

story frame building, on the corner of Beale and Mission streets, was burned to the ground. Loss about \$2,500....James Burns, first mate of the brig Quoddy Belle, was washed overboard and drowned as that vessel was entering the harbor.

DEC. 23. A severe earthquake, lasting five or six seconds, was felt throughout the city....A number of the crew of the ship Audubon were arrested for mutiny on the high seas.

DEC. 24. First cars started on the South Beach and Mission Railway.

DEC. 25. Christmas was very generally observed throughout the city, by the customary religious services and festivities....News received of the death of Capt. John Wattson at Hongkong....An Englishman, named George Wormsley, committed suicide by taking laudanum.

DEC. 27. The P. M. Steamship Constitution arrived with a large number of passengers and the news of the capture of the steamer Ariel, on the Atlantic side, by the Alabama, causing great excitement....Rev. Mr. Thrall, a pioneer clergyman, arrived with his family.

DEC. 29. The drying house and stable of the Chelsea Laundry, on Brannan Street, between Third and Fourth, were destroyed by fire. Loss near \$1,000....A slight shock of an earthquake felt throughout the city.

DEC. 30. Hon. Thomas Campbell, member of the Assembly from Calaveras County, died of consumption....Mrs. Mary Ann Clark committed suicide by taking strychnine....Charles A. Moore attempted suicide by shooting himself with a pistol.

JANUARY 1, 1863. Although the weather was unpleasant, New Year's Day was generally observed throughout the city....The P. M. Steamship Constitution left for Panama with a number of passengers and treasure amounting to over \$1,000,000....The Sierra Nevada arrived from the North with treasure amounting to \$90,358 83....The clipper ship Noonday, from Boston, was wrecked off the Farallone Islands.

JAN. 3. Hon. John A. Lent, a pioneer citizen, and late County Judge of Alameda County, died of a lingering illness....Judge Sawyer, of the Twelfth District Court, decides that greenbacks are a legal tender.

JAN. 4. The P. M. Steamship St. Louis arrived with a large number of passengers from the East....Weather inclement; a heavy rain falling.

JAN. 6. Rev. H. W. Bellows acknowledges the receipt of \$20,000 from California to the Sanitary Fund....The first pleasant day of the season.

JAN. 8. The New Hall of the Society of California Pioneers was inaugurated with appropriate ceremonies—a procession of the Secretary; Inaugural Address by the President, O. P. Sutton; an Oration by Eugene Lies, and a Grand Ball in the evening....The flags of the city and shipping were generally displayed in honor of the Anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans.

JAN. 9. The ship F. W. Bailey was stranded outside the harbor, and wrecked. The following persons belonging to the vessel were lost: Samuel P. Dyer, Captain; the First Officer, and Wm. Rudolph, John Tarlando, Peter Simpson, John Conway, J. C. Fielding, Joseph Lynch, and George Kinckley, of the crew....Allen Cook, formerly of Niles, Michigan, committed suicide by shooting himself with a pistol....D. W. Barry, an Irishman, dropped dead in the street of an attack of apoplexy.

JAN. 10. The P. M. steamship St. Louis left for Panama with treasure amounting to \$893,790 50....The steamer Scotland left for Hongkong with treasure amounting to \$185,000.

JAN. 11. The steamship Pacific arrived from the North with \$80,000 in bullion and dust....The British bark, Mary Nicholson, arrived from Sydney after a stormy passage.

JAN. 14. The colored population of San Francisco celebrated the President's Emancipation Proclamation by a Grand Jubilee at Platt's Hall. The Proclamation was read by Rev. J. B. Sanderson, and an address was delivered by Rev. T. Starr King....George Watson, Second Steward of the steamship Pacific, dropped dead on the street of disease of the heart.

JAN. 15. A young woman named Ellen Rowland died of burns received while reading in bed the night previous....Eben Niles, an old citizen, was found dead in his bed from paralysis....George Stewart, a carpenter, was found drowned in the Bay.

JAN. 17. Capt. James Hagan, an old citizen—the first Harbor Master of San Francisco, and a member of the Board of Aldermen in 1849–50—died of a lingering illness....A difficulty occurred in a Saloon between James Eoff and Wm. Chapman, in which the former shot the latter with a pistol.

JAN. 18. The Steam Laundry at the Laguna, on the Presidio Road, was destroyed by fire. Loss about \$20,000....The Russian American Sitka Ice Company's building destroyed by fire.

JAN. 19. Wm. Chapman died of the wound received from James Eoff....A fire occurred in the brick building adjoining the Railroad House on the west side: Loss about \$2,000.

JAN. 21. The P. M. steamship Golden Age left for Panama with treasure amounting to \$1,731,815 36....W. W. Kurtz, one of the founders of the Sacramento Union, died; aged 36 years....Henry Bryan died from the effects of hair-dye taken in mistake for castor oil....E. P. Browning found dead in his bed from disease of the heart.

JAN. 26. The P. M. steamship Sonora arrived with a large number of passengers and considerable freight....A fire occurred in the rear of the Sugar Refinery, below Folsom and beyond Sixth, destroying several frame buildings....Another fire occurred at the same time on Jessie Street, between Third and Fourth, destroying several frame dwellings....Thomas Toynbee, an Englishman, committed suicide by taking strychnine.

JAN. 29. The Opposition steamship Herman arrived from Panama with a large number of passengers.

FEBRUARY 3. The Twelfth Anniversary of the San Francisco Protestant Orphan Asylum celebrated at Platt's Hall. Addresses were delivered by J. B. Crockett, Nathan Porter and others. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year—President: Mrs. Ira P. Rankin; Vice President: Mrs. R. J. Vandewater; Treasurer: Mrs. S. R. Throckmorton; Secretary: Mrs. F. MacCrellish.

FEB. 7. The P. M. steamship Constitution arrived from Panama with a large number of passengers, a quantity of freight, and \$320,000 of the treasure lost on the Golden Gate.

FEB. 9. Four Companies of the Massachusetts Cavalry Battalion, raised in California, quartered in Platt's Hall....A son of Henry Marks, struck on the head by a horse and killed.

FEB. 11. A severe storm of rain and wind occurred during the entire night, doing considerable damage.

FEB. 13. Goods amounting to \$200,000 in value, the property of some eight or ten foreign business houses, were seized by the Custom House authorities for violations of the Revenue laws.

FEB. 16. A heavy south-easterly gale prevailed during the day, doing considerable damage. A large frame building, in the course of erection on the corner of Howard and Twelfth streets, was blown down, killing a boy named White.

FEB. 17. The U. S. sloop of war Cyane arrived from Panama....Pilot boat Relief, No. 2, capsized at the entrance of the harbor, and all on board lost.

FEB. 21. The P. M. steamer St. Louis left for