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Mr. G. F. MacMullen
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Jerry:

I have a feeling that A.O. Andersen is right and that the books have the year wrong for the impact of the S.S. BISHOP and Bishop Rock. The sources seem to agree that she left Philadelphia (or Baltimore) 20 Feb. 1854 and arrived San Diego in 112 days, which would be about 8 June; then proceeded to San Francisco, where she arrived 2 July 1854.

Was there a weekly paper in San Diego in those days? It would be the best place to look; the "Alta" would be second best.

As to NEW HOPE, I don't know why the Archives is playing cagey about her existence. The very first issue of "Merchant Vessels of the U.S." (one of my treasures) says she was owned at San Diego, 10 ton sloop, official number 18,397. Davidson says the name "New Hope Rocks" first appears on a large-scale C&GS chart of San Diego Bay in 1880. There is 11 feet over these rocks, so I doubt if the NEW HOPE ever struck them, but, if she was the San Diego pilot boat, it is easy to see why they were named for her.

I sent off some corrections and additions to Comrade Mills a few days ago for the redo of Bulletin No. 2. I gather subsequently that there is a difference of opinion between S.F. and S.D. as to how the 2d edition should be produced. I am rooting for both sides.

By the way, did you know that I retired from Civil Service the end of May? I am doing a little writing and a little consulting, and a lot of relaxing. If you know of anyone needing a consultant in either oceanography or maritime history, mention my name.

Best,

John
John Lyman

