

THE GOLDEN WEST

Her Native Daughters in Council Here.

A BOUQUET OF BEAUTY.

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FIRST WHITE GIRL BORN IN THE STATE.

Sacramento's Lady Guests to be Randomly Entertained During Their Visit—Receptions, Rides, an Open-Air Concert, and Full-Dress Ball.

About one hundred and fifty delegates, representing various parlors of Native Daughters of the Golden West throughout the State, arrived in this city yesterday, besides a large number of visitors, who, anticipating an enjoyable time in the Capital City during the session of the Grand Parlor, accompanied the delegates. The Grand Parlor will convene at 9 o'clock this morning in the Senate Chamber in the Capitol building, where the daily sessions will be held.

The members of Califa Parlor, No. 22, the local parlor of Sacramento, have spared no effort during the last few months looking to the proper entertainment of their expected guests. They report the most generous assistance from the citizens of Sacramento, who have manifested a decided interest in the affairs of the Native Daughters. This feeling will certainly continue during the presence of the ladies here, and the young gentlemen particularly are expected to exert themselves to sustain Sacramento's reputation for hospitality and gallantry.

The visitors will be entertained to-night at the Crocker Art Gallery, where a reception will be given to the Califa Parlor. A fine musical program will be rendered, and Governor Markham will deliver an address. Miss Clara Wittmeyer of Martinez will respond on behalf of the Native Daughters. The reception will be exclusively invitational, and the ladies wish it made emphatic that no one not presenting an invitation card will be admitted. The same rule will apply to the ball to be given in the State Capitol on Thursday evening, and the doorkeepers have been instructed to strictly enforce it.

On Wednesday evening a ride and an open-air concert will enlist the attention of the guests. The Committee on Carriages reports that vehicles have been ordered to accommodate only 136 persons, while it is desired to have them for 150. The committee will be grateful to any others who will volunteer the use of carriages.

The vehicle will start from Pioneer Hall at 6:15 o'clock sharp. It is the intention to be prompt, so as to have sufficient time before dark in which to show the guests the points of interest around Sacramento and return to the State Capitol early enough for the open-air concert. Anyone desiring to donate the use of a carriage who has not already volunteered the same will greatly accommodate the committee by being on hand at the appointed time and place. The Riverside road has been offered free of charge to carriages containing the visiting Native Daughters.

It has been arranged to have the drive conclude by 8 o'clock, when the young ladies will alight at the Capitol grounds and enjoy the open-air concert, for which the First Artillery Band has prepared a special programme.

The ball on Thursday evening will be the crowning feature of the occasion, and it is the desire of the young ladies to have it as near full dress as possible. A fine harp orchestra from San Francisco has been engaged to play in the State Library during the evening for the benefit of those who prefer a quiet tete-a-tete to dancing.

The sessions of the Grand Parlor will be executive, only those who are members of the order being allowed to enter. Before they adjourn the delegates will elect a new set of Grand Officers, and will decide upon the place of holding the next Grand Parlor.

The ladies who constitute the Executive Committee of Califa Parlor, and who have managed all affairs pertaining to the entertainment of the Grand Parlor, are Miss Irene Richardson, Mrs. W. S.

Leake, Mrs. J. J. Spicker, Mrs. H. B. Brockenfield, Miss May Terry, Miss Genevieve Green, Miss Mamie Barrett, Miss Annie Foster, Miss Mollie B. Johnston, Miss Ella McClary, Miss Mary Woods, Miss Lida Clinch, Miss Annie Luther, Mrs. C. B. Slaughter, Miss Lottie Stevens and Mrs. E. D. Finnie.

THE DELEGATES.

List of Those Representing the Various Local Parlors.

Ursula Parlor, No. 1, Jackson—Nellie Fontrose. Minerva, No. 2, San Francisco—Mary A. Dempsey, Maggie A. Winne. Alta, No. 3, San Francisco—Mrs. G. W. Perkins, Miss Lizzie Douglass, Miss Mary Richter, Mrs. J. A. Steinbach, Miss Grace Williams.

Santa Rosa, No. 4, Santa Rosa—Martha J. Halman, Anita M. Bishop. Joaquin, No. 5, Stockton—Mrs. Grace Wiley. Laurel, No. 6, Nevada City—Mrs. Belle Douglass, Miss Minnie Brand. Gold Dust, No. 7, Antioch—Mizpah, No. 8, Comptonville—Oro Fino, No. 9, San Francisco—Miss Mamie E. McCarthy, Mrs. Mary Leighton.

Bonita, No. 10, Redwood City—Miss May E. Dugan. Marguerite, No. 12, Placerville—Mrs. Annie Hofmeister, Mrs. Lena Alderson, Golden Fleece, No. 13, Oroville—Blattie Elliott, L. Gertrude Johnson. Taliferro, No. 14, San Rafael—Lydia, No. 15, Colusa—Miss Mollie Compton. Eschol, No. 16, Napa—Miss Jennie Donnelly.

Alameda, No. 18, Alameda—Mrs. Lillian Carlisle. Ramona, No. 21, Martinez—Mrs. George T. Bush. Califa, No. 22, Sacramento—Miss May Terry, Miss Genevieve Green, Berendes, No. 23, Red Bluff—Miss Nellie M. Dodson.

Naomi, No. 24, Los Angeles—Mrs. Minnie Summerfield. Santa Cruz, No. 26, Santa Cruz—Miss Stella Finkeldy, Miss Alice Culverwell. Stanford, No. 27, Benicia—Mrs. Charles Burner.

Occident, No. 28, Eureka—Miss E. A. Spencer, Mrs. Maggie Jones. Maunaloa, No. 29, Grass Valley—Mrs. Alice Watt, Miss Mattie Shoemaker. Golden Bar, No. 30—Sierra City—Angelita, No. 32, Livermore—Mrs. Kate Black.

La Corona, No. 33, Chico—Mrs. Emma Johnson. La Carita, No. 34, St. Helena—Miss Clara J. York. El Paisano, No. 35, Watsonville—Mrs. May Constock Stewart, Mrs. Frankie Johnson.

Union, No. 36, Downieville—Miss Alta Vaughn. Fargat, No. 37, Vallejo—Mrs. Ada Roddy. Parry, No. 38, Dixon—Miss Alice Deck. Azalea, No. 39, Willows—Mrs. Belle Howell.

Chispa, No. 40, Ione—Miss Nellie Surface. Camella, No. 41, Anderson—Mrs. Lily Bedford. Sierra, No. 42, Dutch Flat—Miss Mary C. Flardon. Sotoyone, No. 43, Healdsburg—Amorita, No. 44, Suisun—Miss Sadie McCreary.

Genevieve, No. 45, Lakeport—Clara E. Chapman. Ruby, No. 46, Murphys—Lillian Garland. Oklawaha, No. 47, Ukiah—Mrs. Johanna Johnson.

Evernia, No. 48, Los Gatos—Mrs. Emma Swaney. Edna, No. 49, Arcata—Mrs. Ida Snider. Golden State, No. 50, San Francisco—Mrs. L. Pahl.

Polita, No. 51, Bishop—Clara Muncey. Felicidad, No. 52, Anaheim—Lillie Kellogg. El Oro, No. 53, Vacaville—Mrs. A. J. Dobbins.

Porterfield, No. 54, Cloverdale—Miss Kate Porterfield. Etapome, No. 55, Weaverville—Miss Martha M. Hupp. Orinda, No. 56, San Francisco—Miss Lena L. Bee, Miss Hannah Mack. Monarch, No. 57, Oakland—Mrs. Sarah Brackett.

Edna, No. 58, Auburn—Fannie Fulton. Fremont, No. 59, San Francisco—Miss Irene Wiggins, Miss Mollie Dillon. Roop, No. 60, Susanville—Mrs. Attawa McKinney.

Olivina, No. 61, Alvarado—Miss Bertha S. May. Golden Star, No. 62, Lincoln—Mrs. Elvira Adair. Mariposa, No. 63, Mariposa—Miss Julia L. Jones.

Escholitzia, No. 64, Hanford—Mrs. M. E. Harvey. Rio Bravo, No. 65, Bakersfield—Mrs. Ethel L. Morrison. Bardanelle, No. 66, Sonora—Miss Elizabeth A. Walton. Bertha Vista, No. 68, San Francisco—Mrs. H. M. Greene, Miss Lizzie Doyle. Teahachapi, No. 69, Teahachapi—Miss Nellie Eickert.

GRAND OFFICERS.

Sketches of Them and of Other Prominent Native Daughters.

Below will be found brief biographical sketches of the young lady who founded the order of Native Daughters of the Golden West, the first President of the first parlor, and also of the present Grand Officers. Those of the Grand Officers are accompanied by portraits, and the Record-Union feels justified in harboring the belief that even the ladies—to many of whom these sketches and portraits will be a surprise—will be pleased with the manner in which the artist has treated his subjects.

Miss Mae B. Wilkin. Miss Mae B. Wilkin of Santa Cruz, Grand Vice-President, has proved herself one of the most indomitable and courageous workers of the order and has had her true worth appreciated by her associates. She was born at Carlsbad, Nevada County, and with the exception of five years has lived all her life in California. She is a charter member of Santa Cruz Parlor, No. 26. She was last year elected Grand Vice-President, this election indicating the choice of the grand parlor for the next Grand President.

Miss Lillie O. Reichling. Miss Lillie O. Reichling, to whom is due the honor of originating the order of Native Daughters of the Golden West, is a young lady of many personal attractions. She is of medium height, with black hair, sparkling brown eyes and regular features. She is quietly in her carriage, and possesses a character forible yet retiring. She was born in Jackson, Amador County, where she resided until 1857, when she removed with her parents to Chico. Miss Reichling is conspicuously talented, and displayed great executive ability in the institution and organization of the order of Native Daughters of the Golden West. She is now teaching in the public school in Juneau, Alaska, where she has just spent the winter surrounded by seven feet of snow.

Mrs. Georgie Cottor. Mrs. Georgie Cottor, the energetic lady who has held the office of Grand Secretary



Mrs. Tina L. Kane. Mrs. Tina L. Kane, the lady who filled the office of President of the first parlor, and who did the mental work in the organization of the order, was born at Sacramento, where she spent her childhood days. She is a lady of a very broad intellect and scholarly attainments. At the first Grand Parlor of the Native Daughters of the Golden West she was elected to the Grand Presidency of the order, and during her incumbency eighteen new parlors were instituted. Although now only a retired officer, Mrs. Kane's interest in the welfare and progress of the order is as keen as ever.



Miss Minnie Conter. Miss Minnie Conter, Grand Treasurer of the order, is a native of Santa Rosa, being the daughter of S. T. Coulter of that city, a veteran of the Mexican war, who came to California in the spring of 1850. She is a member of Santa Rosa Parlor, No. 4, which she was instrumental in organizing, and which recognized her efforts in its behalf by conferring upon her the offices of Treasurer, Vice-President, and finally President, each of which she filled with great ability. She was elected Grand Treasurer at the fourth Grand Parlor, which convened in Santa Rosa, and last year was re-elected. She has proven herself faithful and competent in the discharge of her duties, and is very popular with the Native Daughters throughout the State.



Miss Mollie B. Johnston. Miss Mollie B. Johnston, the Junior Past Grand President of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, is a young lady well known in social circles of Sacramento. She was born in the mountain town of Auburn, but has spent the greater part of her life in the Capital City, where for several years she has been associated with educational affairs. She was a charter member of Califa Parlor, No. 22, and has always been prominent and popular among the members of her parlor. In 1889 she was elected a delegate to the Grand Parlor in San Francisco, and was there chosen First Vice-President of the order. The Presidency followed, and in that capacity Miss Johnston certainly distinguished herself. A number of new parlors were organized during her term of office, and no effort was spared to strengthen and enlarge the society in whose aims and objects she was, and still is, so deeply interested.



Miss Clara K. Wittmeyer. The Grand President of the order, is an excellent representative of the energetic Native Daughter. She has attained her present proud position in the fraternity by the same admirable qualities that have given her an exalted position in the esteem of her legion of friends. She is a self-made woman, with a marked taste for learning. She has been endowed with great executive ability, which she exercises in a charming manner. Miss Wittmeyer has constantly represented her parlor (Ramona of Martinez) in the Grand Parlor. In June, 1890, she was elected Grand Vice-President, and in 1891 assumed the duties of Grand President, which she has discharged with marked ability and fidelity.



Miss Maggie Shannon. Miss Maggie Shannon is the daughter of John Shannon of Chico, and is one of the most popular members of the Grand Parlor. She was born in the "City of Roses," and is a good representative of the charming productions of that flowery little city. She is a member of La Corona Parlor, and has held the office of Secretary, First Vice-President and Presi-

for three consecutive terms, is a native of San Francisco, and still resides in the house in which she was born. She is a daughter of the late George Watson, who came to California from New York in the spring of 1852. She was educated in the public schools and is a graduate of both the Girls' High School and the Normal Class of San Francisco. She is prompt and systematic in her work, and has proven herself so thoroughly competent that it is more than likely she will hold the office of Grand Secretary as long as she can be persuaded to keep it.



Miss Lou Dobbins. Miss Lou Dobbins, Grand Trustee, is a native of Vacaville, where she now resides, and is the daughter of Dr. W. J. Dobbins of that place and a sister of the popular District Attorney of Solano County. She is a member of El Oro Parlor, No. 53, of which parlor she was the charter President, holding the office for two terms. Miss Dobbins is a very prepossessing young lady, with a charming manner that has won her many friends. During the recent earthquake shocks at Vacaville Miss Dobbins was the subject of a very thrilling experience. The walls of the house in which she was sleeping were shaken down, and the young lady escaped with a crushed limb, grateful, however, for her life.



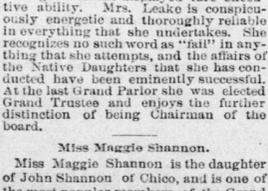
Mrs. J. S. Mills. Mrs. J. S. Mills, who at the last meeting of the Grand Parlor was elected Grand Marshal, under the name of Miss Lena T. Hike, is a daughter of N. C. Hike of San Joaquin County, who came to California in 1852. She was a charter member of Joaquin Parlor, No. 9, at Stockton, but afterward removing to Fresno, in the capacity of teacher in the public schools, she withdrew from Joaquin Parlor and united with Vina Parlor at the Raisin City, where she held the office of President for three successive terms. She was married in 1891 to J. S. Mills of Stockton, and is an ardent and enthusiastic member of the order.



Miss Lizzie A. Wichmann. Miss Lizzie A. Wichmann, Grand Inside Sentinel, is a member of Marguerite Parlor, No. 12, at Placerville, El Dorado County. She was born in that town and county, and is the daughter of Theodore Wichmann, who came to California in 1852. Miss Wichmann was elected Grand Inside Sentinel at the last Grand Parlor.



Miss Olga Reichling. Miss Olga Reichling, who for the last few years has resided at Chico, was born at Jackson, Amador County, and is a sister of Miss Lillie Reichling, who is the acknowledged originator of the order. Naturally she is a member of Ursula Parlor, No. 1. Miss Reichling is of striking appearance, of the perfect blonde type, and has many characteristics that make her popular among a large circle of friends. She was elected Grand Trustee at the last Grand Parlor.



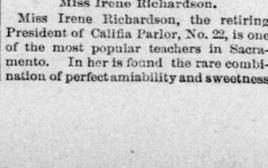
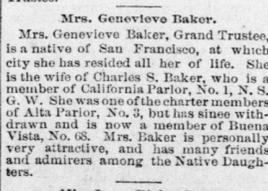
Miss Theresa Ernst. Miss Theresa Ernst, Grand Trustee, is a charter member of La Esperanza Parlor, at Los Angeles, which is the pioneer parlor of Southern California. She has held the office of Secretary of her parlor for four terms, and was recently elected President. She has always been enthusiastic in the interests of the order, and at the last Grand Parlor was elected Grand Trustee.



Mrs. Genevieve Baker. Mrs. Genevieve Baker, Grand Trustee, is a native of San Francisco, at which city she has resided all her life. She is the wife of Charles S. Baker, who is a member of California Parlor, No. 1, N. S. G. W. She was one of the charter members of Alta Parlor, No. 3, but has since withdrawn and is now a member of Buena Vista, No. 68. Mrs. Baker is personally very attractive, and has many friends and admirers among the Native Daughters.



Miss Irene Richardson. Miss Irene Richardson, the retiring President of Califa Parlor, No. 22, is one of the most popular members in Sacramento. In her is found the rare combination of perfect amiability and sweetness



of temper, with firmness, determination and splendid executive ability, admirably fitted her to control and to govern. Her parlor was quick to recognize her competency, and notwithstanding she was comparatively a new member, elected her to the office of President during a term in



which the duties of the office would be particularly laborious on account of the coming of the Grand Parlor. That she has discharged them to the entire satisfaction of the parlor is evident from the expressions of each and every one of its members. On account of her school work Miss Richardson will not be able to participate in the proceedings of the grand parlor, to the universal regret of the local Native Daughters.



Miss May Terry. Miss May Terry, President-elect of Califa Parlor, is the daughter of W. E. Terry, the well-known lumber dealer of Sacramento, and a sister of Jos. E. Terry, who is a popular member of Sunset Parlor, N. S. G. W. Miss Terry was born and reared in Sacramento, and is a charter member of Califa Parlor, No. 22. She has held a number of offices in the parlor, and has discharged the duties of each faithfully and competently. She is endowed with a charming disposition that has made her very popular among her associates. In addition to being the President-elect, Miss Terry will represent her parlor as a delegate to the Grand Parlor.



Mrs. Pauline Nusshammer. Mrs. Pauline Nusshammer, who at the last Grand Parlor was elected for the second time to the office of Grand Trustee, is one of the most enthusiastic and energetic members of the order. She is a member of Angelita Parlor, No. 32, and was its charter President. She has filled the office of President of her parlor and served a term as District Deputy Grand President.



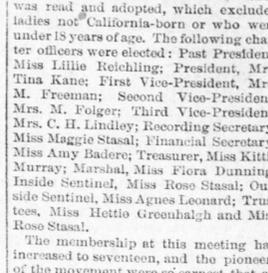
The First Native Daughter. The lady who enjoys the distinction of being the first native California daughter, born of American parents, is Mrs. Mary Temple Turman of Colusa. She was born at Benicia, Solano County, on the 22d of November, 1818. She is the daughter of Dr. Robert Sample, who came to California in 1815, and who married Miss Francis Ann Cooper in 1817, this wedding being the first one celebrated in California in which both contracting parties were Americans. In 1819 Dr. Sample started the first newspaper ever published in California. It was called The Californian, and was published at Monterey. Dr. Sample was one of the first Constitutional Convention ever held in this State, and helped to frame the old constitution. Mrs. Turman is not at all ashamed of her age, but is proud of the distinction. She was elected Grand Past President of the order when the first Grand Parlor was organized in 1887.

HISTORY OF THE ORDER. The First Parlor and How It Came to Be Organized. It was among the hills of Amador, in the quiet little town of Jackson, that the order of Native Daughters of the Golden West—now numbering as its members nearly three thousand of California's daughters—first struggled into life. The Native Sons had been flourishing for several years. From north to south their parlors had been established, and the patriotism of California sons was well demonstrated by the active assistance with which the efforts of General Winn and the assistant founders of the order had been given. And yet no indication had been given that love of home and State, and pride in the glory of a native land could exist in the feminine hearts of California as deeply implanted and as carefully cherished as ever inspired the veterans or prompted the actions of the most loyal Native Sons. This indication was soon to be given, however, and Miss Lillie Reichling and Mrs. Tina L. Kane of Jackson, are the ladies to whom is due the honor of arousing the enthusiasm of California's daughters and of sowing the seed that has produced such happy results.

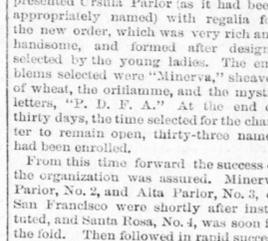
It was during the summer months that Miss Lillie Reichling, who was then teaching school in the town of Jackson, conceived the idea of organizing a society of ladies whose aims and objects would be patriotic, imbued with the possibilities of such an association, she sent out a number of notes to such young ladies of Jackson as she knew to be native daughters. These notes were answered in person by twenty-five ladies, thirteen of whom signed their names to the roll of membership in Sacramento. In her is found the rare combination of perfect amiability and sweetness

to accomplish their mission.

THE ORIGINAL PARLOR. The second meeting of the plucky thirteen was held on September 25th, and, under invitation Curtis H. Lindley, a prominent Native Son, was present and acted as temporary Chairman. A constitution was read and adopted, which excluded ladies not California-born or who were under 18 years of age. The following charter officers were elected: Past President, Miss Lillie Reichling; President, Mrs. Tina Kane; First Vice-President, Mrs. M. Freeman; Second Vice-President, Mrs. C. H. Edgar; Third Vice-President, Mrs. C. H. Edgar; Recording Secretary, Miss Maggie Stass; Financial Secretary, Miss Amy Baker; Treasurer, Miss Kittie Murray; Marshal, Miss Flora Dunning; Inside Sentinel, Miss Rose Stass; Outside Sentinel, Miss Agnes Leonard; Trustees, Miss Hettie Greenhalgh and Miss Rose Stass.



The membership at this meeting had increased to seventeen, and the pioneers of the movement were so earnest that all doubt as to the possible outcome was laid at rest. At this same meeting the ritual and secret ceremonies of the budding young order were presented—the work of C. H. Lindley—and after these had been read the young ladies present were thoroughly instructed in the work.



The first set of officers were installed in January, 1887. Prior to the ceremonies the members of Excelsior Parlor, No. 31, Native Sons of the Golden West, presented Ursula Parlor as it had been the new order, which was very rich and handsome, and formed after designs selected by the young ladies. The emblems selected were "Minerva," sheaves of wheat, the oriflame, and the mystic letters, "P. D. E. A." At the end of thirty days, the time selected for the charter to remain open, thirty-three names had been enrolled.

From that time forward the success of the organization was assured. Minerva Parlor, No. 2, and Amador Parlor, No. 3, of San Francisco were shortly after instituted, and Santa Rosa, No. 4, was soon in the field. Then followed in rapid succession the organization of Joaquin Parlor, No. 5, at Stockton; Laurel Parlor, No. 6, at Nevada City; Gold Dust Parlor, No. 8, at Antioch; Mizpah Parlor, No. 7, at Gaumptonville, Oro Fino Parlor, No. 9, at San Francisco; Bonita Parlor, No. 10, at Redwood City; Lomitas Parlor, No. 11, at Placerville; Margaret Parlor, No. 12, at Placerville; Golden Fleece Parlor, No. 13, at Oroville; Taliferro Parlor, No. 14, San Rafael; Lydia Parlor, No. 15, Colusa, and Oakland Parlor, No. 16, at Oakland.

THE FIRST GRAND PARLOR. Owing to the rapid growth of the order, it became necessary to appoint District Deputies to act until the formation of a Grand Parlor. Accordingly, the State was divided into four districts, and the first four parlors were appointed to the office. The interest and vigorous growth of the society necessitated the formation of a grand body to assume the entire charge of affairs and relieve the burden resting upon the "mother" parlor.

On Monday, July 25, 1887, the first session of the Grand Parlor, Native Daughters of the Golden West, was held in Pioneer Hall in San Francisco. Thirty-seven delegates, representing seventeen parlors, were in attendance. It was an interesting assemblage, and all present showed that their hearts and heads were in their work. Permanent officers were elected, and before adjournment a constitution for the order, committees and other machinery for its future conduct on a broad scale had been selected.

ITS RAPID GROWTH. The order prospered during the year, and when the second session of the Grand Parlor convened at Stockton, on July 10, 1888, there were thirty-five parlors, were in existence. The experience of a year was fruitful of numerous amendments, deemed necessary for the welfare of the order. A boundary plan was adopted, a visiting board was organized, composed of the Grand Officers, and the absolute prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors, directly or indirectly, made a rule of the order.

At this time the membership of the Native Daughters was over 2,000, and the year 1888 finds the organization constantly increasing in length and power, with sixty-three parlors and 2,500 members enrolled under the same banner, yet, although separated by distance, yet united in one object—the happiness and advancement of all.

PLACERVILLE FRUIT SHIPMENTS. Reduction of Freight Rates for the Benefit of Growers. [Mountain Democrat, June 11th.] The following letter was handed to us for information concerning the voluntary action of the Southern Pacific Company in a matter of substantial interest to our readers. It is due not only to the company, but to its vigilant and accommodating agents, Messrs. C. S. Saur and R. K. Berry, that their motives and management should be understood and appreciated. The reduction is all the more gratifying because it is made in response to our requests, and is not the result of any selfishness on the part of the company. The suggestions it contains are a general way out.

As you have doubtless received, or this a copy of "Despatch Fruit Commission Rates from Branch Line Stations to Main Line Junctions," to be used in connection with current Fruit Circular No. 7, or superceded by current from time to time, naming rates on various ordinary cars and passenger trains by freight train, also by passenger train. You will observe this makes the freight rate in ordinary cars from Placerville to Sacramento \$2.00 per ton when destined east, minimum of 20,000 pounds. This marked reduction is a concession in the interest of fruit-growers and for the purpose of stimulating shipments.