

# CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF CURRENT EVENTS,

FROM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1878.

January 1. Hoodlums murder James Lyons, corner Fifth and Tehama streets. . . Thomas J. Dixon, Clerk Police Court, arrested for embezzlement.

Jan. 2. Hon. H. L. Dodge assumes charge of the U.S. Mint as Superintendent. . . The banking house of Hickox & Spear suspends.

Jan. 3. Unemployed workmen call on the Mayor for work.

Jan. 5. Kearney, Wellock, Knight and O'Donnell arrested under indictment for riot and conspiracy.

Jan. 6. State Senator Nathan Porter dies at Sacramento.

Jan. 7. Fire in block bounded by Spear, Main, Harrison and Folsom streets; damages, \$25,000.

Jan. 9. Kearney re-arrested under the Gibbs Ordinance for riot. . . Martin Pendergast attempts to murder Mrs. Price, and then suicides.

Jan. 10. Kearney and Wellock again arrested. . . Property owners protest against further widening of Dupont street.

Jan. 11. William T. Duncan and W. S. Duvall arrested for aiding the escape of J. C. Duncan and LeWarne. . . Kearney arrested on an additional complaint.

Jan. 13. Largest rainfall of the season up to date. . . "Widows and Orphans' Aid Association of the Police Department" organized.

Jan. 14. Baby show in Platt's Hall largely attended, one hundred and fifty entered for prizes.

Jan. 15. The trial of Kearney, Wellock, Knight, and other labor agitators begins in the City Criminal Court. . . J. C. Patrick installed President of the Chamber of Commerce.

Jan. 16. Board of Supervisors appoint committee to urge passage of the "Coffee Police bill." . . Kearney, Wellock, and Knight again arrested. . . Charles E. Hook suicides by poison.

Jan. 17. Mayor Bryant issues his proclamation, forbidding unlawful assemblages. . . Second Brigade National Guard on duty to support police, if required. . . The police disperse a meeting in the Eighth Ward. . . State Convention National Labor Party assembles in Dashaway Hall.

Jan. 18. Charles Crocker announces work for a thousand men, at \$1 per day. . . Militia still guarding armories. . . William Peterson suicides.

Jan. 19. Police disperse mob on outside of Dashaway Hall. . . The Riot Act passes the Legislature, and is signed by the Governor. . . Militia still on duty. . . Great excitement over the labor agitation throughout the city.

Jan. 20. Henry J. Coolidge suicides.

Jan. 21. John W. Nelson suicides. . . Heavy runs are made on the Odd Fellows and Clay Street Savings Banks. . . Workmen's Convention meets at Humboldt Hall.

Jan. 22. Kearney, Wellock and Knight are acquitted, after six days trial. . . An attempt to poison the family of Ex-Supervisor Drucker.

Jan. 23. Wilhelmina Jones dies from the effect of an assault by Albert Ontiviras. . . William H. Patterson suicides.

Jan. 25. The hark King Phillip wrecked off the heads. . . Workmen's Convention adjourns *sine die*. . . Maria M. Howard suicides by chloroform. . . The parting of a tug's hawser kills Capt. Blinn of the ship Western Shore.

Jan. 26. The Bank of San Francisco winds up its business.

Jan. 28. Prosecuting Attorney Roysden moves the indefinite postponement of all the indictments against Kearney, Wellock and Knight.

Jan. 29. Citizens subscribe largely to the Bush Fund for employing labor in Golden Gate Park.

Jan. 30. Joseph Meyer drowned in the bay.

February 1. Adolph Goetzin suicides. . . Judge Wheeler decides a mortgage given as security against future assessments on stocks, valueless.

Feb. 2. John W. Nelson suicides by drowning.

Feb. 3. Incendiaries attempt to fire the Supreme Court Building.

Feb. 6. J. Antonia suicides by strychnine. . . Police arrest sixty-two Chinamen under Cubic Air Ordinance.

Feb. 8. A. Tassaro attempts to murder A. D. Splivalo, and then suicides by pistol. . . Charles Gave dies of injuries received in a fight with Hugh O'Neil.

Feb. 10. The North Beach and Mission R. R. Co. lay their track on California from Battery to Market Street, in ten hours, "heading off" the California Street R. R. Co. . . George E. Fenton, 17 years old, suicides by pistol. . . The body of E. Bushwick, supposed suicide, found near Ocean Beach House. . . George E. McCarty suicides.

Feb. 11. Thomas Wallace, a noted criminal, escapes from the Municipal Criminal Court room. . . John Kjeldstrom and John Shortreed suicide.

Feb. 12. California Street R. R. Co. commences laying its cable. . . Florence Hoffer suicides.

Feb. 13. Fire in Pacific Vinegar Factory; damages, \$4,000. . . William H. Fox suicides.

Feb. 14. Fourth annual sale of the Real Estate Associates realizes \$202,525. . . Sixty-five thousand valentines pass through the Post-Office. . . Constitution of Workmen's Party officially promulgated.

Feb. 15. John Bradley is killed by a windlass.

Feb. 17. Duncan, the Pioneer Bank forger, attempts to leave the city by sea, is intercepted, and eludes the police on returning to land. . . James N. McCune, a member of the San Francisco Produce Exchange, dies.

Feb. 18. The heaviest rain-fall of the season. . . J. W. Mackey announces that he will pay cost of Pacific Mineral exhibit to Paris Exposition. . . Frederick Beck suicides.

Feb. 19. Thomas D. Nice acquitted of the murder of Emma Mehan. . . George W. Abbott, money broker, absconds with \$50,000.

Feb. 20. J. C. Merrill on trial for harboring Duncan. . . Francis Harvey suicides.

Feb. 21. John Scott suicides.

Feb. 22. The Branch Mint discontinues the coinage of trade dollars. . . The New German Hospital, costing \$200,000, formally opens. . . Samuel F. Schwartz arrested for defrauding the Government.

Feb. 24. Joseph C. Duncan, the Pioneer Bank forger, is captured.

Feb. 25. John McGuire sentenced for the murder of Thomas Williams. . . Police Officer Coppola dies from pistol shot fired by his wife.

Feb. 26. The Fair in aid of the German Hospital opens in Horticultural Hall.

Feb. 27. The steamship City of New York arrives from Honolulu, having made the quickest time on record.

Feb. 28. William Maitland and John Smith found guilty of taking money for shipping sailors in a British vessel. . . Total rain-fall for February, 10.93 inches, the heaviest of thirty years for same month.

March 1. Charles C. Nahl, the eminent figure painter, and an "Argonaut" of 1850, dies. . . The Olympic Club gives successful exhibition at Baldwin's Theater.

March 2. J. Graver suicides. . . August Fugelsang found near Eight-mile House fatally wounded. . . F. W. May arrested for the attempted poisoning of Ex-Supervisor Drucker. . . John Brarons found dead.

March 3. Guy R. Skinner suicides. . . Wesley D. Barnes is shot by a woman claiming to be his wife. William Inkenen drowned in the bay. . . Thaddeus Honan, a training-ship boy, suicides by drowning.

March 4. The Centennial anniversary of Robert Emmet's birth is celebrated by overflowing houses in Metropolitan Temple and Pacific Hall.

March 5. The body of Joseph D. Olesen recovered from the bay. . . The German Hospital Fair closes with net profits, \$20,000.

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