

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Social and Athletic Club Progress in the City of Los Angeles.

JONATHAN'S EVOLUTION.

Organized Politically, Developed Socially, Will Erect Permanent Quarters.

ATHLETES AND DREI STEINS.

Handsome Building for the Former, the Latter Being Happy Without.

Special Correspondence of THE CALL.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Nov. 4.—A young San Franciscan, who in days gone by marched with the Dirigo Club there and hurrahed for Republican candidates, is responsible for the existence of the Jonathan Club in this city.

The membership was limited to 100, but long before the charter list had been closed it was found necessary to increase the limit.

Colonel W. H. Chamberlain was elected president, and the club secured quarters in the Knecht block on South Spring street, decorating them in a most lavish manner with patriotic emblems and furnishing them throughout beautifully.

During the campaign "Jonathan, Jonathan, Rah-rah-rah!" was the slogan to which almost every Republican in the county answered.

The parades were made picturesque by the 200 men turned out by the club in almost every procession that occurred in the county.

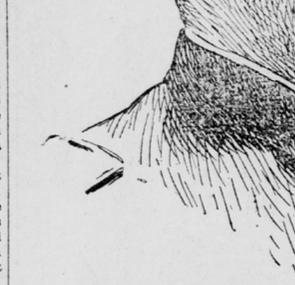
Notwithstanding this fact, many members who had joined for political purposes only allowed their membership to lapse or

Spring street. It covers an area of 45x100 feet, and is capable of being transformed into one of the most perfect club buildings on the coast.

The plans are somewhat similar to the quarters now occupied by the Bohemian Club in San Francisco, but much more extensive.

The club is entirely out of debt, and in the vernacular, "has money to burn."

There is no club in Los Angeles that shows such a remarkably healthy growth as the Los Angeles Athletic Club. The



COLONEL CHARLES BENTZONI, U. S. A., PRESIDENT OF THE DREI STEIN CLUB, LOS ANGELES.

present membership is about 600, and includes some of the most prominent citizens in Los Angeles.

The first meeting of the club was held September 8, 1890, in response to a call circulated by S. B. Dewey, and was attended by forty-three gentlemen more or less interested in athletic sports.

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being steel, iron, granite and pressed brick, with terra cotta trimmings. The front contains two balconies, one of which is to be used for a band stand and is large enough to comfortably seat twenty-four musicians.

A broad staircase, under which will be a bicycle rack capable of accommodating 150 wheels, leads to the second floor, landing in a wide hall, running the full length of the building, on which will open the parlors, cardrooms, reception-room, the secretary's office, bowling alleys, billiard-room, cloakroom, locker-room and directors' meeting-room.

The billiard-room will contain seven tables and a cigar-stand, and is 23 by 91 feet in dimensions. The bowling alleys will be without doubt the finest in the State in their construction, and will be 65 feet long with an approach of 15 feet.

The third floor is to be reached from both the front and rear of the building, and the principal feature will be the immense gymnasium, twenty-five feet high, with a floor area of 28 by 100 feet.

The fourth floor will contain a gallery around the gymnasium, a running track, twenty laps to the mile, and a handball court, forty feet long by twenty-five feet high.

Space is to be provided on the fourth floor for ten large rooms, which will be rented out for bachelor quarters.

The furnishing of the building will be done on a most elaborate scale, and the apparatus in the gymnasium will be as complete as any on the coast.

The officers of the club for this year are: John E. Brink, president; Charles Lindell, vice-president; Walter McStay, secretary; W. J. Allen, treasurer.

On Admission day of that year, the first field day was held, and outdoor amateur sports were contested for the first time in Southern California.

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On October 1 it moved into Stearns Hall, which consisted of two unfurnished rooms, situated on the corner of Arcadia and Los Angeles streets.

Later on a change was found both desirable and necessary, and on January 1, 1892, the club moved into the Downey block, where more space and facilities were secured.

At a recent meditation the "Building of the Ark" was the subject, and it was proved to the satisfaction of every one present that the "Steiners" were responsible for that creation, and Noah stood the credit for it.

The remarkable features of the club by-laws are that no member is asked to join the club until after he is elected.

The Eleanor at Santa Barbara. SANTA BARBARA, CAL., Nov. 6.—The Slater yacht Eleanor arrived in port here on its way around the world. It will remain in port for three or four days.



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resigned, and for several months the perpetuation of the club was a matter of doubt. Finally on September 23 a few enthusiastic members got together and incorporated, determined to make the Jonathan Club the leading social organization in the City, and from a membership of fifty they, by enterprise, hard work and enthusiasm, increased the roll to over 250 and have leased a building for five years, upon which in altering and refurnishing over \$10,000 will be spent.

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