

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS,

From October 1, 1856, to December 31, 1857.

OCTOBER 1, 1856.—The first paper mill in California was put in operation. It is situated near Tomales Bay, about ten miles above Bolinas, and was erected by Messrs. V. B. Post and Samuel B. Taylor. The experiment proved very successful, and the paper made at this mill has since been used by the San Francisco publishers in preference to that imported.

OCT. 7.—An attempt was made to sink the new steamer *Orizaba*, while lying at the wharf, foot of Washington street. Some malicious person went on board through one of the ports, and opened the fire-room valves, or stops. Water flowed in with great rapidity, and when discovered in the morning, the steamer was aground with several feet of water in the hold. She was soon pumped out, and the valves secured. Had the water at the landing been very deep, the damage would have been considerable.

OCT. 22.—The Attorney-General of the State of California commenced a suit in the Twelfth District Court, claiming the steamships *Uncle Sam*, *Cortes*, *Pacific* and *Brother Jonathan*, and the storeships *Ark* and *Rowland*, as having escheated to the State, on the ground that the corporation of the "Accessory Transit Company," owners of said property, had been abolished and dissolved by the government of Nicaragua.

NOVEMBER 5.—James Kennovan, an American by birth, aged 43 years, accomplished the feat of walking 106 consecutive hours on a platform. This was considered the greatest feat on record, but he exceeded it by several hours a few months afterwards in this city.

NOV. 13 AND 14.—The great real estate sale of the Folsom property took place. The total amount of prices for which the lots were sold, was \$423,135, and the aggregate prices realized exceeded the appraised value of the property by about \$18,000. The purchasers generally were not speculators, but those who soon after improved their property. The Union Theatre on Commercial street brought \$8,000; and the Custom House Block sold for \$47,000.

NOV. 15.—The newly elected Police Judge, H. P. Coon, took his seat and commenced the duties of his office. On the Monday following, James F. Curtis, the new Chief of Police, went into office. At the same time the new Board of Supervisors held their first meeting; there was no business transacted after the election of Clerk of the Board and Police Clerk.

NOV. 22.—In the U. S. District Court, in the case of the *United States vs. the executors of J. L. Folsom*, deceased—suit brought to settle up the accounts of Capt. Folsom, as Quartermaster—the Jury rendered a verdict in favor of the United States for the sum of \$186,658, with interest from November 14th, 1855, and costs of suit.

DECEMBER 1.—The official votes of the State, (the counties of Plumas and Colusi excepted, as the returns had not been received), were counted by the Secretary of State and showed the following result:

For Buchanan.....	51,925
" Filmore.....	35,113
" Fremont.....	20,339
	—107,377

Geo. Freaner, one of the Presidential electors, was chosen as Messenger to carry the electoral vote to Washington.

The Legislature of the State it was ascertained stood: *Senate*—Democratic, 28; Republicans, 5; Americans, 2. *Assembly*—Democrats, 67; Republicans, 9; Americans, 4; giving the Democrats in joint ballot, a majority of 75 over both the other parties.