

own life by cutting his throat. Vapner afterwards recovered from his wounds, was tried, convicted of murder, and sentenced to be hung.

MARCH 17.—St. Patrick's Day was celebrated with much enthusiasm, everything passing off with spirit and harmony. The Sons of the Emerald Isle marched in procession to St. Francis' Church, where appropriate religious exercises were performed, and afterwards to Musical Hall, where an oration was delivered by Mr. Ryan, and a poem read by Frank Soule, Esq. The other Societies met at St. Mary's Cathedral, where Pontifical Mass was held, and a panegyric pronounced on St. Patrick by Father Slatterly.

MARCH 20.—Shipments of Treasure to Panama, \$1,581,929 74; total for the month, \$3,046,173 63.

MARCH 21.—Patrick Foley, keeper of a boarding-house on Pacific Street, destroyed his life by taking arsenic.

MARCH 22.—English steamship *Forwood* arrived in 130 days from Liverpool, *en route* for Victoria.

MARCH 24.—An unknown man was found hanging by the neck in a deserted house near the Presidio, quite dead. He was supposed to be an Italian organ grinder, and probably put a period to his life because of destitution.

MARCH 25.—A general movement against all foreign silver coin has been begun, with a view to driving it out of circulation. Some of it, as money, is greatly depreciated, and all of it, if the movement is persevered in, will soon have to go into the Mint.

MARCH 26.—The Nicaragua steamship line advertise a vessel for the 5th of next month, thus renewing the promised opposition, which the public feared had been abandoned, through the non-sailing of the *Cortes*.

MARCH 27.—Legislature make an excursion to Oakland, to examine as to its suitability for the State Capitol. The committee to whom the matter was referred in that body, afterwards report in favor of removing the capitol from Sacramento to Oakland.

APRIL 1.—Capt. E. Pendleton arrested for extreme cruelty to his crew, most of whom were sent to the hospital on the arrival of the vessel (the bark *Sarah Park*) at this port. He was also afterwards indicted for the murder of a sailor named Williams, whose death he was accused of causing on the voyage hither. The conduct of Capt. Pendleton has met with the severest condemnation on all hands.

APRIL 3.—The steam ferry boat *Contra Costa* exploded her boiler while crossing from this city to Oakland, killing five or six persons, and perhaps others unknown, and severely scalding several others. The Coroner's jury attributed the catastrophe to the carelessness of the engineer, Wyatt Birdsall, who was afterwards arrested on a Coroner's warrant. He was admitted to bail, Charles Minturn, owner of the boat becoming his bondsman.

APRIL 5.—Shipments of Treasure to Panama, \$2,081,765 42.

APRIL 17.—Musical Hall filled to overflowing for a number of nights by persons eager to witness W. Bovee Dods' experiments in Mesmerism and Psychology. The genuineness of the experiments assailed by a portion of the city press, and public opinion divided as to their merits. . . . Officer Hesse arrested a disreputable woman, for wearing in public a new style of low-necked dress, recently imported from Paris. She forfeited the money deposited for her appearance to answer. No further attempts have since been made to introduce the indecent costume.

APRIL 20.—Shipments of Treasure to Panama, \$1,703,828 17; total for the month, \$3,784,593 59.

APRIL 25.—José Y. Limantour, under indictment for forgery and perjury, failed to appear when called upon in the U. S. District Court, forfeiting his bail, amounting to \$35,000. His bondsmen are Martin Reese and Manuel Castro. . . . An insane man, named Joseph White, while being taken along the corridor of the City Hall, sprang over into the area below, and striking head first on the brick pavement, was instantly killed.