

of events in the order in which they transpired, nor mark those epochs in our history that have given to our fair land of sunny skies and genial clime, a name and fame throughout the civilized world ; but, as we indicated in the beginning of this article, shall confine our remarks to noticing a portion, among the leading of those who have most prominently identified themselves with the commercial and manufacturing interests of our city and State.

In complying with our design as set forth, and for the sake of regularity will begin by noticing, first, those branches of industry which are closely allied to, and immediately connected with the first and leading interests of the country at large, and which not only aided materially in developing, but in a great measure gave to them existence ; we allude to the mining interests, to which, our present greatness is indebted, and on which our future prosperity depends.

The first in order of this class, to whom we would call attention, are the Assayers, of whom our city numbers about thirty, and among the most prominent of which may be found Messrs. Kellogg, Hewston & Co. and Mr. Gideon E. Moore.

The chemical laboratories of these two assaying establishments respectively contain every facility for the systematic analysis of ores, minerals, metals, soils, waters, and the productions of art.

The well known reputation of these gentlemen, as proficient in their business, has gained for them a wide popularity throughout the Pacific Coast.

Another important branch of industry connected with mining, and of which we would notice, are the amalgamators, or, more properly speaking, the inventors and manufacturers of machines for amalgamating purposes. Of this class also there are quite a number ; and of those whose amalgamators have given the most general satisfaction of any yet brought into use, we would mention those of Messrs. Hepburn & Peterson, Wheeler's, and Varney's.

These amalgamators, respectively, for reducing and separating the minerals from the ores, stand unrivaled, and their introduction has given to mining an impulse of no small moment. The proprietors of these several inventions are truly the benefactors of our State, and justly deserve the thanks of our people.