

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS

From July 1st. 1861, to June 30th, 1862.

JULY 1, 1861. Shipment of Treasure by steamship St. Louis, \$1,098,297 84....The new public school house, corner of Washington and Mason streets, was opened to-day....The new Metropolitan Theatre was opened for public performances to an immense audience.

JULY 2. Appearance of the great comet.... District Attorney Harvey S. Brown, resigned.

JULY 3. Arrival of the Pony Express with Overland letters from New York, etc....A severe shock of earthquake....A dozen wooden houses were destroyed by fire on Telegraph Hill.

JULY 4. The annual celebration of our glorious Independence was observed with great pomp and ceremony to-day. The military were out in full force. The various military and civic bodies formed in procession and marched through the main streets of the city. An oration was delivered at the Metropolitan Theater by Edward Tompkins, the declaration of Independence read by Dr. H. M. Gray, and a Poem spoken by John R. Ridge. The Floral Procession had appropriate exercises at Platt's Music Hall. In the evening fireworks on Washington Square....Arrival of P. M. S. S. Orizaba....A fire occurred in J. Frank & Co.'s cigar store, 315 Clay Street. Loss \$100,000—insured for \$60,000.

JULY 8. The Society of California Pioneers elected officers for ensuing year. President, H. M. Gray; Vice Presidents, James Donahue, H. F. Williams, James Lick, George C. Yount, and Levi Hite; Secretary, W. R. Wheaton....Ladies' Protection and Relief Society held its eighth anniversary exercises at the Unitarian Church.... Joseph Jefferson, the comedian, made his first appearance.

JULY 11. The steamship Uncle Sam left for Panama with \$1,273,699 93 in treasure....District Attorney Nathan Porter, commenced his duties.

JULY 12. Fire on Simmons Street. Loss, \$15,000....Amount of receipts over expenses of the Festival at the Willows, for the benefit of the French R. C. Church, Notre Dame des Victoires, \$3,019 38.

JULY 15. A street fracas occurred between Gov. Downey, John Middleton, and Myles D. Sweeny....Specimens of tobacco raised in Yuba County were exhibited to-day—said to be equal to Virginia....The Vermonters have raised \$500 to purchase a flag, the Rhode Islanders \$700 for the same purpose, to send East for the regiments from each respective State now in the war.... Mrs. Elizabeth Grosvenor, daughter of Thomas Hamblin, New York, died suddenly of apoplexy....The Custom House officers seized as contraband, \$10,000 worth of diamonds which came by last steamer, in care of Mr. Seliz.

JULY 16. Report of the Superintendent of Public Schools, Mr. Denman. Total amount of warrants drawn on the Treasury for fiscal year ending June 30, 1861, \$182,361 46....Receipt of President Lincoln's Message sent to the Extra Session of Congress on the 4th inst.

JULY 19. Charles Estern, a Norwegian, committed suicide by hanging....The French Consul gives notice that French citizens must not enter the army, north, or south, but maintain strict neutrality....The first Overland Mail arrived.

JULY 20. Departure of the S. S. Golden Age with \$1,249,539 73 in treasure....An American flag was sent East for the New York 69th Reg.

JULY 22. David Scannell, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, made his quarterly report. During that time the Department were called out 30 times—18 for fires and 12 for false alarms. The report shows the force of the Department to be 822 members.

JULY 25. The Cortez arrived from the North bringing \$97,266 from the new mines.

JULY 26. Franklin West, son of Col. J. R. West, was killed by a runaway horse.

JULY 28. A fire occurred on Kearny Street. Loss, about \$2,500.

JULY 30. Dr. Munson, Assistant Assayer of the U. S. Branch Mint, resigned. A. G. Dexter was appointed successor....Fire on Davis Street, and eight wooden buildings destroyed.

JULY 31. A Democratic (Breckenridge) meeting held at Music Hall which was considered disunion, and finally broken up by the strong Union portion of the audience.

AUGUST 1. The steamship Golden Gate with \$1,370,443 86, in treasure, sailed for Panama....A splendid American flag, gotten up by the New Hampshire residents of the city, at a cost of \$800, was forwarded to the 1st New Hampshire Regiment....The Sunday law went into effect....A fire on Davis Street, destroying property to the value of \$8,000....The colored people had a celebration at Hayes' Park....John Sweeny was trampled to death by frightened mules in a corral.

AUG. 2. Julius Kreyenhagen, a prominent merchant, and Consul for Saxony, and William W. Bennett, died very suddenly....News by Pony Express of a Federal retreat at Bull Run, Virginia....Gen. Sumner, U. S. A., received a dispatch from the War Department, accepting one regiment of infantry and five companies of cavalry from California....Bonney, the murderer of Hirsch, was sentenced at San Leandro, to be hung on the 28th September....The City Treasurer's monthly report shows a cash balance of \$87,953 01.