

THE WEATHER STATION WILL STAY.

And Observer Barwick Need Worry No More.

Congressman Johnson Sends an Assuring Telegram to the Chamber of Commerce.

The Government Weather Service Station in this city, which has been in existence for the last eighteen years, will not be removed.

Efforts in that direction have been made, as is well known, and there was some fear that the Agricultural Department at Washington might be led into the error of removing it to San Francisco.

The Chamber of Commerce took the matter up last week, however, and called upon Senator Perkins and Congressman Johnson to see that the authorities at Washington were fully informed as to the great value of the Sacramento station to the farmers of Central and Northern California.

That these gentlemen were prompt in giving the matter their attention is evidenced by the following telegram received yesterday by President Steffens:

Washington (D. C.), Dec. 13, 1895. Joseph Steffens, Sacramento. Moore says the station will remain at Sacramento, same as now.

GROVE L. JOHNSON. Observer Barwick may henceforth have no fears of hammon nightmares.

MUSIC IN THE SCHOOLS.

Meeting of Principals and Vice-Principals to Discuss It.

The Committee on Course of Study of the City Board of Education met yesterday with the Principals and Vice-Principals of the city schools to discuss the proposition that has been under consideration for teaching music by note in the schools.

Several members of the board were present besides those composing the committee. At the request of D. Huntington, the Chairman of the Committee, President Davis, presided. He stated that the meeting had been called for a free and informal expression of opinion as to the feasibility and practicability of giving the time allotted to music to systematic teaching of it.

The general sentiment of the Primary Principals was strongly in favor of the proposed system, while those of the higher grades were rather disposed to be doubtful as to the feasibility of the scheme, fearing that it would take up too much time, as they evidently thought that the whole system would be introduced at once.

Ex-Superintendent of Public Instruction Campbell, however, explained to them that the introduction would be gradual, and would not weigh down the country study, but would fit in as easily as the time now taken for rote singing.

No vote was taken on the subject, the meeting being simply to aid the committee in arriving at a conclusion as to what action had best be taken in the matter. The teachers expressed themselves as being much pleased at the opportunity afforded them for discussion and before the meeting adjourned most of them expressed themselves in favor of the measure.

ORDER OF ELKS.

Officers Selected for the Lodge to be Instituted Here.

A preliminary meeting of the proposed Sacramento lodge of the Order of Elks was held last night to take steps toward the final institution of the lodge.

Word was received from the District Deputy, Ernest Ulman, that he would be present on the 21st inst. to institute the lodge. A committee to receive the Grand Officers was appointed, consisting of L. H. Brown, John Larkin, J. E. Mills and C. H. Holmes. A Committee on Banquet was also appointed, consisting of A. W. Barrett, E. S. Hadley, Frank Ryan and F. L. Gray, and a Committee on Entertainment, consisting of E. S. Elkus, H. Wolf, E. D. McCabe and F. V. Tyrrell.

Officers were selected as follows: R. L. H. Brown; E. L. K.; J. N. Larkin; E. L. K.; J. E. Mills; E. L. K.; J. W. Hughes; Secretary, C. H. Holmes; Treasurer, E. S. Elkus; Trustees, William Beckman, J. H. Dolan and Frank Ryan.

AMUSEMENTS.

The box office of the Metropolitan Theater opens this morning at the usual hour for the reservation of seats for the Lillian Lewis Company's engagement in "Cleopatra."

At the Clunie Opera-house this afternoon at 2, this evening at 8 and tomorrow evening the thrilling melodrama "The Upper Hand," by the Eldridge-Hallett Stock Company. These will be the last performances of this effective drama, with its prison and explosion scenes, the runaway of the heroine in a sleigh drawn by a spirited team, and other sensational and scenic features.

At the First Baptist Church last evening the Treble Clef Choral Society, Miss Lida I. Clinch Director, made its first appearance in concert. It should be understood that the society is not as yet the proper subject for criticism, because it has been organized but six weeks, is composed almost entirely of untried voices and with no professional or highly skilled singers. It proposes to build up from a foundation wholly new, and to present itself at a future date for contrast with its work last night. The admission was by invitation, but the spacious auditorium was filled by an interested audience. The singers in the main were, as was to be expected, timid, though there were no evidences of distinct embarrassment. There is good material in hand, the time was well marked and the harmonies very well preserved; the lack was in volume and vigor of tone. The promise for the society to be trained into a good choral as well as a vocal solo society is evident. There were five voices of particular promise, and these attracted especial attention, namely, those of Mrs. Thorpe, Mrs. Elliott, Miss Beaumont, Miss Rogers and Miss Krull. Miss Dennis and Miss Walter come next in importance, and the double number by Miss Krull, and the double number by Miss Krull. The society is to be encouraged; it has material capable of good mold-

ing and much desirable development, and is directed by the capacity and courage of good leadership. With two choral societies now in good working order, the McNeill Club in fine practice, a large number of skilled soloists, and a capable orchestral organization, Sacramento is maintaining its reputation as a community of music-loving and of musical capability. The members of the Treble Clef Society, the youngest of all the organizations, are as follows: Mrs. H. Thorpe, Mrs. J. F. Elliott, Mrs. Charles Beasley, Mrs. F. A. Ressegue, Mrs. Walter Bassett, Mrs. A. G. Gaffner, Mrs. William Gibson, Miss Addie Clark, Miss Gertrude Walter, Miss Della Krull, Miss May Connolly, Miss Ella McCleary, Miss Jennie Govan, Miss Gertrude Fraser, Miss L. Dennis, Miss Mary Strachan, Miss Mattie Beaumont, Miss Florence P. Rogers, Miss Annie Fraser, Miss Grace Truscott, Miss Nina Mott, Miss Vera Edroy, Miss Hattie Miller, Miss May Humphrey, Miss Annie Laurie, Miss Ida Blackmere, Miss Nellie Gray, Miss A. Rushing, Miss Sallie Beaumont, Miss Lillian Clinch, Miss Lida I. Clinch, Accompanist, Miss May Hickman.

MILITARY NOTES.

More Staff Officers in This City—The Naval Battalion.

Majors W. W. Douglas and Joseph E. Terry passed a successful examination yesterday before Colonels J. W. Guthrie of this city and J. F. Numan of Stockton, comprising a majority of the Third Brigade Examining Board, and will be commissioned by the Governor Signal Officer and Quartermaster, respectively, on Brigadier-General Muller's staff. The members of General Muller's staff residing in this city, in addition to those heretofore named, are: J. W. Hughes as Judge-Advocate, and J. Alexander as Sergeant-Major and Staff Orderly.

Lieutenant-Colonel Will E. Fisher, Aid-de-Camp on Governor Budd's staff; Lieutenant-Colonel George Stone, Division Engineer Officer; Major Victor D. Dubois, Inspector Second Brigade, and Major Charles Jansen, First Infantry, N. G. C., have been detailed by Governor Budd as a Board of Officers to examine the books and financial accounts of Companies C and G, First Infantry. They have been ordered to report as soon as practicable how all State money has been expended since January 1, 1892.

Leave of absence for sixty days from the 5th instant (to leave the State) has been granted to Lieutenant Colonel W. J. Younger, Aid-de-Camp on Governor Budd's staff.

Following are extracts from the special orders recently issued from the Adjutant-General's office: "The commanding officers of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Divisions, Naval Battalion, will report at the end of each quarter all company property owned and controlled by them on a separate return from the State property returned every quarter."

G. A. Carson of the Signal Corps, Second Brigade, having on June 16, 1892, been detailed under S. O. No. 10, as orderly on the staff of Commander-in-Chief, he is hereby returned to his command, as a private.

Lieutenant-Colonel N. T. James, staff of Commander-in-Chief; Lieutenant Colonel Turner and Lieutenant Colin A. Douglas, Naval Battalion, are hereby appointed a special Examining Board for the purpose of examining officers-elect of the Naval Battalion, N. G. C.

A PETITION FROM LIFE-TERMERS.

Sent from San Quentin to Governor Budd.

They Ask Him to Pardon or Commute One Every Year, at Christmas or Thanksgiving.

Governor Budd has received a petition from fifty-five inmates of San Quentin Prison who are confined there for life, which he has under consideration.

It sets forth the fact that there are a large number of life-termers now in San Quentin who have served the State from fifteen to twenty-four years and have long since by repentance and suffering atoned for their misdeeds, and whose only hope for liberty is the action that is petitioned for.

They state that it is the custom in vogue in many States to select, either on Christmas or Thanksgiving Day, one or more long term convicts and confer upon them Executive clemency, either in the shape of a pardon or a commutation, and they ask that the Governor inaugurate the custom here.

Most of the signers are convicted murderers. Warden Hale granted them permission to send the petition to Governor Budd, who on its receipt sent it to Warden Aull at Folsom asking his opinion on it.

Warden Aull wrote in reply that he fully appreciated the suggestion and thought the most fitting time for the exercise of Executive clemency would be between Christmas and New Year's. A such time for a kindly and sympathetic mood, he says, and best prepared to receive gracious acts of clemency, and the convict himself will go out with a softened spirit and a better disposition toward society. He has, he says, been handling the criminal element of the State as an official of the Folsom and San Quentin Prisons, and his conviction is always cordially welcome at the rooms, 901 Eighth street.

A cordial welcome is extended to all young women to attend these Sunday afternoon meetings at 4 o'clock. Young women are always cordially welcome at the rooms, 901 Eighth street.

COURSING MATTERS.

The Sacramento Club to Hold a Great Meeting Next Month.

The Sacramento Coursing Club held a very spirited and enthusiastic meeting last night. The members who attended the Merced meeting gave glowing reports of the grand racing they saw down there, and although defeated they all claim to have had a very enjoyable time.

The club intends giving a grand free-for-all race here on the 12th of January, and have the promise of ten or twelve of the best dogs from San Francisco and Merced. The entrance fee will be \$5. The club intends inviting John Grace and James Wren of San Francisco, who are known all over the country as the greatest judges and slipper, respectively, in the United States, and also Dominick Shannon and J. R. Dickson, President and Secretary of the Occidental Coursing Club of San Francisco, these gentlemen are the pioneers of coursing in California, and their presence here will do much to stimulate the sport in this county.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral this day (Saturday), at 11 p. m., from the residence of Mrs. J. E. Lambert, No. 1517 Ninth street, between O and F, Interment private.

THE SCHOOL OF DESIGN.

It Closes for the Holiday Vacation—Good Work—The Next Term.

The Museum Association's School of Design closed its winter short term yesterday, and a vacation is now taken until Thursday, January 2, 1896. The work of the pupils during the last term was examined during the week and testifies to general excellence. There is no weak canvass or black and white work in the entire lot. Greater strength, finer taste, closer approach to nature is manifest all along the line. In still life work and portraiture there

A TREAT FOR THE POOR CHILDREN.

There Will be a Generous Christmas Tree for Them.

The Idea Started With the Salvation Army, and is Being Helped Along by Citizens.

In addition to the free dinner to the poor on Christmas Day the Salvation Army proposes (providing the necessary money can be raised) to have a Christmas tree for the poor children of the city. Instead of the usual toys and candy for presents, shoes and clothing will be given to those children known to be in need of them. No discrimination in color, creed or nationality will be made. The plan that will be carried out, as far as possible, is as follows:

A canvass of the city will be made and where a child under 10 years of age is found in need of any article of clothing or shoes, or in need of the cold and wet weather of the winter months, the parents will be consulted, their names and addresses taken, also the article, size, etc. The article will be bought and a tag attached, a duplicate of which will be delivered to the child and another duplicate attached to the article.

In addition to the canvass of the city, an office will be open every day from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. at 821 J street. The main register will be kept there, and anyone not reached by the canvass can have their cases attended to.

Smith's Hall on Seventh street, between J and L, has been secured for Christmas Day. Dinner will be served from 11 till 2, and the distribution of clothing to children will take place at 3 p. m. In order to carry out the above plan \$400 at least will be required.

Following are the amounts already given of \$5 and over, according to the subscription list: Weinstock, Lubin & Co., \$10; Record-Union, \$10; The Bee, \$10; California, \$10; D. O. Mills & Co. Bank, \$10; Hale Bros. & Co., \$10; B. U. Steinhilber, \$10; J. W. Hall, \$10; Frank T. Johnson, \$10; Waterhouse & Co., \$10; Young Men's Christian Association, \$10; John Broun, \$10; Gray & Titus, \$10.

Some smaller amounts have also been received, which brings the total up to date to \$1065. Subscriptions toward the remaining amount will be received at this office or at 821 J street.

There are few persons who cannot afford to give something toward helping along this most commendable project. Every little helps, and there should not be the slightest difficulty in raising the small sum of \$400 required. If it were the money ought to be raised in a few days.

People should not wait to be called on, as those who are giving their time and labor to this amusement, should forego a few drinks, or a few games of cards or billiards, or they might cease for one day from the purchase of cigars, or buy a few tickets, and give the sums thus saved to purchasing something for those who have not the money necessary to buy a Christmas dinner or properly clothe their children. All who are fortunate enough to have a business or employment that gives them a good living should be glad to help those who are not thus blessed.

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Y. W. C. ASSOCIATION.

A New Board of Managers to be Elected Next Week.

The Young Women's Christian Association will hold its quarterly business meeting on Friday of next week, from 7:30 to 8:30 p. m., at which time the Board of Managers will be elected for the coming year. A full attendance of the members is desired. From 8:30 to 10:30 the members and their friends are invited to a "Birthday Party" and are requested to bring their anniversary offerings to increase the funds of the association. Those not wishing to bring gifts may sign the "century list." A pleasing program has been arranged, and a delightful evening is anticipated.

The Secretary calls attention to the association's employment bureau. During the past five weeks they have secured employment for twenty women. Those in need of women for cooking, general housework, nursing, money sewing, dressmaking or companions are requested to call at the association rooms.

After the holidays many of the classes which have been postponed on account of the press of other work at this time of the year will begin work. The outlook for the winter term is very encouraging, indeed.

The missionary meeting on last Sunday afternoon, under the leadership of Miss Williams of Oakland, was an extraordinary success.

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has been most progress, and some remarkably fine pieces have been turned out. One of the best of these is now on exhibition in San Francisco, and is commanding much attention there. In the new winter term the life class will be resumed, says Professor Jackson, and much attention given to anatomy and figure work.

The school is a deserving public institution and should have liberal support. The Ladies' Museum Association hopes to dispose of its tickets early for Push's master piece, "Under the Equator," as the entire proceeds will be put into scholarships for worthy applicants. The painting is in the Art Gallery and who ever, says the ladies, aids in disposal of it, will have the consciousness of having contributed to aid some deserving persons to develop their native ability designing, an art that better fits one for the struggle of life, no matter what the occupation followed.

ASSAULT TO MURDER.

Second Examination of Robert Leith, Who Tried to Kill His Wife.

Robert Leith has again undergone examination on the charge of making a murderous assault on his wife, and again held to answer, with bail fixed at \$2,000. The second examination took place at Elk Grove, and was made necessary by the omission of the magistrate who first heard the case to have a transcript of the testimony made. The last examination was conducted by Assistant District Attorney J. C. Jones.

The facts elicited were the same as before—that Leith met his wife, her mother and a lady friend on the road, and accusing that she had fled from her own home (through fear of him), plunged a knife into her breast, and also into the other ladies while they were trying to protect his victim. The knife struck very near Mrs. Leith's heart, but did not reach that vital organ.

It was as if Leith had got himself into a very bad scrape, one that will go hard with him, it came very near being a mendacious murder.

Staff Examinations.

The National Guard Examining Board, consisting of Colonels Gutrie and Numan, yesterday examined Major W. W. Douglas and Major Joseph Terry, who are appointed on the Governor's staff as Signal Officer and Quartermaster, respectively. J. W. Hughes will be Judge Advocate.

Notaries Public.

Governor Budd has appointed the following Notaries Public: F. M. Ackerman, Colfax; A. W. Rhodes, Stockton; George L. McKeeby, Los Angeles; R. W. Putnam, Paso Robles.

Special Brew.

Captain Ruhstaller is out with a special brew of the famous Gilt Edge for the holiday season. The special brew is sure to win new honors for its maker and to add to the laurels that have already crowned Gilt Edge king of all steam beers. The extraordinary demand for the product of Captain Ruhstaller's brewery is known to be so generous. This is so because of the merits of Gilt Edge, which is an honest beer made from malt and hops. The reputation of the favorite beverage has extended throughout the State, and wherever it has come into competition the popular verdict is in its favor. The special holiday brew is in the nature of a treat to the public, which has been so generous in its appreciation of the efforts of Captain Ruhstaller to give the people the very best of beer.

Do not fail to call for the special holiday Gilt Edge brew.

Another Railroad Wreck!

We learn Phillips & Haul's Eastern buyer jumped the tracks by overstocking them with a lot of mackinac and smoking-jacks. They are inclined to make big concessions. Help them out. They will make it interesting to you as regards prices. At all events, see them, at 510 J street, and be convinced. Palace of gent's furnishings.

Races.

All the events of the Ingleside track at San Francisco are chronicled daily by George Rose & Co., at Seventh and J street, and the results are known here almost as soon as on the track.

Mince Meat.

Atwood's 5-lb buckets, 60c; 10-lb buckets, 90c; bulk, 100 lbs, \$1.00; A. B. Atmore's 5-lb buckets, 65c; Anderson's 3-lb cans, 30c; Chico, 2-lb cans, 30c; 1-gallon cans, 90c; Armour's condensed, 10c; 4 for 25c. A. C. S., Eighth and K.

Speaking of bargains, look at these: Special holiday prices—Mandolins, \$5; Saxophones, \$10; Guitars, \$15; Banjos, \$10; Everytong in the musical line cheap. Second-hand Pianos, from \$75. We are sole agents for the Mathushek, Jacob Doll, Cover and Knickerbocker Bach Pianos, cheap for cash, or installments. Neale, Eilers Co., 631 J.

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Piano tuning—Paul Schoen, here next week at Hammer's, Pommer's or Neale's.

MARRIED.

WOODARD-STEWART—in this city, December 12th, at the Calvary Baptist Church, by Rev. A. C. Herrick, Frank E. Woodard of Folsom to Frances M. Stewart of Louisville.

DIED. HUNT—in this city, December 12th, Gladys R., youngest child of Robert and Minnie C. Hunt, a native of Sacramento City, aged 6 years 2 months and 2 days.

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LOT III.—Wool Cycling or Outing Caps in navy, red, tan and brown, reduced to 35c each.

LOT IV.—Another lot of good quality Felt Hats, in a variety of shapes, 15c each.

LOT V.—The "Penant" Dude Hat, with ribbon trimming and bell shape crown, in black, navy and brown. Price, 75c each.

LOT VI.—Fancy Wing and Aigrettes, all new things, in black, brown, magenta, green, navy and fancy colors, 10c, 12 1/2c, 22c, 23c, 35c.

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