

BITS FOR CHANGE.

While at San Francisco, many of our party observed what is certainly a striking characteristic of an early custom still remaining in California. When a single copy of a certain morning paper was purchased of news-boys for nominally "one bit" they received a 25 cent piece, and returned a dime and a paper, thus really taking 15 cts. for a single copy of a paper, whose published subscription price was 12½ cts. a week. This results from the fact that a dime is the smallest coin in circulation throughout the West Coast.

—Eager friends, who were in waiting to meet our excursionists on their return, were somewhat surprised and delighted to see bronzed faces and rugged looks in place of the delicate ones, from which they had separated but a few weeks before. Our excursionists have returned without a single case of serious illness, having been in the enjoyment of uninterrupted good health.

—The little antelope, brought on board our train between Laramie Plains and the Rocky Mountains, after riding with us 2,000 miles, was taken sick at Framingham, when only twenty miles from Boston. He was left in careful hands to recuperate if possible, and to be forwarded, should he recover, to Hon. Alexander H. Rice, our President.

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