

OCT. 31.—In the evening, a great Mass Meeting was held at Musical Hall, for the purpose of giving expression to public feeling in regard to the loss of the steamship Central America. Lafayette Maynard was appointed President; twenty Vice Presidents were named and five Secretaries. After several addresses had been delivered, a long series of resolutions were unanimously adopted. One of the resolutions attributed the loss of the steamer to the negligence and indifference of the U. S. Mail Steamship Company to the safety of those whose money it had received, under the highest obligation on its part, to convey them to their port of destination, at least, as safely as the acts of God and the perils of the sea would permit; and that such negligence and indifference is little short of crime." The meeting also recommended, that a steamship company should be formed whose stock shall be held and controlled in this State, and be directly responsible to the people. After the adoption of the preamble and resolutions, the following was offered, and carried by an unanimous vote: "Resolved, That Congress be most urgently requested to open and complete at least one Wagon Road to California, and protect the same by a sufficient military force, and that the same be completed in one year."

NOVEMBER 2.—In the evening, the steamer John L. Stephens arrived, bringing the news of the great financial panic in the East. It was the most important and thrilling intelligence that had ever been received, and its effects on California were sensibly felt. The banking house of Sather & Church, as well as two firms which had before been considered among the most substantial in the country, failed almost immediately on the receipt of the news. For a few days there was a complete stagnation in business, and it was with great difficulty that collections could be made for the next steamer day; but after the steamer had left, business revived, and as no more failures occurred, confidence was restored.

NOV. 3.—The French frigate Perseverante arrived in our bay, from the Sandwich Islands. Rear-Admiral Luguel, commander of the French squadron in the Pacific, was on board. The Perseverante mounts sixty guns, and had a crew of 560 men. She remained about three weeks, during which time, many of our citizens visited her. The officers and crew received every attention, and on their departure, expressed themselves highly gratified with their visit to California.

NOV. 4.—Sather & Church, bankers, furnished for publication a statement of their affairs, which shows the following result:—

ASSETS.	
Bills receivable, checks on other banks, advances to gold dust correspondents, and real estate.....	\$464,000
DEBTS.	
Due depositors on book account, and on certificates of deposit.....	\$242,000
Assets over the amount due.....	222,000
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Of the Bills Receivable, most of them would be due in thirty days.

Several convicts at the State Prison were killed, under the following circumstances: A boat loaded with wood, having a number of convicts on board, was moored at the wharf. When the wood was partially unloaded, the prisoners endeavored to move the boat further along; having orders to do so, they say, from the overseer. As the boat moved, one of the guard by the name of Cortin, who was on an eminence about two hundred yards distant, standing by a loaded six-pounder, says he thought the prisoners were endeavoring to escape, and fired the gun, killing three men, and wounding four or five others. Two of the wounded have since died. The cannon was loaded with grape shot.

NOV. 7.—Wm. B. Chapman, the well known comedian, departed this life, aged 70 years. "Uncle Billy," as he was familiarly termed by those with whom he was intimate, was decidedly the best artist in his line that has ever appeared in California. He came to this country in 1852, and immediately determined to make it his permanent home. He was a great favorite, and will long be regretted by thousands of