

and their abuse of each other form the principal staple of current discussion, and little relief can be anticipated ere the election in November.

After the preceding paragraph was written, a vile act was committed which deserved and received the reprobation of all correct minds. On the morning of Sunday, October fifth, an effigy of Rev. Dr. Scott, Pastor of Calvary Church was found suspended by the neck in front of that place of worship. Dr. Scott had seen fit to express his opinions in regard to certain events that had taken place in the city, and it is supposed that in consequence this wanton outrage, which disgraced no one except its cowardly perpetrators, was committed. To hang a man in effigy, by daylight, is but a poor, weak, and contemptible way of expressing the vilest of the malignant passions. An act of the kind is doubly despicable when done as was this, like a theft, or robbery, in the dark, by persons lost to all decency, except the shame of letting their personalities be known. Such a deed ranks with writing abusive anonymous letters, poisoning of cisterns, or using the dagger in a dark alley. The result of this act has been to crowd the Reverend gentleman's Church since then, with greater congregations than filled it before. Oppression and persecution are not suited to the sentiments of a free people.

The arrivals of passengers during the first three-quarters of the present year have reached 23,511, the departures 15,905, leaving an addition to the population of 7,606. This is a small increase from that source. The necessity of an avenue from the Eastern States overland by means of a railroad, is evident in this fact, as in many others. California and San Francisco cannot expect an equal share with their sister States and cities, of the emigration from the Atlantic States, while only the present facilities exist. Around Cape Horn, and over the plains are too long, as well as too expensive. By steamship across two oceans and over the territory of a foreign, half-civilized nation, territory at all times subject to dangerous diseases, epidemic and contagious, and to the dangers of warfare and riots, is not only a passage of risk and accident, but of still too much time, and far too expensive for those very classes which the city and the country most particularly, need, the laboring, honest men of moderate means, who have families to bring, with whom a few hundred dollars are the result of as many years toil; and the month spent on the journey is an additional loss not easy to be borne. To a railroad uniting the Pacific and Atlantic territories, must the public of this city and the State look as the only reliable route through which the broad, rich lands of the State are to be peopled and made productive, manufactories erected, and the whole country, city and State, placed on a basis of permanent prosperity, such as by nature they seem entitled to enjoy.

The operations of the Mint, for the last two years, and the first three-quarters of the present, show the following total results of the coinage. In 1854, over nine millions of dollars, more than five and a half millions of which were in bars. In 1855, over twenty-one and a half millions, three and one-third millions and over being in bars. During the current year the coinage has been nearly twenty-four millions, of which bars have a little exceeded three millions. During the last and present years, the coinage of silver has averaged about one hundred and seventy thousand dollars, exhibiting a small annual increase. The total of coinage for the three years exceeds fifty-five millions of dollars. At times the operations of the Mint have been very much impeded by a scarcity of acids. This, added to the