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A Pagoious Soamp. - The Downieville Messenger of December 2 d relates the following cool transaction
R. S. Pitt, a man well known in the neighborhood of Howland Flat, and who bas for several years been em. plosed in a meat markot at Potosi, closed out his business there about
four months ago and left for the East orn States in September: He kindly consented to take ander his protecting friend, in whose house he had ever received a brother's hearty welcome, us well us a brother's confidence. The lady had left her father's home in Michigan three years ago, a blooming
bride of nineteen, and she was anx:ons to visit again the seenes of her girlhood, and exhibit to the grand parents her beautiful babe with many affecting tokens of true love, she bade the father of her babe good-by and reluctantly placed herself under the unselfish care of her
husband's friend. Timo flies, and last week the Eastern mail brought the ond busband and father a letter from n Broadway hotel, New York city,
Pitt writea: $/$ Friend $\mathrm{F}-\mathrm{I}$ I concluded Pitt writes: "Friend $\mathrm{F}-$ : I concluded and she thinks so, too, and we there' fore concluded we would get married, which we did." And the pretty young wifo writes: "Dear F--: 1 hope you won't feel bad, but we thought it would be just as well for you, and a New York daily of October 18,1865 contains the aunouncement of the marriage, by Rev. D. D. Porter, of R S
Pitt to Mrs. M- M- all of California.
Mortality among the negroes - In answer to the charge that the large mortality among the negro population South is caused by brutal treatment, the Louisville Journal says: That there bas been frightful mortality among the negroes South we know, Every man acquainted with the South knows it. It is greater among them than it was before they were set free, and we have not a donbt that it will genlinug to begreater, for a while at least. The utmost exerions of the freedman's bureau and alt the philanthropy of the country will not be able to provent it. This increased mortal, taken place in the negrostatus. Those who did not anticipate this only betray their ignorance of the nature of the negro. He cannot bear up under difnegro. He cannot bear up under ditman. When at home, with regular employment, food and iouars, be moved along and kopt well; but all this has boen changed, and the irregularities to which he has been subjected cause bim to sicken and die. This We mast now fixed and unalterable. We must accept and do the bast we ean For awhile it will be worse for the negro. The southern pegple cannot if they would, help this. It is inevitable. It is useless to abuse the inhabitants of the South in consequence of it, and it is base and villainous to misrepresent them.'
Marriae by Proxy.-Marrige by proxy is said to be quite a common occurence in Mexico, but we believe it has not boen practised to any extent in Californis; but we being a progressive people ever ready to seize upon and adopt as our own everthing of
worth, we may soon be induced to worth, we may soon be induced to accept the Mexican plan as an amendment to ours. At any rate, an attempt has recently been made in this eity to sot the ball in motion. A gentleman engaged in business here was engaged to be married to a young lady, but before tho day fized upon had arrived be was compelled to make a trip, to Mazatlan. Bidding his inising to be back by the day appointed for the wedding, he tpok paspage for Mexico. Man proposen but God dis
poser, and in this case, atthough the gontleman used lis utnost endeavore be could not so arrange his affaits as to return by the time agreed upon but he could not bear to have liía in tended disappointed, and in order to remedy tho mater hend of his, with in. tructiong to marre the girl for him and in his name. The friend, desirous of accommodating the absent one, yee terdy applied to the Connty Clerk
for a license. The matter is in abeyance, we believe.-S. F. Call.

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