

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF CURRENT EVENTS,

From September 23, 1871, to February 20, 1873.

SEPTEMBER 23, 1871. A fire on Market Street between First and Second, which totally destroys eight three-story brick buildings, known as the Harpending Block, with the contents; loss, \$900,000. The *Enterprise*, a workingmen's journal, makes its first appearance.

Sept. 24. Captain Wildes T. Thompson, a prominent pioneer resident of this city, dies at Oakland, aged 76 years.

Sept. 25. The ship *Fideliter* condemned for fraudulently obtaining an American register. James Riley dangerously shot by John Jordan.

Sept. 26. G. Bannaz commits suicide. R. Van Damme, a pioneer resident, dies, aged fifty-eight years.

Sept. 27. Andrew Doyle found dead in his bed.

Sept. 30. Charles W. Evans drops dead.

October 1. Mrs. John Leon killed by falling down a flight of stairs. Several persons connected with the City Gas Co. arrested for building a bride across Mission Creek. An affray between Edwin Hall and Edward Kelly, during which both are dangerously cut.

Oct. 2. George H. Ensign, a prominent and highly respected resident of this city, dies at Stockton, Cal.

Oct. 5. A large meeting of property holders held to take measures to prevent obstruction to navigation in Mission Creek. A fire on the northwest corner of Post and Stockton streets, destroying the Occidental Skating Rink, and damaging several adjoining buildings; loss, \$6,000. A meeting of aborning men held to petition the U. S. Senate against the importation of Chinese laborers.

Oct. 6. William H. Ellis drowned in the bay.

Oct. 7. William Hogan commits suicide.

Oct. 8. Eugene Simonet commits suicide. The body of David Graham found floating in the bay.

Oct. 9. Joshua A. Shreve found dead in an out-house. News received of a terrific fire raging in Chicago, Illinois.

Oct. 11. A large and enthusiastic meeting held at the Merchants' Exchange, for the relief of the sufferers by the Chicago fire. About \$25,000 contributed in the spot.

Oct. 12. The body of David Barry found floating in the bay.

Oct. 13. John Sime, a well-known banker and pioneer Californian, dies, aged fifty-two years. Benjamin Barnes drowned in the bay.

Oct. 17. Lizzie Hawkins, a child, killed by being run over by a truck. Joaquin Torres, a well-known artist and pioneer Californian, dies.

Oct. 18. The judicial election results in the success of the Republican State ticket and Tax-payers' local ticket. The body of James Clark found floating in the bay.

Oct. 19. \$141,636.35 contributed to date by residents of this city for the relief of the Chicago sufferers.

Oct. 21. Willie Clyde fatally injured by a street car.

Oct. 23. James Griffin drops dead in the street. Alexander White dies in a fit in the City Prison.

D. Watson, a well-known citizen, dies, aged fifty years. Thomas West, a pioneer Californian, dies suddenly in a fit.

Oct. 25. William E. Barron, a prominent merchant, dies, aged forty-nine years.

Oct. 27. Mrs. Dousett found dead in her bed.

Oct. 28. Edward Hertel commits suicide.

Oct. 29. William Kyle drowned in the bay.

Oct. 31. The Grand Jury find one hundred and twenty indictments against parties interested in lottery schemes.

November 1. John Sime & Co., a prominent banking firm, suspend payment. Edward Kehoe killed by the accidental discharge of a pistol.

Nov. 2. George DeMannel and Patrick Carey killed by falling timbers at the Mechanics' Institute Pavilion. H. Johns killed by being run over by a wagon.

Nov. 3. The California Rifles mustered out of service, by order of Gov. Haight.

Nov. 4. The first number of *The West* makes its appearance.

Nov. 5. The Pacific Wood Preserving Works destroyed by fire; loss, \$20,000. The store of Godchaux Bros. & Co. robbed of \$5,000 worth of silks and laces. William Irvine drops dead.

Nov. 7. John Still mortally shot by Joshua L. Jones.

Nov. 10. James Fitzsimmons found dead in bed.

Nov. 11. The California Olympic Club organized. John Winter drops dead in the Occidental Hotel.

Nov. 12. A dwelling house on the Cliff House Road destroyed by fire; loss, \$5,000.

Nov. 13. G. D. Orcutt found on Broadway Wharf in a dying condition.

Nov. 14. A fire on Drumm Street near Pacific, destroys a row of frame buildings. Jane Rice found dead in her room. The Horace Hawes Estate trial commences in the Probate Court.

Nov. 15. Ellen Bonday fatally poisoned by taking a dose of strychnine through mistake.

Nov. 21. Peter Schwenke found dead in bed.

Nov. 24. The police make a descent on several gambling establishments. Patrick King found drowned in the bay.

Nov. 26. A severe rain and wind storm, during which a dwelling house near the Mission was blown down.

Nov. 28. Joseph Laurie crushed to death by the fall of a stable.

Nov. 29. News received of the death of ex-Governor John Bigler at Sacramento City.

Nov. 30. Thanksgiving Day appropriately observed.

December 1. A serious affray between Judge Delos Lake and Charles DeYoung, during which, E. D. Wheeler, a bystander, is shot. A man named Hennessy found dead in his room.

Dec. 2. A fire at 512 Commercial Street; loss, \$8,000. The breach of promise case, Turner vs. Ortiz, results in a verdict for plaintiff; damages, \$7,500. The Horace Hawes will case decided in favor of the contestants.

Dec. 3. Richard L. Green drowned in Laguna de la Merced.

Dec. 4. Mayor Alvord and other newly-elected City and County officials, enter upon the discharge of their duties. The *Daily Evening Post* makes its first appearance.

Dec. 5. Mrs. Rachael Major found dead in bed. John F. Pennell dies suddenly in the City Prison.

Dec. 7. The mare, Mattie Howard, trots twenty miles in fifty-nine minutes and thirty and one fourth seconds, over the Agricultural Park course. James Downing dies suddenly in a saloon. Charles Beverson drowned in the bay.

Dec. 8. Two prisoners escape by digging a hole through the wall of the County Jail. The profile of a man's face discovered on the window of a house, 2119 Mason Street, causing much excitement.

Dec. 10. Diedrich Behneman drowned in the bay.

Dec. 11. Robert B. Torrance, a well-known resident, dies suddenly, aged 57 years.

ATINA INS. CO., OF HARTFORD, has a paid-up Capital of \$3,000,000, and Cash Assets of over \$5,000,000, GEO. C. BOARDMAN, Manager.