Interesting Items From Important Points in Alameda County.

CHIEF LLOYD ON MORALS.

He Finds Plenty of Sentiment, but Stamina Is Missing.

SUCCESS DUE TO HARMONY.

All Sectional Differences Are Lost Sight Of in the Fair Management.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Dec. 8.

Chief of Police Lloyd has made a discovery that is giving him much to think about. He has discovered that there is a large number of people in Oakland with moral sentiment well developed, but who are not to be found when moral stamina is required. He has just started on the fifth month of his administration and it is safe to say that there have been more gamblers and members of "gangs" arrested than during any similar period in the history of the Police Department. Yesterday's decision of Judge Frick upholding Judge Wood's conviction and fine of a lottery-ticket seller may be construed as a premonition that the gambling and lottery men, including the Chinese, will work, if at all, under great difficulty for the next two years and perhaps longer. The question of the suppression of the gangs of West Oakland is a much more serious one, as it does not appear that the efforts to stamp them out are meeting with any encouragement or success.

At the present time there are about a dozen charges pending against some member or other of the notorious Fish and Sporting Life gang of West Oakland. In many instances the evidence is so conflicting that juries can do nothing else than acquit. In other cases, however, the evidence is so plain that the Police Judge has held the prisoners to answer in large bonds, which, without exception, have been furnished. The readiness with which these bonds have been furnished has caused great surprise, and is only to be accounted for by the fact that the gangs "do politics" whenever the opportunity offers. It is this feeling of immunity from punishment and the ease with which they keep themselves out of the hands of justice that evidently spurs the gang on to commit all manner of depredations.

Murderous assaults of the gangs on police officers, civilians, Chinese and Italians are the most common incidents in the annals of the Police Court. Marks, McKay, Praeta, Nolan and Kelly are the names on the docket that occur so often that the jailer has said it would save trouble to have them made with rubber stamps.

The most flagrant case against any member of the gang was that of Tom Kelly for assault with a deadly weapon. Some time in the past Kelly murderously assaulted an Italian and the circumstances appeared so aggravated that Judge Wood held the prisoner to answer to the Superior Court. On the same day an information was filed against Kelly in the Superior Court, and he was, of course, released on bonds. This was on August 23, 1894. That year passed away. The case was revived in February of this year, and has been heard from occasionally, and now, 1895, is nearly ended. It will be ended and 1896 begun before Kelly can be tried, as Judge Frick's calendar is well loaded down with the Muhlner murder trial at present. The record of Kelly, taken from the Superior Court record yesterday is as follows:

August 23, information filed; August 27, arraignment continued to September 4; September 4, arraignment had, continued to September 24 for trial; September 24, defendant arraigned, set for trial November 20; November 20, trial continued to November 26, to be set; November 26, trial set for February 5, 1895.

1895—February 5, continued to February 18, to be set for trial; February 18, continued to February 25, to be set for trial; February 25, continued to March 4, to be set for trial; March 4, continued to March 5, to be set for trial; March 5, set for trial April 17, by consent; April 17, continued to August 5, to be reset; August 5, continued to August 12; August 12, cause set for trial September 13; September 13, cause reset, for trial October 29; October 29, cause reset for trial December 12.

The members of the Police Department say they are tired of arresting the gang, and Chief Lloyd regrets that there are so many people in Oakland with moral sentiment, but who are strangers to moral stamina.

After three decades Oakland is at last learning the value of harmony and unanimity in fostering public enterprise. During the past few weeks every organization has shown its desire to make the winter exposition a success, and for the second time in the history of the city politics have been buried beneath the general effort to pull together. Two years ago it would have been impossible to bring about the result that has already been obtained. When the executive committee was named it was thought there would be some unpleasantness because certain names were not included. As it was to be largely a manufacturers' and producers' show it was decided to limit the personnel of the committee to those two elements.

President Fish, the energetic head of the Merchants' Exchange, at once secured the passage of a set of resolutions offering the assistance of the exchange in every possible way. Mayor Davie, who, as a politician, was the fiery opponent of J. W. Nelson, the president of the fair, is to make the address of welcome. The local newspapers as soon as the affair was broached immediately threw up the gloves they chronically wear and shook hands. When the exposition does close no one will be able to claim the supreme honor, but everybody who has helped will be entitled to great praise.

The only other occasion on which Oaklanders have pulled together was the May-day fete for the benefit of Fabiola Hospital. On that day this city scored a marked success and Fabiola reaped a rich reward. The secret of the whole thing was to be found in the marked harmony with which everybody worked. The same spirit is at work in regard to the exposition and the same success is assured. S. W. B.

FUNERAL OF E. B. POMROY.

Employes of the "Times" Escort Their Late Editor to the Grave.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 8.—The funeral of the late E. B. Pomroy, proprietor and editor of the Times, took place from his late residence this afternoon. Rev. Dr. McLean conducted the services at the house, and they were distinguished by an entire absence of music and a great profusion of flowers.

Rev. Dr. McLean referred to the active life of the deceased and to the prominent place he has filled in Oakland professional circles for many years. The services were attended by the local staffs of all the Oakland newspapers and by many members of the Bohemian Club, of which G. B. Pomroy was a member.

The pall-bearers were all employes of the Times and were Henry J. Snow, James M. Shanley, Frank M. Cosgrove, Leo Park, R. W. Magill, Gideon Davis, J. E. Holmes Jr. and F. P. Conding. The Bohemian Club was represented by the following honorary pall-bearers: Donald de V. Graham, Charles R. Peters, George W. Nagle, Albert Gerberding, William Greer Harrison and Charles G. Yates.

Taken to Agnews.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 8.—John McComb, son of General J. McComb, was taken to Agnews by Deputy Sheriff White to-day. He was considerably calmer than during his examination yesterday, and no trouble was experienced with him. About four years ago he was committed to the same place, but after a time he recovered and was brought home. Recently his malady returned, and he was ordered back to the asylum.

Fatal Fall off a Porch.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 8.—Mary Johnson fell off a porch to-night while calling on a friend and broke her neck. She resided at 1715 Myrtle street, and at 8 o'clock went to Mrs. Frates' house, on Twenty-ninth street.

Mrs. Frates was not at home when Mrs. Johnson called, but on returning to her house shortly after 8 o'clock she found the body of the dead woman in the garden alongside the porch.

An examination showed that the deceased had fallen from the porch probably while subject to a fit, and dislocated her neck. Mrs. Johnson was a heavy built woman and 46 years of age. The Coroner will hold an inquest to-morrow.

Walsh Still at Large.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 8.—Attorney Phil M. Walsh was not served to-day with the warrant ordering his commitment to the City Prison for contempt of court. Walsh was in Oakland, but he did not meet the officer who had the warrant. He said he does not intend to be taken till his attorney is prepared with his argument on the writ of habeas corpus, which will be at once sworn out. Lawyers who have looked into the details of the case are of the opinion that the writ will be dismissed and Walsh will have to pay a fine or go to jail for one day, as ordered by Judge Wood.

Lutherans in America.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 8.—Rev. S. S. Barnity delivered an address to-night at the new Lutheran church on the mission work of the Lutheran church in America. Dr. Barnity has traveled 30,000 miles annually for the past fourteen years as mission secretary of the denomination. He is known among his brethren as the "Globe-trotter" of Lutheranism. He has a National reputation as representative of the pioneer work of the Young Men's Christian Association and International Sunday-school conventions.

Two Dozen of Them.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 8.—Daniel Batteale was examined before Judge Ellsworth yesterday. As he was only subject to epileptic fits he was discharged. During the investigation it transpired that Batteale was one of twenty-four children born of the same father and mother, twenty-three of whom were boys and one a girl. They were all born within the period of twenty-four years, and there were no twins or triplets. Most of the children were born in San Francisco, and the mother died when the twenty-fourth saw the light of day.

Haywards Is Stormed.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 8.—Last evening Ensign Reed and a detachment of Salvationists opened up warfare on Haywards. A band accompanied the warriors and the town was thoroughly shaken up before they returned. After an open air meeting on the street the barracks were opened and duly dedicated. They are located in the old Rivers blacksmith shop on B street, opposite the postoffice. It is the intention at present at hold meetings about three times a week.

A Ferry-Boat Befogged.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 8.—The first ferryboat from San Francisco this morning narrowly escaped a serious accident. Owing to the dense fog the boat missed the slips and smashed into the adjacent piling with such force as to drive several cars standing on the mole above off the track. The passengers were compelled to walk up to the landing to catch the cars for Oakland. The boat luckily escaped serious injury.

Not at Portland.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 8.—Chief Lloyd received word from Portland to-day that the missing schoolgirl and her lover were not on the steamer State of California that arrived there yesterday. Where the children are is still unknown, and a message has been sent north to ascertain if they landed from the steamer at Astoria.

ALAMEDA REPUBLICANS.

An Advisory Committee of 33 Appointed by the Republican Club.

The Little Daughter of Dr. Knowles Burned to Death in Her Home.

ALAMEDA, CAL., Dec. 8.—The Alameda Republican Club met Saturday night. It elected the following gentlemen to serve on the advisory committee of the club:

First Precinct, A. R. Hamlin, H. Cordes, J. B. Barber; Second Precinct, E. K. Taylor, Stanley Stephenson, Thomas Campbell; Third Precinct, Joseph Knowland, E. Minor Smith, George L. Birkmair; Fourth Precinct, William Higby, Thomas White Jr., J. N. Chapman; Fifth Precinct, Alexander Mackie, E. A. Randlett, H. A. Thompson; Sixth Precinct John Gunn Jr., G. W. Scott, E. R. Anthony; Seventh Precinct, George Lovegrove, F. E. Browning, W. H. Noy; Eighth Precinct, W. F. Chipman, J. H. Walker, John Seebeck; Ninth Precinct, A. R. Denke, J. B. Lanktree, Oscar Rogers; at large, A. V. Clark, T. W. Leydecker, F. J. Fletter, Columbus Bartlett, B. F. Lamborn, T. G. Daniells.

The State Central Committee, not having yet notified the club as to its attitude toward the State Executive Council, although a letter of inquiry was written, the question of affiliating with that body to the extent of appointing three delegates to it was again postponed. Resolutions were adopted indorsing the movement to have the Republican National convention held in San Francisco.

A Storm Brewing.

ALAMEDA, CAL., Dec. 8.—A storm is brewing over certain discussions and hints of members of the Board of Health concerning infectious diseases in the public schools. A local paper published a brief report of the discussion in such a way that it is left in doubt whether the disease is among the pupils or whether it afflicts a teacher. Inquiry develops the fact that the remarks had reference to one of the teachers, and the Board of Education is at once on the alert and will no doubt hold a special meeting on the subject. It is sure to be aired and may lead to a wrangle between the two boards. The head of the school board is the leading homeopathic practitioner of Alameda, and the health board is composed of five of the most prominent allopathic physicians.

Grand Army Post Election.

ALAMEDA, CAL., Dec. 8.—Joe Hooker Post, Grand Army of the Republic, has held its annual election, with the following result:

Post commander, George Babcock; senior vice-commander, G. A. Blank; junior vice-commander, H. P. Decker; quartermaster, John Ellsworth; surgeon, E. B. Dunning; chaplain, J. H. de Nise; officer of the day, Everett Ames; officer of the guard, H. H. Todd; delegates to department encampment—George Fleming, H. A. Ward, John Myer and E. B. Dunning.

Burned to Death.

ALAMEDA, CAL., Dec. 8.—This morning the four-year-old daughter of Dr. Knowles went to the fireplace alone and her clothes caught fire. In an instant she was completely enveloped in flames. The child was frightfully burned and inhaled the flames. She died at 8:30 to-night. Dr. Knowles is a member of the Alameda Board of Education and a practicing dentist in San Francisco.

Thrown From a Train.

ALAMEDA, CAL., Dec. 8.—Henry L. Horn of 3285 Central avenue was thrown from a narrow-gauge train near Walnut street. He fell from the platform of the rear car and was considerably jolted up.

KICKED INTO A CREEK.

Rancher Deciente Was Partly Crushed and Partly Drowned

WHILE RESCUING A FRIEND.

He Was Taken From the Creek, but Died of His Injuries the Next Day.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Dec. 8.

Antonio Deciente, a well-to-do rancher who lived near Haywards, was partly kicked to death by a horse, partly crushed by a buggy and partly drowned. He was buried at Haywards yesterday. He met with an accident last Tuesday afternoon near the Hollis ranch.

A relative of Deciente's was driving to his place in a buggy and in some manner he was thrown out. The horse continued a short distance to the edge of the creek, and Deciente went out to inquire into the cause of the accident and to give assistance. While Deciente was turning the back part of the buggy around the horse backed the vehicle against him and forced him into the creek. He sustained some fractures in his bones and they caused internal complications, from which he died Wednesday afternoon.

Deciente lived in Alameda County for many years and was well known. Among the Italian and Portuguese people he was an important man.

Witnesses to the accident declare that it appeared so slight that they did not think for some time that Antonio was severely injured. It is thought that the horse must have backed over Deciente after the wagon had knocked him down, and then trampled some of the ribs into the old man's lungs.

After being taken from the creek everything possible was done for the wounded man, but he gradually sank and died within twenty-four hours of the accident. No autopsy was held, as the physicians were fully satisfied that death resulted from internal hemorrhage.

The deceased leaves a widow and one married daughter.

ART IN THE CAMPUS.

Radical Improvements for the University of California.

Dr. Gustav Eisen to Lecture at the University on "Glimpses of Mexico."

BERKELEY, CAL., Dec. 8.—Wednesday next will probably mark the beginning of many important and long-needed improvements on the grounds of the State University. The Board of Regents hold their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, and it is not thought there will be any serious opposition to the plans which will be submitted to them at that time.

Regent J. West Martin, chairman of the committee on grounds, has given the matter a great deal of attention and is satisfied that what is contemplated can be accomplished at a very small outlay. Chairman Hallidie of the finance committee has promised to find the funds necessary, though at the present time he does not see just where the money is to come from.

PRESENT ENTRANCE TO THE GROUNDS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

The main improvement contemplated is the building of an entrance way to the university grounds. The present gate consists of a couple of posts stuck in the ground. The new entrance will be from Center street, the gate being set some fifty feet back from the sidewalk. The approach to this will be a graveled V-shaped walk and road combined, sixty feet wide at the street. This will do away with two crossings at the electric road and also the winding walk necessary to reach the center of the grounds. A new walk will be constructed along the north bank of Strawberry Creek to the main walk already established.

Regent Reinstein will not give much information concerning the new gate itself, though he says it will be a handsome affair of stone and iron and a lasting ornament to the university grounds.

By the removal of the Oxford-street entrance the botanical gardens in charge of Professor Hilgard will be in one body, making them easier of access. In the grounds new gravel walks will be constructed between the points most used. The shortest distances will be selected, with the object of correcting a habit grown strong on the students of making paths across the lawn. The old plank walks will be torn up and fine gravel substituted.

Throughout the grounds at proper distances will be placed 100 settees, the gift of a graduate. This will be greatly appreciated by the students in general, for at present there is not a single seat on the university grounds.

In the main recreation grounds will be built a handsome fountain, costing not less than $2000. This is also the gift of a graduate who, with the same modesty as that shown by the donor of the settees, desires his name withheld. The fountain will be of marble and bronze, and doubtless be popular, as it will be the only drinking-place in the grounds. There is also contemplated a new gravel walk from North Hall down the left bank of Strawberry Creek to the depot. If this is built it will save the students considerable time in going to and from the station.

J. T. McLaren, Superintendent of Golden Gate Park, has agreed to furnish all the tools and implements necessary to do the work contemplated. This will be a big saving, as the university is practically without implements of any description.

Christian Conference.

BERKELEY, CAL., Dec. 8.—The closing exercises of the Northern California College Young Men's Christian Association Conference, which opened at Stiles' Hall yesterday morning, were held to-day. Most of the forenoon was taken up with the praise service conducted by C. C. Michener, international secretary of the association. The various delegations gave statistical reports of the work done at their several institutions during the past year. The total number of students in each institution was given, what proportion of them were confessed Christians, and how many have been converted during the past year through the efforts of the Young Men's Christian Association.

The afternoon session opened at 3 o'clock with an address by State Y. M. C. A. Secretary Spears. He spoke at some length of the relation between the college work and the city work of the association; and also of the great influence which singing had in winning men to Christ.

W. P. Gifford, president of the Stanford Association, who was a State delegate to the Northfield (Mass.) convention, held last summer, gave a descriptive outline of the work done at the conference. He closed his remarks by making a strong plea in favor of the proposed summer school on this coast for the training of men for better service in the college associations.

H. J. McCoy, San Francisco secretary of the association, followed Mr. Gifford. Mr. McCoy's remarks were mostly reminiscent of his early Christian work in California.

C. C. Michener was the next to address the audience. He spoke chiefly of the great need for more preachers in this country. Statistics were given showing that a vastly greater proportion of the college graduates were studying professions of a secular nature to the neglect of the clerical. "This very morning," said he, "one-third of the pulpits of the United States are not filled because of the lack of clergymen."

After the general session the presidents of the various colleges represented met for the discussion of plans for work during the coming year.

This evening at 7 o'clock the farewell exercises were held under the leadership of C. C. Michener. His topic was "Personal Work and a Better Religious Life in College." Remarks were made by a large number of the delegates, in which they related their experiences as Christian college men.

Lecture by Dr. Eisen.

BERKELEY, CAL., Dec. 7.—Dr. Gustav Eisen of the California Academy of Sciences will speak on "Glimpses of Mexico, Past and Present," at the meeting of the University Science Association next Thursday evening. The session will be held in the physics-room of South Hall. It promises to be of more than ordinary interest.

NATIVES CELEBRATE.

Washington Parlor Observes Its Anniversary at Centerville in Characteristic Style.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 8.—The Town Hall of Centerville was the scene of a happy gathering Friday night, the occasion being the fifth anniversary of Washington Parlor No. 169, N. S. G. W. The decorations of the hall were in keeping with the commemorative event, there being a profusion of Christmas berries and palm leaves, while over the center of the stage hung a bust picture of Washington.

The stage, which had been enlarged for the occasion, was replete with scenic effects, and all the auxiliaries for the production of the three-act melodrama, "The Lost Mine"—a reproduction of pioneer days depicting the struggles and hardships of the sturdy miners for gold.

The following ladies and gentlemen took part:

Nevada, the Wanderer, F. M. Smith; Vermont, an ex-deacon, F. F. Dusterberry; Tom Carew and Dandy Dick, young miners, G. I. Norris and P. S. Sandholdt; Silas Steele, a missionary of health, W. L. Robie; Jerden, a detective, C. P. Cockefair; Jube, a black miner, R. T. Moses; Win Kye, the inquisitive, S. F. Murphy; Mother Merton, Mrs. W. L. Robie; Moselle, a waif, Mrs. C. H. Hatch; Agnes Fairlee, Moselle's teacher, Miss E. Simpson.

Act I, scene—Mother's home in the Sierras; "de stage am cum, Mosey's to hum"; "We're not man-hunters"; Nevada, the gold king; Dick the forger. Act II, scene—Vermont's cabin; a rough and tumble with a grizzly; "He's found it. Don't shoot. I'm your dad." Act III, scene—Same as act I; "A nugget, you bet."

At the conclusion of the programme dancing commenced.

The committee of arrangements was: J. Norris, F. Smith, F. Clarke, W. F. Robie and F. Lourie, while F. Dusterberry ably acquitted himself as floor manager, assisted by J. Clark, R. Moses and C. Hatch.

Among those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tyson, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jacobus, Mr. and Mrs. C. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carpenter, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Allen, O. B. Simpson, Mrs. S. Sandholdt, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Eggers, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Norris, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hawes, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hatch, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Brisacher, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. E. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fonte, Mrs. E. La Fleche, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Winters, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Halliday, Mrs. G. Norris, Mrs. Crocker, Miss L. Hesser, Misses H. and M. Eggers, Miss Gregory, Miss Sandholdt, Miss Grahams, Miss Dusterberry, Miss Stanley, Misses Norris, Miss Beck, Dr. Emerson, Miss Emerson, P. Decoto, Mr. and Mrs. Robie, Miss Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Smith, Lou Decoto, Peter Crosby, Daniel Crosby, Matthew Walthal, U. C. Berkeley; Calvin Ewing, F. C. Jordan, Charles Spear, Oakland; Miss A. Emerson, J. D. Norris, F. F. Dusterberry, Bert Emerson, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Norris, Miss Maggie Smith, H. A. Mosher, J. Briscoe, H. Dusterberry, Ralph Emerson, George Simpson, A. Robertson, J. Stanley Jr., A. L. Sunderer, J. Burns, W. Smith, Miss Alice Love, Miss Ella Winthrop, Misses Fowler, Wilder Smith, Howard Turner, James Turner, Robert Moses, Harry Searles, John Beck, Miss Wills, Fred Turner, Miss Briscoe, Miss Olney, Mr. and Mrs. Henry May, Misses Rix, Miss Christie, Miss Twohig, Miss Maud Jacobus, Miss Hughes, J. Blacow, W. J. Crothers, Miss Agnes Haley, Miss Pike, Miss Chadbourne, L. Merritt, Miss Beiter, E. Woods, W. J. Fields, J. F. Walton, W. P. Saxe, M. Culligan, Henry Burdick, A. W. Wetherell, Joseph Jarvis, Miss Jarvis, Frank Behrman, Mrs. S. Salz, Mr. and Mrs. F. Jarvis, Miss K. Salz, F. Murphy, J. Stephens, Miss Hansen, Miss Wormsley, Miss Mortimer, Joseph Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Miss Shair, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Newlands, Miss Ida Walters, J. M. Martin, George Weeks, the Misses Hayes, F. C. Barrows, J. D. Harlan, N. P. Austin, Miss Tillcomb, Miss Warner, A. L. Stephens, Miss Annie Yates, Charles Clark, Mr. and Mrs. E. Vandyke, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Greene, Miss Pidwell, Mrs. Bushby, James Douglass, Miss M. Hawkins, Mrs. Fretter, C. B. Bates, James Arnold, Miss Fretes, Antone Duarte, S. Kahn.

WEEKLY FRATERNAL NOTES

The Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Winter Campaign.

ODD FELLOWS' LEGISLATION.

Sons and Daughters of St. George—Knights of the Golden Eagle.

Ancient Order United Workmen.

There are but two assessments for the month of December; one is the regular assessment No. 30 and the other a relief assessment of $1.

J. F. Schwarting, who was for many years financier of Harmony Lodge No. 9, one of the oldest lodges of the order in this City, died last week. He was an active and energetic worker, and contributed in a great measure to the success of his lodge, which numerically is one of the largest in the jurisdiction.

The grand master workman contemplates an early visit to California, intending to visit lodges at Los Angeles and San Diego.

There was a large gathering of the brethren in the lodgeroom of Valley Lodge No. 30 on Wednesday evening, under the auspices of the Past Grand Masters' Association. A special committee, consisting of E. F. Joy of Valley Lodge No. 30, Robert Ferral of Spartan Lodge No. 36, Walter Malloy of Golden Gate Lodge No. 8, W. J. Cuthbertson of Eureka Valley Lodge No. 252 and L. McMahon of Golden West Lodge No 264, was appointed to report a plan of action for the winter campaign, at a meeting to be held on the 18th inst.

Elections of officers are taking place and it is to be noticed with pleasure that the recorders and financiers have usually been favored with re-election. It would take some little time to get acquainted with the business details and the incumbents are always better qualified to discharge these duties than new officers.

Deputy Grand Master Workman Poland has called a meeting of the district deputies of this city for the purpose of instructing them in the new ritualistic and secret work.

The new rituals are now being distributed to lodges upon the surrender of the old ones.

The grand receiver and grand recorder will visit Benicia Lodge No. 94 to-morrow evening, at which time it is expected there will be an open meeting.

Halfmoon Bay Lodge No. 155 is arranging for an open meeting to be held the first Monday in January, at which time the grand master workman will deliver an address.

Burns Lodge No. 68 had a full house on Friday evening, at which addresses were delivered by a number of the grand lodge officers, it being the seventeenth anniversary of the establishment of the lodge. L. G. Schord, the efficient master workman, has been re-elected and will serve the lodge in that capacity for the ensuing six months.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Grand Master Gosbey visited Porter Lodge No. 272 at Oakland last Wednesday.

Golden West Encampment No. 94, recently organized at Colusa, was visited last week by fourteen members of the degree staff of the Marysville encampment, which conferred the degrees on fourteen new members.

New legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge replaces the form of procedure which required as eligibility to an elective office that the candidate should have served in an appointive office. Any member of the Rebekah Lodge is now eligible for any office except that of vice-grand and of noble grand. To be a candidate for the former the candidate must have filled an appointive office, and to be a candidate for the latter he must have filled the office of vice-grand.

Thus far sixty-five applications for admission to the home in Thermalito have been received. Up to date forty-three have been admitted.

The trustees of the home at their last meeting ordered a number of necessary improvements for the comfort of the inmates. This includes heating apparatus for the dining-oom, reading-room and parlor, and apparatus for heating water for the baths. In the reading-room there is quite a library. Many persons have contributed books and periodicals, but in almost every instance they have required the trustees to pay the freight on the contributions.

Friendship Rebekah Lodge No. 211 has been instituted at Fresno with twenty-two charter members and a like number of new members. Mrs. K. Turner is the noble grand and Miss Lizzie Cronkhite secretary. Deputy Emma S. Miller was the instituting officer.

A grand entertainment—musical, literary and dancing—will be given in Odd Fellows' Hall in aid of the Christmas cheer on the evening of the 17th inst.

Grand Master Gosbey will make visits as follows during the week: Monday, San Rafael; Tuesday, Evening Star at Berkeley; Wednesday, Mission Peak at Irvington; Thursday, University, Oakland; Saturday, Tomales.

Franco-Americaine Lodge No. 207 will give an invition ball in Odd Fellows' Hall on the 4th of January, on the occasion of the installation of its officers.

Foresters of America.

The official visits for the week ending December 13 were as follows: Tuesday evening—A. Orfila, G. C. R., will visit a joint meeting of Courts San Diego and Silver Gate in San Diego; J. E. Anderson, G. T., will visit Court Stanford in this city. Wednesday evening—A. Orfila, G. C. R., will visit Court Columbus in Los Angeles; J. S. W. Saunders, G. S. W., will visit Court Petaluma in Petaluma; John Heenan, G. J. W., will visit Court Bay City in this; J. E. Anderson, G. T., will visit Court Farallon in Ocean View. Thursday evening—A. Orfila, G. C. R., will visit Court Fremont in Los Angeles. Friday evening—R. B. Vellage, G. S. C. R., will visit Court Acme in this city.

One of the most flourishing courts in the interior of the State is Court Pride of Colusa. On last Wednesday evening an official visit to this court was made by Grand Trustee Anderson. Five candidates were initiated and nine new applications for membership were presented. After the close of the meeting a banquet followed.

Court Haywards is another flourishing court. On last Thursday evening Grand Sub Chief Ranger Vellage, accompanied by Grand Secretary Bremer and Supreme Representative De Camp, officially visited this court. After exemplifying the ritualistic work of the order an adjournment was taken to the banquet-room, where various toasts were responded to.

Information has been received by the grand secretary that the new past chief rangers' and members' certificates will be ready for delivery on or about the 1st of January next. It is also expected that the charters giving the present name of the order and the new numbers will be ready about the middle of January.

The Forestic Friends, a social adjunct of the order and composed of delegates from Courts Justice, America and Live Oak, and Excelsior, Live Oak, Mizpah, Aloha and Pride of the Forest Circles of the Companions of the Forest, entertained the board of directors of the American Foresters' Hall Association and themselves with a banquet on last Saturday evening at a well-known downtown restaurant. E. S. Harrison presided and acted as master of ceremonies for the evening.

Companions of the Forest, F. A.

A new circle, No. 269, will be instituted on next Friday evening in Sonora, Tuolumne county, by Mrs. M. R. Duke, G. S. C. C., assisted by Mrs. M. Green, G. T.

Mrs. M. Duke, G. S. C. C., will officially visit Stockton Circle, in Stockton, on Tuesday, December 17th; Surprise of Woodland Circle in Woodland on Wednesday, December 18th, and Sutter Circle in Sacramento on Friday, December 20th.

Loreley Circle No. 26 initiated two candidates and received four applications on last Tuesday evening. Among the visitors present were Miss A. D. Bremer, G. Sec., Mrs. H. Worms, G. G., and delegations from Golden West, Defiance and Hamlet Circles.

Presidio Circle is initiating candidates at every meeting and is setting a bright example to some of the older circles in this city. On last Tuesday evening Mrs. M. Duke, G. S. C. C., was present with this circle.

Native Sons of the Golden West.

Grand Secretary Lunstedt visited Walnut Creek last week.

Grand Trustee Gesford, Grand Secretary Lunstedt and Past Grand President Steinbach visited Sequoia parlor last week.

Grand Secretary Lunstedt, Grand Inside Sentinel Van Orden and Past Grand President Steinbach visited Yerba Buena parlor last Monday.

El Dorado Parlor No. 52 held an enthusiastic meeting last Thursday night, on which occasion officers were elected for the ensuing term. Among those who were present were Grand Vice-President Senator H. C. Gesford, Past Grand President John H. Grady, Grand Trustee Byington, and many of the members who had absented themselves from meetings for many months. The following named were elected: John G. Joly, president; Mel H. Baker, first vice-president; G. C. Gunther, second vice-president; L. B. Mayer, third vice-president; E. N. P. Phelan, recording secretary; M. T. Arey, financial secretary; W. Horber, treasurer; Charles Hammersmith, marshal; F. A. Smith, William Samuel and H. Abraham, trustees; Dr. E. G. Frisbie and William J. Hawkins, surgeons. The ceremony of initiation was gone through with and the work was complimented by the grand vice-president, after which a banquet followed.

Oakland Parlor was visited last Wednesday by Grand Vice-President Gesford.

Grand Trustee Mattison will probably reorganize the parlor at Monterey and the one at Modesto.

San Francisco Parlor will celebrate its eleventh anniversary by giving an entertainment to its lady friends on the evening of Thursday next in Bersaglieri Hall.

Native Daughters of the Golden West.

El Pescadero Parlor No. 82 of Tracy will hold a public installation and tender a banquet to its guests in January.

Forest Parlor No. 86 of Plymouth will give a masquerade ball on New Year's eve.

Oro Fino Parlor No. 9 will give a social at Alcazar Hall next Thursday night.

Ramona Parlor No. 21 of Martinez will give an entertainment and dance in honor of its eighth anniversary to-morrow night. The parlor is reported in excellent condition.

Buena Vista Parlor No. 68 will present a farce and give an entertainment in National Hall on Wednesday night. The members of this parlor have been working very faithfully to make this affair a great success.

Order Sons of St. George.

The officers of Burnaby Lodge No. 194, the oldest and largest lodge of the order on the coast, were installed on Saturday evening, the 7th inst. On the same evening Supreme President Oliver by request made a report on the work of the Supreme Lodge at the late convention held in New York City. The attendance was large and the report was well received. This lodge has been very successful since its foundation and has now among its members, in addition to the highest office in the order, no less than four out of the five grand officers of the Pacific Coast jurisdiction. After the regular business of the evening had been disposed of refreshments were given out to the members and friends present and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The officers of Pickwick Lodge No. 259 were installed on Monday evening last, the 2d inst., in the St. George Club, 317 Mason street, by District Deputy W. R. Jack. The semi-annual report of the secretary, which was read, showed the lodge to be in a good healthy condition, although not adding much to its membership at the present time.

Albion Lodge No. 206 of Oakland had an installation of officers on Wednesday evening, the 4th inst., James Hall, district deputy, being the installing officer. This lodge was also shown to be in good condition both numerically and financially. Up to the last term the lodge has stood at the head on the coast financially for some years, but owing to a run of sickness during the last term it has taken second place to Burnaby, although the members are hopeful of again placing it at the head.

Derby Lodge of Alameda will install officers next Friday evening, James Hall, district deputy, being the installing officer.

The new ritual adopted by the late Supreme Convention will be ready for distribution among the lodges in about one month.

Daughters of St. George.

Last Wednesday evening Mrs. E. Trewin, W. G. D. D. for California, instituted at Grass Valley, Nevada County, a lodge of the Order of St. George, which is an auxiliary of the Sons of St. George. The lodge starts with a charter roll of fifty members. The banner lodge of the sons is located at Grass Valley, and it is expected that the daughters will have the banner lodge of their order in the same town.

The Chosen Friends.

Grand Recorder Wallace during the past week visited councils in Watsonville, Monterey, Salinas and Santa Cruz.

A new council will be organized at Stockton this week by Dr. B. F. Josselyn.

Union Progressive Council will give a New Year's eve party in Union-square Hall.

Brother Hess of Crystal Council will on the evening of the 25th inst. be presented with a $3000 check, he having reached the age of 75 years.

District Deputy Hartley of Sacramento paid an official visit to Solano Council No. 134, at Dixon, last week.

Knights and Ladies of Honor.

The grand officers will visit Oakland Lodge tomorrow.

West End Lodge held an unusually large, interesting and enthusiastic meeting last Tuesday evening. There were present beside many of the grand officers members from lodges in this City, lodges in Oakland and Alameda. Among the number of visitors were Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Cummings, the first named being the first Grand Protector of California. The meeting was presided over by Deputy Grand Protector Mrs. S. Bearson. Addresses were made by Grand Protector F. Kempe van Ee, Supreme Representative S. American, Grand Treasurer J. W. Maher, Grand Secretary S. B. Carleton and others. Four candidates were admitted to membership and three applications were received.

Miss Ph. Kaplan, secretary of West End Lodge, has gone to Healdsburg to spend the holidays.

Young Men's Institute.

A new council was instituted at Santa Rosa a few days since by Grand President Lynch, assisted by R. H. Hammond, first vice-president of Oakland Council No. 6 of Oakland. It has been named Santa Rosa Council, and is known as No. 308. E. J. Cummings is the president, and Charles Connelly recording secretary.

The Grand President paid an informal visit to Watsonville Council No. 42 at Watsonville last week. The council will be officially visited by a district deputy very soon.

Golden State Council No. 113 in a body visited Alameda Council No. 47 at Livermore last week, and the visitors were hospitably received. Golden State Council is increasing rapidly in membership. Sixteen applications were received at the last meeting held and the one preceding it.

The Sheridan Club, composed exclusively of members of Phil Sheridan Council No. 72 will give an entertainment in Mission Parlor Hall on the 28th inst.

Grand President Lynch visited St. Raphael Council at San Rafael last Thursday.

Independent Order B'nai B'rith.

Another lodge has been added to the Pacific Coast jurisdiction. This is Washoe Lodge No. 450, instituted at Reno, Nev., last Tuesday, by Grand President Jonas. It starts with a charter membership of twenty-four, but expects to gain an increased membership from transfers of members of other lodges who have located in that city and are unable to attend the meetings of their own lodges.

Knights of Honor.

The grand dictator, P. L. Archibald, and the grand officers visited Anchor Lodge No. 2366 last week and entertained the members and visitors with an interesting account of the good work done in this City and in the country, and of the increase of membership.

Liberty Lodge initiated nine candidates at its last meeting and elected officers for the ensuing term.

Yerba Buena Lodge initiated four candidates and elected officers at its last meeting.

At its last meeting San Francisco Lodge elected its officers for the ensuing terms. L. Meineger was re-elected financial reporter for the twenty-ninth time. For fourteen successive years he has filled the office, and has never missed a meeting.

Grand Dictator Archibald visited Eureka Lodge last Wednesday.

Improved Order of Red Men.

Oshonee Tribe No. 78 had a very entertaining reunion on Thanksgiving eve in Shiels' building. One of the features of the evening was the presentation of a handsome badge to Brother Charles Horn in recognition of his valuable services. Past Sachem Berrell was the president of the committee of arrangements. During the musical part of the programme there were songs by Mrs. B. F. Miller, Past Sachem M. Freck, who was encored four times, Ethel Brown and Miss Kramer, who sang "Ben Bolt." Miss Lottie Kramer gave an Indian dance and Miss L. Trautner a recitation.

Past Sachem Seymour has been authorized by Great Sachem Jackson to organize an adoption team to be composed of members of the different tribes of this City to exemplify the adoption work before the Great Incohonee when he visits this City. The several tribes will make an effort to capture as many palefaces for that occasion as possible and adopt them for their respectives tribes.

The entertainment recently given by Samoset Tribe No. 22 in Vallejo was one of unusual interest. Each member was privileged to introduce two palefaces and members of his family. A result of this was that the wigwam was too small to accommodate all when the time came for dancing, and those present were forced to adjourn to the armory hall. It is estimated that over 200 persons were present. G. Smith, P. G. S., was toastmaster at the banquet given in the wigwam. Sachem Frank Blanco responded to the toast offered to Samoset; C. D. McCauley to "Our Guests"; O. C. F. Burgman to "The Good of the Order."

Oshonee Tribe and members from