

Two distinct shocks of an earthquake were felt at about 7 o'clock, P. M. The sensation resembled the sudden jar as of an explosion by powder. No damage was done.

FEB. 6.—The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce appointed a committee to memorialize the proper department for the establishment of a penny post delivery for letters in the city, and also for the reduction of box rents.

FEB. 10.—The "Sailor's Home," on Front street, between Pacific and Broadway was solemnly dedicated with appropriate exercises. The institution was placed under the sole management of the ladies composing the Seamen's Friend Society.

FEB. 11.—The State Treasurer was impeached at the bar of the Senate. In the afternoon Mr. Bates resigned the office, and James L. English, former Mayor of Sacramento, was appointed in his place.

FEB. 17.—The Brannan Fire Association, with their splendid machine, turned out for the first time, and paraded through the streets. They were accompanied by a delegation from each of the city engine companies, by the Chief Engineer and Assistants, and the city authorities. It was a very imposing and creditable turn-out.

FEB. 20.—Major General John E. Wool, having resigned his position as Commander of the Pacific Division, left on the steamer. Previous to his departure many of our prominent citizens tendered the General a public dinner, as a slight testimonial of their regard; but the official duties of Gen. W. were so pressing as to occupy all his time. His departure from our shores was announced by national salutes from Fort Alcatraz and Fort Point.

FEB. 22.—Washington's birth-day was generally observed throughout the city. All the banking houses and wholesale stores were closed. The military companies paraded in full uniform, and in the evening the Continental Guards gave a grand ball.

FEB. 24.—The election for State Senator to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. Frank Tilford. There were three candidates—F. A. Woodworth, F. L. Jones, and Fred. Tracy. Woodworth received 4,501 votes, giving him a majority of 1,121 over both his opponents.

FEB. 28.—The surviving passengers of the steamship California, which arrived here in 1849, celebrated the eighth anniversary of their arrival.

MARCH 3.—A fleet of clipper ships and other vessels arrived in the bay. Among them were the clippers War Hawk, Morning Light, West Wind, Beaver, and Harvey Birch, and the Danish clipper ship Cimber. The latter made the passage from Liverpool to the Heads in 106 days, the shortest passage ever made from that port. She was built at Darmstadt, Germany, and is one of the finest specimens of naval architecture afloat.

MARCH 19.—In the evening, Calvary Church, on Bush Street, was discovered to be on fire; before the front doors could be beaten in, the building was densely filled with smoke, so that it was impossible for any one to enter. The streams of water were directed at random, and an hour elapsed before the flames were subdued. The building was deluged with water and the library and furniture destroyed. The building was fully insured. It required two months' labor to put it in repair again. The fire was doubtless the work of an incendiary.

MARCH 20.—The mail steamer Golden Gate left for Panama on her regular day of sailing; but had proceeded only as far as North Point when she struck on a rock, and was so far injured as to be compelled to return and go upon the dry dock at Benecia. She was detained until the 23d, when she left fully repaired.

APRIL 7.—The warmest day of the year. The thermometer stood in the shade, where there was a free circulation of air, as follows:—12 o'clock, 81°; 1 o'clock, 82°; 2 o'clock, 84°; and at 3 o'clock, P. M., 86°.

The old pioneer ship Arkansas, which arrived here in 1849, under command of Capt. W. W. Shepherd, and on which the United States Hotel, on Pacific street, was built, was torn to pieces by the Chinese in April. The old hulk was sold for \$1,000. Most of the timbers appeared to be in a perfectly sound condition.

APRIL 21.—The barque Ocean Bird sailed for San Juan del Sud, with fifty pas-