

American Exchange Hotel San Francisco Cal.

1868

Sunday 4th I arrived here in San Francisco at the
at the American Exchange Hotel at twelve
o'clock yesterday to day is Sunday I have but
up on lookout Bill to see the City to day the
are some very fine buildings here it seems to be
quite lively here now I have been writing to day
one letter for myself & one for mother the weather
has been fine to day I feel quite tired to night

Monday 5th To day has been one of general excitement
I have been to visit Musicians this afternoon
and to the Alhambra this evening I went
at half past seven and got back at twelve
o'clock I liked the play first rate it is first
time I ever went to a G. coming back I
met a torchlight procession which was quite a
sight. I am going to finish my letters to night

Tuesday 6th

To day I have been quite busy this
forenoon I visited the City Garden's saw quite
a large collection of wild Ananils but this
afternoon I went to the Woodward's Gardens
and it is worth going to see there is a large
Museum in the Garden that has a pair of
Bird Ananils & insect from a flea up to an
Elephant stuffed & besides all kinds of Beasts
& fowls on the grounds there this evening
to the Theater again & see a fine play called
Rip Van Winkle Altogether I have enjoyed
myself pretty well in San Francisco I have written
two letters to day & sent home one to mother
and one to Lizzie the Post Office here is
a large building and has 1500 boxes in it but it
is time for me to retire

Wednesday 7th

This morning we are getting ready to go
on board the Montana she was to have sailed
at ten o'clock but the time has been put off
until four o'clock so we look around to pass
the time it seems to be quite a lively place
here plenty of gold and silver in the mines
around it looks good anyhow if it don't belong
to a fellow here it is four o'clock and
we take a coach go down to the Boat and
at half past four we cast both from the wharf
and bid farewell to San Francisco at eight o'clock
I go to bed wind light and on on St. Mary

Steamer Montana Capt Godfrey

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Thursday 8th This day begins fine with a fine breeze
from the West we are going along under
Stam and sail this afternoon the wind is at
S.W. & very light to day noon we are in Lat-
36-32 Long 124-132 miles from San Francisco day ends
fine Course S.W. x W.

Friday 9th The day begins with a thick fog and
calm we are still steering S.W. x W. made
168 miles the last twenty four hours rather slow
work for a Steamer it seems rather lonesome
aboard here there are so few passengers only
two Ladies the air is quite cool here now
we are very near the track of the Northern
Whalers now the day ends foggy with light breeze.

Saturday 10th

The day begins thick and foggy with a whole
sail breeze we are carrying foregallant sail & fore top and
lower Studding sails and light steam made 200 miles
at last reckoning this afternoon there is quite a strong
breeze from the North the ship is light and rolls
quite heavy day ends steering S.W.

Sunday 11th

We have a strong steady breeze this morning
and cloudy no observation to day it being quite
thick at noon this afternoon the breeze has died
away some and cleared up but she continues to
roll heavy we have had no service to day because
there is now Minister aboard day ends steering S.W.

Monday 12th

This morning there is a light breeze from
the East made 90 miles to day Lat 30-00 Long 126-
this afternoon the wind has hauled around South
so we have taken in all sail and going by steam
making slow work day ends fine

Tuesday 13th

This morning we are steaming along at
the rate of seven miles per hour the water is
smooth as glass there is a dead calm all day
to day we have made 168 miles to day

Wednesday 14th

This morning is calm the weather is very
warm nothing in sight we have made 160
miles to day the weather continues to grow
warmer this afternoon there is a light breeze
from the East Lat 23-13 N Long 141-18 West