

to be brought out. Mr. V. also brings some very fine bucks, of the Bakewell, South-down, Costwool and Leicester breeds, one of them weighing 403 pounds, at a cost of \$700.

APRIL 14.—Steamship *Constitution* arrived from Victoria, bringing news confirmatory of rich gold diggings having been found on Frazer River, and adding much to the excitement already existing on that subject.... Commissioner Johnston delivered a lengthy opinion this morning, in the U. S. Circuit Court Room, pronouncing Archy Lee a freeman, and ordering his discharge from the custody of the U. S. Marshal. Although several hundred persons were collected to witness the *denouement*, no noisy demonstration was attempted or improper exultation indulged in.

APRIL 15.—A religious revival has been in successful progress for some time past, at the Pine Street Baptist Church.

APRIL 16.—The Treasurer of the Sons of the Emerald Isle paid the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum \$400, the proceeds of a ball given on St. Patrick's Day.... The colored population held a large meeting in the evening to deliberate as to the propriety of emigrating to Vancouver's Island. A strong feeling in favor of the movement was manifested. The excitement in regard to Fraser River already intense, is on the increase every day. The steamers for Victoria go loaded to their utmost capacity; many who had come down from the mines with the intention of going East changing their plans and taking passage for the North, while many others are only waiting for further confirmation of the intelligence to follow. The news, both such as is derived through private advices, as well as through the public prints, grows more and more flattering by each arrival. A large number of steamers and sail vessels are already up, or talked of being put upon the route, should things continue favorable.

APRIL 20.—Shipment of Treasure to Panama, \$1,947,731 54; total for the month, \$3,622,025 77.

APRIL 23.—Meeting of British residents to devise means for the relief of their indigent countrymen.

MAY 1.—May Day celebrated by Public Schools, Turners, etc., with appropriate amusements, festivals and excursions.

MAY 5.—Shipments of Treasure to Panama, \$1,912,817 79.

MAY 6.—The mail steamer *Golden Gate* returned to port, having broken her center shaft when 45 miles out from the Heads. The *Sonora* took her place.

MAY 8.—Board of Examiners of unfunded outstanding claims against the city met and adopted rules of procedure.

MAY 11.—The Board of Supervisors, convened at ten A. M., and passed an order for the disbanding of Empire Engine Company, No. 1, and Knickerbocker Engine Company, No. 5, upon a complaint of F. E. R. Whitney, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, for an alleged disobedience of orders at the fire on the evening of the 9th instant. The order was instantly carried into effect and the houses and apparatus of the two companies taken possession of by the Chief Engineer and the police. No opposition beyond that of a protest made by the foreman of each company was offered, but a deep feeling pervaded the entire department, which was to a great extent participated in by the entire community. The agents of the Insurance Companies, in consequence of the disturbed state of the department, advanced their rates of insurance.

MAY 13.—The First Presbyterian Church, an elegant edifice just completed on Stockton street, at a cost of \$50,000, was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies this evening.

MAY 20.—Shipments of Treasure to Panama, \$1,879,672 32; total for the month, \$3,792,490 11.

MAY 26.—Steamer *Senator* brings intelligence of the loss of the schooner *Laura Bevans*, on her passage from San Pedro to San Francisco, with all on board, among whom was Mr. J. C. Ayres, the landscape artist.