

JANUARY 13.—Wm. M. Gwin was elected by the Legislature Senator for the short term. The vote stood—for Gwin, 82; Crabb, 17; Sergeant, 11; Shafter, 1.

The trial of the gamblers arrested by the police officers on the night of the 7th, came off before Judge Coon. They were declared guilty, and his Honor ordered a fine of \$100 to be entered against each of them.

JANUARY 20.—The steamer Orizaba left for Nicaragua, crowded with passengers. The prices were—first cabin, \$150; second cabin, \$100; steerage, \$50. Tickets were sold for the steerage as low as \$25.

Senators Broderick and Gwin left for Washington. Their friends assembled at North Point and honored them with a salute of twenty-five guns, as the steamer left the port.

JANUARY 21.—The officers of the U. S. Army met in session at the Tehama House, as a Court Martial, to investigate the charges of disobedience of orders and of conduct subversive of good order and military discipline, against Major R. B. Lee, of the Commissary Department. Col. Fauntleroy, President of the Court.

The Hon. H. A. Crabb, Col. R. N. Wood, and other well-known personages, left on the steamer Sea Bird, for San Diego, *en route* for the Gadsden Purchase. The fate of the gallant company is well known.

A meeting of the merchants of this city was held, at which a series of resolutions were passed relative to the evils of the Attachment Laws, suggesting certain amendments; and a committee was appointed to present and urge the same for adoption by the Legislature.

JANUARY 22.—The Legislature passed an act preventing the State Treasurer from paying out any moneys. A resolution was also passed appointing a Committee to investigate the Treasurer's accounts, and to ascertain if the law had been violated in that department.

JAN. 25 and 26.—The Chinese New Year's Day was celebrated. Tables laden with the choicest Chinese delicacies were prepared and set by the wealthy Chinese, and the time was passed in visiting and feasting. The performances at the Chinese theatre were kept up day and night without intermission.

JAN. 28.—José Y. Linantour was arraigned before the U. S. Circuit Court, and plead "not guilty" to the indictment of perjury found against him by the grand jury.

FEBRUARY 1.—The seventh anniversary of the San Francisco Bible Society was held. The report gives the number of the volumes of the scriptures issued during the past year, as 4,815; of which 325 were in foreign languages, the remainder in English. 2,386 were copies of the Bible, the remainder copies of the New Testament. 400 copies were donated, the balance were sold.

In the evening, a destructive fire broke out in Washington street near Kearny, in the building adjoining the chemical laboratory of Dr. Lanzsweert, and before the flames could be arrested, several frame buildings and contents were destroyed. Loss estimated at \$50,000.

FEBRUARY 2.—At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors, the Board refused to pay the price demanded by the San Francisco Gas Company for lighting the streets and City Hall; and the consequence was that the gas was shut off, and the Hall and streets have remained in darkness ever since. At several subsequent meetings of the Board, each member brought his own candle.

In the U. S. District Court, in the case of Jas. McGuire and Thos. H. Place *vs.* the steamer Golden Gate, Judge McAllister rendered an opinion giving judgment in favor of McGuire for \$965, and in favor of Place for \$250 and costs. The causes of action were, injuries sustained by the plaintiffs, passengers on the Golden Gate, from certain of the officers of that steamer.

FEBRUARY 5.—Sixty-five men embarked on the steamship Sea Bird, with the intention of joining the forces of Gandara, in the Mexican State of Sonora. The original number enlisted in this city was eighty-six—twenty-one of whom backed out when their names were called. They were well supplied with United States arms and ammunition.