

of which vessels can be brought and unloaded readily. There are a great many wharves here and some very extensive mercantile houses are located here which do a thriving business during the shipping season. When we laid here there were from 100 to 150 vessels here and it presented quite a lively appearance on shore. The streets were filled with sailors and the public houses reaped a golden harvest for liquors was sold a drink and it did not take a great while to get rid of a dollar to say nothing of the women who besieged one on every hand and who about the time that the vessels were expected flocked in from the country and the neighboring islands to pursue their trade and reap the share of the harvest.

But I was fated to stay longer in the island than any of the rest for getting heated with work one day I and a number of others went in bathing from the ship while we were warm and the next day I was taken with the pleurisy which soon increased to such a degree that I had to be taken to the hospital. I was sick for about a week with it before I found any relief and in that time I was so much reduced that I could hardly stand. In the meantime I had been discharged from the ship and she had sailed for home. When I got smart enough I began to take short walks about the place being advised by the doctor to take all the exercise that I could. As our arrival here was among the first as the British fleet not arriving till we had been there some time the streets still presented a lively appearance especially at night when the sounds of music would peal forth from each public house and inside would be found a crowd of sailors some dancing and others drinking and in another part would be found billiard tables bowling alleys etc. But in two or three weeks time all this was changed. The ships sailed one by one until there was only here and there one left and then

you could go along the same streets without meeting any one but the natives.

The main street after running through the town takes its course to the mountains through a plain called Ohuana valley which is studded with hand some cottages. The hospital is very unhealthy situated on a low swampy piece of land having a stagnant pond of water right alongside of it breeding myriads of mosquitoes which tormented us day and night. The results of promiscuous intercourse with the native women are seen here one half of the cases being private diseases. I had been here about ten weeks when one day the doctor said to me that he had now done all that he could for me and that I must begin to think of looking out for myself. As there was now no shipping in the harbor excepting the San Francisco packets the chance for shipping here did not look very bright. As the consul is obliged in case of a sailor being discharged sick in a foreign port on his recovery to give him a passage to his own country on the first opportunity I asked him for a passage. He said he would send me to San Francisco that being the nearest port in the United States. As there was no ships expected in for some time I accepted a passage thinking that there I might ship for home.

So on one fine morning after this I with four or five other men took our traps on board of the Bark Yankee bound to San Francisco. We were towed outside of the reef by a tug which then left us and we proceeded on our way. The first night out about one o'clock we were startled by hearing the report of a pistol and on search being made it was found that one of the passengers had crawled into a bunk in an empty stateroom and had committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. We arranged his body for burial and the next day at nine o'clock the burial service was read over him and his body committed to the deep. We