

the Branch Mint commenced their duties to-day, taking up the case of Agostin Haraszthy, late melter and refiner.

MARCH 17.—The birthday of Ireland's Patron Saint was duly celebrated by those of Irish lineage, the Association of the Sons of the Emerald Isle marching in procession to the ancient church at Mission Dolores, where an oration was delivered by Padre Harrington. . . . About six o'clock in the evening a violent storm of wind and rain, accompanied with hail, passed over the city. . . . Marion Whithurst, indicted for the murder of A. A. Mason, convicted of murder of the second degree, and afterwards sentenced to the State Prison for sixteen years. . . . Parties arrested on the 13th for vending obscene publications, were severally fined \$50 and \$60, with costs of prosecution.

MARCH 18.—The Catholics of the parish of St. Francis determined to erect a large brick church, gothic style of architecture, on the site of the present old wooden structure on Vallejo Street; \$6,000 were collected at the meeting this evening. . . . Judge Freelon ordered the discharge of the slave boy Archy, brought before him on writ of *habeas corpus*, immediately after which he was re-arrested by the U. S. Marshal as a fugitive slave, on a writ issued by the U. S. Commissioner, Geo. Pen. Johnston. Great excitement followed, accompanied with a slight attempt at rescue, but the Marshal conducted the prisoner to his office without serious hindrance, being supported by the Sheriff and his officers, together with the Chief of Police and a posse from that department. Five or six hundred persons subsequently collected around the place, and much feeling was manifested, especially by the colored population, one of whom was arrested. Having given vent to their indignation in words, the multitude after lingering for a short time, quietly dispersed.

MARCH 20.—Shipments of Treasure to Panama, \$1,661,929 69; total for the month, \$3,728,309 36.

MARCH 27.—It was feared the late severe frosts had destroyed the peach, nectarine and apricot crops in and about the city.

MARCH 30.—Captain Bennett, of the Mexican brig *Cornelia*, arrested on suspicion of causing the loss of that vessel, with a view of defrauding the Insurance Companies.

MARCH 31.—Pilot boat *Fanny* dispatched by the Chief of Police for San José del Cabo, Lower California, in search of the boxes of specie supposed to have been buried there by Captain Bennett, of the lost brig *Cornelia*. Captain Bennett and a competent police force, went down in the *Fanny*, the Captain having admitted the fraud and agreed to point out the spot where the stolen treasure was buried. After a short absence, the *Fanny* returned bringing the missing money, for the recovery of which the Chief of Police was afterwards awarded a considerable sum by the Courts.

APRIL 1.—Sather & Church, bankers, announce their intention to pay on presentation in New York and other Eastern cities, all drafts heretofore drawn on them, with a view to settling all outstanding liabilities, and the resumption of business at an early day.

APRIL 3.—The Spanish Catholic residents duly observed the custom of manifesting their execration of the character of Judas Iscariot, by hanging him in effigy, and treating the symbolical figure with every species of indignity.

APRIL 5.—Shipments of Treasure to Panama, \$1,674,294 23.

APRIL 6.—It being one year to-day since Henry A. Crabb and his companions fell at Cavora, a solemn requiem, at the instance of his widow, was celebrated in the Church of Notre Dame des Victories, for the eternal repose of their souls. . . . The Visiting Committee appointed by the Legislature to proceed to Oakland and examine as to the expediency of removing the Capitol from Sacramento to that place, reported unanimously in favor of removal.

APRIL 9.—The British war-steamer *Satellite*, Capt. Prevost, arrived from Victoria, a fine vessel, 1,047 tons, 400 horse power, carrying 21 ten-inch guns, and 260 men.

APRIL 12.—Mr. P. G. Vibbard arrived from the East with a splendid stallion of the genuine "Messenger" stock. The animal cost \$2,500 in Massachusetts and \$500