All the News of Alameda County.

THE BORAX KING'S SECRET

Oaklanders Have Not Been Able to Solve It in Five Years.

WATCHING THE NEXT MOVE

A Meritorious Practical Work Being Done by the Ebell Society Ladies.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Nov. 10.

F. M. Smith, the borax dealer and miner, has a secret and he has kept it so well that after five years of probing the public is no wiser now than it was in 1890. Mr. Smith is a shrewd business man, and controls millions of dollars, and consequently when he says anything he says it for some purpose. If he were a broken realty man, Oaklanders would say that he was talking for the sake of seeing his name in print. But this is not the case, for F. M. Smith is not a man who seeks notoriety. He avoids it, except there be a purpose to serve in permitting himself to be subjected to it. Undoubtedly then the prominence given F. M. Smith and his schemes during the past three years have been for some purpose. The purpose is Mr. Smith's secret.

In the spring of 1893 F. M. Smith organized the Oakland Terminal Company with a capital of several millions. Its object was to purchase property, build wharves and do anything that would be necessary to make this city the terminus of an overland railroad. A fine pier was commenced at Emeryville that was to be a part of a competing ferry system to San Francisco.

The pier was run out for about a mile, and then F. M. Smith went East. Before going, he stated that he would let the contracts for some large ferry-boats that would run from Emeryville pier to San Francisco, and on this side would run in connection with the Berkeley electric road. Mr. Smith went East, work on the pier ceased and has never been recommenced, and nothing has been seen of the ferry-boats. At the same time Mr. Smith's company bonded large tracts of land near Emeryville, and took an option on the little California and Nevada narrow-gauge road. This was to be made standard gauge and extended, but within the past few days the option has expired, and it has been neither widened nor extended. Events during the past week have made public the fact that Mr. Smith owns a controlling interest in the Twelfth-street electric road from Berkeley to West Oakland. This is somewhat strange, as Mr. Smith also controls a parallel road to West Oakland and Eighteenth street and another on Sixteenth street. He now controls the whole of the west half of town, having three electric roads paralleled, and just four blocks between each.

That F. M. Smith intends that Oakland shall be his home is proved by the fact that he has just built a mansion on his East Oakland property at a cost not less than half a million dollars, including the furniture, but what is his purpose regarding the Emeryville ferry project, is what thousands of people would like to know. It has been stated that the scheme to make a terminus at Emeryville was a Southern Pacific plan for the purpose of heading off a possible opposition. Since that time the water front has been declared the property of the City, and, if the Emeryville scheme was not undertaken in good faith, there is now no need for such a subterfuge, as a landing can be obtained anywhere. In the meantime the well-built and broad pier is used solely by fishermen, and during the week the borax magnate's lawyer has been called to join his chief in Europe. Everybody would like to know what will be the outcome of all these enterprises—but that is Mr. Smith's secret, and Mr. Smith never gives away secrets except to serve some purpose.

The ladies of the Ebell Society have undertaken one of the most laudable tasks in which California women could interest themselves. They have undertaken to teach California women that California produces nearly everything that is imported, and that if the State is to prosper the women must be patriotic enough to ask for home-made goods. Last Friday's meeting was a good start, and there is no doubt that all those who were there know much more, even after one such gathering, than they knew before. What was even more noticable than the amount of information gathered on California manufactures by the ladies was the zeal and earnestness shown by the Ebell Society. After seeing so many projects die in Oakland of lukewarmness and apathy it is truly refreshing to note how thoroughly the ladies entered into the practical work of their scheme. They not only referred to the specific goods that were imported, but they had taken the trouble to visit the California factories to compare prices and qualities, and had interested the manufacturers to such an extent that numerous samples of California goods were on exhibition and freely distributed. Many had made practical tests of the imported and home-made product and spoke from experience.

When the invitations to the gathering were sent out it was thought that the ladies had stepped outside their sphere. Society women were not supposed to know much about candles, stoves, prunes, whalebones and a hundred other domestic commodities, and a diversion of topics so practical it was thought would fall flat. But the croakers croaked too soon, and the ladies merit the most sincere congratulations on their success. If this is the species of new woman that is to be developed in Oakland the California manufacturers should pray for the day when every other city in the State shall follow her example.

The Board of Health is on trial this week for the second time. Its members have stated that if a more healthy City Prison be not at once provided they will placard the tanks as being unfit for habitation, and this will at once give all the prisoners grounds for damage suits against the people whose peace and dignity they have offended. Oakland's City Prison is a pestilential hole in the ground and the fact that Jailer Swain has survived so long is due to his experience as a young man on a whaler. A few months ago the prison air was a little more noisome than usual, and an investigation showed that a sewer-pipe had burst and a cesspool formed under the jail. It was remedied, and the Health Board did some threatening about placarding, but no improvement was made. The present City Hall was built many years ago and the prison is in the basement, half in the earth.

It is a veritable dungeon, and there is some curiosity to see what the Board of Health will do. Two months ago the same Board of Health told the Council that it must build a garbage crematory and prohibited the dumping of garbage within the city limits. A temporary arrangement was made and the garbage is now being taken out on cars and dumped somewhere in Contra Costa County. Should the city be enjoined from carrying its garbage into another county, the protest of the Board of Health will be where it was three months ago—in writing but not in practice. Will the order regarding the prison meet with a different result, is the question now being asked.

S. W. B.

REPUBLICANS ORGANIZE.

Alamedans Hold an Enthusiastic Meeting to Re-Establish a Club.

ALAMEDA, Nov. 10.—Alameda Republicans are taking a lively interest in politics if the attendance at the first meeting of the Alameda Republican Club be any criterion. All the leading spirits of the party turned out to lend their support, among whom were Alexander Mackie, George H. Payne, Dr. C. L. Tisdale, City Trustees A. V. Clark and T. W. Leydecker, Hon. James A. Waymire, Colonel Roswell G. Wheeler, Columbus Bartlett, L. A. Phillips, W. H. Noy, M. W. Simpson, A. J. Brooks, E. A. Randlett, D. S. Stanley, Frank Browning, Hon. William Simpson, Frank Fisher, E. Mayrisch Jr., Joseph Sweeney, Thomas Campbell, Joseph Lanktree, G. A. Longrove and Dr. Stidhom.

The executive committee recommended that the three delegates which the committee had temporarily appointed to the State Republican Council be elected by the club. To this proposition Columbus Bartlett spoke in opposition. He expressed his preference for the State Central Committee. He never heard of the proposition before and thought it smacked of trickery.

An amendment was introduced changing the name of the club to the Alameda Republican Club of the Forty-seventh Assembly District. Chairman Judge Hunt, after announcing that one of the purposes of calling the meeting was the election of officers, gave the gavel to A. V. Clark, and, after considerable discussion, a motion to lay the amendment over until the next meeting was carried.

AMONG GREEK FISHERMEN.

Members of "The Contented Woman" Company Enjoy a Novel Dinner.

There was a peculiar reunion at Fishermen's wharf yesterday afternoon. Tony Mazzonovich, the man on whom all the scenic efforts of "The Contented Woman" depend, turned up with a half dozen members of Hoyt's versatile company. Mr. Mazzonovich was raised in San Francisco and soon had an admiring audience of old-time acquaintances, to whom he introduced his friends. And in turn they were introduced to the inner mysteries of the fishers' surroundings.

The entire party were taken to the Greek restaurant of Manzola Maristovich, at 8 Union street, and regaled with a dinner, the excellence of which was emphasized by the Greek wine that was made on the premises and the touch of garlic that pervaded each dish.

The guests of the afternoon were Mr. Mrs. George W. Ober, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Snyder, Frank Lane and Miss Sallie Maddern, the young lady who acts as an understudy for Mrs. Hoyt.

Mr. Mazzonovich is as well known throughout the United States as he is in San Francisco. Last season, while in Salt Lake, he achieved unexpected fame by overpowering Oscar Young, one of Brigham's numerous progeny, who in a moment of insane frenzy attacked Harry Conners. Mr. Conners was playing a leading part in "The Trip Through Chinatown," and young Mr. Young imagined the actor was going to New York to tell awful tales about the Danites, and but for the interference of Mr. Mazzonovich would have sent Connors to the happy hunting grounds where nobody tells any tales. Mr. Mazzonovich proved more than a match for Young, although the latter had been a blacksmith and later got the better of four policemen who attempted to control him.

The diners were intensely interested by their picturesque surroundings and the grace and gentleness of their fisher hosts.

AT GOLDEN GATE PARK.

Two Young Women in Bicycle Suits Who Attracted Attention.

There was a large number of people in Golden Gate Park yesterday, and the majority of them went to the space in front of the bandstand to listen to the music, which they missed the previous Sunday.

There were bicyclers in countless numbers and dressed in every conceivable style and shade of color. The majority of them wore strange devices on cap or sweater that only those who ride wheels and make wheeling a study can understand. Among those who were seen spinning down the road were Foster, who holds the one-third mile record, and Allan Jones, equally well known. During the forenoon two young women—new young women—made their appearance on the road and attracted a great deal of attention. They wore cycle shoes of the most approved pattern, black hose that fitted as a glove, gray knickerbockers as close fitting as those of an English coachman, black sweaters and black caps. The only thing that distinguished them from men was their hair, done up in a Grecian knot.

During the week Superintendent McLaren was presented with a turtle dove for the park aviary. It was sent from a ship that came into port a few days ago, with the information that the bird fell exhausted on the deck of the vessel when she was 200 miles outside the heads.

The new lodge for the use of the Commissioners and the superintendent is so far advanced that a clear conception of what it will look like when finished may be had. It is a very picturesque-looking building, and is being covered with red tiles.

Between 5000 and 6000 people visited the museum yesterday. During the week the attendance was considerably below the average, which has been about 1200.

A PATRIOTIC PRODIGY.

Child of a Man Who Was Left for Dead by Robbers in the Andes.

SOME MARKWITZ HISTORY.

Incidents of an Interesting Family Who Have Made Oakland Their Home.

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There recently arrived in this city a family consisting of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Markwitz, their two children and Mrs. Markwitz's mother, Mrs. M. E. Sinder, from Hot Springs, Ark., whose remarkable experiences reod like fiction.

George Markwitz is about thirty-five years of age and was born in Copenhagen, where his family are all distinguished in literary and national affairs. At seven years of age George lost both his parents and his mother's brother, H. V. Stockfleth, professor in the Royal High School, became his guardian.

BESSIE MARKWITZ.

The Infant Prodigy and Her Colored Nurse, Who Is 117 Years of Age.

AUNT PATSY.

At fourteen years, after graduating from the university he was sent to a military school at Fredericksberg. Young George took hasty leave of this place.

He then worked his way to New York, where he became a newsboy. Later on he shipped to San Francisco, thence to South America, stopping in the region of the saltpeter mines in the Andes, where he easily earned $4 50 a day, sometimes more. Seven months' labor gave him $1000.

While proceeding down the mountainous roads to Mexalona he was overtaken by a burly native, who cut his throat, stole his money and left him for dead. The cutthroat and robber then mounted his victim's horse and was about to ride off when the animal gave a sudden lurch, landing him and the stolen money into the Pacific Ocean, never to be seen again.

After recovering from the attack Mr. Markwitz managed to work his way back to New York, where he enlisted in the United States Navy. The next move was to go to the famous Hot Springs for the benefit of his now broken health, where he made the acquaintance of the Mayor, Dr. T. F. Linde, whose wife made him the manager of her extensive property and mining interests.

George Markwitz.

He soon became so popular with the Linde family that they accepted him in marriage as their son-in-law. Mr. Markwitz had by this time become to recognize Arkansas as a splendid place to invest in, and the idea of using about 14,000 acres of idle land in Garland County for a colony of Danes occurred to him.

With this purpose in view he left for Denmark. Here his efforts met with unprecedented success. He found Danes were ready to emigrate. The scheme fell through through the influence of Jay Gould with the Railroad Land Commissioners, who at once opposed Danish emigration. There is a little four-year-old girl named Bessie in the family who has been the "patriotic prodigy." Little Bessie wears a dress made of a silk American flag.

Bessie is a beautiful blonde of he Danish type. She was born four years ago on November 2 at Hot Springs.

Bessie's nurse is "Aunt Patsy Scott," an old colored woman, 117 years of age, who was formerly a slave of Major Garnes, one of the claimants of the site on which Hot Springs is located.

At a very early age Bessie showed a decided taste for patriotic verses and astonished every one by the aptitude she manifested in memorizing them. Everywhere she goes she has recited at church entertainments and elsewhere, and the child has been considered a wonder on account of the long pieces she has been able to recite without an error.

Missionary Farewell.

At the First Presbyterian Church in Oakland Monday night there will be a farewell missionary meeting to give a joyful send-off to four missionaries who are to sail Tuesday by the steamer Peru for Hongkong. Rev. Elmer McBurney and Rev. A. I. Robb have been appointed to the foreign field in China by the board of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. At the meeting this evening there will be appropriate addresses by Chinese-speaking missionaries and others, and all friends of missions are invited.

An Evening of Irish Music.

On Wednesday evening the members of St. Patrick's Alliance of America will treat their friends to a feast of Irish music at Hamilton Hall, Thirteenth and Jefferson streets, Oakland.

The reminiscences of their last year's concert, and the great success it attained, will be alone sufficient to guarantee them a large attendance. For weeks past they have worked unceasingly in preparation for the event, and have secured the services of the best professional artists on the coast. William Greer Harrison of San Francisco, the popular literateur and author, will deliver an address suitable to the occasion, and the following well-known artists will present to the Oakland public those grand compositions of music and songs which for centuries have placed the sons of the Emerald Isle foremost in the musical and literary world:

Soloists—Mrs. Carroll Nicholson, contralto; Miss Sullivan, soprano; Miss Carroll, mezzo-soprano; Frank Coffin, tenor; G. V. Woods, basso; David Manlloyd, tenor; Master Russell Lowry, phenomenal boy basso; also the Plymouth Quartet, in selections.

Instrumentalists—Miss Georgiana, piano; Miss Mary L. Kimbal, harp; Miss Shipley, cornet; Miss Gruenhagen, violin. Reader—Miss R. Frances Luse.

At the Macdonough.

Hoyt's latest success, "A Contented Woman," opens at the Macdonough Theater Monday, for two nights. The advance sale is very large and crowded houses are expected.

Next Thursday, for two nights and Saturday matinee, "The Passing Show" will appear with its 110 people, including the favorite, Lucy Daly. Seats are now on sale.

The Bostonians come on the 22d, for two nights and Saturday matinee.

Suicide of an Unknown.

An unknown man was found in Harrison Square this morning with two bullet-holes in his head. The man was middle-aged. By his side was a revolver with which the deed was evidently done. No one has recognized the dead man, who is now at the morgue.

REV. BOVARD'S ADDRESS.

He Says That Men Who Love Their Country Are Needed To-Day.

Patriotic Words Spoken at Metropolitan Temple to an Enthusiastic Audience.

Addresses were delivered yesterday afternoon at the Metropolitan Temple by W. S. Bovard, D.D., pastor of Trinity M. E. Church, and by J. M. Glass of Pasadena.

The following programme was rendered:

Organ voluntary, Harry Schuette; opening of meeting, H. W. Quitzow, chairman; "America," Choral Society and audience; prayer, Rev. C. A. Rabing; vocal solo, "Dearest Mother, Do Not Chide Me," Miss Anita Schmied, soprano (encored); prelude, J. M. Glass of Pasadena; "Columbia," Choral Society; organ solo; address by W. S. Bovard, D.D.; "Hail Columbia," Choral Society and audience.

J. M. Glass in the course of his remarks created much laughter and applause. He said in part:

"There are great and tremendous questions to-day that devolve upon the people of this Nation. I am a reformer. I believe in God, I believe in Christ, I believe in the church; and the church is awakening.

"We say up with the public school, the church and the home, and down with everything that seeks to tear them down. I am a patriotic fellow and I can't help it. I was born on the fourth day of July. I was on the wrong side of the war of 1861 because I was born in Kentucky, but, thank God, I am on the right side of this A. P. A. movement."

Mr. Bovard addressed the audience on "The Kind of Citizens the Crisis Demands." He said:

"The pulpit and the press are our National watch-towers. The warning has gone forth for a long time that there is forming a black cloud over our country. It is called 'alienism.' Is there a distinct feeling of Americanism to combat this alienism and what manner of citizen is required to battle this alienism?

"Every historian includes within his history of a nation what is known as the nation's religion. So as we seek to-day this distinct Americanism we must look to our religion. The religious instinct is inseparable with our being, and it is the strongest feeling. It is not whether we will have a religion, but we will have what religion?

"I ask, 'Have we a National religion?' I answer we most emphatically have. I ask if it is organic and I answer no. We have no union of church and state. Our National religion can only be atmospheric and persuasive. There is a religious atmosphere which we spiritually breathe.

"We have a National motto of religion, 'Every man shall worship God according to his own conscience.'

"We understand that in this Nation the spirit of Americanism is the feeling of reverence to our God and our Nation. We remember that in our nation there was the recognition from the very first of God. The Bible has ever accompanied the constitution. I believe the Bible, the work of freedom, and the American flag, the flag of freedom, should go hand in hand together.

"I believe there should be a shout of applause from the people when the Book of Freedom is brought before them as loud as the shout with which they hail the flag.

"The Bible is no more a sectarian book than God is a sectarian God. It is the mother of freedom. It has given us such men as Washington, Lincoln and Garfield. I believe the three fundamental facts of religion should be taught—belief in God, in the immortality of the soul and in the accountability of each man to his God. To maintain peace and prosperity is to maintain one and undivided union; let there be one flag. We have another motto—a political motto—'We are a country for the people, of the people and by the people'—popular government. In this country a man's weight should not be determined by what he has, but what he is. We need to look at this danger which comes from judging of a citizen's standing by what he has.

"So we need to have to put against the selfish organizations of men—trusts—the unselfish organization where men sacrifice themselves for the good of all. Too many of us, like the steamboat that could not go and whistle at the same time, cannot speak for the National good and at the same time work for it.

"Wealth will not save a nation. It may be some are trusting to our wonderful physical growth. The greatest nations have fallen in the very zenith of their power. Greece had her scholars, and Rome her statesmen, and yet both Greece and Rome have fallen. We must be men and women of personal purity—religious purity and social purity. These will guarantee to this Nation perpetuity."

The discharged Chicago streetcar horses are trying to pass themselves off on European customers as prime roast beef. This country will be even for 1776 and 1812.—Rochester Times.

WEEKLY FRATERNAL NOTES

A Fraud Who Is Imposing on Odd Fellows in Indiana and Other States.

THE GRAND ARMY ELECTIONS.

The Ward of the Masons to Join the O. E. S.—Warning Delinquents.

Official Assessment Table.

NAME.	Number of Assessment.	Date of Call.	Delinquent by members.
Chosen Friends	251	Nov. 1	Nov. 30
A. O. U. W.	27-28-29	Nov. 1	Nov. 30
K. & L. of H.	426-7-8	Nov. 1	Nov. 30
National Union	172-73	Oct. 10	Nov. 10
K. of Honor	449-50-51	Nov. 1	Nov. 30
Royal Arcanum	219	Oct. 31	Nov. 30
Kngts Goldn Eagle	109-10-11	Nov. 1	Dec. 1
A. L. H.	355-6-7	Nov. 1	Nov. 30

Ancient Order United Workmen.

The debate last week before a jury of nine, six men and three women, in Pacific Lodge No. 8 of Oakland, by Mrs. Kate M. Poland, grand recorder of the Degree of Honor, and J. W. Ward, P. G. M., was presided over by E. F. Danforth, P. G. M. Mrs. Poland spoke in favor of admitting women as members of the order on the ground that statistics for sixteen years showed that they were better risks than men, and that they also were very prompt in all matters connected with lodges. She also raised other points in favor of the sex. After Mr. Ward had combatted the points offered the jury retired and in a short time returned a unanimous verdict in favor of Mrs. Poland.

A district meeting of the lodges in Solano County will be held under the auspices of Suisun lodge No. 49 on Thursday evening, the 21st inst. A large gathering of Workmen is expected, at which time addresses will be delivered by Grand Master Workman Toohy, Grand Receiver Booth and Grand Recorder Hirshberg.

Forty-six thousand dollars has been disbursed this month already. The effort on the part of the grand recorder to have lodges remit more promptly, so that beneficiary claims may be paid sooner, meets with quite universal response on the part of subordinate lodges and officers.

On the evening of the 20th inst. a meeting of the Past Grand Masters' Association will be held in the lodge-room of Valley Lodge No. 30. The president, William H. Jordan, P. S. M. W., will inaugurate the winter campaign among the City lodges. Considerable activity is promised and the association, assisted by committees from the local lodges, will contribute greatly to the interest during the winter months.

The new lapel button adopted at the Supreme Lodge session is of neat design, and is an improvement on those heretofore worn. It is in the shape of a Roman shield, the center of which is silver. Around the outer edge of the shield is a red band in which appear stars, one for each grand jurisdiction. Diagonally across the silver in the shield is in white enamel the letters A. O. U. W. The shield is encircled by a wreath of forget-me-nots.

At a meeting of Triumph Lodge No. 180, held last week, John Hartley, D. D. G. M. W., was presented with a token of esteem by the lodges of his district, the presentation being made by B. F. Clement.

The Odd Fellows.

Grand Master Gosbey will make visits as follows:

Niles Lodge No. 382, at Niles, November 11th; Little Lake No. 278, at Willetts, 15th; Covelo No. 319, at Covelo, 16th; Cahto No. 206, at Cahto, 18th; Fort Bragg No. 360, at Fort Bragg, 19th; Stella No. 213, at Mendocino, 20th; Garcia No. 240, at Point Arena, 21st; Encinal No. 164, at Alameda, 25th; Oakland No. 118, at Oakland, 26th, and Harbor No. 253, at West Oakland, 27th.

The grand master will attend the reception to the grand representatives on the 14th inst.

Golden Rule Encampment No. 34 of Oakland intends to hold a public meeting in the latter part of this month, to the extent of having present members of subordinate lodges and interesting them in the patriarchal branch.

An entertainment is to be given some time during the month in aid of the Friendship fund and the Christmas cheer.

Santa Cruz will soon dedicate a new I. O. O. F. hall which has been fitted up in fine style.

A new hall for fraternal organizations is being built in Bridgeport and when it is finished a lodge of Odd Fellows will be organized there.

A man representing himself as Henry Knox of Washington Lodge No. 159 of California has been imposing on the Odd Fellows of Indiana and neighboring States. There is no such lodge as Washington in California. No. 159 of this jurisdiction is San Benito, at San Juan South.

Next Thursday the entertainment and reception to the returning grand representatives, and ball to follow, will be given by the subordinate and Rebekah lodges. A very interesting programme has been prepared. There will be an address by Grand Master Gosby and responses by the gentlemen who represented this jurisdiction at the sovereign grand lodge, Representatives Dams, Thompson, Savage and Maguire. This entertainment will be followed by others, the first of which will be in aid of the Christmas cheer.

Knights of Pythias.

Official visits will be made by Grand Chancellor Samuels as follows:

Monday, November 11, Othello Lodge No. 31, at Dixon; Tuesday, November 12, Fidelity Lodge No. 23, at Napa; Wednesday, November 13, Pluto Lodge No. 130, at St. Helena; Thursday, November 14, Liberty Lodge No. 35, at West Oakland; Monday, November 18, Pythian Lodge No. 43, at Woodland.

Golden City Lodge No. 63 of this City entertained the guests of its members on Friday evening last with a "smoker." Past Grand Chancellor George H. Morrison delivered an able and interesting address on the Endowment Rank of the order and a section consisting of ten members has since been formed.

Buena Lodge No. 120 of Ventura will be reorganized on December 17, H. Schaffner, G. K. of R. and S., officiating. Twenty-two members will join by cards and as many more will be admitted as new members. Judge B. T. Williams and M. H. Mendelson of that lodge have been unceasing in their efforts to revive it.

Laurel Lodge No. 4 and Metropolitan Lodge No. 24 will jointly give a social at Pythian Castle on the evening of December 3. As each lodge has among its members much good talent a very superior programme will be presented. Dancing will follow.

Olive Lodge No. 26 of Los Angeles was merged with Marathon Lodge No. 182 on Tuesday, November 5. This gives Marathon Lodge a membership of upward of 150.

The grand officers are working hard to increase the membership of the several lodges of the State, with the hope that the 100,000 mark may be reached. As an incentive, the Grand Lodge offers cash prizes to the lodges that will make the best showing between the 1st of June next and the 31st of December following. Special prizes are also offered to individual members who make a certain record.

The Elks.

Ernest Ulman, D. DE. G. R., accompanied by J. O. Reis, C. W. Nevin, H. V. Schiam, C. H. Hoffman, J. P. Dunne, Colonel A. Perrier, T. P. Evans, George H. Wolfe, T. H. Lindsay, T. Alexander, J. O. Harris, H. C. Porter and J. H. Harney left on Saturday by a special car for San Luis Obispo to institute a new lodge of the Elks in that city.

The next session of the Grand Lodge will be held in July, 1896, in Minneapolis, Minn.

The lodge of sorrow, in commemoration of the dead, will be observed in the various lodge-rooms throughout the United States on the first Sunday in December.

From indications, the annual carnival to be given in the Mechanics' Pavilion on Thanksgiving eve., by the Elks of this City, will excel any previously given by that organization. A migratory mountain illusion, covered with human beings, animals and birds of all kinds, will appear and disappear in a blaze of electricity, and it will be an up-to-date original transformation scene. Another feature will be Miss Anna Shean and twelve schoolgirls in the Trilby dance in new and original costumes. A great many other striking features will be introduced.

Ancient Order of Foresters.

High Chief Ranger William Cashman will make official visits as follows during the month:

Court Cedar, 8349, Iowa Hill, November 11th; Court Banner, 8355, Nevada City, 12th; Court Pride of Grass Valley, Grass Valley, 13th; Court Hydraulic, 8357, Bloomfield, 14th; Court Forest Hill, Forest Hill, 15th; Court Castle Peak, 8366, Truckee, 16th; Court Mount Rose, 8354, Reno, Nev., 18th; Court Eagle, 8359, Virginia City, Nev., 20th; and Court Nevada, Wadsworth, Nev., 21st.

At a meeting of Court Onward No. 7805, held last week, A. Stewart, D. C. R., was presented with a handsomely framed certificate. Among those present were W. O. Macdougal of Court Alliance, J. Falconer, P. S., and delegations from a number of the courts.

The third anniversary of Court Menlo No. 8020 will be observed by a literary and musical entertainment and ball at Menlo Park next Friday.

Court Excelsior No. 7807, which is gaining rapidly in membership, will give a smoker tomorrow night.

The Past Chief Ranger's Association will entertain its friends next Saturday evening in Social Hall, 102 O'Farrell street. The proceeds of the entertainment will go to the relief fund.

Court Robin Hood No. 5931 celebrated its twenty-first anniversary by a banquet, 130 guests being present. Alexander Nicholson P. D. C. R., was toast master and by the manner he discharged the duties imposed upon him made it pleasant for all. The evening was one of the memorable ones in the history of the order. Among those present were P. F. McNulty, P. H. C. R., Henry Beaver, P. H. C. R., William Cashman, H. C. R., J. Henderson, H. C. T., and J. Falconer P. S.

Junior Order Mechanics.

The committee of arrangements has made all preparations for the dedication at Berkeley on next Saturday evening of the new hall for Paul Revere Council No. 28, the first hall in this State specially devoted to the order. The councils in Oakland and Alameda will be present, and all the councils of this City will leave on the 7 o'clock boat to take part in the exercises. At Berkeley they will be met by the councils on the other side of the bay and a procession will be formed from the station to the hall, the whole being under the marshalship of P. Salisbury, J. P. C., of Paul Revere. Albert C. Pate will deliver the address of welcome, and the dedicatory address will be delivered by Henry C. Schaertzer, S. C.

On Sunday, the 24th inst., all the councils of San Francisco will in a body attend divine service in the Methodist church on Howard street, opposite new Montgomery, Rev. W. W. Case pastor. There will be a parade at a time to be announced hereafter.

A new council with sixty-two names on the charter roll was organized at Placerville by H. C. Schaertzer, S. C., last Saturday.

Capitol Council No. 25 of Sacramento will on the 28th inst. raise flags on schools in Oak Park. Councils Etnan, Allen and Gateway have been invited to take part in the event, these having had considerable experience in flag-raising of late.

A letter from National Organizer Joseph Powell announces that he will be in this City to-day.

Native Sons of the Golden West.

Frank Mattison, grand trustee, will make official visits as follows:

Madera Parlor No. 139 at Madera, November 11; Yosemite Parlor No. 24 at Merced, November 12; Mariposa Parlor No. 171 at Mariposa, November 15; Hornitos Parlor No. 138 at Hornitos, November 16; Fresno Parlor No. 25 at Fresno, November 18; South San Francisco Parlor No. 157 at the Potrero, November 20, and National Parlor No. 110, this City, November 21. On the 13th or 14th he will visit Oakdale Parlor No. 142 at Oakdale, Stanislaus County.

Prince Parlor No. 80 at Angels Camp, Calaveras County, was reorganized last week, the members of Tuolumne Parlor No. 144 gave the exemplification of the ritualistic work. The members reaffirmed their allegiance and addresses were made by Grand President Dunne, Judge Rust and Grand Trustee Mattison.

Cambria Parlor No. 152 was visited last week by San Marcos Parlor No. 150, and subsequently San Marcos and Cambria visited Paso Robles Parlor No. 122 at Paso Robles.

Precita Parlor No. 187 gave an anniversary ball in Mission Parlor Hall on Saturday night.

Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Bonita Parlor No. 10 of Redwood City will give a grand ball on New Year's eve, and as an energetic committee of arrangements has been appointed those who will attend may rest assured that they will have an enjoyable time.

San Jose Parlor No. 81, N. D. G. W., and San Jose Parlor No. 22, N. S. G. W., are giving joint monthly socials which are very pleasant and successful.

The entertainment and dance given by Alta Parlor No. 3 and the Hallowe'en party given by Oro Fino Parlor No. 9 were very enjoyable affairs.

There is considerable disappointment in many parts of the State because the parlors are not visited by the grand officers. At the last session of the Grand Parlor it was decided to discontinue these official visits, and many of the parlors do not like the change.

El Dorado Parlor No. 35 had charge of the entertainment on the opening night of the fair given by the Watsonville Fire Department in aid of the Fourth of July fund for 1896. The programme was successfully carried out by the members of the parlor.

The Druids.

The officers of Templar Grove No. 19 were installed last week by C. Molinari, D. D. G. A., assisted by J. J. Mollison, G. S., and Past Arches G. A. Bertram, William Mollison and H. J. Goller.

The same evening the officers of Sigel Grove No. 7 were also installed, the installing officer being E. Mehler, D. D. G. A.

O. H. Hoag, the N. G. A., visited Fred Seig Grove at Occidental last week, and after the installation of officers the visiting officer made a few remarks and the evening wound up with a grand ball.

The noble grand arch and the grand secretary are paying official visits to the groves in Marin and Sonoma counties.

Knights and Ladies of Honor.

Aurora Lodge No. 202, at its last meeting, received three applications for membership. This lodge will, at each meeting in the future, present a lodge paper, the first of which will be given on the 18th inst. The following-named have been appointed on the entertainment committee: Annie Thomson, L. B. Holcomb and Minnie Bittingslea.

The grand officers will visit Pacific Lodge tomorrow evening. The meeting will be an interesting one, as Bay City, the other lodge of the district, will meet with Pacific. George J. Vincent is the district deputy.

The grand officers will visit Aurora Lodge on the evening of the 18th inst.

Knights of Honor.

During the past week Grand Dictator Archibald visited all the lodges in Vallejo, Suisun and Napa.

District No. 33, A. K. Kipps, D. D. G. D., will give a social in Social Hall, Alcazar building, on the evening of next Thursday.

On the evening of Monday, the 18th inst., Polar Star Lodge, at Sixteenth and Valencia streets, will give "a smoker," and promises a jolly good time to those who will attend.

Workman's Guarantee Fund.

The Workmen's Guarantee Fund, which for a time was struggling hard to keep up, has taken a new start and is rapidly increasing in membership. A new feature has been introduced in this organization. That is dividing the members into three classes—A, B and C. Members under 50 are in class A, the benefits of which are $1000, to be paid to the party named in the beneficiary certificate upon the death of the member or to the member himself when he attains the age of 75; those between 50 and 60 are in class B, which carries $750, and those over 60 and under 65 are in class C, which carries $500. All claims are paid at 75 years.

Order of Chosen Friends.

The meeting held in Pythian Castle last week by Empire Council No. 47 was a most instructive one. The prominent speakers were H. W. Hutton, P. G. C.; A. R. Sanborn, R. G. C.; M. Boehm, G. A. C., and S. C. Wallis, G. S.

Last Tuesday M. Boehm, G. A. C., and S. C. Wallis, G. S., attended a reception and banquet given by Garden City Council in San Jose. The visitors initiated four candidates and a number of applications for membership were received.

Grand Councilor Selvege has returned to his home in Eureka, Humboldt County.

Order Eastern Star.

At the meeting of Oak Leaf Chapter No. 8 of Oakland, to be held on Thursday, Walter Carey Wilcox, "the ward of the Masons," will be initiated as a member.

Harmony Chapter No. 124 has elected Dr. Millbury, W. P.; Miss Bertha Billings, W. M., and Miss Eva Hare secretary.

Ivy Chapter No. 27 has elected Ira C. Dow, W. P.; Mrs. Helen Patterson, W. M., and Miss Eva Salsbury, secretary.

Golden Gate Chapter No. 1 has elected Dr. G. W. Deywaldt, W. P.; Mrs. Emily Duren, W. M., and Mrs. Emily Eastman, secretary.

Companions of the Forest, A. O. F.

Supreme Chief Companion Mrs. M. Asher is arranging for a trip to the interior, where she will institute several new circles. All the circles in this City have been visited, and they are all reported as doing well. Mrs. Asher is cordially welcomed wherever she visits.

New circles will soon be instituted at Ukiah and at Merced.

At a meeting of the board of deputies held last week it was reported that all the circles are in prosperous condition.

Grand Army of the Republic.

Last Tuesday evening George H. Thomas Post was addressed by J. C. Currier and General Morgan. The address of the first-named was on the battle of Gettysburg.

All the posts in this jurisdiction will elect officers on the first Monday in December.

Garfield Post last week expended the sum of $75, left by one of its members for a banquet to be partaken of after his death.

Order of the World.

The grand officers of this order report that it is doing very well, all the lodges initiating candidates at every meeting.

Andrews Lodge, "the baby," is leading them all, having initiated fifteen members at its last meeting and the one before.

During the past week District Manager John J. Corday visited several lodges in this City and was well pleased with the attendance at each and with the interest the members are taking in the affairs of the order.

The Good Templars.

Grand Chief Templar Rev. J. W. Webber of Fresno, W. P. Netterton, grand secretary, and other grand officers will visit International Lodge this evening at 1358 Market street.

The Fourth District Lodge held a very successful session at Grass Valley on the 7th inst. Grand Chief Templar Webber, George D. Kellogg, P. G. C. T., and Judge J. M. Walling, P. G. C. T., were present. The district proposes to put two lecturers and organizers in the field.

The grand chief templar has been on a short lecturing tour in Yolo County.

American Legion of Honor.

The joint meeting of all the City councils to hear the report of the supreme representative has been postponed to a date to be hereafter announced.

Myrtle Council No. 187 will give a social in Shiels' building on Wednesday evening.

The statement for October shows eighty-four deaths, of which California had six, with certificates amounting to $18,000. Relief benefits amounting to $4656 have been paid during the month. The receipts for the month were $259,439 22, disbursements $261,500. The total amount of benefits paid since the founding of the order is $31,284,841 21.

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