LATEST OAKLAND NEWS.

Many Ministers Destroy the Barrier Raised by Sects.

NEW EVIDENCES OF HARMONY.

Urgent Need of a Humane Society. A Bloomer Night at the Macdonough.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Sept. 22.

The ministers of this City, or rather, some of them, have taken the place in public interest this week that divorces filled last week. Last week, in view of the many secret and so-called contract marriages, the expected question on the street was, "Who is married and who is single and who is divorced?" This week the scene shifts to the clergy and everybody is wondering of what belief and character are Oakland's ministers.

Foremost in this connection is the case of Dr. E. S. Chapman. He was for years a Presbyterian, then he filled a Methodist pulpit with equal satisfaction, and now he is a Congregational pastor. The white-haired man is respected and loved from one end of the county to the other and the least significant scholar of a Sunday-school speaks of what Dr. Chapman told her as familiarly as though he himself were her classmate; and his brother preachers regard him in like manner. Why? Because he has made the golden rule his creed during many long years of pastoral duties.

Dr. Chapman has never entered the arena as the defender of any ism. Yet he is one of the most popular and best known divines in California.

Next Tuesday Rev. H. C. Hobart and J. P. Cogswell will go as delegates from this city to San Jose to welcome back into the Baptist fold Rev. J. H. Garnett, who a few years ago was the pastor of the Tenth-avenue Baptist Church. After filling a pulpit of that denomination in San Jose for a short time Mr. Garnett surprised all his hearers one day by announcing that his researches forced him to the belief that the creed of the Unitarians was the true faith. Mr. Garnett made a very acceptable Unitarian minister for nearly two years. Then the battle of doubt was fought once more and Mr. Garnett decided that his mind could only be at rest in communion with the Unitarians. For some months he has been filling a Baptist pulpit, and on Tuesday two of his former co-pastors of this city will go to San Jose where in conjunction with delegates from every Baptist church in Central California Rev. J. H. Garnett's reinstatement to full standing in the ministry will be decided.

This evening the line of demarcation between creeds was entirely lost sight of by the First Congregational and First Methodist churches, and both congregations worshiped in Dr. Kummer's church. Rev. William Rader and Rev. E. S. Williams of the Congregationalist faith gave addresses, and so did the Methodist pastor, Dr. Kummer, and the stranger within the gates did not know who was who, as all were equally interesting.

Another interesting feature in this connection was the position assumed to-day by Rev. Philip Graif. For a long time Mr. Graif worked hard to build up the First English Lutheran Church of this city, but about a year ago he severed his connection with that sect, and after a spell of preaching in a Congregational pulpit, he occupies a Baptist pulpit in Oakland.

This morning he lectured on the theme, "Is God Knowable?" The subject was treated from many points of view, and a fair summary of Dr. Graif's sermon would be this—that God is not a deity of sect, but the God of the ages, and all who would know him must be Christians, all qualifications regarding creed notwithstanding.

Then comes Rev. Fritz Hinckley, the Chicago newspaper reporter, who is now pastor of the Second Congregational Church. Mr. Hinckley is no more of a sectarian preacher than is Dr. Chapman. He has founded the West Oakland Manse on lines broad enough to take in the heretic, the Episcopalian, Nonconformist or Salvationist. Next Tuesday the eccentric body will meet and elect officers, and there will probably be as many creeds represented on the board as officials.

The crowning link in the breaking down of the barriers erected by creeds is the Oakland Institute of Applied Christianity. On its platform Professor Le Conte of Berkeley, Principal McChesney of the High School and ministers of all denominations meet and discuss ethical topics.

The lady cyclists of Oakland have decided to give Pauline Hall a novel reception when she appears at the Macdonough Wednesday night of next week. Miss Hall once "did" Europe on a wheel, and when this fact became known nothing more was needed to induce lady local riders to decide on a "bicycle night." That is what the ladies call it, but the gentlemen have decided that it will be a "bloomer night," and that the new garments will be seen in box and gallery, auditorium and dress circle. Altogether there are three ladies' clubs in Oakland, besides a host of unattached riders.

It is not generally known that the Humane Society is in danger of losing Mrs. Sanford, the secretary, and in truth the society. Mrs. Sanford has worked without a salary for a long time, and she does not ask for one now, but there are numerous expenses attached to the office that should be provided for. The society has brought a host of offenders to justice during the past two years and is worthy of every encouragement. In a city like Oakland a humane society is a necessity, and it is high time that a united effort was made to organize a society that will not be handicapped for current expenses.

STUART W. BOOTH.

RADER PUBLICLY RESIGNS.

He May Be Asked to Become the Successor to Dr. McLean.

The circumstances connected with the appointment of a successor to the Rev. Dr. McLean of the First Congregational Church were robbed of some of their mystery this morning. A large number of the members of the church were anxious to see Rev. William Rader, assistant pastor, appointed to succeed his ex-chief, and were not satisfied with the action of the committee of nine chosen to find a pastor.

This morning Rev. William Rader said: "In the crisis which is upon us, in consequence of changes in the pastorate, I beg the privilege of making a statement in the interest of harmony and for the future welfare of the church. The situation in which we find ourselves at this time will be sufficient excuse for anything in this statement which may appear to be unduly personal.

"On the 15th of October my work ceases. You will understand that this is not a resignation, but that the time for which I was engaged expires at that date. It is an open secret that many who have honored me with their confidence and friendship wish to retain me in the pastorate of this church. While any allusion to this matter is personally distasteful, you will believe me when I say that the matter is assuming an importance so significant as to properly demand a word from me. Without going into details, which would be unpleasant alike to you and to me, I wish simply to say that my relation to this church positively ceases, without qualification, on October 15; that I am not for a moment to be thought of in connection with any future service of the church except in a fraternal way. At the time these words are written my ministerial future is a blank, and I leave you with feelings akin to those of Abraham when 'he went out not knowing whither he went.'"

BAY DISTRICT RACES.

The Card To-Day Apparently a Hard One to Guess.

Racing at the Bay District track will be continued to-day with a very fair card. The different events are well filled, and appear to be very open betting propositions. Following is the list of starters:

First race, threequarters of amile, selling, non-winners in 1895—Dr. Gardner 92, Steadfast 101, Coleman 104, Agitato 104, Golddust 104, Elmer F 104, Haymarket 98, Mendocino 98.

Second race, three-quarters of a mile, selling, light welterweights—Vernon 120, Dick O'Malley 126, Conde 129, Olivia 120, Normandie 129, John Payne 129, Arno 123.

Third race, eleven-sixteenths of a mile, selling—Tim Murphy 102, Duchess of Towers 104, Rico 100, Arctic 105, Rey Alta 98, Candor 108, Nervoso 98.

Fourth race, one mile, selling—Mamie Scott 94, Silver 85, Nellie G. 95, May Day 98, Sympathetic's Last 95, Nephew 101, Bell Ringer 98, Sinbad 104.

Fifth race, one mile and seventy yards, selling—Charmer 92, Little Bob 86, Carmel 99, Malo Diablo 95, Fanny Louise 100, Remus 99, Wheel of Fortune 94.

SERVICE ON BOARD SHIP.

Fourth Annual Gathering of the Floating Christian Endeavorers.

An Organization That Looks After Jack's Welfare When He Is at Oakland.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Sept. 22.

The committees of the floating societies of Christian Endeavor of California held a grand reunion last evening at the Seamen's Reading-rooms, West Oakland.

A social followed a short service, and the music and recitations were contributed by the Misses Lamont, Mrs. Haden, Miss MacMurtry, Mr. Fish and Messrs. Palmer and Abbott of the Stanmore. The hall was elaborately decorated with flags of all nations, and presented a handsome effect. The attendance was large, including a number of seamen from various merchant ships now in port.

The occasion was one of great gratification to the officers and members of the society, as the work of nearly four years was revived, the results showing the Floating Society to be one of the most succesful branches of Christian work. The first work done for the seamen who come to Oakland was in 1892, by Carl N. G. Hagar, who worked independently in conducting services on the steamships lying off Long wharf, for a period of six months. It was his custom to accompany the sailors to services when they came ashore to the Second Congregational Church on Chase street, and it was no unusual thing for himself and Mrs. Hagar to entertain eighteen officers and sailors at Sunday dinner.

The members increased until Mr. Hagar turned the new line of work over to the Second Congregational Church, and he was appointed its superintendent. It continued to prosper until 1893, when representatives joined from all the churches, and its name was changed from the Seaman's Mission to the Floating Society of Christian Endeavor, which now visits all vessels in port.

The captains and officers of the ships where the society is represented are enthusiastic over the work, saying they noticed a great change among the seamen, who instead of cursing are singing hymns.

Services were held to-day on board the Stanmore, the Bethel ship now in port.

The officers of the Alameda County society are Carl N. G. Hagar, chairman; J. L. Lockwood, vice-chairman; Miss Annie L. Moir, recording secretary; Miss M. G. Ludlow, corresponding secretary; Miss Kate McDaniel, treasurer.

FLOATING SOCIETY CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR ON BOARD THE EUDORA.

[*From a photograph.*]

TELEGRAPH EXPERIENCES.—In a work on the many phases of telegraph life a sad scene is related. A New Orleans operator was slowly dying of consumption at the home of his boyhood, in Franklin, Tenn. Summoning sufficient strength one day, and against the wishes of his devoted wife, he walked to the telegraph office there and requested Memphis to place him in connection with New Orleans. Calling Taylor Adams, an old chum in the office, to the key, the operator requested him to gather around him all his old fellow-laborers. Adams complied, and Taylor Brown, the operator, opened his key and sent the following message: "I am dying by inches, and my worn-out body will soon be returned to clay. I have come from my sick-bed to say good-by." There was a pause of three minutes, and the key was again used. The sounder here ticked: "Taylor Brown has died in the chair." The hand that flashed this, however, was not Brown's, but that of the regular operator. A prominent telegraph operator, of many years' experience, was asked what message of the many thousands that had passed through his hands, had made the most lasting impression on him. He replied that he should never forget a message that was mailed some eighteen years ago at Jackson, Miss. The message was put in at 11:52 A. M., with the instructions: "This message must be delivered in the hands of the Sheriff of Wilkinson County, Woodville, Miss., before noon." The message was a respite from the Governor on behalf of a poor wretch then standing on the gallows awaiting the blow of the axe that would cut the rope. The receiving operator who tells the story was in an agony of nervousness, especially as he knew the jail was nearly a mile from the office. The manager of the office, however, was equal to the emergency. Mounting a horse standing in front of the office he arrived at the jail just as the last signal was about to be given and delivered the message in time to stay the proceedings. The unfortunate whose life was thus spared was sent to the penitentiary at Jackson, Miss., and after serving nine months secured his liberty on it being proved that he had been unjustly imprisoned.

TO ENCIRCLE THE LAKE.

Two Sections of Oakland's Beautiful Boulevard Now Completed.

OWNERS ARE PAYING A SHARE,

The City Council Petitioned to Hasten the Remainder of the Work.

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Now that one-fourth of the proposed boulevard around Lake Merritt is completed the property-owners are anxious that the remainder shall be finished without loss of time. The first step toward an agitation for the completion of the boulevard was the presentation of a petition to the Council from the residents of the immediate vicinity asking that the work be completed under certain conditions. The petition will be read at the meeting of the Council to-morrow night, but will probably be referred to its proper committee and another week will elapse before any decision is reached.

A VIEW OF THE FINISHED BOULEVARD AROUND LAKE MERRITT

The petition sets forth that the lines of the boulevard can be so fixed that probably all of the property-owners will donate the necessary land. It declares that the work can be done under the general street law, whereby the city and the property-owners will jointly bear the expense.

Two sections are now completed and each is about 1500 feet in length. The cost of the completed portion has been about $6000, paid half by the city and half by the property-owners. The boulevard has a width of 200 feet and has been macadamized, sewered, piped and sidewalked the entire length. The second section reaches clear around Newton Point, so that considerably over half a mile of driveway is now completed. Newton Point, that overhung the old narrow roadway, has been cut away for the required distance and the street made of uniform width. The grading of the street at the point was done by the unemployed in the winter of 1893.

One of the men most actively working for the boulevard is William G. Henshaw, vice-president of the Union Savings Bank, and it is principally through his efforts that the success of the project has so far been made possible.

The location of the boulevard is the most picturesque in Oakland and when completed will be one of the finest water parks in the country.

COURSING AT THE PARKS.

Good Running at Both of the San Mateo County Resorts Yesterday.

The coursing parks never saw better sport than was witnessed yesterday, the running at both resorts being far above the average. The weather seemed to suit hares and hounds alike, and the way in which the former got over the ground gave the dogs all they could do to kill, and betting on previous performance was at a discount.

At Casserly's Park a forty-dog stake was run, the winner turning up in Wee Lassie, J. Perigo's clever bitch. Following is the result of the run-down:

T. J. Cronin's Rosa B beat J. O'Connor's Tee Wee, J. O'Connor's Ambition beat P. Carney's Annie Daly, D. D. Roche's Dan C beat T. Brennan's White Chief, W. Dalton's Ilene beat J. McCormick's Rapid, W. Dalton's Napoleon Jack a bye, P. Carney's Mission Boy beat T. Sherin's Pearl, J. O'Connor's Riley beat J. McCormick's Cheerful, R. Corcoran's May Tea Boy a bye, G. Dougherty's Georgie Dixon beat J. Boyle's Flirtation, T. Ford's Queen of Valley beat J. O'Connor's Galloping, T. Brennan's Regent a bye, J. Reidy's Buffalo beat C. Jennings' Red Rose, D. Dillon's Little Willie a bye, J. O'Connor's True Blue a bye, J. Quane's Captain Morse beat J. Murphy's Redlight, T. J. Cronin's Best Trump a bye, J. Perigo's Wee Lassie beat J. Sullivan's Wide Awake, D. Dunlea's Nellie D beat T. Roe's Molly Reilly, J. Reidy's Victory beat J. Sullivan's Barney, J. Tracy's Soudan beat R. O'Shea's Erin's Maid.

First ties—Rosa B beat Ambition, Ilene a bye, Napoleon Jack beat Mission Boy, May Tea Boy beat Riley, Georgie Dixon beat Queen of Valley, Regent beat Buffalo, Little Willie beat True Blue, Captain Morse beat Best Trump, Wee Lassie beat Nellie D, Victory beat Soudan.

Second ties—Ilene beat Rosa B, May Tea Boy beat Napoleon Jack, Regent beat Georgie Dixon, Little Willie beat Captain Morse, Wee Lassie beat Victory.

Third ties—Ilene beat May Tea Boy, Little Willie beat Regent, Wee Lassie a bye.

Fourth ties—Wee Lassie beat Ilene, Little Willie a bye.

Final—Wee Lassie beat Little Willie.

On Sunday next, in addition to the regular $1 stake, which will be judged by John Grace, match races will be run between Skyball and Royal Buck for $100 a side, one course, and between Flying Buck and Dick.

The crowd at Kerrigan's was in a betting mood yesterday, and its money went into the box in lavish quantities. A number of dogs won with as good odds as 5 and 6 to 1 against them, and this kept the short-end players in good humor.

Following is the result of the run-down:

J. Kerrigan's Dashaway beat J. Dougherty's Iron Clad, V. W. Guerrero's Twilight beat T. Sullivan's Kilkenny Girl, G. Smart's Lady Fitzgerald beat J. Dillon's Diamond, J. Dougherty's Belle beat T. O'Brien's Lamplighter, A. Cummings' Stamboul Queen beat V. W. Guerrero's Bonnie Lass, D. Tweedie's Fairy D beat D. Leonard's Moonlight, G. Watson's Belmont beat J. P. McDonald's Mayo Boy, J. Dougherty's Queen Bess beat O'Connor Bros.' Barcaldine, G. Burfiend's Trix beat W. Walshe's Jennie H, J. Parkinson's Marvelous beat S. Riordan's Chicopee, V. W. Guerrero's Tempest beat T. Logimaginis' Blackthorn, V. W. Guerrero's Maud G a bye, M. Kelly's Young Slavin a bye, D. Tweedie's White Rustic beat J. Kelly's Mark K, G. Burfiend's Catchem beat C. O'Brien's Little Bob, T. Sullivan's Little Tom beat M. O'Hare's Midget, O'Connor's Now-or-Never a bye.

First ties—Twilight beat Dashaway, Lady Fitzgerald beat Belle, Stamboul beat Stamboul Queen, Belmont beat Fairy D, Trix beat Queen Bess, Marvelous beat Tempest, Maud G beat Young Slavin, White Rustic beat Catchem, Little Tom beat Now-or-Never.

Second ties—Lady Fitzgerald beat Twilight, Belmont beat Stamboul, Trix beat Marvelous, White Rustic beat Maud G., Little Tom a bye.

Third ties—Belmont beat Lady Fitzgerald, Little Tom beat Trix, White Rustic a bye.

Fourth ties—White Rustic beat Little Tom, Belmont a bye.

On Sunday next the management will add $25 to the regular $1 stake. Ed Canavan will judge and John Cranston act as slipper.

YANG YU GIVES WARNING.

Ominous Advice From the Chinese Minister to the See Yups.

Some Drastic Measures May Be Applied to Put an End to the Boycott.

The Chinese Minister at Washington, Yang Yu, has again taken a hand in the efforts to bring about a settlement between the See Yups and the Sam Yups. Copies of a printed circular or proclamation have just been sent by him to Consul-General Li and posted about Chinatown, which are very ominous for the boycotters in their wording.

Yang Yu, in this document, which is advisory in its tone, points to the alarming spread of the feud from this coast even to the Atlantic. He has not only received communications from the consular authorities of San Francisco, he writes, but also from those in New York.

To make matters plain it might be stated that the word "Yup" means a clan, and each clan may have members in various parts of this country, so that any controversy naturally becomes far reaching.

The Sam Yups are mostly merchants and salesmen and hail from the Nam Hoy, Pun Yui and Shun Tuk districts, which accounts for their speaking the metropolitan dialect of Canton city. The See Yups, on the other hand, come generally from the rural parts of the province of Canton, the four companies comprising this clan hailing as follows: The Ning Yungs from the Sun Ning district, the Kong Chous from Sun Wui, the Shue Hings from Hoy Ping, and the Hop Wahs from Yun Ping. These four See Yup companies some weeks ago entered into an ironclad boycott agreement which was very explicit. They also forced into their compact the Yueng Wos, who are Hang Shon men, but subsequently the Yueng Wos concluded to remain neutral.

The companies all constitute what is known as the Six Por Consolidated Companies. The Yan Wos—the barbers—are not counted, because they are "Hak Kah" men, which means aborigines.

As is well known the split in the Six Companies was caused by the arrest of Mok Tai for the murder of Chong Wai, but the Chinese Minister in his circular as much as says that the incidental cause of the difficulty is not the thing to be primarily considered, as the courts may be relied upon to determine Mok Tai's guilt or innocence. He argues, therefore, that the controversy be settled speedily, within the next ten days if possible, and there is a strong insinuation in the language of the document that vigorous measures may be used to force a settlement.

The measures hinted at are the arrest and sending back to China of See Yup offenders if caught interfering with Sam Yup patrons and convicted. He also reminds his countrymen of the ability of the American people to enact laws much more unfavorable to the Chinese than the Geary and McCreary acts.

There is one nobleman to every fifteen inhabitants of Warsaw.

WEEKLY FRATERNAL INDEX

The Protective Benevolent Order of Elks Working for Increase.

GRADED ASSESSMENT QUESTION.

The Object of the Odd Fellows' Home at Thermalito—Grand Lodge F. and A. M.

Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

An unusual interest has of late been taken in this City in the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. All the members are working harmoniously and earnestly to increase the membership, and they are doing well. At every meeting of Golden Gate Lodge No. 6 there are many applications for membership and initiations. It is the aim of the members to make Golden Gate Lodge rank with the best and strongest, numerically, lodge in the United States. Among the prominent and most active members of the local lodge may be mentioned Ernest Ulman, Colonel Alfred Perrier, J. O. Reis and C. W. Nevin.

J. O. Reis is a native son, born in this City, September 5, 1865. He joined the order in 1892, has taken a very active part in the local lodge and was by a unanimous vote this year chosen exalted ruler. He devotes much time to increasing the membership roll, is anxious to have a home for the order established here, and wants it to have a building for its exclusive use. Being the son of a pioneer, he is a member of the Society of California Pioneers, was the first president of Columbia Parlor No. 121, N. S. G. W., and is a member of other fraternal organizations.

Ernest Ulman was born in New York City in 1850 and came to California in 1873. He became a member of California Lodge, No. 12, B. P. O. E., in 1882, and was its secretary in 1883 and 1884. He then became a charter member of Golden Gate Lodge, No. 6, which was instituted December 6, 1885, and was also elected exalted ruler in March, 1891. He was a representative to the Grand Lodge session held at Buffalo, N. Y., 1892, and was by William G. Meyers of Philadelphia, grand exalted ruler, appointed district deputy G. E. R. for California. He has taken a very active part in all the undertakings of Golden Gate Lodge since its institution; has been one of its most faithful and hard-working members and had done a great deal to advance it. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias, having joined twenty years ago. He is past chancellor of Laurel Lodge No. 4 and has served as grand lodge trustee for three consecutive years. He is a member of Pythian Division, No. 2, U. R., K. of P.

Ernest Ulman, District Deputy of California B. P. O. E.

Colonel Perrier is a native of Paris, France, who came to California in 1869. He joined San Francisco Lodge No. 3 in 1876, became a charter member of California Lodge No. 12 in 1879, and served as treasurer for five years. By the consolidation of lodges No. 3 and No. 12 he was elected trustee of Golden Gate No. 6, which position he new holds. Besides being a P. E. R. of No. 6, he is a colonel in the Uniform Rank, K. of P., past chancellor of Laurel Lodge No. 4, K. of P. and one of the grand trustees of the Grand Lodge of California, also Knight of Khorassen. He has a very large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Nevin has been one of the most active members of the Order of Elks. He was born in Iowa in 1849, and came to San Francisco in 1865. He has filled many chairs in the Order of Elks, is a member of the K. of P., was a charter member of Memorial Lodge No. 174, A. O. U. W., and is connected with other fraternal organizations. He is a hard worker and a firm believer in the benefits that accrue to those who belong to beneficial societies.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Grand Master Gosbey is still visiting lodges. He will visit Iowa Hill to-morrow, Forest Hill Wednesday, Michigan Bluff on Thursday, Newcastle on Friday and Roseville on Saturday.

Grand Patriarch Roesch will visit Paso Robles on the 12th and will be with North Star Encampment No. 74 of Bieber on the 5th of October.

Miss Fannie Benjamin, State president of the Rebekah degree, on her return to her home in Los Angeles, after a hundred days in the north, traveling by stage and rail to visit lodge after lodge and work for the good of the order, was tendered a reception by Columbia Rebekah Lodge and well she deserved the compliment, for it is doubtful if any other woman in the order ever undertook such a rough journey in the fulfillment of a duty imposed upon her.

The new encampment soon to be instituted in Los Angeles will have a very large charter roll, over 140 names being already affixed to it.

From a report presented to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which met in Atlantic City, it appears that during the year there was a gain of 1 grand lodge, 279 subordinate lodges, 335 Rebekah lodges and 10,803 members of subordinate lodges. There are now 10,295 subordinate lodges, 2,610 encampments, 3,627 Rebekah lodges and a membership of 790,795 in subordinate lodges, 225,189 in the Rebekah degree, 134,330 in the encampments. The total relief paid during the year was $3,323,311 96. Total relief to date, $67,898,670 47.

Invitations have been extended to the members of the order and to the Veteran Odd Fellows to meet Unity lodge to-morrow night on the occasion of Past Grand Master W. H. Barnes celebrating the sixty-first anniversary of his birth, the fortieth of his connection with Odd Fellowship. He will address the meeting and will tell of some of the men he has met.

The New Age gives the following important information in relation to the home at Thermalito:

Notwithstanding the reports and pamphlets which have been sent out to lodges and the reports printed in the last proceedings of the Grand Lodge, some misapprehension yet exists as to who are entitled to admission, and some lodges have an idea that if they have a sick member who is old on their sick list he can be sent to the home. This is incorrect. No member who is drawing sick benefits is entitled to be sent there. The home is not intended for sick members, but for the aged and indigent. A brother who may be so old that he is incapable, from feebleness, etc., of earning a livelihood, and to whom the lodge is donating benefits, etc., is entitled, but if same brother, by illness, was confined to his house, or even able to walk about a little, was receiving regular sick benefits, he would not be entitled.

The home is for the aged and indigent brother, his wife, widow, or orphan. Not for the now sick brother, etc. After inmates are received in the home, and they become sick, of course they will be cared for properly, but they are not entitled to be received if sick when application is made.

A widows and orphans, if aged or indigent, are eligible, but they must be widows, etc., of members who belonged to California lodges. This item is given, because at the meeting an application was received from a widow and orphans of a brother who died here, but who belonged to a lodge of another jurisdiction.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge has amended the constitution so as to render ineligible to membership saloonkeepers and barkeepers.

Farnsworth Lodge will be instituted on the 28th inst.

Among the applicants recently admitted to the home was the aged wife of a member, who is now, unfortunately, an inmate of one of the asylums of the State for the insane. She was helpless and the order was taking care of her. Now she is provided with a good home.

Paschian, a French cook, is in charge of the kitchen and he sees that the food for the inmates is carefully and properly prepared.

The trustees have practically decided to admit aged Odd Fellows to the home for life upon the payment of $1000. These will live at the home in the same manner as do the people at the Old People's Home in this City.

Ned T. Batturs, an old pioneer of San Francisco, at one time a prominent member of the Volunteer Fire Department, an officer of the Dashaway Association and prominent in politics, is now an inmate of the new home, having come to the conclusion that he had battled long enough with the busy world, and that he had earned a rest from care and trouble in his declining years. He takes great delight in his new surroundings, and he is represented as the life of the home, busying himself getting up entertainments for the benefit of the other members. Batturs was always an organizer, and his desire to be such still remains with him.

The Veteran Odd Fellows who recently presented some valuable and useful furniture to the home have caused to be struck off aluminum fac similes of the association badge. Each piece contributed will be marked with one of these emblems.

The Badge of the Veteran Odd Fellows

Native Sons of the Golden West.

Athens Parlor No. 195, Native Sons of the Golden West, will receive its charter in Oakland this week with sixty members on the charter roll. Grand President F. H. Dunne, Grand Secretary Henry Lunstedt and District Deputy C. T. Rose will be present and take part in the institution of the new parlor.

The death of C. W. Sloan of Eureka, Humboldt County, is announced as having occurred at that place a few days since. Mr. Sloan, who was a native of Trinity, 36 years old, was a popular member of the order and took a prominent part in the session of the Grand Parlor held last April.

The various committees of the recent Admission day celebration are busy preparing their final reports.

The new home for the sons on Mason street, near Post, has so far advanced that steps are being taken to furnish the interior. A special committee has been appointed to arrange a library and reading-room and measures will probably be taken to enlarge the scope of the library.

The grand trustees are making arrangements to furnish two fine rooms in the new building for the use of the grand secretary. It is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy by the first of next year.

Chosen Friends.

The Supreme Council of Chosen Friends, which held its session in Cleveland, Ohio, elected the following named as grand officers: H. H. Morse, supreme councilor (re-elected); L. A. Steber of Missouri, supreme assistant councilor; Dr. L. R. Webster of Oakland, Cal., supreme vice-councilor; T. B. Linn, supreme recorder (re-elected); W. B. Wilson of New Jersey, supreme treasurer; D. H. Jameson, supreme medical examiner (re-elected); Rev. T. G. B. Harrell of Indiana, supreme prelate; J. Linden of Ohio, supreme marshal; W. A. Green of Virginia, supreme Warden: J. C. Williams of New York, supreme sentry; W. F. Gibson of Social Council No. 46, San Francisco, Cal., F. W. Judge of Connecticut, F. V. Buschick of Illinois, J. H. Hambrick of Kentucky, and James Clark Jr. of New York, supreme trustees.

By unanimous vote Supreme Assistant Councilor C. M. Arnold of San Francisco, Cal., was made past supreme councilor.

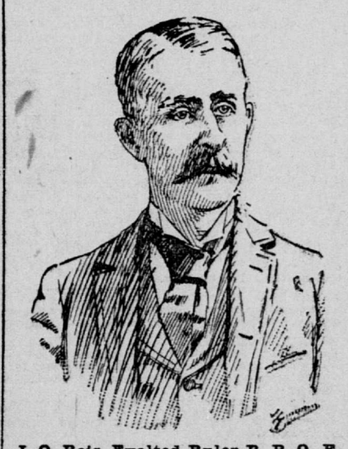
The following Californians were named on committees: H. W. Hutton, past supreme councilor, chairman of committee on miscellaneous business and member of the committee on claims and the committee on ways and means; Edward I. Wolff on committee on laws and on committee on salaries and compensation, C. M. Arnold on committee of state of order, W. H. Savage of San Pedro chairman of committee on grievances and appeals, Dr. L. W. Webster on committee on claims and medical examination, W. F. Gibson on committee on supervision and inspection, A. B. Sanborn on committee on publication and printing, W. H. Savage on committee on Grand Council.

The council by a unanimous vote adopted the Morse plan of assessments and also limited the age when applicants may become members to fifty years.

The initiatory team initiated two members for America Council No. 7 last week. The next work will be for Evans Council No. 52 on Thursday, the 26th inst. At the close of the ceremonies Evans Council will entertain all present.

The third social of the United Progressive Councils in Social Hall, Alcazar building, on the night of Thursday, the 24th inst., promises to be a very extensive affair. Crystal Council No. 4 has purchased 350 tickets, and it will present each visitor with a crystal souvenir.

On the 31st of October, at a public meeting, G. H. Roberts of America Council No. 7, having attained his seventy-fifth year, will receive a benefit certificate payment of $3000. He has been a member of the council fourteen years, and he will be the second one in this State to receive such a payment.



J. O. Reis, Exalted Ruler B. P. O. E.

Knights of Honor.

Grand Dictator Archibald, Grand Assistant Dictator Thomson and Grand Guide Learned visited Liberty Lodge last week. This lodge has twenty-two applications for membership in the hands of appropriate committees.

Yerba Buena Lodge has a number of petitions for membership on file. At its last meeting the lodge initiated one candidate.

The grand dictator, accompanied by several grand officers, visited Union Lodge last week. The Past Dictators' Association was present in a body. A number of interesting addresses were made by the visitors and by members of the lodge.

The grand dictator has issued notice that he has suspended Santa Cruz Lodge No. 2046 for failing to forward to the Grand Lodge, within the time prescribed by law, its semi-annual report for the term ending June 30, the current year.

The degree team of Fortuna Lodge attended and conferred the degree on a candidate at Far West Lodge last week.

Keystone Lodge was visited last week by the grand dictator and several other grand officers. A pleasant hour was spent in the exchange of ideas in regard to the advancement of the order, and a number of addresses, followed by recitations and music, made the time pass away pleasantly. This lodge now has nineteen petitions for membership on file.

Knights and Ladies of Honor.

There will be two assessments for the month of October.

The next Supreme Lodge session will be held in Detroit.

Supreme Representative S. American and wife are expected home to-day.

It is expected that Supreme Protector L. B. Lockard will visit California next month.

The lodges throughout this jurisdiction are all at work, and they will hail with delight the new proposition, soon to be announced by the supreme protector, for the increase of the order.

The first anniversary of Seal Rock Lodge of Alameda was celebrated by a dancing party that was one of the most brilliant that has ever been given by the lodge.

Grand Chaplain Mrs. Susie Pierson has returned to her home in Sacramento.

Order Star of Bethlehem.

There is considerable activity at present in the Order of the Star of Bethlehem. This is said to be one of the oldest fraternal societies in the world, but on account of its secret character it was suppressed in England in the 12th century. Subsequently it was reorganized, and the five original degrees have been superceded by two—the subordinate and the Eastern Star—and the ritualistic work has been revised. The order is now represented in nearly every State in the Union and every province in Canada. Ladies are entitled to all rights and privileges of the order, there being no side degree for the gentler sex. The objects of the order are similar to other first-class orders. It is unsectarian. There are several lodges in this State, and another will shortly be instituted in this city.

U. A. O. D.

Golden Star Grove No. 104 paid a fraternal visit last week to Templar Grove No. 19. Golden Star, the baby grove of the jurisdiction, and exemplified the third degree in a manner that reflected great credit on the officers and the members. After adjournment the visiting grove was invited to partake of a collation that had been prepared in Social Hall and where there were many of the gentler sex waiting for the sterner sex, so that after the collation they could clear the floor and dance till the small hours of morning. J. Turnblad, P. A., was the floor manager.

Perseverance Grove No. 10 at its last meeting received three propositions for membership and conferred the third degree on two members.

Galileo Grove No. 37 is also advancing in the line of membership, it having at its last meeting received several propositions for membership.

Sigel Grove No. 7 at its last meeting initiated three candidates and received a number of applications from persons who desire to join.

Vasco de Gama is not behind the others for at every meeting it is initiating and receiving propositions for membership.

Boadicea Circle, which is rapidly increasing its roll of members and is the strongest circle financially in the United States, gave a very successful social in Social Hall, in Druid's building, on Saturday evening. There was a large attendance and songs, recitations, dancing and a collation served to make the evening a pleasant one.

A. O. U. W.

Now that the subject of graded assessments is occupying the attention of members of the order, the following from the Indiana Workman will prove of interest:

The general complaint against the graded assessment is that it increases the cost of assessments to the older members from $1 to $1 25.

Colonel Alfred Perrier, Trustee B. P. O. E.

There is a feeling prevailing that the older members who have labored for years to build up the order should be protected at the lowest cost, but it should be remembered that if the plan is successful it would result in the admission of large numbers of young men, and the increased membership would naturally reduce the number of assessments, thus tending to decrease rather than increase the present cost.

The point that the older members as well as the younger ones should look after is this: Is it not better to secure the perpetuity of the order, thus making it possible that his certificate will always be safe, by paying a few cents more and by this means bring in enough new blood to insure the perpetuity of the order for all time to come? It is true that the A. O. U. W. cannot of its own motion become dissolved within the next ten or more years. It may dwindle down in membership slowly but surely. Therefore the men of 30 or 40 years of age, who have an expectancy of twenty years of life before them, should by all means take all precautions necessary to keep their certificates worth 100 cents to the dollar.

Now, let us take another view of the matter as it should appear to the older members. We will take the position that the lower assessments will bring a large influx of young men. In that case it stands to reason that if a less number of assessments are levied, the cost practically remains the same, or less than before. At the present rating of Illinois, twenty-six assessments under the new plan will realize as much as twenty-seven under the old. For instance, in Illinois, say they average twenty-four assessments in one year. If by adopting the new plan the first year will bring in enough new members to reduce that number to twenty, would the older members say nay? Assuredly not.

This is simply what Illinois is striving after. She fully realizes that under the old system the cost would naturally increase, hence the new plan. Under the new plan she can offer protection to the young men between the ages of 21 and 30 at the extremely modest sum of $6 75 per $1000. If they are able to bring three or four thousand men of these ages into the order the reduction in the cost to all the classes will be so astounding that it will convert two-thirds of the membership into believers of the graded assessment plan.

It is expected that there will be an unusually large attendance at the meeting of Unity Lodge No. 27 to-morrow night, as an invitation has been extended to all members of the order, and ample accommodations have been provided. This will be a most important meetings, as at it will be discussed by leading members of the order the proposed $1000 certificate and the question of graded assessments, subjects that are attracting a great deal of attention in classes of beneficiary associations.

Companions of the Forest, F. A.

An invitation has been extended to all the courts of the Foresters of America and to the circles of the Companions of the Forest of the same order to attend a grand reception to be tendered on the evening of the 26th inst. in Social Hall, Alcazar building, to Past Supreme Councilor C. H. Bremer.

The report circulated to the effect that Loreley Circle had passed out of existence was not founded on fact. The circle is very much alive and holds its meetings on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. The officers are: Mrs. B. Nacke, chief companion; Mrs. Miller, sub-chief companion; Mrs. M. Pape, recording and financial secretary; L. Orr, treasurer; Mr. Stein, right guide; Mrs. Klein, left guide; Miss Lulu Pape, inside and outside guardian; William H. Kolkman and H. J. Pape, trustees.

Foresters of America.

Grand Secretary Bremer, who was a representative to the Grand Court, will return this week and resume the duties of his office. During his absence the office has been filled in a most acceptable manner by Miss Agnes D. Bremer, a young lady who is thoroughly familiar with all the workings thereof and is well up in fraternal matters.

The officers of the several courts express themselves as well pleased with the work of the Grand Court and with the new methods of numeration by which the courts in each State will be numbered in the order of institution.

Order Eastern Star.

The fishpond party given by Golden Gate Chapter No. 1 last week was a most successful affair. There was singing, recitations and drawing from the fishpond, from which the fishers drew many pretty prizes. The first prize, a very pretty lampshade, was drawn by Mr. Moxsom of Ivy Chapter. The party closed with a dance.

There will be a joint entertainment by the four chapters of San Francisco, Golden Gate, Beulah, Ivy and Harmony, at Golden Gate Hall Tuesday, October 8.

Thomas Flint Jr., G. P., who went to Boston to attend the session of the General Grand Chapter will return this week.

F. and A. M.

The Grand Lodge of California, Free and Accepted Masons, will convene in the Masonic Temple in this City on Tuesday, the 8th of October, and will probably continue the session until the following Saturday.

From data received up to date Grand Secretary Johnson finds that the year has been a prosperous one and that there has been an increase in membership.

Notes.

John E. Pound, supreme regent of the Royal Arcanum, has issued a circular to the officers and members of subordinate councils in the State of Kansas urging them to become a little more active and increase the membership in that