

the multiplicity of the choicest productions of nature and art presented to the view. A large number of the articles on exhibition were the productions of the soil of our own State, or the work of our own artisans; yet many varieties were on exhibition from every quarter of the globe. Many gentlemen who attended the World's Fair, at London and New York, assert that this first California Fair, considering all circumstances, compared most favorably with them, and far exceeded their expectations. During the continuation of the Fair, which was about three weeks, the Pavilion was densely crowded every night, and the Institute realized a handsome sum, although the expenses were very heavy. The management set apart the receipts of one day for the benefit of the orphans of the city, and the amount handed over was \$1,334 80.

SEPT. 9.—The corner stone of the new First Presbyterian Church, on the west side of Stockton street, between Washington and Clay, was laid. There was no particular ceremony on the occasion. The Rev. Dr. W. C. Anderson, Rev. J. A. Anderson, and the Trustees of the church, performed the ceremonies. The history of the church, a copy of each of the daily papers and other documents were placed in the corner stone.

The seventh Anniversary of the Admission of California into the Union, was celebrated by the Society of California Pioneers, assisted by large numbers of companies, societies, and citizens of the State. In the route of the procession, banners were thrown over the streets, and flags waved from all the engine houses and flag staffs in every portion of the city, and the American vessels in the bay were handsomely decorated by the flags of all nations. The day was held as a sacred holiday—the stores were all closed, and no business whatever was transacted. From an early hour in the morning the various bands, companies and societies paraded the streets, and at 11 o'clock, united in Market street, and formed into procession; and after a general review, marched to the American Theatre, where Judge T. W. Freelon delivered a suitable oration, and Mr. Edward Pollock recited an original poem. At an early hour in the evening, the ceremonies of the day concluded, and the societies moved to their respective places of meeting and disbanded.

Dr. Henry Bates, ex-Treasurer of the State of California, was arrested, in obedience to a bench warrant issued at and transmitted from Sacramento. He was taken to the Capital by a police officer, the same afternoon.

SEPT. 19.—The Grand Jury of the United States presented an indictment against Augustin Harazthy, for embezzling gold to the amount of \$151,550, from the U. S. Branch Mint. The indictment set forth that the said Melter and Refiner did, while employed in the Mint, "unlawfully and feloniously embezzle a portion of the metals committed to his charge for the purpose of being coined, to wit: 8,092 ounces of gold bullion, and one gold bar," the whole valued at the above amount. He was arrested the same evening by the U. S. Marshal, and admitted to bail, giving two sureties in \$10,000 each, and himself the sum of \$20,000.

SEPT. 26.—Wm. Bein, convicted of embezzling gold to a large amount from the U. S. Branch Mint, was called up for sentence. He made a statement acknowledging that he had committed the act, and that his former confessions were true. On motion of the District Attorney, and in order to give Bein time to settle up his affairs, his sentence was postponed for two weeks. At the end of that time, he was again called up and sentenced to be imprisoned at hard labor in the State Prison for the term of six years, and be fined in the sum of \$2,000.

OCTOBER 5, (MONDAY).—The steamer Golden Gate left the wharf for Panama. She proceeded smoothly until half-past 11 o'clock on Tuesday night, when by a sudden shock on board, it was apparent that some part of her machinery had become disarranged, and it appeared on examination that her main shaft had been snapped off, by which one wheel was rendered useless. As soon as the broken shaft was cleared away, she was started back on one wheel. In the morning, and when on her return, the passengers were not aware that any accident had occurred. When she reached her wharf the Golden Age was ready to take her place, and left at 8 o'clock on the next (Sunday) evening, with the passengers, mails and treasure. The Gate was immediately sent to Benicia, where she received a new shaft.