

sengers and a load of freight destined for Walker's army. The freight consisted of provisions and munitions of war, and was in charge of Major F. Mahon.

At half past 6 o'clock in the morning, a fire broke out in a frame building on Milton Place, which was quickly consumed. Two children, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Murray, burned to death. The firemen endeavored to penetrate the room in which they were sleeping, but as it was in a perfect mass of flame, they could not enter.

APRIL 27.—A destructive fire occurred, which consumed five frame buildings on Broadway, five on Dupont street, and three on Adler street. The buildings were all of the most flimsy and combustible material, and burned with fearful rapidity. The loss is estimated at about \$25,000.

APRIL 29.—In the U. S. District Court, in the case of the U. S. *vs.* Jos. de Haro, Vincent P. Gomez testified that at Monterey, in 1850, he drew up the "Potrero Grant," and that afterwards the blanks were filled up and the signatures added. This evidence proved the Spanish title spurious.

MAY 1.—Ninety laborers employed on the government works at Alcatraz Island abandoned their work, in consequence of the inferiority of the food provided for them, and the compulsory payment of \$6 per week exacted for it. Only four laborers were left on the Island.

MAY 11.—The ceremony of laying the corner stone of the First Baptist Church, on Washington street, was performed. The Rev. Mr. Brierly, pastor of the church, officiated, and the Rev. A. A. Guernsey delivered the address.

MAY 28.—Another destructive conflagration occurred, which originated in the kitchen of the Barnum Restaurant, on Commercial street, south side, between Montgomery and Kearny, and before the flames were arrested eight frame buildings were destroyed. A man by the name of François Jacconetti Francisco, sleeping in the building adjoining the restaurant, was burned to death. From the second story of the same building, a woman, by the name of Minna Harter, was injured by leaping from the window into a blanket held below to receive her. She recovered from her injuries in a few days. The value of the buildings was trifling, only about \$1,500; loss of personal property, about \$11,000.

Edward McGowan, charged with being accessory to the murder of James King of Wm., was tried at Napa. The trial occupied four days, and on the 1st of June the jury, after a short consultation, brought in a verdict of "not guilty."

JUNE 4.—Mr. C. C. Russ, proprietor of Russ' Garden, died, aged 62 years. He came to this country in 1847.

JUNE 5.—The Genesee Flour Mills, on Gold street between Montgomery and Sansome, were destroyed by fire. Loss in building and material estimated at \$20,000. The mill belonged to Kennedy & Hopkins, and covered an area of 67 by 79 feet.

JUNE 7.—R. E. Woods, City and County Treasurer, surrendered the keys of his office to Mr. Burr, President of the Board of Supervisors, who placed the Commissioners in possession. The cash on hand amounted to \$20,565. Wm. Hooper was appointed Treasurer, *pro tem.*, in place of Mr. Woods.

JUNE 22.—The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge for the State of California F. and A. Masons, was held at Masonic Hall, when the following officers were elected and installed: Louis L. Mortimer, M. W. G. M.; Charles W. Parker, D. G. M. Wm. Isaacs, S. G. W.; Henry C. Cornish, Jr. G. W.; Anthony Osborne, G. T.; Jas. G. Marshall, G. S.; R. W. Freeman, Cor. S.; John P. Scott, G. Tyler. The session continued for three days.

The clipper ship Golden Fleece, which had just arrived from New York and was lying a few miles distant from the bay, struck on the North Shoal and received serious injury. She immediately set sail, entered the harbor and came alongside of Vallejo Street Wharf, when she immediately commenced discharging cargo, with seventeen feet of water in the hold. By constant working the pumps the water was reduced to seven feet, and the cargo was saved in tolerably good condition. About three years ago, a fine clipper, bearing the same name and commanded by the same officers as