



SOCIAL GOSSIP

Misses Minnie Bannan and Edna McKee have returned from the University of California. Miss Nichols of Elk Grove has been spending a week with her aunt, Miss Fical of this city. Fred Bonetti is going to Arno to-day for a short visit. Harry Stauffer returned last night from San Francisco, where he attends the Dental College. The Junior Saturday Club did not meet yesterday and will not meet until the first Saturday in January. It will then meet at the home of Miss Gemie Stafford. The Confusion Whist Club will be entertained by the Misses Seadler next Friday. Sunset Parlor. Native Sons gave the third party for the winter on Thursday evening at Foresters' Hall, which was handsomely decorated in palms and potted plants. Those on the committee were, Frank C. Schuler, Dr. W. J. Taylor, James S. Remick, Don M. Morris, Fred W. Moore and Wm. H. Devlin. Ed Gerber, who attends St. Matthew's school, has come home to spend the Christmas holidays. Corporals John Sherburn and Tom Strachan went to San Francisco on Wednesday. The Mores' Whist Club held its last meeting at the home of Judge and Mrs. J. W. Hughes. It is the custom for the club to meet every other Tuesday evening, but its meetings will be postponed until the second of January, when it will be entertained by Judge and Mrs. E. C. Hart. R. Kimbrough substituted for J. N. Blair and won the first prize, and Mrs. Ward won the prize for ladies. The members are Judge Hughes and wife, Judge Hart and wife, Dr. W. F. Ward and wife, Dr. F. L. Atkinson and wife, J. N. Blair and wife, Warren Doane and wife, and J. H. Pond and wife. Miss May Green and Miss Grace Wittshire will come to Sacramento from the University at Berkeley to spend Christmas. The Kingsley Art Club met at Mrs. Weinstein's last week. Mrs. Purnell treated of the subject for the afternoon—"The Republics of Venice and Florence." This was followed by a discussion participated in by several of the members. The club adjourned until the first Monday in January. The Wednesday Afternoon Whist Club was entertained last week by the Misses Nelson at their home, 1226 O Street. The prize was won by Mrs. Will Geary. The members are Miss Alden, Miss Kirk, Miss Wilcox, the Misses Nelson, Miss Nell Harrison, Miss Wood and Mrs. Will Geary. Dewey Lodge of the Order of Trojans will give a reception from 2 to 5 on New Year's, and a dance in the evening. Great preparations are being made, and a most delightful time is expected. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Boyd entertained the B. C. C. Whist Club at their residence, 1021 O Street, on Thursday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. S. W. McKim, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Schorer, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. M. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Green, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Boyd. Extremely high scores were the order of the evening at consolation whist. Mrs. H. P. Brown and Mrs. McKim carrying off the first prizes with scores of over fifty points. After regaling the inner man at the banquet table, at which Mr. Anderson officiated as toast master in a most efficient manner, singing and dancing were indulged in. Mrs. Raitton, who had been visiting in Sacramento for some time, left for San Francisco on Thursday. Mrs. J. C. Ashley of Oroville visited her mother, Mrs. H. Bell, for several days last week. Mrs. Anderson of Oakland is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Ed. Twitchell. Charles E. Reith is up from Berkeley to spend the holidays. Mrs. Douglas went to San Francisco on Friday. Mrs. Harry Bell left for San Francisco yesterday, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. J. Ashley. Miss Jessie Mott has returned from Nevada City, after a visit of several months. The Saturday Night Cotillon gave a most delightful party. The Spoon Club will meet to-morrow afternoon at Mrs. Ed. Hamilton's. Rev. C. L. Miel, who occupied the pulpit of the Episcopal Church at Santa

THE CONTROLLER'S REPORT.

WHAT IT COSTS TO RUN THE STATE MACHINERY.

The estimate for the hospitals for the insane, Home for Feeble-Minded Children, Home for Adult Blind and State Normal Schools shows an increase over the amounts estimated for the preceding fiscal year. This is due to the natural increase in the population of these institutions, and the necessities of enlarged facilities to keep pace with the growth. I have kept the estimate down as low as possible in many cases much lower than requested by the officers in charge of the institutions. It will be noticed that I have again segregated the salaries from the cost of support, as it is the salary only that extravagance creeps in and it is just as well to curb any disposition to excessive expenditures in this direction. I have cut the estimates for support of the Whittier State School from \$108,000 to \$50,000. Under the head of the Whittier Reform School fund, I have called attention to the large balance to the credit of this fund, which under the law should be used for the maintenance of this institution. In the past the Trustees have favored the construction of a building accumulating a large balance with which to erect new buildings. The Supreme Court having decided that the fund cannot be applied to this purpose, the Trustees should now be compelled to use it as the law directs. I have not seen the reports of the Trustees of the Whittier State School and the Preston School of Industry, but I am informed that there has been quite a decrease in the number of inmates of both institutions, notably in the latter. It is quite probable that a material decrease can be made in the appropriations for both these institutions. However, this may be left safely to the legislative committees having the matter in charge. I have again included in my estimate the amounts due to creditors of the State for bounties on coyote scalps. The greater part of these are legitimate claims, and the State is morally and legally responsible for their payment. I have no doubt there are among them many that are fraudulent, but these may be segregated from the honest claims, and the latter should be paid without delay. Under the present conditions the amount required for the support of orphans, half-orphans, etc., is \$800,000 for the ensuing two fiscal years. This is an increase over my previous estimate of \$125,000, and I think I have placed it at a conservative figure. The amount of claims paid for the last half of the forty-eighth fiscal year, ending June 30, 1897, aggregated \$201,913.94; for the first half of the forty-ninth fiscal year, \$195,520.92, and for the first half of the forty-ninth fiscal year, \$207,000.92. These figures do not include any amounts paid for back claims, which also amounted to several thousand dollars. I believe some steps must be taken to reduce this expenditure. Either the law must be reformed or the amount now appropriated must be reduced. I am not of a mind to recommend the former, but earnestly commend the alternative to your consideration. The estimates furnished for the several departments of the Government for the fifty-first and fifty-second fiscal years, ending June 30, 1900, aggregate as follows: Legislative department \$128,500.00; Judicial department 60,410.00; Executive department 28,510.00; State Board of Examiners 15,300.00; Secretary of State's office 25,000.00; Treasurer's office 27,000.00; Attorney General's office 15,500.00; Surveyor General's office 2,800.00; Traveling expenses for Attorney General 1,000.00; Superintendent Public Instruction 25,500.00; State Library 14,100.00; State Printing Office 28,800.00; State Board of Health 14,000.00; Office of Insurance Commissioner 13,500.00; Board of Railroad Commissioners 34,000.00; Board of Equalization 40,000.00; Commissioners for revision and ratification of the law 22,000.00; Yosemite Valley 22,000.00; Department of Highways 15,000.00; State Mines 4,900.00; State Mining Bureau 46,000.00; Debris Commissioners 10,200.00; Attorney General's office 15,200.00; Transportation of insane 60,000.00; Deaf, Dumb and Blind Home 135,000.00; Home Adult Blind 60,000.00; State Prison and Reformatory schools 285,000.00; Transportation of prisoners 70,000.00; State Normal Schools 248,800.00; Bureau Labor Statistics 19,800.00; State Board of Prisoners 29,000.00; Fish Commission 40,000.00; Public Buildings and grounds 114,600.00; Miscellaneous 87,000.00; Bounty on coyote scalps 28,215.00; Total general fund estimate \$5,588,548.66; School fund \$1,828,680.00; Interest and sinking fund 28,570.00; Total estimate of cost for State government for fifty-first and fifty-second fiscal years \$11,688,008.66.

INAUGURAL BALL.

Date Will Probably Be Changed to January 9th. It seems decidedly probable that the date for holding the inaugural ball will be changed from January 10th, the date agreed upon by the Inaugural Ball General Committee, to January 9th.

There is to be a United States Senator elected, and the statute governing the matter provides that a ballot must be taken on the second Tuesday after the first Tuesday of the session, which in the present instance means that the first ballot must be taken on January 17th, the day after the night fixed for holding the ball.

The committee in its deliberations have to overlook the fact that for several days preceding the election of a United States Senator, and particularly the night before, legislators have a habit of caucusing in order to determine beforehand which way the cat shall jump.

Judge G. Hart was in San Francisco yesterday, and while there had a conversation with several of the members of the Republican State Central Committee, in the course of which they urged, for the reason already stated, that the date for the ball be changed to the 9th of January.

Judge Hart telegraphed to Mayor Land the objections made and the suggestion urged by the State Central Committee, and the latter will at once call a meeting of the General Committee to either accept or reject the suggestion.

Judge Hart was seen by a "Record-Union" reporter on his return from San Francisco last night. He said he agreed with the State Central Committee that the date for holding the ball ought to be changed to the 9th.

Such a change would cause some confusion, as a considerable number of invitations have already been sent out, naming January 10th as the date of the ball. Some printing has also been done, giving the date as the 10th, but it is believed that all necessary explanations can be made in time to avoid any unpleasant consequences.

RUMORED CHANGES.

Detectives Maley and Fisher May Be Placed on Regular Beats. It has been rumored on the streets for two or three days that Mayor Land was Chief of Police Dwyer to transfer Officers Maley and Fisher from the detective work on which they have been for some time engaged, and in which they have done so much good work, to put them on regular beats and detail certain other officers for detective work.

The police force, as at present organized, has been a most efficient one, and criminals are disposed to give this city a wide berth on account of the number that have been captured and convicted within the past year or two. The two officers named did most effective work in the arrest of Leroy and Seagrath within a few hours of the shooting of E. J. Croly, and have done equally good work since in other lines, and have become a terror to petty larceny thieves. The Legislature is about to convene, and at such times many criminals gather here to enjoy the extra chances of "turning a trick."

The Chief of Police is, necessarily, by virtue of his office and his daily acquaintance, through the reports of his officers, familiar with what is going on in the city, and best qualified to judge as to the proper disposition to make of his force. He should, therefore, have full control of it, and should not be hampered by outside influences in detailing them to the positions where he thinks they would be the most useful. It seems the height of unwisdom, therefore, to dictate changes to him at this time, which would hamper his freedom of judgment.

Hotel Arrivals.

Arrivals at the Golden Eagle Hotel yesterday: S. T. Black, San Diego; C. M. Ritter, Chicago; W. L. Redding, Downsville; Dixwell Davenport, Mrs. E. Corrigan, Louise Hoerkorn, James C. Robbins, G. W. Corwin, M. Emerson, Charles Nelson, William Singer, E. B. Louison, P. J. Hunnely, San Francisco.

Turkey Shoot To-Day.

Wagons will leave Fifth and K streets at 10, 11, 1, and 3 o'clock to-day for the State and California grounds at the American River bridge, where marksmen will contest for Christmas turkeys.

OLD DISTRICT SCHOOL.

A Charming Entertainment Given at Oak Park. At the Baptist Chapel in Oak Park an amateur performance known as the "Old Fashioned District School" was given on Friday evening. Those who participated in the affair were for the most part connected with the Sunday School of the Westminster Presbyterian Church. It was given for the benefit of the Sunday School of that church, and also of the Baptist Chapel. Mrs. Frank Valentine acted as teacher. The pupils of the school were seated upon the platform, and their amusing antics and peculiar costumes occasioned great and constant laughter to pervade the large audience. Recitations were held in geography and other branches. Several of the scholars read compositions and spoke pieces in the old-fashioned way. The scholars of this promising school were Miss Bessie Jackson, Miss Helen Carle, Mrs. Green, Mrs. J. H. Liggett, Miss May Humphrey, Messrs. James A. Laidton, Frank Valentine, and Fred Westphal. The people who attended seemed to be well pleased with the District School performance. There were several other excellent features on the program, among them being solos by Messdames McClain and Magray, a humorous select reading by Miss Fannie Campbell, and a recitation by Miss Bessie Jackson that are deserving special mention. W. C. McNeely acted as chairman, and gracefully introduced those who took part in the exercises.

STATE PRINTING OFFICE.

Its Operation Depends Wholly on the Legislature. In response to an inquiry by State Printer Johnston the law firm of Devlin & Devlin have given the opinion that the State Board of Examiners has no authority in the matter of permitting the State Printing Office to be operated pending the meeting of the Legislature.

"In this particular matter," say the lawyers, "if the Board of Examiners thinks the expense should be incurred, you will have to take the chances of the coming Legislature agreeing with the Board of Examiners, and passing an Appropriation bill to pay the indebtedness. The Legislature has the legal right to disapprove with the Board and refuse to pay."

This opinion has been forwarded to Governor Budd, and an opinion is expected from him to-day.

A Witness Disappears.

In the City Justice's Court yesterday the case of James Lewis, arrested for battering a woman in August last, was continued until to-morrow. The woman appears to have dropped out of sight.

Courting To-Day.

Good sport is expected at the courting in Agricultural Park to-day. A good field of dogs has been entered, and the sport will begin at 10 o'clock.

Attend the sale of those double flats at 1400 Ninth Street, Tuesday a. m., 10 o'clock. Good income property. Hawley & Phillips.

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DATE TAKEN.

February 9, 1899, Turner Hall, Grand Ball Inroquois Club. 1c

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