

this one, was wrecked near the same spot where this clipper struck. She was beating out of port at the time, and became a total wreck.

JUNE 29.—A fine lot of valuable stock arrived by the steamer of June 5; among them were four bulls, imported by L. Stone, of Colusi; also, a lot of beautiful merino sheep, imported by Samuel Brannan, Esq.

JULY 1.—José Y. Limantour and a number of witnesses in the Limantour case, arrived in the steamer Sonora from Mexico. Auguste Jouan, a witness for the United States, came in the same steamer.

JULY 4, 1857, was marked by no great municipal parade in the city. The stores, banks, markets, and all other places of business were closed, and the population generally sought amusements. The day was ushered in by a salute from the Old California Guard, Capt. Johns, at a quarter to 5 o'clock, when immediately the bells of the churches and engine houses pealed forth that the anniversary of our independence had arrived: during the day salutes were fired from many vessels in the harbor, and the national stars and stripes floated from every mast in the bay and staff in the city. The Independent Guard, Capt. Watson, the National Guard, Capt. Moore, and the California Fusileers, Capt. Seidenstriker, turned out in full uniform and made a fine display. The First Light Dragoons, the Continental Guards, and the Young America Guards also paraded in the afternoon. The Marion Rifles, with a brass band, proceed to Mare Island, where they met the Sutter Rifles from Sacramento, and engaged in target shooting. The steamboats Goliah and Antelope carried large numbers of passengers to Benicia and Mare Island, and the Oakland and other ferry-boats were crowded all day. In the evening the California Guard fired a parting salute, and until a late hour at night the general jubilee was kept up by fire-crackers and exhibitions of fire-works. The day passed off pleasantly, and but few accidents occurred to mar the pleasures of the celebration.

JULY 8.—The steamer Constitution left for Puget Sound and returned on the 13th in a very leaky condition. Soon after passing Point Reyes she encountered a heavy sea and commenced leaking, and as all her pumps could not keep her free, a large portion of her cargo was thrown overboard. When off Cape Mendicino it became evident that she could not complete her voyage, when she was turned about and headed for this port. She had eighty passengers on board, all of whom worked with a good will.

JULY 9.—A land-slide occurred at the government works at Alcatraz Island, by which seven hundred tons of earth were removed, and two of the workmen, Daniel Pewter and Jacob Unger, buried beneath the mass. Two other men were very severely injured, but afterwards recovered.

JULY 22.—The Fourth Anniversary Meeting of the Ladies' Protection and Relief Society was held on the evening of this date, at the First Congregational Church. The Treasurer's Annual Report was read, from which it appears that the Society received by donations, etc., during the year \$2,466 38, all of which, except \$128 38, has been disbursed, besides which, 269 garments, 153 yards material, and 111 packages of groceries have been given away. The Society has relieved 207 cases, of destitution among women and children, and furnished many poor people with employment and the means of earning an honest livelihood.

JULY 26.—The first regatta of the season came off on the Bay. The contending boats were the Alcatraz, Frank Flint, Star of the South and Breckinridge. The stakes were \$500, and were won by the Alcatraz, beating Frank Flint five minutes, and Star of the South seven minutes. The distance was from Shaw's wharf to a stake boat near Fort Point and back.

JULY 26 and 27.—The first annual Jubilee of the United German Musical Societies of the State was held on the 25th, and consisted of a grand concert, a picnic and ball. It was a very successful affair throughout. Tickets were sold amounting to \$3,408.

JULY 29.—John Bigler, U. S. Minister to Chile, sailed from this port for Valpariso, he was accompanied outside of the Heads by a large party of friends.