

## CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS.

From September 1st, 1868, to November 30th, 1869.

PACIFIC COAST BUSINESS DIRECTORY circulates throughout the Pacific Coast.

SEPTEMBER 1. 1868. The Daily Morning Chronicle issued its first number.

SEPT. 2. The body of James Conroy was found floating in the bay off the foot of Third Street.

SEPT. 4. The Italian barque Brignardello, from Valparaiso, went ashore below the Cliff House.

SEPT. 5. The P. M. steamship Golden City sailed for Panama with a number of passengers and \$130,235.16 in treasure .... The Underwriter, a weekly insurance paper, made its first appearance.

SEPT. 6. Philip Sichel, a prominent merchant, died suddenly on Sutter Street from aneurism of the heart.

SEPT. 7. A fire, 8½ P.M., on the corner of Sanson and California streets; damage trifling.

SEPT. 9. The eighteenth anniversary of the admission of California into the Union was celebrated by the Pioneers with appropriate ceremonies.

SEPT. 10. David B. Rising, a pioneer Californian, died of apoplexy .... David C. McCarthy, another pioneer, died, aged 42 years.

SEPT. 11. Captain John C. Ayers, of the Police force, a pioneer Californian, died of congestion of the lungs, aged 48 years.

SEPT. 12. The Mechanics' Industrial Fair closed with appropriate ceremonies.

SEPT. 14. The P. M. steamship Sacramento sailed for Panama with a number of passengers and \$195,273.35 in treasure.

SEPT. 15. José Duarte, a native of Sonora, Mexico, was found dead in his bed; aged 37 years.

SEPT. 16. The steamer Idabo, together with her cargo of sugar, valued at \$100,000 was seized for alleged violation of the Revenue Laws .... Geo. Ebbinhausen committed suicide by cutting his throat with a clasp knife.

SEPT. 17. A boy named James O'Neil, aged about 6 years, was instantly killed by falling under the wheels of a heavily-laden truck.

SEPT. 19. Henry Martin, a German aged 27 years, committed suicide by swallowing chloroform.

SEPT. 21. George W. Bennett committed suicide at the Commercial House, by stabbing himself in the neck with a sheath knife. .... The body of Manuel Ternia, a native of Portugal, was found in the bay near the foot of Third Street.

SEPT. 22. The Pacific Mail steamship Golden Age sailed for Panama with \$280,901.48 in treasure.

SEPT. 24. A fire, 2 A.M., in a store on Commercial Street, near Front; loss about \$6,000. Another at 1 P.M., on Chambers Street, between Front and Davis, destroying property to the amount of \$1,600.

SEPT. 25. James A. Rogers, School Director of the Twelfth Ward, died, aged 48 years.

SEPT. 27. At 4 A.M. a frame building on Green Street, between Hyde and Larkin, was destroyed by fire.

SEPT. 28. A fire, 1½ A.M., on Folsom Street, near Fourteenth, destroying two frame buildings; loss about \$1,000 .... The body of an unknown man was found in the bay near North Point.

SEPT. 30. The Pacific Mail steamship Constitution sailed for Panama with \$240,492.50 in treasure.

OCTOBER 1. A fire, 3½ A.M., on Stevenson Street; damage \$2,500 .... S. D. Abbott suddenly expired in a saloon.

OCT. 4. The P. M. S. S. Great Republic sailed for China.

OCT. 5. A fire, 3 P.M., corner Market and Fifth streets; damage trifling .... James Clark Smith, a pioneer Californian, died, aged 71 years.

OCT. 6. The P. M. S. S. Colorado sailed for Panama with \$520,214.89 in treasure.

OCT. 7. A fire, 1½ P.M., 811 Market Street; damage slight .... Patrick Hayes, aged 48 years, fell dead while descending a stairway in the City Hall .... The new hall of the Order of Good Templars, on Market Street, was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies .... Sewall Benson, a highly respected citizen, committed suicide at Laurel Hill Cemetery .... H. L. Henschel, a pioneer of 1848, died, aged 57 years.

OCT. 9. Fires, 1 A.M., destroyed the Franklin House, corner of Broadway and Sanson streets, and two adjoining buildings; Thomas Rogers and J. Ryan perished in the flames; and 7½ P.M. corner of Sanson and Battery streets; damage \$10,000.

OCT. 10. Golden Gate Driving Park was opened to the public.

OCT. 11. Forty cases of small pox and 17 deaths reported for the past week .... Michael Balfrey fell dead while playing a game of ball .... A fire, 8½ A.M., 131 Third Street; damage slight.

OCT. 12. A fire, 11½ P.M., Third Street, near Everett, partially destroyed four frame buildings.

OCT. 13. A fire, 4 P.M., on Washington Street near Dupont; damage trifling.

OCT. 14. The P. M. S. S. Golden City sailed for Panama with \$30,796.79 in treasure.

OCT. 17. A fire, 11 A.M., on Main Street near Mission; damage slight.

OCT. 18. Mrs. J. F. Sherwood and child were drowned in a well at the Potrero.

OCT. 19. George W. Ryder, an old Californian, aged 49 years, died of apoplexy .... A fire, 1½ A.M., destroyed a frame house on Franklin Street near Clay.

OCT. 20. A prize fight, in Solano County, between Bush and Dwyer of this city, resulted in favor of Bush on the seventh round.

OCT. 21. The most violent earthquake experienced in California since its settlement by Americans, occurred at 7.54 A.M. The first and heaviest shock continued about 45 seconds, and was followed during the day by others of shorter duration. Five persons were killed by falling walls, and several others severely injured. The shock was most severe east of Montgomery Street, three or four buildings being thrown down and many others badly injured. The total damage to property is estimated at \$500,000 .... Lieut. Commander John G. Mitchell, U. S. Navy was killed, on Stockton Street, by William O. Smith and Thomas Savage.

OCT. 22. A fire, 4 P.M., at 813 Vallejo Street; damage \$1,500 .... The P. M. S. S. Sacramento sailed for Panama with \$174,253.57 in treasure .... A sailor, John Franks, was killed by falling from the mainmast of the British ship Herman.

OCT. 23. A fire, 8 P.M., corner Greenwich and Powell streets; damage \$1,500 .... Abraham Kahn committed suicide .... Joseph Mahoney fell dead on Pacific Street.