles to the	ACCIDENT Mr. Richard N. Horton, of Sheshe-	u
y to the party,	who has never been upon this coast can even ima-	city where anchorage is within a few rods of the	quin township, was thrown from his wagon, ² on Saturday last, and instantly killed.	rc
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g little son of uninary, came lay last. He stretched over occupied by y foll into the ed by the cur- ne river, into of the firm of Rich, plonged- led in resci- by the timely Drs. Churchill vas restored to ky/ from July	The rainy scason had just commenced as we left Panama, and hardly a night has passed but what we have had rain. It soldom rains during the day; then it is either a light breeze or calm.— At such times it is a sight to see the immense droves of fish that follow oor vessel. We have seen but few Whales, but-sharks, black fish, and ollter large monsters in abundance, thousands of dolphin, alvecore and a dozen other kinds, have followed us for days. We arnused ourselves at first by catching them, but soon got fired of the sport as we caught so many that we would throw them overboard; but what, stopped the fun more particularly was that one evening just before dark we, caught a fine alvecore, weighing about twenty five pounds which was intended for breakfast; da- ring the night it was left exposed to the rays of the mean. (and only about ten or fifteen minutes,)	N. W. point of the bay, and as you turn a point at the inner entrance to the S. E. presents a very fair appearance. The town is built of houses made with brick- burned in the sun-all one story high and roofs tiled. It contains about three thousand inhabitants nearly every one natives—there were a lew Span- iards and negroes here, and one German. The bay is completely surrounded by high moun- tains except at the narrow entrance heretofore spo- ken of, and the water in the bay may be as smooth as the surface of a mirror, while the ocean may at the time be lashed into fury by storms aweeping over her bosom. It is but a step from the out- skirts of the city to the west, perhaps a quarter of a mile from the main plaza, when you stand upoh	An Indiau was hung at Chippewa Falls on Sun- day morning, by order of Judge Lynch. He had stabbed a Frenchman named Marshal. The Indi- an was one of several brothers who have been the	-lind malie sidhwypais le Mai