

breast. The knife was left in the wound. Before inflicting the wound, the assassin had overhauled and ransacked his papers, and abstracted some of value. A reward of \$5,000 was offered for the arrest of the attempted assassin, but he was never heard of. Some of the papers of the day uncharitably insinuated that it was a "made up affair." Castanares soon recovered, concluded his testimony, and left for Mexico.

AUG. 30.—The Annual Regatta took place on the Bay. The race was contested by the yachts *Alcatraz*, Capt. Taylor; *Star of the South*, Capt. Ratcliff; *W. H. Woodward*, Capt. Kennedy; *Frank Flint*, Capt. Brown; and *Fisherman*, Capt. White. The boats started from the foot of Battery street to a stake boat off Hunter's Point, back, round a stake boat near Goat Island, thence to a stake boat at Fort Point, and back to the place of starting. The race was well contested, and won by "*Fisherman*," which came in in 3h. 26m. 10s., beating the "*W. H. Woodward*," the second boat, 3m. 21s.

SEPTEMBER 4.—The election for City and County officers was held, and was one of the most quiet and peaceable elections ever held in the city. Although there was much excitement, the whole number of votes polled in the twelve districts, amounted to only 10,585, being 1,567 less than were cast at the general election last year. The ticket known as the "*Peoples' Ticket*," was successful throughout the city.

SEPT. 5.—The corner stone of the new German Hospital, on Brannan street, was laid with appropriate ceremonies—the Masons, Odd Fellows and all the other benevolent institutions, with the German Fusileers, participating. N. Green Curtis, M. W. G. M. of F. and A. Masons, with the assistance of the officers of the Grand Lodge, performed the ceremonies.

SEPT. 7.—The most imposing spectacle ever witnessed on the Pacific coast was the celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of Lafayette, which took place on this date. Preparations had been going on for months, and full and complete committees had been appointed for each detail. At daylight, the first gun was fired, and in a few minutes after the streets were spanned with banners, and every flag-staff in the city, and all the shipping in the harbor were fully adorned. The Mechanics' Institute Pavilion was completely draped from every corner to the top of the dome, with hundreds of streamers of every nation. The banks and all the stores were closed; mechanical work of every description was postponed; the streets were crowded with men, and every window and balcony in the principal thoroughfares crowded with ladies and children. It required several hours to range in order, and to get all ready for the grand procession; during which time, the different companies and societies, with appropriate banners and music, marched and countermarched through the streets. At 1 o'clock, however, the procession formed in six divisions; and each division under the care of a Marshal and Aids, and the whole under the direction of Chief Marshal J. P. Haven. The procession numbered near 3,500 persons, composed of nearly all the Military, the Fire Department, Masons, Odd Fellows, and other benevolent Societies; together with the United States, State and County officers, Foreign Consuls, etc. After marching through the city for two hours, the procession halted in the square in front of the Oriental Hotel, being the most convenient place in the city, capable of accommodating so large an assembly. Here a large platform had been raised, on which were seated the Foreign Consuls, the United States and State Officers, and the Press, and from which, M. S. Latham, Esq., delivered an elegant oration; and F. Soule, Esq., recited an appropriate poem. At 5 o'clock the ceremonies were concluded, and the various companies returned to their respective places for disbanding. The celebration of this day will be ever memorable in our annals.

SEPT. 8.—On the morning of this date, the Pavilion of the Mechanics' Institute Fair was first opened for the admission of visitors. It is impossible in our limited summary, to do justice to the exhibition, and we can only remark that it exceeded by far the anticipations of its warmest friends and projectors. On entering the Pavilion, the visitor was surprised at the great multiplicity of beautiful objects before him, the exquisite taste displayed in draping and festooning the interior of the Pavilion, and