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In folder 1, the journal contains a near daily record, presumably kept by a man named Bostwick, of the U.S.S. LACKAWANNA's voyage from Mare Island to Chile and return by way of Tahiti and Honolulu. The 134 pages of entries are very interesting descriptions of the ports, coastlines, and islands of the trip. Descriptions include the types and sizes of harbors, depths, notable land formations, and vegetation. Many accounts of the towns mention buildings, citizens, crops, and livestock. The log keeper also consistently records weather, course, winds, whether sail or steam was employed, and gives details of many other ships.

The entries while in Peru and Chile are descriptions of vessels and guns, bombardings, maneuverings of Peruvian and Chilean war ships, and refugees, as well as recollections of stories told to them by other ships' crews of incidents of the war. Pages 61 to 80 is taken up by "The Operations of the Chilian Army against Lima. from a published account issued at Lima, January 31, 1881." After leaving the coast of South America, the LACKAWANNA stopped in Tahiti where they took onboard the Queen of Tahiti. In Samoa the King of Samoa went aboard as a part of a peace commission to sign a treaty. There are also 14 hand drawn charts and a blank French postcard with an image of a three-masted vessel separated from the volume into an envelope.

In folder 2, R.E. Carney kept this sea journal during the voyage of the CHARLESTON from San Francisco to Honolulu and return, January 1891. The reason for the trip was to deliver the body of King Kalakaua, who died at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco at 2:33 pm on January 20, 1891. Carney gives descriptions of the funeral, and daily naval activities including drills, watches, target practice, etc. He mentions incidents such as a cadet who fell overboard in a state of intoxication, and who, after recovering was later placed under sentry's guard.

The journal was used prior to the Honolulu trip beginning in 1886 for Latin exercises, as well as for biological descriptions of fish and plants and addresses. There is also a description of funeral for Mayor Harrison of Chicago who was assassinated on October 28, 1893.

**Collection Arrangement**
Arranged in two folders.

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