

TALK ON THE SOLAR SYSTEM.

PROFESSOR LEUSCHNER'S LECTURE LAST NIGHT.

Interesting Discourse on Planets, Stars, Satellites, Asteroids and Other Heavenly Bodies.

The Congregational Church was well filled last night on the occasion of the lecture on astronomy by Professor Leuschner of the State University.

Before taking up the illustrated part of his lecture Professor Leuschner briefly presented the history of astronomy, and told of the reverence and awe with which the ancients held the heavenly bodies, and how, for want of a better, they named them planets (wanderers).

The earth, he explained, is a mere particle of dust, when compared with the whole universe. Almost all the stars seen at night are much larger than the planet on which we live, and the immensity of the distance separating them from the earth would alone be ample proof of the statement.

The distance between the earth and the nearest star is measured in light years, instead of miles, and that in one second of time light will travel 186,000 miles. None of the stars are so near that their light could reach us in a month, a day, or a year, the average distance being many thousands of miles.

Even though the distance of the stars is so immense, the astronomers of today, he said, can by means of perfected methods measure them, weigh them and go still further and tell what they are composed of, and locate their positions in the sky.

In the past, Professor Leuschner said, the idea prevailed that the earth was the center of the solar system, but the astronomer had by observations exploded that theory years ago.

The asteroids, which were discovered so rapidly that today there are 450 had been discovered, though in many instances their positions have not been permanently fixed. Several of the asteroids discovered have a diameter of 200 miles, many of not over thirty miles, while numbers are so small that they do not admit of measurement.

After dealing with other astronomical phenomena and explaining a number of accepted theories as to the origin for-

mation of the planets and the causes for their movements around the largest body in the solar system, the Professor turned his attention to astronomical spectroscopy and photography, which are fast taking the place of visual observations and give more accurate knowledge of the planets.

Then the illustrated part of the lecture was taken up, and after showing several views by the telescope and explaining that the lens was for the purpose of concentrating the rays of light from the planets or stars, and not, as was generally believed, for the purpose of magnifying the object, a series of sun-spots were thrown upon the canvas as they had been caught by the camera.

These were followed by others showing the corona of the sun, and by several photographs taken when that orb was in total eclipse.

Jupiter and Saturn each passed before the audience, and then all that astronomers have found out concerning the earth's satellite, the moon, was faithfully recited, and shown by the camera.

The lecture was interesting, though technical, and those present spent a profitable evening.

PLEASANT PARTY.

That Given Last Night by the Young Men's Institute.

The eighth annual party of the Young Men's Institute, given at Turner Hall last night, was a pronounced success, and was thoroughly appreciated by all fortunate enough to be present.

The hall had been tastefully decorated under the direction of the Arrangement Committee, composed of M. J. Scanlon, T. P. Hanlon, J. E. Lynn, J. J. Byrne, W. H. Taylor and J. H. Carragher, and the guests were made to feel at home by the Reception Committee, which consisted of A. P. Fitzgerald, P. J. Douglas, T. E. Kennedy, M. Cronan, J. P. Hinton and J. G. McCarthy.

The Floor Director was J. E. Lynn, and the Managers were J. W. Keating, Edward West, A. J. McLain, T. A. Cody, C. D. Hastings and J. F. McQueeney.

THE PIPPIN CASE.

It Is Claimed That the Prosecution Has New Testimony.

Sheriff Johnson and Deputy Max P. Fisher have been on the search for evidence in the case of Pippin to corroborate, if possible, the story told by the little girl whom he is alleged to have assaulted recently and for which he has been held to answer.

The defendant, of course, denied the story of what occurred on the day he took her for a ride, but the officers now claim to have found several persons who saw them together and whose testimony will sustain the statements made by the girl.

They have also, they say, found the surrey horse driven by Pippin on that day, and that the animal is owned by a man named Norris at Oak Park.

BEAT A WOMAN.

Bill Francisco Showed What He Was Made of.

Police Captain Fisher and Officer Ambrose, who had a chase last night after a man known as Bill Francisco, who had choked and beaten Maud Muller, one of the lower L-street unfortunate.

After being chased to the water front and cornered, the fellow showed fight, but that was the worst of it, and could have done with that combination, and the officers landed him in jail all right.

Land Patents Issued.

Governor Budd has signed patents for school lands as follows: H. W. McClellan, 80 acres in Humboldt County; Robert Porter and A. W. Torrey, 40 acres in Humboldt County; John McAlpine, 674 acres in Shasta County; John McAlpine, 640 acres in Shasta County; Giles H. Gray, 640 acres in Kings County; Samuel Grant Kelly, 30 acres in Santa Barbara County; M. G. Holland, 40 acres in Fresno County; John Casson, 74 acres in San Diego County; W. C. Blumberg, 80 acres in Ventura County; H. P. Wood, 120 acres in San Diego County; H. P. Wood, 807 acres in San Diego County; Henry E. Clark, 40 acres in San Diego County; Wm. H. Daubenbliss, 45 acres in San Benito County; G. W. Towle, 40 acres in San Benito County; Frank H. Baker, 44 acres in Monterey County; H. W. Schuit, 200 acres in Siskiyou County; R. M. Biggs, 320 acres in Los Angeles County; Nicholas Steiner, 160 acres in Modoc County; Kern County Land Company, 1,880 acres in Kern County; Gale C. Orr, 100 acres in Siskiyou County; Augustine Fuller, 160 acres in Los Angeles County; George C. Kuchel, 120 acres in San Diego County; John Porta, 28 acres in Santa Barbara County; Anna Roach, 40 acres in Calaveras County; John Indart, 520 acres in Merced County; Gracian Indart, 600 acres in Merced County; Peter Indart, 640 acres in Merced County; Joseph Monesca, 640 acres in Merced County; John T. Swanson, 320 acres in Shasta County; Iryo Development Company, 40 acres in Inyo County; Inyo Development Company, 199 acres in Inyo County; R. A. Ferguson, 240 acres in Kern County; N. B. Turner, 480 acres in Tulare County; Nick Britte, 640 acres in Kern County; A. J. Copley, Jr., 200 acres in Monterey County; Jose Carac, 40 acres in San Diego County; Arrowhead Reservoir Company, 320 acres in San Bernardino County; Swamp and overland lands—M. D. Huffman, 200 acres in Fresno County; Lodovico Dotto and Emel Rinehl, 160 acres in Plumas County.

NOT GUILTY.

John Green Acquitted of the Charge of Murder.

The case of John H. Green, the colored man charged with the murder of Ah Min, a Chinaman, near Elk Grove, on Thanksgiving day, was concluded early yesterday afternoon in Judge Hart's court.

PERSONAL MENTION.

William Beckman went to San Francisco yesterday.

Frank Olsen will leave this evening for New York City.

William Maitland was down from Grass Valley yesterday.

Lawyer C. H. Outman was up from San Francisco yesterday.

Miss Ella Franks of San Jose is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. H. Merry of this city.

Colonel J. W. Guthrie of the Second Infantry Regiment was in Grass Valley yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Snow and Miss Keller of Forestview are stopping at the Golden Eagle.

Mrs. Emma Eckle Marshall of Oakland, the well-known writer and President of the Pacific Coast Women's Press Association, is in Sacramento, the guest of Miss Virna Woods, 1126 F street.

Weather Reports.

The Weather Bureau reports show the highest and lowest temperatures yesterday to have been 53 and 29 degrees, with gentle northerly winds and partly cloudy weather prevailing.

The barometrical readings at 5 a. m. and 5 p. m. yesterday were 30.00 and 30.01 inches, respectively.

The highest and lowest temperatures one year ago yesterday were 55 and 46, with 0.16 of an inch of rain, and one year ago to-day 53 and 50 degrees, with 1.36 inches of rain.

The average temperature was 41 and the normal 48, showing yesterday to have been seven degrees cooler than usual for the 28th day of January. There was a killing frost yesterday morning.

In This City's Interest.

Mayor Land, R. D. Stephens, Postmaster Fox and other citizens went to San Francisco yesterday to endeavor to prevail on the members of the Democratic State Central Committee to select Sacramento as the place for holding their State Convention. The Central Committee meets to-day.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Broom (quinine) Tablets. All drug stores return the money if fails to cure. 50c. The S. S. S. Co. on each tablet.

HIGHBINDER WAR IMMINENT.

SLUMBERING VOLCANO READY TO BREAK OUT.

The Suey On Gang Said to Have Received Weapons From the Bay.

The local police force is somewhat exercised over recent developments which tend to prove that a war between the Chinese societies, the Suey On Tongs and the Fong Duck Tongs, may not be so far away as the average Sacramento citizen may believe, despite past forecasts that went wrong.

It has been known for several days past, ever since the recent murder, in fact, that Suey On men have been coming to Sacramento from San Francisco, Marysville and other points, and several arrivals have been held up and searched by the police and Sheriff's officers for evidence of the arsenal the fighting Chinaman is supposed to carry, and several "guns" have been confiscated.

One thing that to the officers seems suspicious is that the Suey On headquarters, on the north side of I street, everything has been removed and only a heap of refuse rubbish remains in the rooms where the Suey Ons formerly held high jinks.

But the officers have found out that if the Suey Ons are not in the city they are not far away, and the hop ranches in the vicinity and the laundries outside of the city limits hold, it is said, their quotas of fighting men, ready at the word of command to debouch upon the Fong Ducks and wage a war of extermination.

The fact that many of the recent arrivals who have been searched carried no weapons is explained by the alleged fact that on Thursday last a heavy box containing revolvers and ammunition came by steamer from San Francisco for the Suey Ons, and it is said was taken into the country and distributed among the fighting men.

A colored man who speaks Chinese like a native informed the police of the receipt by the Suey On leaders of the revolvers, but he claimed not to have found it out until they had been taken out of the city.

The Fong Duck Tongs will tell the police nothing until after the Chinese New Year, and as a consequence the officers have small chance to avert a conflict if one is anticipated.

THE CHECK SWINDLER.

James O'Brien, Alias Powers, Must Stand Trial.

James O'Brien, alias James E. Powers, alias James Thompson, the confidence operator and fraudulent check manipulator, who on Saturday last swindled J. H. Wolfe of 615 Eleventh street, and Angelo Flores of Second and L streets to the tune of \$8 and \$15, respectively, on alleged checks which were valuable only as clumsy efforts at forgery, and who on Monday last repeated the performance at Brighton Junction and succeeded in inducing Mrs. Fee to part with \$15, was before Justice Davis in the Police Court yesterday. He was held to answer before Judge Superior on two several counts of forgery.

The first count charged O'Brien with having uttered a forged check to J. H. Wolfe on the National Bank of D. O. Mills & Co., while the second count alleged that James E. Powers had presented a worthless check on the same bank to Angelo Flores and that he received \$18 on the same.

The evidence in the two cases was similar in every respect, and did not vary from the several accounts which since Saturday last have appeared in the "Record-Union."

J. H. Wolfe, Angelo Flores and Mrs. Fee identified O'Brien as the man who had induced them to cash the checks and the latter declined to make any statement. Evidence was also put in to show that he had declared his intention to enter a plea of guilty, as he did not desire to put the county to any extra expense on his account. Bail in each case was fixed at \$1,000.

OFF FOR ALASKA.

Sacramentans Who Sailed From San Francisco Yesterday.

A San Francisco paper of last evening publishes the following concerning a party of Sacramentans who were among the passengers that went north by the steamer Columbia:

There was a party of ten bound for the uttermost north. All were from Sacramento. The confusion about them did not in the least disturb them. They were a stout, sturdy-looking body of nine men and one woman. Their names are E. Shevelin, F. Finnigan, M. Snay, M. Lewis, William Libbey, A. Libbey, G. F. Baltis and wife, Tony Peters and Frank Costa. They represent all manner of trades and occupations.

Shevelin is a blacksmith, the two Libbeyes have been in the employment of the Southern Pacific Company, the father William as a machinist, and the son as a fireman. Baltis has been in the restaurant business on J street, and the others have been farmers or in machine shops. They are all bound for Alaska, and will winter there, making boats and preparing for the trip in the spring to Dawson and beyond.

"Say," said Mrs. Baltis, "say that we are the jolliest party that ever left San Francisco for Klondike. We all know each other pretty well, and we all intend to stay by each other, until we come to some good prospect grounds, and then we may separate. I intend to be a mother to all of them. I will see that they get decent food to eat, and as we have a great, big accordion which can make any amount of noise, we will drive the blue devils away."

"Am I afraid? Not a bit. I am not afraid of men or of cold weather. I was born in Australia, where all the mines are, and then went to Germany, and came to this country; was in Montana in the mines, and fetched up in Sacramento, where we went into the restaurant business. We are going to be in Alaska two years. You cannot make a business pay all of a sudden, nor more can you in mining. You have to give the country a fair show, and that is all about it. We have enough provisions to last us for more than two years, and if we feel inclined we can start up a restaurant. We made up our minds to two weeks to go," she concluded.

"Yes," said her husband, taking up the conversation, "we are on our wedding trip. She goes first class, I go second, but though we are separated we will be together all the time."

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CHEERFUL WORKERS.

Farewell Reception Sunday Night to Retiring Salvationists.

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Hotel Arrivals.

Arrivals at the Golden Eagle Hotel yesterday: R. W. Foster, G. H. Paotly, A. Oppenheimer, New York; Geo. L. McCandless, S. F. Black, Sacramento; H. R. Stow and wife, Miss Keifer, Forestview; J. M. Hamill, St. Paul; F. E. Procter, Boston; John Laik, Geo. Taft, Portland; Geo. H. Clark, Lincoln; H. A. Gillis, John Curtis, E. J. Zithmer, A. S. Rix, E. Beyfuss, A. L. S. Bird, San Francisco; C. L. Shanklin, Chicago.

A Breuner Man Goes East.

Mr. Frank Olsen, manager of the kitchenware and stove department of John Breuner's immense establishment, goes East to-night in search of more novelties for his department.

Nothing seems to stop this modern

New Spring Silks for Waists.

There is a pattern out in silks for spring that is a distinct novelty. It is an even plaid forming blocks of color about one inch square. Entirely new combinations of colors are shown in this pattern and nothing more "chic," as our French cousins say, has been seen on waist silks in a long time.

We also have similar priced effects in smaller checks. Prices, \$1 and \$1 25.

Also entirely new silks for spring in very large broken plaids, with satin cross stripes, at \$1 50 yard. No hackneyed effects, but absolutely new creations of great merit and beauty.

Why not see them?

Flannelette Gowns for Misses.

Flannelette Gowns for misses 6 to 12 years of age. In nice light colorings; well made and perfect in every respect. Reduced in price to close the line out. 33c garment.

Flannelette Dresses for children 1 to 2 years of age. Also reduced to close. Price, 19c garment.

Women's Vests and Drawers.

Wool Vests and Drawers, in red or white, for women.

The end of the season is approaching and we want to dispose of these garments. They are \$1 25 and \$1 50 values. Special price, 78c.

Extra Value Items From Furniture Dept.

Parlor Tables, oblong shape in birdseye maple and walnut finish, inlaid in colors with flowers and figures. Size 17x26, reduced from \$7 50 to \$2 75.

Solid Oak Rockers, with cane seats and brace arms. These rockers have high backs and are very comfortable. Reduced to \$1 39.

Dining Room Chairs, solid oak throughout, with cane seats. Worth buying, certainly, at 75c.

Men's Low Price Shoes.

Men's Half Dress or Light Working Shoes, in lace and congress gaiters. Neat appearing shoes that are solid throughout. Price, \$1 50.

ABOUT STORE NEWS.

We are about to issue a neat little bulletin, "Store News." It will appear every few days. The contents will consist of items to be offered at special sales, descriptions of new goods and other store items of interest to the purchasing public.

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It will cost nothing, and we know will be of value to you.

WEINSTOCK, LUBIN & CO., 400-412 K ST., SACRAMENTO.

OUR JANUARY SALE.

Millinery for To-day.

With the opening of business this morning we shall place on our counters a fresh supply of Women's, Misses' and Children's Trimmed Hats at \$1. The colors are brown, green, new blue, gray, navy and cardinal. The trims consist of ostrich tips, fur wings, ribbon and velvet. Surprising value, and just the hats for wear from now until Easter.

Saturday's \$1. Price.

Fedora Hats, in felt and mohair, bound and trimmed with silk ribbon, 19c.

Fedora Walking Hats, in fine quality felt, trimmed with silk ribbon band and fancy coque feather on side, 47c.

Tam O'Shanters for children, 15c.

Double-faced Satin Checked Ribbon, in navy, cream, green and black, 2 1/2 inches wide, 12c yard.

To-day's \$1. Price.

Men's Cashmere Hose, in black, brown and Oxford. As we have only 25 dozen, a very low price is named to close them out promptly; 2 pairs for 25c, or 12 1/2c pair.

To-day's 12c. Price.

Very fine Cashmere Hose for men; dark brown, navy blue and black; worth double our sale price. We have only size 10 1/2; however, that is a size which many men require.

To-day's 25c. Price.

Double-faced Satin Checked Ribbon, in navy, cream, green and black, 2 1/2 inches wide, 12c yard.

Big Values in Men's Hosiery for To-day.

Among the big values recently received from New York (we have four buyers in the market there now) was a large lot of mill samples and drummers' samples of Men's Woolen Socks, just the kind that seven men out of ten use every day.

We have divided them into three lots for special sale Saturday:

LOT 1—Men's Camel's Hair and Natural Wool Socks, without seams, and soft and easy to the feet.

LOT 2—Men's Cashmere Hose, in black, brown and Oxford. As we have only 25 dozen, a very low price is named to close them out promptly; 2 pairs for 25c, or 12 1/2c pair.

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Band Concert.

There will be a band concert in our stores this evening by the Forester Band, Geo. C. Holbrook, Director.

PROGRAMME.

- 1. March, "Salute".....R. B. Hall. 2. Overture, "Algonquin".....Sherman. 3. Waltz, "Merrimac".....G. C. Holbrook. 4. Selection, "A Journey Thru Africa"....."Suppe. 5. Medley, "Planner's Own".....Casey. 6. Polka caprice, "May I".....Puerner. 7. Overture, "Caliph of Bagdad".....Bolidieu. 8. March, "Columbia".....Burton.

Klondike Blankets.

It won't be safe to take any chances on the articles you carry to the Klondike. It won't, likewise, be an excess of caution on your part to purchase such articles where your own judgment as to value and merit is confirmed by the reputation of the firm selling the goods. You can depend on our Klondike blankets. Really it's only those that take these blankets to the Klondike that will fully appreciate their goodness.

Made of extra quality California wool in California and by California white labor. The best blankets in the market for the purpose and certainly the kind that California gold seekers should buy.

Scarlet or brown blankets, weighing 8 lbs., \$7 50 pair; scarlet or brown blankets, weighing 11 lbs., \$10 pair; brown blankets, weighing 12 lbs., \$12 pair; gray blankets, weighing 15 lbs., \$14 pair; brown blankets, weighing 14 lbs., \$14 pair.

Send for our list of Klondike supplies.

Stop That Cough.

Your cough may become an old acquaintance, but it never will be an agreeable one. Why not cut it at the start? It won't be an expensive thing to do.

Piso's Consumption Cure. Syrup Spruce Gum, Tulu Tar and Wild Honey. Wright's Red Cross Cough Cure. Brown's Celebrated Bronchial Troches.

All sold at 20c each.

Working Shoes.

Men's Grain Leather Working Shoes, made seamless, with elastic sides, heavy soles and broad toes. Just the shoe for winter wear. Price 95c.

GET VIM

Vim is what you lack. You feel dull and tired when you wake. You are drowsy. You have night sweats. Spots before the eyes and nervous depression. The one fact that stares you in the face is that you have no vim and no manhood. Get back your fine sense of full power; of full vigor; of perfect manliness. A man who abuses his constitution in any way suffers for it. But "Hudvan" comes to their relief so rapidly that it surprises. Drains the stop in a week. It is the drain on your system that has lost to you all the vim you had. "Hudvan" will replace it. Write and ask for circulars and the most convincing testimonials. All free. Medical advice free too, even if you have blood taint. Thin eyebrows, lumps in the throat, copper-colored spots indicate some form of blood poison. Ask for free "30-day blood cure circulars." As free as "Hudvan" circulars. But be sure to write or call at once. It is the delay that kills. You can be a man—a whole man, and a man with pure blood if you will. Act!

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LADIES' "KIDFITTING" CORSETS.

covered with fast colored fancy black ground sateen and plain black sateen, well made and strong in every particular, equals any corset sold elsewhere for 75c pair. TO-DAY, 43c.

REAL 4-BUTTON KID GLOVES, with embroidered backs, on self and colored stitching, popular shades of brown, tan, mode, English reds and black. The regular selling price is \$1 25 pair. TO-DAY, 89c.

One lot of LADIES' SILK PLATED HOSE, full bush, high spliced heels; and the regular price is \$1 a pair. Colors, cream, gray, light blue, pink, bronze, yellow, navy, brown and black. TO-DAY, 73c.

LADIES' WRAPPERS, made of fine quality cashmere flannel, in Persian patterns. Has a wattle back and ruffles over the shoulders. A good \$1 75 value. TO-DAY, 95c.

Two dozen ALL-LINEN SATIN DAMASK TABLE CLOTHS, size 58x90 inches, very pretty patterns. An excellent \$1 50 value. TO-DAY, \$1.

One lot of LADIES' HAND