

VERY LATE FROM PANAMA.—A letter received here yesterday from Mr. Asa T. LAWTON, of this city, dated at Panama, May 1, furnishes reports from several vessels engaged in the whaling fleet, which will be found in to-day's paper under the marine head. The ship *Nassau*, of this port was at Panama, bound to San Francisco, with passengers. The *Nautic* of Warren was to sail May 1st, for San Francisco, with 210 passengers, at \$150 each. Mr. Lawton adds:—

"There are about 2500 passengers at this place for the "gold diggings." I think there are sailing vessels enough here to take all that want passage and that can pay. A large number of Americans are here who cannot pay, having lost their money in gambling. Their condition in this sickly country is deplorable. We have reports of cholera cases every hour, although my belief is that there is no genuine cholera in Panama at this time. It is however very sickly, and the Americans are dying daily. On my way up the Chagres river we passed a party burying a passenger from New Orleans, reported to have died of cholera, but upon inquiry I found that his death was more probably occasioned by indulging too freely in fruit and brandy. I would recommend to all persons who are determined to go to California, to take this route. It is a little fatiguing it is true, but with prudence you can get along very well. I am stopping at the American Hotel, and pay \$2 per day—fare, most miserable; if I remain long at Panama, I shall take a house with a party.

"From California via Callao, we are having the most extravagant accounts. They are probably got up by speculators in tickets, and I do not credit any of them.

"P. S.—One of the passengers in the steamer *Crescent City* has just died, reported from cholera. I have not learned his name."

A friend has also favored us with a copy of the *Panama Star*, of April 29, from which we gather the following items:—

"There are now some fifteen or twenty vessels in port, and prices for passage to San Francisco range from \$160 to \$250 according to the accommodations.

The "*Two Friends*" left port of San Francisco on Wednesday night, with 156 passengers.

The British steamer arrived at Panama 24th ult. and landed a large amount of specie, which passed over the Isthmus, and sailed 28th for Tobago. She brought no gold news.

Among the recent deaths are mentioned, Mr. Glasser, of N. Y. and Mr. Falkes, for many years mayor of Vicksburg, Miss. The cook of the *Nautic*, whither, died suddenly, having eaten *leopine apples*!

A disgraceful row occurred at Panama on Sunday night 22d ult at a *fandang*, in which eight or ten persons were wounded, several of them Americans.