

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS,

From January 1st, 1858, to June 1st, 1859.

JANUARY 2, 1858.—The opening of the New German Hospital, a fine two-story brick edifice, situated at Steamboat Point, and was delivered over to the board of directors by the building committee. The institute is intended as a home for destitute and sick Germans. The cost of the grounds and building was \$17,500, being contributed mostly by the Germans of this city.

JAN. 5.—Shipments of Treasure to Panama, \$1,966,636 45.

JAN. 7.—Eleven years ago, the printing press threw off its first sheet in California—the *California Star*, published by Sam. Brannan, in Yerba Buena.

JAN. 10.—The French ship *Asia* sailed for Hong Kong, carrying 321 embalmed bodies of Chinamen, prepared in a peculiar manner, and shipped as freight.

JAN. 13.—The shock of an earthquake was distinctly felt in this city, about nine o'clock, P. M.

JAN. 15.—Mr. Parker sailed for the purpose of visiting the Guano Islands, situated to the south of the Sandwich Group, and which he designs securing in accordance with the law of Congress of 1856, guaranteeing such Islands to the discoverer, which Mr. Parker claims to be.

JAN. 19.—During three days there have been withdrawn from the banking house of Tallant & Wilde \$900,000. This one act shows how much idle capital San Francisco contains.

JAN. 20.—Shipment of Treasure to Panama, \$1,881,630 72; total for the month, \$3,848,267 17.

JAN. 21.—The Mercantile Library Association held their annual election. The whole number of votes cast was 500. There were two tickets run, and the following named gentlemen elected: *President*, E. H. Washburn. *Vice-President*, J. A. Donohoe. *Treasurer*, J. M. Shotwell. *Recording Secretary*, Sam. Hubbard. *Corresponding Secretary*, B. W. Leigh. *Directors*, A. L. Tubbs, Dr. Raymond, T. S. Miller, Jos. S. Paxson, J. K. Rose, Albert Miller, R. B. Swain, J. B. Moore, and P. T. Southworth. The opposition ticket averaged 140, while the regular ticket received about 360 votes.

JAN. 27.—A duel came off between Mr. A. H. Rapp, associate editor of *La Phare*, and Mr. Thiele, editor of the *Spectateur*. The weapons used were short swords, and Mr. Thiele received a severe wound through the leg. Mr. Rapp was only slightly scratched.

JAN. 29.—The annual dinner commemorative of the services and political and theological views of Thomas Paine took place at the Hotel de Richelieu.

FEBRUARY 5.—Shipments of Treasure to Panama, \$1,955,861 83.

FEB. 6.—The alarm of a fire occurred during the morning, which was found to proceed from a house on Stockton Street, near Clay, and in which a child was sleeping at the time. The child's nurse, a negro woman, had left it sleeping, and gone to market, but soon after awaking, it commenced playing with a box of friction matches, which set fire to the child's clothes and bed quilt, burning the child in such a horrible manner as to cause its death in a few hours.

FEB. 10.—The State Medical Society convened in the U. S. Circuit Court Room. There were twenty-five delegates present from the different county medical associations.... The Board of Delegates appointed two committees of seventeen each to have the power, if they see fit, to employ counsel and answer to the mandamus issued by the Fourth District Court, relative to the Chief Engineership of the Fire Department.

FEB. 11.—Slave boy Archy remanded to the custody of Stovall, his owner, by decision of the Supreme Court, at Sacramento.

FEB. 19.—The annual dinner of the officers and ex-officers of the Mercantile Library