

The Press.

The following list of periodicals published here, exhibits forcibly the spirit of enterprise in this branch of business, and the determined competition to which it has given rise:

Alta California—Daily, Weekly and Steamer.
Chronicle—Daily, Weekly and Steamer.
Echo du Pacifique—(French)—Daily.
Eco del Pacifico—(Spanish)—Daily.
Evening Bulletin—Daily, Weekly and Steamer.
Evening Post—Daily.
Globe—Daily.
German Democrat—Daily.
German Journal—Daily.
Herald—Daily, Weekly and Steamer.
Le Phare—(French)—Daily.
Pathfinder—(Campaign, gratis)—Daily.
Sun—Daily.
True Californian—Daily, Weekly and Steamer.
Tona Talk—Daily, Weekly and Steamer.
Christian Advocate—(Religious)—Weekly.
Pacific—(Religious)—Weekly.
Voice of Israel—(Religious)—Weekly.
Western Standard—(Religious)—Weekly.
Fillmore Ranger—(Campaign, gratis)—Weekly.
Golden Era—(Sunday)—Weekly.
Varieties—(Sunday)—Weekly.
Wide West—(Sunday)—Weekly.
California Farmer—Weekly.
Evening Star—(Schools)—Weekly.
Firemen's Journal—Weekly.
Prices Current and Shipping List—Weekly.
Hutchings' California Magazine—Monthly.
Oriental—(Chinese)—Monthly.

Military.

A strictly accurate return of the various organizations in this city is at this time almost impossible, owing to the confusion arising from the exciting events of the past summer. We have given in the Register as complete a summary as could be obtained.

Fire Department.

The complete and copious statement contained in the Appendix under this head, prepared by the courteous and talented Secretary of the Board of Delegates, M. D. Beruck, Esq., has left us nothing to say on this subject, but to express our appreciation of his kindness, with the single remark, that the condition of the Department reflects unbounded credit upon the patriotic body of men belonging to it, and is worthy of the liberality so judiciously exhibited by the citizens in sustaining it.

Water Works.

The want of an abundant supply of pure, soft water for household purposes, to say nothing of its importance in other respects, is certainly a serious evil in this city. Nothing speaks so convincingly of the purity of the atmosphere of this locality, as the absence of anything like pestilential diseases, notwithstanding the accumulation of filth and garbage in the numerous courts of the city, and the horrible state of many of the slips and docks. Very much of this filth is justly chargeable to the scarcity of water, which, pur-

chased by the bucket, is too expensive to be used except for the indispensable purposes of drinking, cooking and very slight lavations. The organizations formed with a view to meet this requirement seem to be too much embarrassed with objects of private speculation, to subserve adequately, the necessities of the public, in this most vital matter. Steps should be taken at an early day to make such provision as is required, and to retain a proper control of it in the hands of the people.

Telegraph Lines.

Of these there are two which are completed to this city—the "State Telegraph Company," and the "Alta California Telegraph Company." See Register.


Apologetic.

Since the sheets containing what purports to be the list of the officers of the Committee of Vigilance were printed, we have ascertained *officially*, that the same is altogether imperfect and incorrect. That this is so we much regret, and we still more regret that we did not make the discovery in time to suppress it altogether, especially as we have been informed that the publication may be disagreeable to the gentlemen named, and we can only ask that degree of consideration merited by the fact that no evil to any was intended.

8 P. M. October, 1856.

The hurry of publication, for reasons mentioned in the PREFACE, has compelled us to curtail this branch of our work, and to omit, or barely to allude to much in the business of the city worthy of extended notice, and which, under other circumstances would have occupied ample space, accompanied with important statistical data. We now, in this connection, bid our friends a reluctant farewell, until the 1st of October, 1857, when we shall again appear before them with, we trust, a similar work, still more worthy of them and of ourselves.

The following appears at the head of the first page of the Registry of Names:

" NOTICE.—Names too late for regular insertion, changes that have occurred during compilation, etc., will be found on a preceding page."

This arrangement we have been compelled to alter, and the same will be found commencing on page 243, and a Supplement on the last page of the work.