

Association came off in the evening. It was a very pleasant and spirited affair. . . . A fire broke out in the evening, consuming a large frame building on Pacific Street, near Montgomery. Three firemen badly injured by the falling of a ladder.

FEB. 20.—J. McM. Shafter elected President of the Harmonic Society, in place of Col. D. S. Turner resigned. . . . Shipments of Treasure to Panama, \$1,571,086 98; total for the month, \$3,526,948 81.

FEB. 22.—Great race over Union Course for \$4,000, between Rhode Island and Kit Carson; won by the latter. . . . Washington's birthday generally celebrated, by foreigners and residents. During the day flags were hoisted, salutes fired, and the military paraded in full force, the evening being devoted to festivity and amusement. . . . Ship *Flying Fish* sailed for Hong Kong, having for bulk of cargo the remains of two hundred dead Chinamen. . . . Supreme Court decides that the Pacific Mail Steam Ship Company are not obliged to pay taxes on their steamers in California, on the ground that they pay at New York, where their vessels are registered.

FEB. 25.—First meeting held this evening at the City Hall for taking measures to establish a House of Refuge. Memorial read by E. W. Burr, chairman, and parties appointed to circulate it for signatures, asking the Legislature to incorporate a society when organized. A committee also selected to draft an act of incorporation to accompany the memorial.

MARCH 2.—William K. Osborn, District Attorney, died this evening, at the residence of Thos. C. Hambly, of consumption. . . . Board of Supervisors passed an order repealing the Van Ness Ordinance. . . . Governor Weller, on being refused admission to the State Prison at San Quentin, broke in the doors, and took forcible possession of the premises.

MARCH 4.—Henry Bates, ex-State Treasurer, impeached by the Legislature, and tried for embezzlement of the public funds, discharged from custody, the District Attorney having entered a *nolle prosequi* in his case. . . . Clipper ship *Don Quirote* arrived in 108 days from New York, being the quickest passage made for a long time.

MARCH 5.—The Opposition Steamer *Orizaba*, of the Nicaragua line, left on her first trip, carrying over 400 passengers, at the following rates:—First class, \$200; second, \$125; steerage, \$50. *Golden Age* left at the same time, carrying over 600 passengers, at similar rates. . . . John Sime elected President of the Mechanics' Institute. . . . Shipments of Treasure to Panama, including per *Orizaba*, \$2,066,379 67.

MARCH 6.—Harvey S. Brown elected District Attorney by the Board of Supervisors to fill the place of W. K. Osborn, deceased. . . . C. A. Stovall arrested and brought before Judge Coon, on a charge of kidnapping Archy Lee; case dismissed for informality of proceedings.

MARCH 8.—Settlers have a spirited meeting at the Nightingale indorsing the action of the Legislature in confirming the Van Ness Ordinance, and requesting that body to extend its provisions over the pueblo claim.

MARCH 11.—Large meeting at Musical Hall of those favoring a repeal of the Van Ness Ordinance. Matter discussed, but no further action taken.

MARCH 13.—Officer Baker, disguised as a countryman, detected three proprietors of book stores, named Murray, McCarty and Arnheim, in selling obscene books.

MARCH 15.—The new French Hospital on Brannan Street inaugurated with appropriate ceremonies. A large procession, composed of every class of citizens, marched to the new building, where a speech was made by Mons. Barbier, President of the *Societe Francaise de Bienfaisance*, under whose auspices the building was erected, which was responded to by Judge Freelon. The occasion was made a general gala day by the foreign population. The festivities, however, were somewhat marred by the premature discharge of a cannon, whereby one of the men working it was badly wounded. . . . Ryan's livery stable was entered early this morning, and a safe carried off and rifled of \$2,000, and \$1,000 worth of jewelry.

MARCH 16.—French man-of-war *Alcibiades*, carrying 118 men and 20 guns, arrived from Honolulu. . . . The Commission from Washington to investigate the affairs of