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OREGON (built 1848; steamship), initially owned by Pacific Mail Steamship Company, was built by Smith & Dimon, New York, NY in collaboration with Morgan Iron Works, New York, NY. She had a side-lever, 200 h.p. engine and two boilers. Her maiden voyage was New York to San Francisco, from December 8, 1848 to April 1, 1849. Piloted by Captain R.H. Pearson, ports of call along the way were Rio de Janeiro, Valparaiso, Callao, and Panama via the Straits of Magellan. Her sister ships were the CALIFORNIA and the PANAMA. Early runs carried passengers bound for California gold mines. She sailed through the Golden Gate April 1, 1849, however, before passengers debarked, the Captain ordered some crew members arrested in order to prevent their leaving for the gold mines; crew desertions were common during this period. Later owners were Holladay & Flint, 1861, Oregon & California Steamship Company, 1861-1869, and LUMBER INTERESTS (schooner) 1869-1880.
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This engineer's logbook provides dates, locations, details of engine status by hour, voyage number, stores, and observations noted by the engineer on duty. Other notes include daily weather, equipment issues, and crew issues and activities. Owned by Pacific Mail Steamship Company, OREGON's maiden voyage was December 1849; she traveled from New York via the Straits of Magellan to San Francisco. The logbook records ten voyages between December 8th, 1848 and April 9, 1851.

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