

with a large number of passengers and a heavy freight, returned to port early this morning, in a disabled and sinking condition. The weather being rough and the ship not seaworthy, she labored heavily, and finally sprang a leak. All the deck cargo, including twelve horses, was thrown overboard, and it was only by constant baling, in which all the passengers aided, that she was kept afloat. The greatest indignation was expressed against the owner of the vessel for sending her to sea, and some very unpleasant demonstrations made to force a repayment of the passage money, which in most cases was acceded to.

JULY 15.—The arrival of the *Cortes* from Bellingham Bay, with 200 return passengers, put the first sensible damper on the Fraser River fever in this city.

JULY 20.—Shipments of Treasure to Panama, \$1,859,009 56; total for the month, \$3,477,901 02.

JULY 21.—Ninth Anniversary of the Presbyterian Sunday School was celebrated in the new church on Stockton Street.

AUGUST 2.—The mail steamer *Oregon*, while entering the harbor on Saturday night, on her return from Victoria, struck on the rocks off Point Reyes, breaking her rudder, and causing such a panic amongst the passengers that some fifty of them attempted jumping ashore. Several of the number fell into the water and were drowned, the survivors coming overland to the city by way of Petaluma. The vessel backed off the rocks, and sustained but little damage.

AUG. 5.—Shipments of Treasure to Panama, \$1,791,744 95.

AUG. 10.—The Board appointed to examine and pass upon unfunded claims against the city, submitted their report, whereby it appeared that the aggregate amount of claims presented against the city and county was \$2,922,007 61, of which \$1,753,906 47 were rejected, and \$1,168,101 14 allowed.

AUG. 18.—A severe shock of an earthquake was felt in the city this evening, at five minutes to eleven o'clock. It shook the buildings perceptibly, and caused many to leave the theaters and other public places.

AUG. 19.—The unfortunate difficulty occurred this evening between George Pen Johnston and W. I. Ferguson, Senator of Sacramento, which resulted in a duel between the parties, on Angel Island, on the 21st following. Three shots were exchanged without effect; on the fourth fire both were wounded, Mr. Ferguson having his thigh bone broken, and Mr. Johnston being wounded in the wrist. Ferguson, after lingering some days, died of the injuries received.

AUG. 20.—Shipments of Treasure to Panama, \$2,034,939 16; total for the month, \$3,826,684 11.

SEPT. 2.—The Second Annual Fair of the Mechanics' Institute opened this morning with a better display in every department than last year. The exhibition, which was kept open several weeks, was well attended, and proved a decided success.

SEPT. 5.—Shipments of Treasure to Panama, \$1,779,414 16.

SEPT. 9.—The eighth anniversary of the admission of California as a State into the Union was celebrated by the Society of California Pioneers and the National Guards.

SEPT. 10.—A convention of Quartz Miners assembled to consider the various topics of interest to this important branch of the resources of the State, and after transacting a considerable amount of business adjourned to the 11th instant.

SEPT. 16.—A comet made its appearance in the north-western heavens, but was scarcely discernable to the naked eye.

SEPT. 20.—Shipments of Treasure to Panama, \$1,757,631 79; total for the month, \$3,537,045 95.

SEPT. 24.—A. J. Taylor, better known as "Natchez," the keeper of a pistol gallery on Clay Street, was accidentally shot by a customer, who was trying the spring of a supposed unloaded pistol, but which unfortunately contained a charge, which caused his death in a few moments.

SEPT. 27.—This being the day appointed for the celebration of the laying of the Atlantic cable, most of the places of business and banking houses were closed. The procession was the largest ever in the city, and comprised the military, firemen,