

# RARE PHOTOGRAPHS OF OLD SAN FRANCISCO

## TWENTY FIRST INSTALLMENT

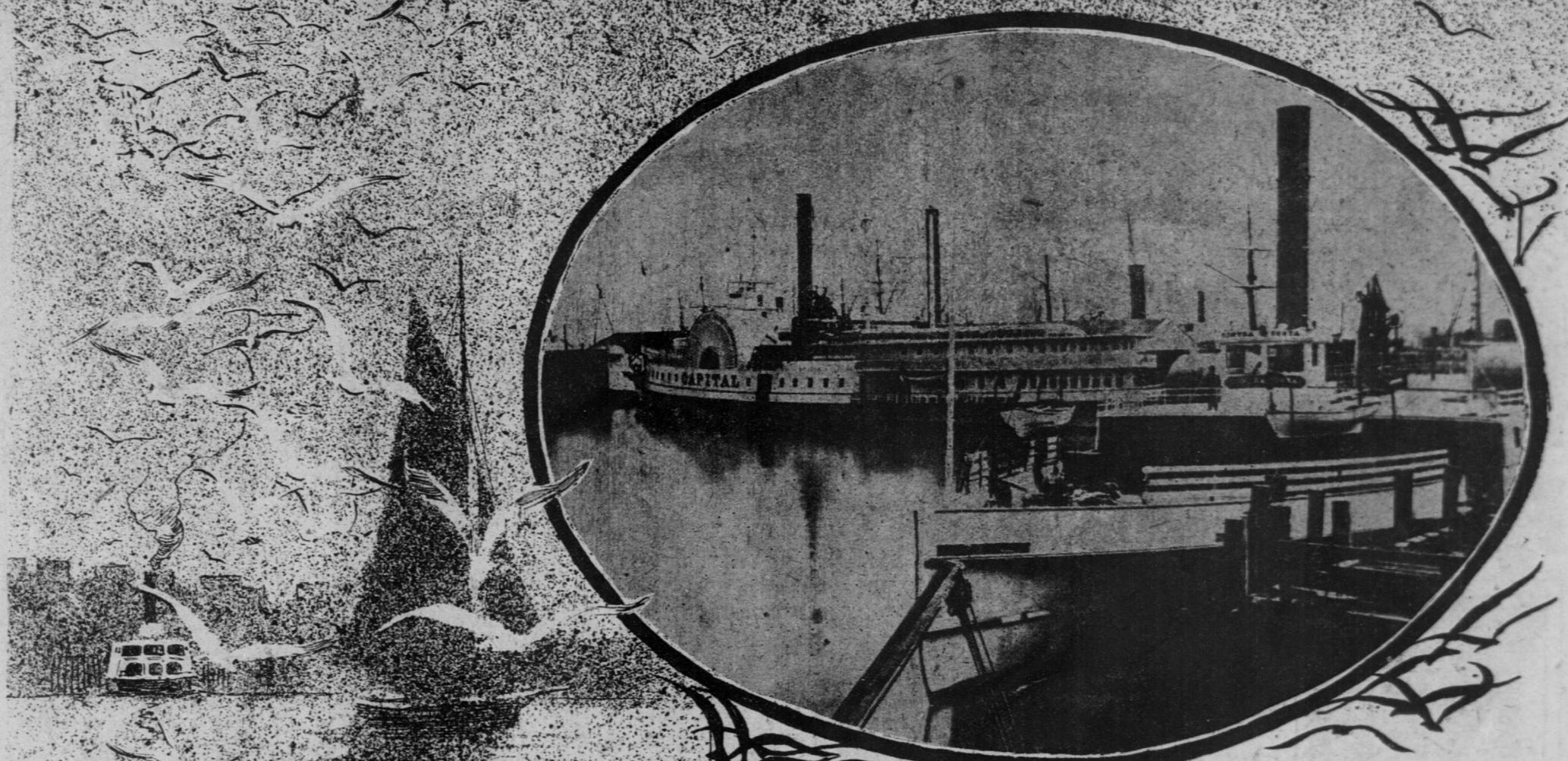
THE first reproduction of photographs of old San Francisco today shows California street west of Kearny, with the terminus of the California cable, which was put in operation August, 1877. The platform on which the cars rested on the in trip was one of the peculiar freaks of the times—the obstructing of a public thoroughfare for the accommodation of a car line. The road was commenced in 1876, and its first western terminus was at Fillmore street. It was afterward extended to its present limit at Presidio avenue. Leland Stanford was the first president of the road, and A. S. Hallidie, the inventor of the cable system of street railways, vice president. The picture shows the old fashioned two story frame house at the northwest corner of California and Kearny streets in which was located the office of the *Wasp*, and the workrooms of Henry Chapman, a naturalist and taxidermist. Farther up California street is an "old shake down" of the days of the early fifties that was occupied by Mme. Gauber, a florist, and down below grade two houses that before Kearny street was widened were high class residences. One of these in later days became a French *table d'hôte*, which afterward became one of the first places in which a "regular French dinner" with half bottle of wine and cognac was served for 25 cents. Next, farther up the hill, was the California hotel, the basement of which, facing on a pretty garden, Somally kept a restaurant where fine dinners were served. The building at the corner of Dupont is St. Mary's cathedral.

In photograph No. 2 is shown a view of the water front with two old time steam vessels in the foreground—the Capital, that belonged to the California steam navigation company and ran to Sacramento and Stockton under the mastership of Captain Poole, and the other the Contra Costa of the same line when the boats in the later sixties and early seventies started from Pacific and Davis streets. The view embraces the front from the then head of Pacific street wharf, north to Broadway, long before piers were constructed and sheds erected on them.

The view in photograph No. 3 is that of the days in the latter part of the eighties, when a force of men, graders, track layers and others, were laying the track along the line of the Ocean boulevard from H street, the southern boundary of Golden Gate park, to the southern base of Sutro heights. It also shows the wagon road leading to the Cliff house.

Picture No. 4 is a good view of the water front when there was not that systematic arrangement of wharves and docks that exists at present. The view shows the warehouses north of Clark's point in the sixth and seventies.

The view in picture No. 5 is that of North Beach in 1885, when the water line came up to Francisco street. It is a comprehensive reproduction of what existed in that section of the city at that time. In the upper background is the famous Telegraph hill, dotted with many homes and some distinctive landmarks, notably the Toland medical college, which was endowed by the late Dr. H. H. Toland, then one of the city's most prominent physicians. This stood on Stockton street near Francisco. To the right on the same street, at the corner of Chestnut, was the building that was after 1863 known as the Home for the Care of Inebriates, an institution that was supported in part by voluntary contributions and in part by government appropriation. This building, when it was completed in 1860 for William A. Pfeiffer, was known as the "Pfeiffer Castle," because constructed on the lines of an old German mansion with great archways and vestibules and castellated upper front and sides. It was a peculiarly attractive structure for its time, and while people thought that the owner was decidedly cranky in putting up such a pretentious edifice it suited him and his family. In the rear he had a flouring mill, a publishing combination, palace and workshop. The long building on Powell street near Lombard was the Presentation convent, which was opened as a private educational institution by 15 Sisters of Presentation. It was a brick structure, erected at a cost of \$50,000 in 1860. The wave shore in the foreground was the line between what is now Francisco and Bay streets from the foot of Mason to Jones, where at the time the picture was taken several small ship yards were located.



2 FERRYBOAT CAPITAL (AT THE LEFT) WHICH PLIED ACROSS THE BAY IN 1865



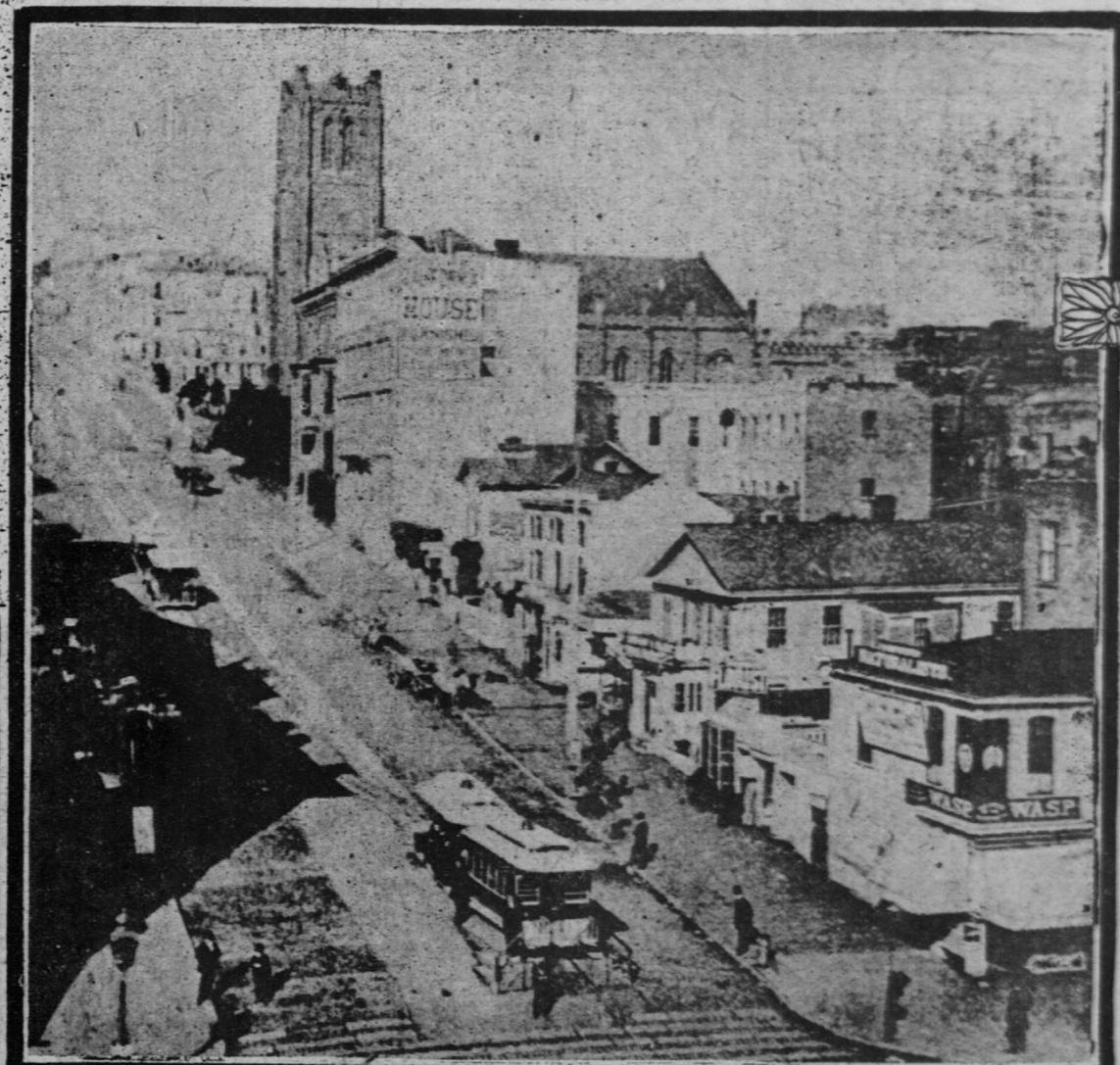
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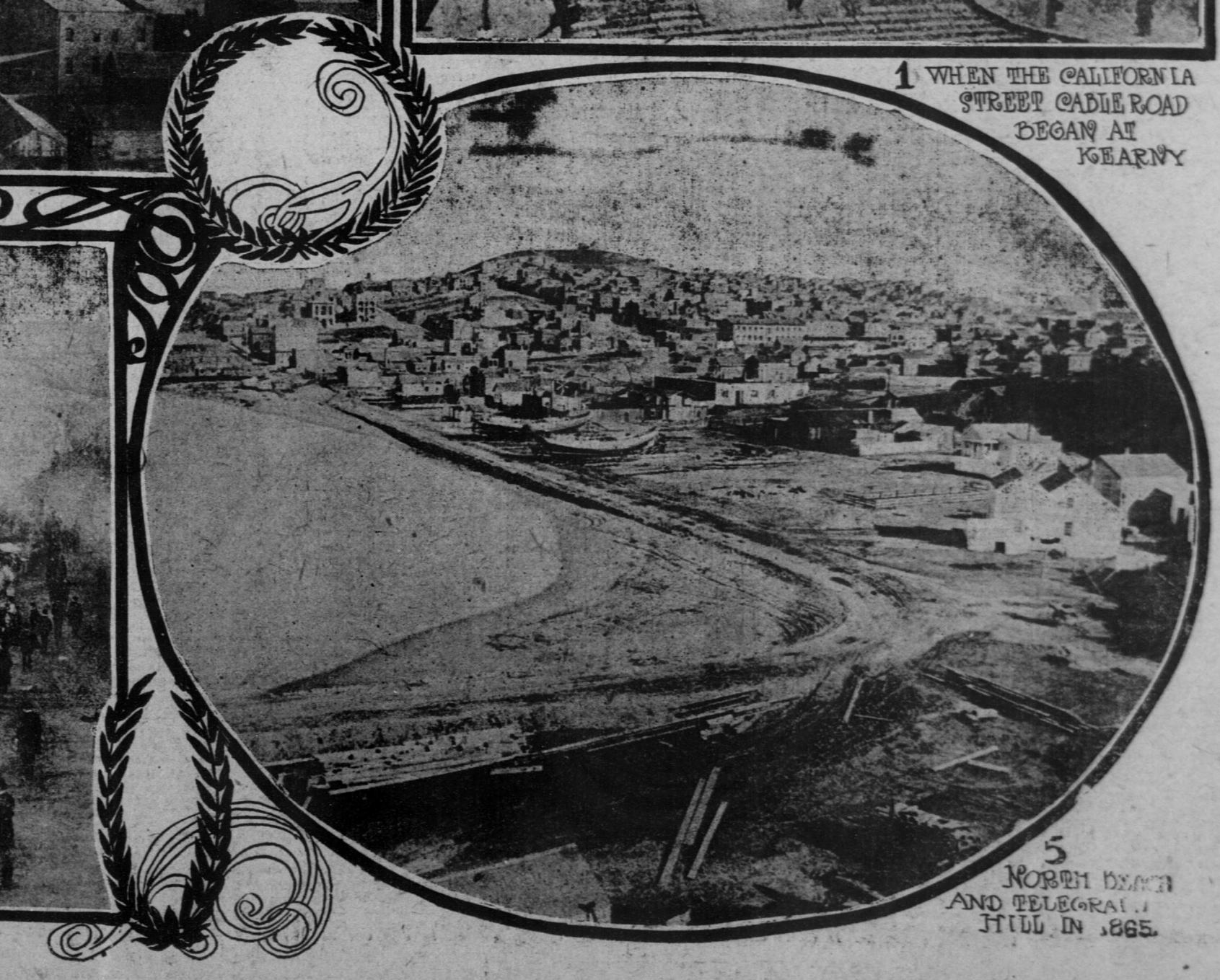
4 THE WATERFRONT WHEN NEARLY ALL SHIPS WORE SAILS



3 LAYING THE RAILWAY TO THE CLIFF HOUSE



1 WHEN THE CALIFORNIA STREET CABLE ROAD BEGAN AT KEARNY



5 NORTHERN BAY AND TELEGRAPH HILL IN 1865