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Miss Mauriel Hubbard is spending the holiday season with her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Elkus and children leave to-morrow for a week in San Francisco.

Mrs. Henry Toll of Sausalito is spending Christmas holidays with her parents.

Mrs. Elba O'Neill returned on Thursday from a two weeks' visit to San Francisco.

Mrs. Annie Campbell left Thursday for a few days in San Francisco.

Horace Davis of San Francisco spent a few days of last week in the city.

Mrs. Walter Witherbee has returned from a short visit to San Francisco.

Miss Ethel Schneider celebrated her twelfth birthday by inviting a number of her young friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Trainor and family went on Saturday to Suisun to spend Christmas there with relatives.

Mrs. Walter Miller of Placerville is visiting Mrs. F. E. Myers.

Mrs. Gammon (nee Toll) is down from the north to spend Xmas in her old home.

A surprise party was given last Sunday evening by Mrs. M. Levy to celebrate the eighteenth birthday of her twin daughters, Ruth and Naomi.

Miss Lillian Hechtman spent part of the week in the city.

Miss Alice Montford is down from the Chico Normal School, where she has been pursuing her studies during the past term.

Miss Ruby Cooper is up from San Francisco for her vacation.

The Misses Belle and Gwendolyn Matthews came up from San Francisco Thursday night.

Among the knowledge seekers who are taking advantage of the times for a rest from their labors are Miss Edna McKee and Messrs. Charles Jones and Russel Williams.

Adjutant General Seaman and wife will spend their Xmas holidays in San Francisco, after leaving San Jose, where the former represented the Governor by delivering an address on the occasion of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of California's Statehood.

The Misses Leisenring of San Diego, daughters of Dr. Leisenring of this city, who attend the teachers' convention, will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, 1415 Eighteenth street.

Mrs. A. M. Henderson has returned from a short visit to San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Phillips are happy in the possession of a newly arrived daughter.

Miss Effie Hall, accompanied by her brother, W. C. Hall, is spending Christmas holidays with relatives in Dixon.

Mrs. Pierre Olney, with her little daughter, arrived on Friday from Portland to visit her mother, Mrs. J. Olsen.

Letters received at various times from Miss Etta Steinman, who went East some weeks ago to attend the marriage of a cousin in Chicago, tell of the perfectly delightful time she is having in Eastern social circles.

Although California, too, can boast of snow scenes and sleighing, together with every other known thing producible in every clime, from that which covers with hoar-frost—presumably—the brass ball on top of the North pole, from which America—in the due course of time, through the possible concentration of electric energies so wastefully distributed by old Aurora Borealis—hopes to swing the Stars and Stripes to that in which finds its undiscovered source dark Egypt's ancient river, yet to one living in our middle northern country a snowstorm is an unfamiliar and delightful sight, and it is of these which our young Californian writes most glowingly.

To us Sacramentans who have been born, have lived, and have stayed right here, and expect to die right here unannounced by living creature beyond the foothills, a sleigh ride would be the realization of an unheard-of and venturesome dream. But we can all of us, that is if we are generally inclined, rejoice with our friends in her pleasure, and die in the hope that Mary, or the next planet (which ever it be) on which we are to continue penance for the soul's original sin 'way back in the infinite past, that is, if one believes that, though rising with us, the 'soul hath had elsewhere its setting and cometh from afar'—and giveth afar most probably—although Wordsworth forgot to tell us so, if my memory deceives me not, before it reacheth its end—may have an abundance of in-fields and snow plains, where we may complete the unfinished symphony of this world's joys by buckling on the skate or the snowshoe.

But this is irrelevant and not in the spirit of the times. I crave pardon, and

sincerely hope Miss Steinman will not believe this written in a spirit of envy. The latter will leave Chicago shortly for Cincinnati, where also she will spend some time with relatives and friends.

Mrs. H. Clay Chipman has returned from a short visit to San Francisco.

Miss Gertrude Smith of Chicago is spending the winter with Mrs. M. J. Curtis.

Mrs. Byron Gilman is visiting her mother, Mrs. Wilsey.

The Misses Adelaide and Laura Dierssen have granted themselves a brief respite from their studies in honor of the season and have come up to spend it with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Colgan have taken the Hunting house on H street.

Miss Louise Drecher is spending her vacation at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Campbell went to San Francisco last Thursday. The object of Mr. Campbell's visit was to attend a Sunday-school Convention to be held there.

Miss Mildred Obar is spending Christmas in San Francisco.

Miss Florence E. Jones has sent out cards for the afternoon of the 29th.

Miss Jeannette Bisal is up from Berkeley for the holidays.

The many anxious and inquiring friends of Mrs. E. W. Hale, who was taken so suddenly and seriously ill, will be relieved to hear that her condition is improving.

Mrs. Frank E. Myers has as guest her sister, Miss Myrtle Miller of Diamond Springs.

The Theta Chi's expect to entertain their friends and each other on the 30th instant.

Mrs. T. J. Parsons of San Francisco, with her family, is the guest of her father, Fred McFessel, for the Xmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hyde Chick came up last night from Berkeley to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Mott.

The holiday trade is a pretty good agency for determining the financial condition of a community, and this season it has shown a phenomenon which has never before been equalled. When times are hard and money is scarce people forego the many little luxuries common to the holiday season, and those who do make presents purchase less costly articles than when money is easy.

Last season the Sacramento merchants reported about the heaviest holiday trade in the history of the city, but that of the present season to date "double discounts it," in the words of a prominent merchant. It is estimated that upward of a quarter of a million dollars in excess of last season has been expended in this city during the past month.

The express business done by Wells, Fargo & Co. the past week was simply enormous. All the available space in both the up-town and depot offices has at times been piled high with packages either just received or awaiting transportation to other places.

While in every community there are always some persons who are more or less in distress, it is evident that in Sacramento this class fortunately amounts to a very small percentage of the population. The throngs of well dressed and prosperous appearing people seen on the streets and in the stores in weeks past indicate a condition of thrift that is most gratifying.

Religious services to-day. (At 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., except otherwise stated.) Presbyterian—Westminster—Sixth and L streets. Services at 10:45 a. m., 12 m. and 7:30 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m.

Methodist (South)—Seventh, J and K Sunday-school, 9:45.

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Baptist, Oak Park—Cypress and Thirtieth; Sunday-school, 10 a. m.

Shiloh Baptist Church—Sixth and P streets; Sunday-school at 12:30. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m.

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German Evangelical—Tenth, O and P; Sunday-school, 10.

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Episcopal, St. Paul's—Eighth, J and K; service at 8 a. m., 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Episcopal, St. Andrew's—Twenty-third and K, 9 a. m. (Holy Com.), and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday-school at 3:30 p. m. Holy communion at 11 a. m.

Catholic, St. Francis—Twenty-sixth and K; sermon in English only at 6, 8 and 10:30. At 9 a. m. mass and sermon for German Catholics. Sunday-school, 10 a. m.

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A Drug Clerk's Experience. The following letter from Mr. H. B. Stark, 1022 Pine St., Scranton, Pa., explains itself and will be of interest to thousands who have suffered the tortures of that common trouble, hemorrhoids or piles.

Mr. Stark says: "I feel it my duty to write an unsolicited testimonial regarding the Pyramid Pile Cure. Since a boy I have suffered untold agony from piles. I have tried all available remedies, consulted many physicians, but without help or even relief. I have been employed as a drug clerk for the past fifteen years, consequently have been in a position where I could try all of the new and old remedies for piles, but as before stated to no avail. About six weeks ago I was again suffering from my old trouble and as an experiment tried the Pyramid Pile Cure, and let me say that it gave instant relief and I am now wholly cured. I am sure also that the cure is permanent."

I shall always recommend the Pyramid to anyone suffering from any form of piles and shall do what I can to advance the sale of so excellent a remedy. Signed H. B. Stark.

having battered Cora Smith, a lower L street woman, pleaded guilty. Roy Gifford, whose name also appeared in the complaint, pleaded not guilty, but the evidence was against him. Each of the young men were fined \$25, with the alternative of spending twenty-five days in the County Jail.

AWFULLY THIN.

The Story Told in Court Yesterday by A. D. Williams.

A. D. Williams, who was recently brought from Oakland on a charge of petty embezzlement preferred by Kimball & Upson, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$40 or spend forty days in the County Jail.

Williams, who had purchased a wheel from the complainant on the installment plan, left the city directly after getting possession of it. He was located in Oakland, where he was attempting to sell the wheel. He made the extraordinary statement that he was trying to sell the wheel in order to make a payment on it.

The Berk Estate.

H. J. Goethe has applied to the Superior Court to be appointed administrator of the estate of the late Lena Berk. Miller & Brown are attorneys for the estate.

Gone to Kern County.

Dr. C. H. Blemer, State Veterinarian, has been called to Bakersfield to inspect a number of herds of cattle. He expects to return in time to spend Christmas at home.

Special Holiday Brew.

Ruhstaller's extra pale Gilt Edge steam beer now on draught in all the saloons. Something fine. Try it.

A box of La Primerencia cigars \$3.50 at most any cigar store. A. Coolot, distributor.

UP TO THE LAST HOUR PICTURE HEVENER, MIER & CO. 615 J St.

SPECIAL NOTICES. BAKER & HAMILTON, WHOLESALE hardware, bicycles, carts, buggies, carriages, phonos, Bain fawn and header wagons. Send for catalogue.

NEW TO-DAY. IN THE SUPERIOR COURT, COUNTY of Sacramento, State of California.

In the matter of the estate of LENA BERK, deceased. Notice is hereby given that FRIDAY, the 23rd day of January, 1900, at 1:30 o'clock p. m. of said day, and the courtroom of said court, at the courthouse in the City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento, State of California, have been appointed for the hearing of the application of H. J. Goethe for the issuance to him of letters testamentary thereon.

WITNESSETH my hand and the seal of said court, this 23rd day of December, 1899. (Seal) W. B. HAMILTON, Clerk.

Will give an entertainment and dance THIS EVENING at Smith's Hall, Seventh street, near K.

EIGHTH Annual Announcement.

It is with pleasure and pardonable pride that we send to the citizens of Sacramento a statement of the eighth year of the Sacramento Sanitarium or Neagle Medical Institute.

Eight years ago we founded this Institute at its present elegant quarters. Since then, with labor and money, we have continued to add to its stock of knowledge, apparatus, medicinal accommodations, until now it stands the peer of any like institution in the great West.

We would especially invite all those who are in need of medical treatment or have friends who may need the same, to call at the Institute and we believe that we will convince you that, right here at home, we can give you as good, if not better, medical treatment than you can get in any of the large cities, and at a much less cost.

For further information, call in person or write to the Institute, at 724 1/2 K street, Sacramento, Cal. J. H. NEAGLE, M. D.



TO ALL

and a hearty welcome to all lovers of fine meats. Our display is the grandest in the State. Don't forget the Sausage Meat for Dressing.

Mehr & Yoerk P'kg Co. 1024-1026 J STREET.

SEND THE WEEKLY UNION TO YOUR friends in the East.

New arrivals in "Domestic" machines

No need to enter into details regarding the merits of the "Domestic" machine.

Prices: Three drawer style with drop leaf and fancy cover, \$32.50. Five drawer style, made of fine quarter sawed oak, \$35.00.

Automatic drop head, four drawers, \$40.00. Remember, we sell machines just the same as any other line of goods—one price only, no commissions or profits to canvassers or "agents."

John Breuner Cor. Sixth and K.

We have just received a lot of ripe California Olives. A finer lot of Olives you never saw—large size, small pit, jet black and rich in flavor.

A Rainy Season Assured. Prepare for it by having a top put on your buggy or wagon. A GOOD BUGGY TOP for \$12. Storm aprons at \$1.50. Side curtains at \$1.50 per pair.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an election will be held at the pump house in Reclamation District No. 63, county of Sacramento, State of California, on Saturday, the 23rd day of January, 1900.

HAVE MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS GET A GENUINE EDISON Phonograph \$7.50, \$20, \$30.

R. T. COHN & CO., 721 K Street.

THE FAMOUS Rantz-Santley Novelty and Burlesque Co. An Affair of Honor.

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Mutoscopes, Artoscopes. Artistic, Cultivating and Entertaining. Permanently located at 603 K Street.

ROLLER AXLES ARE NOT BALL-BEARING AXLES.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT, COUNTY of Sacramento, State of California. In the matter of the estate of ELIZABETH B. BARTLETT, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that FRIDAY, the 23rd day of December, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, and the Courtroom of said court, at the courthouse, in the City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento, State of California, has been appointed as the time and place for proving the will of said Elizabeth B. Bartlett, deceased, and for hearing the application of Philip Herzog for the issuance to him of letters testamentary thereon.

WITNESSETH my hand and the seal of said court, this 18th day of December, 1899. W. B. HAMILTON, Clerk.

SEND THE WEEKLY UNION TO YOUR friends in the East.

MASON'S 528 J STREET. A large and beautiful assortment of New Holiday Goods. Best Printing at Lowest Rates.

OFFICE COATS are very acceptable, and we are showing a large assortment of them. \$3.50 to \$6.

FANCY VESTS are just now popular, in bright colors. We have them from \$3.50 to \$6.

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CHRISTMAS CAKES. We have a full line of fancy cakes for the holidays, also extra fine fruit cakes and mince pies.

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JOHN G. McCULLY, the shoemaker, removed from 405 J st. to 1011 J. Customers please take notice! Best work, lowest prices.

VIKING CYCLERY Has removed to 1017 Ninth street, Old Fellows' Building. 'Phone, Sun, red 631. M. B. Landreth, Proprietor.

UNION LAUNDRY and Best and quickest. Tenth and O streets. Both 'phones.

BATHS! 12c Each. W. E. T-barber shop. Clean tubs. All the clean towels you want. Private rooms for ladies. S. C. CLARK, Proprietor.

LOAN MONEY ON DIAMONDS, watches, jewelry, pianos and furniture. Reasonable rates of interest. Strictly confidential. EMIL STEINMAN, 1012 4th st.

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Wright & Kimbrough, REAL ESTATE AUCTIONEERS, 607 J STREET.

D. J. SIMMONS & CO. GENERAL AUCTIONEERS 1016 Fourth Street.

"It's an ill wind," etc., and the burden of the illness thereof is this time placed to the account of the Social Editor.

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What a debt of gratitude society—in its broadest or meaning—owes to that little band of Christ's nearest followers, whose quiet, unassuming presence and work in our midst so greatly eases the conscience of him who helplessly and ineffectively, though by no means heartlessly, contemplates the wants and sorrows and sufferings of his less fortunate fellow creature, the problem of whose condition he is unable to solve, though he is willing and glad of the privilege to add his mite to the cost of its solution.

But for the Social Editor the Christmas wave bears in on its shaggy crest little more than a few stray bits of ordinary, uninteresting, seaweed—Christmas time in the home time—the family reunions time. There is no room for the stranger, and social pleasures give way to home joys with their deeper significance.

"And so it falls out" that not one single social event, properly so-called, appears to serve as "piece de resistance," as it were, on Society's Christmas menu. So I can but wish you a very joyous Christmas, and many of them to come, each bringing with it its new and distinct happiness.

Among the quite informal entertainments given by Captain and Mrs. Weinstein in honor of their guests, the Misses Rosenbaum, were two dinners, one at the Sutter Club, at which were present, besides the host and hostess, their guests, and daughters, Miss Corlee Wilsey, Messrs. Rudolph and Otto Van Norden, Fred Kessel and Dr. S. E. Simmons. The other was at the Weinstein residence, on the eve of the departure of their guests for home, to which were invited Miss Jessie Mott and Messrs. Montford, Crowell, Will Quinton and Miller Upson.

Mrs. Carl Kaufman also entertained the young ladies at a thimble bee on Thursday last week. A theater party, too, was one of the diversions. The Misses Rosenbaum returned to Stockton in the early part of the week, having spent a most delightful time in Sacramento.

Miss Garoutte will spend the coming holiday week with her relatives in San Francisco.

Mrs. Frank Gray has returned from a week's trip to San Francisco.

The marriage of Miss May Chadwick to Charles Stickey will take place to-morrow at the residence of the groom's mother. A number of invitations have

THE HEALTH HABIT