WEEKLY FRATERNAL ITEMS

Decisions Affecting Nominees in Beneficiary Certificates.

PYTHIANS HAVE BEEN BUSY.

Proposed Changes in the Order B'nai B'rith — Foresters of America.

Official Assessment Table.

NAME.	Number of Assessment.	Date of Call.		Delinquent by members	
A. O. U. W.	1-2	Jan.	1	Jan.	28
Workmen G. F.	1-2	Jan.	1	Jan.	28
Chosen Friends	254	Jan.	1	Jan.	31
K. & L. of H.	432	Jan.	1	Jan.	31
K. of Honor	455-6-7	Jan.	1	Jan.	31

The Masons.

On Tuesday, the 7th of January, California Chapter R. A. M will install its officers.

San Francisco Chapter No. 1 R. A. M. will install its officers Monday, the 13th of January.

South San Francisco Lodge installed its officers last Thursday night, on which occasion the retiring master, George T. Shaw, was presented a beautiful ebony, gold-headed cane, a well bestowed tribute to a painstaking and faithful official.

Alcatraz Lodge No. 244 of West Oakland will hold a stated meeting this evening for work in the second degree.

Order of the Eastern Star.

The members of Golden Gate Chapter are anticipating a pleasant evening at the entertainment to be given to members of other chapters in Golden Gate Hall.

A new chapter, Sunset, has been authorized by Grand Patron J. B. Merrit at Knight's Ferry. Another chapter was organized at Newman by the grand patron last Saturday.

On Thursday next the grand patron will organize a chapter in Oakland. Several chapters are in progress of organization in the southern part of the State.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

During the month of January Grand Master Gosbey will visit as follows: January 1, Vorwarts Lodge No. 313. Oakland; 2d, Hecker Lodge No. 49, Oakland; 4th, Orion Lodge No. 189, Brooklyn; 6th, Fountain Lodge No. 198, Oakland; 8th, Pleasanton Lodge No. 255; 9th, Livermore Lodge No. 219; 11th, Salmon Creek Lodge No. 234 at Occidental; 13th, Bloomfield Lodge No. 191; 14th, Evergreen Lodge at Sebastopol; 15th, Cloverdale Lodge No. 193; 16th, Santa Rosa Lodge No. 53; 17th, Ukiah Lodge No. 174; 18th, Osceola Lodge No. 215; 19th, Windsor Lodge; 20th, Healdsburg Lodge No. 64; 21st, Forestville Lodge No. 320; 25th, St. Helena Lodge No. 167; 27th, Calistoga Lodge No. 227 28th, Napa Lodge No. 18, and 29th, Elmhurst Lodge No. 384.

To-morrow, New Year's eve, Pacheco Lodge No. 117 will dedicate its new hall with appropriate ceremonies. Delegations from Pacheco, Walnut Creek and other places will be present.

District Deputy Fannie Benjamin has instituted Edelweiss Rebekah Degree Lodge in Los Angeles with twenty-two charter members, eleven men and eleven women. This lodge is to work exclusively in the German language.

Upon the occasion of the visit of the advisory board to the Odd Fellows' Home at Thermalito last week it was decided to fit up the cottages on the ground for the use of orphans until such time as proper buildings can be erected on the land donased by Enterprise Lodge of Oakland.

The visitors to the home last week contributed to an entertainment given by the Fox Social Club, of which Ned Batturs is president. This was attended by the inmates of the home, by about thirty families that live on the tract the home is located on and by Odd Fellows from Oroville. There were addresses by C. N. Fox, president of the board of directors; Vice-President W. H. Barnes, Rev. A. F. Hitchcock, Grand Prelate A. F. Jones and others. Miss Ida Fox gave violin solos and others recitations and songs.

Ancient Order United Workmen.

A contest was recently filed in the matter of the beneficiary certificate of Frederick Shelton, late a member of Stockton Lodge No. 23. Henry Harrold, a nephew of the deceased, was the last beneficiary named, succeeding Helen Jane Grimbley, a niece, in that capacity. It was alleged on the part of the niece that the certificate issued to Harrold was procured through undue influence, and that Shelton was not of sound and disposing mind at the time of the execution of the request for change of certificate. The matter was tried before the board of arbitration, and the contest dismissed.

A case of like character, involving the beneficiary certificate of Louis Westheimer, late a member of Marysville Lodge No. 38, will shortly be tried before the board of arbitration. Westheimer was a resident of New York, his latest beneficiary, a niece, is also a resident of that city. Another niece, who was beneficiary under a former certificate, claims that the certificate under which the last beneficiary is to take, was procured by fraud and undue influence. All matters of this character are now being tried by the board of arbitration, with comparatively little expense, and but trifling delay, and is a vast improvement over the old method of trying in the courts of the land.

In 1894 Fritz Berendes, a member of Germania Lodge No. 241 of Los Angeles, died, and in his certificate nominated Christopher Cloetta as trustee. In his direction for change of certificate, wherein he nominated Cloetta, were the words: "In accordance with a written instrument executed this day." Berendes failed to execute the instrument referred to, and under the laws of the order and of the Grand Lodge, the trust of said Cloetta not being described, he was not entitled to take as beneficiary, and the heirs-at-law of Berendes were entitled to receive the money. The heirs have been located in Germany, and the German Consul of this City has been appointed by them to collect for them. The Grand Lodge filed a bill in equity in the Superior Court, wherein the heirs-at-law referred to, the Public Administrator of Los Angeles County and Cloetta were named as defendants. The case will shortly come up for hearing before Judge Sanderson.

J. W. Ward, Past Grand Master Workman, addressed a large and appreciative audience at Golden West Lodge No. 264 recently.

Point of Timber Lodge No. 92, at Byron, and Brentwood Lodge No. 243 have consolidated under tha name and number of the first-named.

A descriptive catalogue of the new paraphernalia for use in the subordinate lodges has been received by the Grand Recorder.

George B. Katzenstein, Past Grand Master Workman, will deliver an address shortly under the auspices of the Past Master Workmen's Association.

The Past Master Workmen's Association has formulated a degree for sitting Past Master Workmen, as well as for Past Master Workmen. The degrees were written by William H. Barnes, Past Grand Master Workman.

The Grand Recorder will go East on the 2d prox. to submit the books and accounts of this jurisdiction for examination by the Supreme Lodge.

Degree of Honor.

The elections for officers for the ensuing term being over, the district deputies are getting ready to install the new officers during the early part of the coming month.

Knights of Pythias.

Buena Lodge No. 120 was reorganized at Buena Ventura on the 1st inst. by H. Schaffner, G. K. of R. and S., the instituting officer being assisted by E. D. Bates of Castle Rock Lodge as grand vice-chancellor, W. H. Wheat, one of the same lodge, as grand prelate, B. R. Lloyd, also of the same lodge, as grand master-at-arms, Oscar Stewart of Seaside Lodge as grand inner guard and members of other lodges. Twelve former members, the only ones whose names were on the roll at the time the charter was surrendered, joined anew, eight knights affiliated by card and three "strangers" were admitted in due form. The lodge enters upon its new career with better prospects than it ever had. The credit for this reorganization is due in the main to B. T. Williams and M. H. Mendelsohn, who worked hard and earnestly to bring about this result. The officers are: Thomas O. Toland, C. C.; Grant Falkenstein, V. C.; E. Free Bond, P.; B. T. Williams, M. of the W.; M. H. Mendelsohn, K. of R. and S.; E. L. de Arman, M. of F.; C. H. Whitney, M. of E.; W. E. Sparks, M. at A.; E. M. Jones, I. G., and W. G. Adams, O. G. Among the many visitors and participants were A. G. Edmonson of No. 25; Elias Daly, M. T. Richardson, Lynn Smith, Oscar Stewart, G. F. Martin, J. S. Martin, W. R. Martin and Charles Curtis, of Seaside No. 64; W. H. Wheaton, C. R. Lloyd, W. S. Gerow, J. J. Dickover, E. D. Bates and C. I. Bliss, of Castle Rock No. 151 of Santa Barbara; Robert Travers and Martin Stevens, of Santa Maria No. 90 of Santa Maria; G. E. Kilson of Eden Lodge No. 101 of Nelson, and George H. Mickel of Stockton No. 86 of Stockton, Kans.

Topa Topa Lodge No. 158, formerly located in Santa Paula, is in a fair way of being reorganized, the desire for reorganization having been stimulated by the visit of the grand keeper of records and seals recently. Prominent among those in the movement are N. O. Day, Edward Virden, H. D. Say, C. W. West and A. L. Kelsey.

Santa Barbara Lodge No. 25 was visited by H. Shaffner, G. K. of R. and S. on the 18th inst. There was but a slim attendance, but those present listened with attention to the address of the visitor and some of them were not over pleased with the truths he gave them. From remarks made it is possible that new life will be instilled into this lodge and that it will arouse from its lethargy and again be in the front rank.

For some time past Castle Rock Lodge No. 151 of Santa Barbara has at the close of the fourth regular meeting each month given an entertainment at which the wives of members, lady relatives and friends are invited. Music, singing and other divertisements are provided, and progressive euchre and whist are also added to make the evening interesting. At the last of such entertainments recently given A. H. Anderson of Liberty Lodge of West Oakland won the booby prize. As a result of this new departure the lodge has added many of the best citizens to its roll of membership.

Vic Bassignano is engaged in an effort to resuscitate old Bloomfield Lodge No 102, formerly of Gilroy, and failing in that to organize an entirely new lodge. It is among the early probabilities that No. 102 will again be placed upon the roster.

H. L. Herzinger, formerly of Maverick Lodge No. 174 of Alturas, has removed to Ukiah and he is moving in the direction of the organization of a lodge in that place. He will be assisted by C. G. Rippey of Friendship Lodge No. 91 of Healdsburg, also a resident of Ukiah.

The new lodge at Coulterville is now an assured fact. Its paraphernalia is on the way and Past Chancellor F. P. Otis has been selected as instituting officer.

Aurora Lodge No. 51 of Ferndale will probably have a Pythian Castle ready for dedication early next month. The grand officers and all the knights will be invited to take part in the ceremonies.

Grand Chancellor George Samuels will visit Sacramento Lodge No. 110, Monday, January 6; Confidence Lodge No. 78, Sacramento, Tuesday, January 7; Placerville Lodge No. 70, Wednesday, January 8; Folsom Lodge No. 167, Thursday, January 9, and possibly Auburn Lodge No. 198, Friday, January 10.

During his recent visit to the southern part of the domain the G. K. of R. and S. visited, without previous announcement, Tehachapi Lodge No. 191 at Tehachapi on its convention night. Despite the fact that it was a bitter cold night and that there were several inches of snow on the ground there was a good attendance. The knights were entertained by an able address by the visitor and the exemplification of the unwritten work.

Mojave Lodge No. 122 of Needles will dedicate its new hall early next February. The grand chancellor and other grand officers have been asked to be present. Those who visit the lodge on that occasion will be taken to the wickiup of the Mojave Indians camped near the town.

Hanford Lodge reports three initiations during November and others preparing for admission.

Past Chancellor C. W. Fleming of Sunnyside Lodge No. 112 and R. H. Meyers of Hanford Lodge No. 194, now residents of Los Angeles, promise a new lodge in that progressive city before the next Grand Lodge Convention.

Seaside Lodge No. 64 of Carpenteria was visited by H. Schaffner, G. K. of R. and S., December 19. Without previous notice of the visit the members turned out in goodly numbers and manifested their enthusiasm by great applause of the remarks of the visitor. The rank of esquire was conferred on one very likely candidate for knightly honors, Brother Schaffner consenting to act as chancellor commander.

Native Sons of the Golden West.

The headquarters of the Native Sons of the Golden West have been removed from the Pioneer building, 24 Fourth street, to Native Sons' Hall on Mason street, near Post. Grand Secretary Lunstedt and Louis Powellson, his assistant, will be in their new office to-day.

Golden Gate Parlor No. 29 will hold its meeting in the new building to-night. This will be the first held here.

Grand Trustee Frank Mattison has rehabilitated Parlor No. 2 at Modesto, and in the near future he will organize a par or at Monterey.

Grand Orator William Henderson visited Auburn Parlor No. 59 at Auburn last Thursday.

Grand Vice-President Henry C. Gesford during the past week visited the parlors at Haywards and Alvarado.

California Parlor No. 1 has elected officers as follows: Past president, W. D. Shea; president, O. L. Blackman; first vice-president, Michael Seligson; second vice-president, James O'Dwyer; third vice-president, Dr. Howard Herrington; recording secretary, Frank B. Ryan; financial secretary, B. F. Hanlon; treasurer, H. F. Fernau; marshal, Eugene Gauthier Jr.; surgeons—Drs. J. F. Morse, F. D. Tait, B. F. Clarke, D. D. Lustig, F. H. Stable, J. M. Heinimann and Howard Herrington; trustees—R. H. Morse, E. P. Sherman and E. H. Folsom.

Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Alta Parlor No. 3 and Buena Vista Parlor No. 68 will move into the Native Sons' building this week.

Laurel Parlor No. 6 of Nevada City, which continues to hold its place among the parlors of the State, will give a leap-year ball on the 1st of January.

Oro Fino Parlor No. 9 at its last meeting donated $10 to the Children's Hospital fund.

Mrs. Mary Langford of Occident Parlor No. 25 of Eureka has been appointed D. D. G. P. for district 2, vice Miss E. O. Spencer, resigned.

Mrs. Belle Douglass of Laurel Parlor No. 6 of Nevada City has been appointed D. D. G. P. for district 13, vice Mrs. A. V. Hoffman, who resigned on account of removal from the district.

Oneonta Parlor No. 71 of Ferndale gave an entertainment jointly with Ferndale Parlor N. S. G. W., on Christmas night. This parlor is in a prosperous condition and has a bright future before it.

Independent Order B'nai B'rith.

The following lodges have elected officers for the ensuing term; the other lodges will elect during the current week: Ophir No. 21, Pacific No. 48, Oakland No. 252 Hope No. 126, Ariel No. 248 of San Jose, Miriam No. 56. Nevada No. 52 of Virginia City, Baron de Hirsch No. 420 of Butte, Mont., and Seattle No. 342.

There will be installations during the month of January by the grand president and other grand officers. Next Thursday Pacific No. 48 and California No. 163 will install their officers; Monday, January 6, Columbia No. 127; the same night Unity No. 273, Cremieux No. 325 and Montefiore No. 51 will have a joint installation; Tuesday, January 7, Occidental No. 345 and Modin No. 42, and Wednesday, January 8, Golden Gate No. 129 and Ophir No. 21.

Preparations are being made for the Grand Lodge session to be held on the last Sunday in January. Three important matters will come up for discussion during the session.

One of the laws of the order is that members shall pay a per capita tax of $2 50 per month which money goes to an endowment fund which in this jurisdiction amounts at this time to $200,000. Every member who is single has the option of taking out a beneficiary certificate, but every married member must take out such a certificate for the benefit of his family. There is one class of members who at the session of the grand lodge will endeavor to have the per capita tax raised, giving as a reason that the number of old men in the order is increasing and that the death rate will increase so rapidly that the sinking fund will not be sufficient to meet the demand for $5,000 for each death. The other class of members hold that such action would be an injustice to the members who for about thirty years have been paying the regular per capita tax. They are in favor of allowing the tax to remain as it is, as to those who are members at this time, but have no objection that a higher rate be fixed for those who may join hereafter.

The B'nai B'rith Free School was originally organized for the purpose of imparting religious instruction and instruction in Hebrew to the children of the members of the order of B'nai B'rith exclusively, and for that purpose there was set aside annually the sum of $1500 to pay the teachers, and, in addition, room for the use of the school in the B'nai B'rith building was furnished free, as was also the gas necessary to light the schoolrooms. This was equal to $1000 a year. The school was diverted from its original purpose, and children not those of members of the B'nai B'rith were taken in. There is one party that at the next session will endeavor to have the school carried on as it was originally intended or abolished. This party holds that the several congregations, each having a school of religious instruction, decline to receive children into their classes unless the parents are members of the congregation, and that they say that the B'nai B'rith school is the proper one to take charge of such children and instruct them. The fight will be as to the maintenance of the school as it is now being conducted.

The third matter will be as to the secretaryship. There are a great number of members who are in favor of continuing in office the grand secretary, Jacob Levison, who during his term has proved himself a painstaking, careful, efficient and courteous official. There are others who are friendly to the officials who continued in office the late secretary, Louis Blank, after he had acknowledged his defalcation of funds of the order. Blank is the man who some time ago committed suicide. The officials who were considerate as to Blank are no longer in power, but at the coming session they will try to regain that lost power, and the greatest fight will be for the secretaryship.

Junior Order of American Mechanics.

Abraham Council No. 2 held an exciting election last Thursday night. The officers elected are: Charles Kline, C.; G. W. Strong, V. C.; J. Colby, A. R. S.; Henry Shephard, conductor (re-elected); E. W. Rivers, W.; Henry Eisen, O. S.; F. A. Tibbet, trustee, and Z. T. Whitten, delegate to State council.

A warrant has been issued for the organization of a new council at East Los Angeles. This will be known as No. 32, and will be organized by C. S. Wilton, D. S. C.

An application for a warrant to establish a council at Stockton is under consideration by the State officers.

A new council will be established at the Potrero in the second week in January.

To A. S. H. Perkins, secretary of Union Council No. 5, belongs the credit of being the secretary who for four consecutive quarters has been the first to file with the State officers the quarterly report and amount of per capita tax.

The smoker to be given by James A. Garfield Council, announced for last Monday, will be given this evening.

Foresters of America.

There will be but one official visit this week. That will be by John Heenan, J. G. W., to Court Live Oak, South San Francisco, next Thursday.

A neatly printed book of 121 pages from the press of John C. Howe, containing all the laws of the order, the amendments adopted at the session of the Grand Court held in San Jose last May, and the changes made necessary by the recent action of the Supreme Court, has been issued. Copies of this were distributed to all the courts during the past week.

Court Suro Heights No. 136 is making active preparations for a smoker to be given in Alcazar building, January 16.

Court Marin of Tiburon is undoubtedly at this time a very popular one with the children of that burg. Last Monday all the children of Tiburon and vicinity, as well as adults, were invited to an entertainment given by the court. Each child present was given a useful present, and each of those who did not attend received one on the following day. An interesting lecture illustrated with stereopticon views for the benefit of the adults was given under the direction of Dr. Frink. The entertainment closed with a dance.

Grand Trustee J. E. Anderson visited Courts Vacaville and Dixon last week and found both in good condition.

Court Farragut of Vallejo is again doing active work. At its last meeting four applications for membership were acted upon.

Companions of the Forest, F. O. A.

Mrs. M. A. Duke, G. S. C. C., accompanied by Mrs. M. Green, G. T., officially visited Stockton Circle, Surprise of Woodland Circle, Woodland and Sacramento Circles last week. At each place a good attendance greeted the visiting officials and the subordinate officers were much encouraged by the presence of the grand officers.

Oakland Circle, one of the oldest in the order, is coming to the front again. Last Monday four candidates were initiated and a number of applications were received.

Loreley Circle No. 26 will, at an open meeting to be held in Social Hall, Alcazar building, on the evening of the 16th of January, install the officers. A social will follow the installation.

Mrs. M. A. Duke, G. S. C. C., will officially visit the following circles during the month of January: Freedom Circle No. 108, Nevada City, January 13; Sacramento Circle No. 156, January 15; Liberty Circle No. 102, Grass Valley, January 16; Yuba Circle No. 101, Marysville, January 17; Plumas Circle No. 265, Yuba City, January 20; True Friend Circle No. 218, Chico, January 21; and Orange Blossom Circle No. 266, Oroville, January 23.

The Chosen Friends.

Grand Recorder S. C. Wallis has returned to his office after a tour of nearly six weeks through various parts of the State. During that time he has visited a number of councils, and he reports that the new plan adopted at the recent session of the grand body of the order, now that it is being understood, is giving good satisfaction. In many places where members had dropped out, "because a new plan had been adopted," the increase of membership has been noted and a number of the old members are returning to the councils.

Sunset Council No. 26 will give a domino party at St. George's Hall on the evening of the 7th of January.

During the six months ending with December the order has paid out in benefits the sum of $504,000, of which amount $110,000 was paid in December.

Companions of the Forest, A. O. F.

Olympic Circle No. 141 gave a ball Saturday night. It was a pleasant affair.

Oak Grove Council elected its officers last Thursday night and received a visit from Deputy Mrs. A. Boehm.

Installations will be the order during January. The following is the order of installations by the board of deputies during the first week: January 2, Eureka Circle, Mrs. Humbert, Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Boehm; Justice Circle, Mrs. Sandburger, Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Boehm; America Circle, Mrs. Daves, F. Zimmermann, Mrs. Kinder; University Circle, Mrs. Silvershield, Mr. Peregrine, Mrs. Brady. January 3, Franklin Circle, Mrs. Wittham, Mrs. Ubhaus, Mrs. Boehm. January 4, Social Circle, Miss C. McDonald, F. Zimmermann, Mrs. Boehm; Evening Star Circle, Mrs. S. Beversen, Mrs. Corwin, Mrs. Ubhaus.

Grand Chief Companion Mrs. Minnie Asher met the new deputies in Foresters' Hall last week and instructed them in the new work of the order.

The Druids.

During the past week Norma Grove No. 5 initiated one candidate and received several applications; Volta Grove No. 88 conferred the second and third degrees on several members; Vasco de Gama Grove initiated one candidate and conferred the second and third degree on three members. Several propositions were received.

Templar Grove No. 19 will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary in Union-square Hall Saturday, January 25.

The noble grand arch will visit various parts of the southern country during the coming month.

During the past six months Vasco de Gama Grove has materially increased its membership and is now in good condition.

The district deputy grand arch will soon call a meeting of the members of district 3 to perfect the amplified second degree. Members from other districts have been invited to be present.

The Druids' Journal will hereafter be published by the Druids' Publishing Company, of which Louis F. Dunand, Henry A. Chase, J. A. Devoto, H. R. Morton and J. J. Mollison are directors.

Reports from Concordia and San Joaquin groves of Stockton show that they are advancing the interests of Druidism in that flourishing city.

Knights and Ladies of Honor.

But one assessment has been levied for January.

Installations will be in order in January and the deputies will be kept busy.

Seal Rock Lodge No. 7 anticipates a pleasant visit from the grand officers on the evening of the 7th of January. Other visitations will be made during the month to Sacramento and to Berkeley.

Associated Friends.

The Order of Associated Friends at a meeting held last Thursday night in Templar Hall, 909 Market street, elected the following-named as officers for the ensuing year: President, S. A. White; first vice-president, Mrs. William Martin; second vice-president, Miss M. Rodgers; third vice-president, M. A. Lively; financial secretary, Mrs. E. W. Haughy; recording secretary, J. W. Watson; treasurer, William Martin; sentinel, William Michelson; physician, Dr. W. J. Hawkins; druggist, George Beaisley.

Workmen's Guarantee Fund.

The Workmen's Guarantee Fund has levied two assessments for the month of January. This is the first time in many months that more than one assessment has been levied.

RECENT SOCIETY EVENTS.

A Pleasant Party by the Pupils of the Lick High School.

Features of the German Given by the Entre Nous Club at the Palace.

A very pleasant surprise party was tendered to Miss Olivia Schultze at her residence, 911 Illinois street, on Saturday evening, December 21. The evening was most enjoyably spent in games, singing and dancing. At midnight a repast was served, after which the festivities were resumed until a late hour, when the guests departed with their best wishes for their hostess.

Among those present were: Miss Olivia Schultze, A. H. Danielson, Miss T. Cunningham, M. Enright, Miss T. Johnson, O. Thomas, Miss V. Silva, A. Schultze, Miss I. Cunningham, G. Danielson, Miss T. Silva, W. Schultze, Miss G. Wimmer, R. Nelson, Miss S. Fairclough, J. Easdale, Miss M. O'Leary, E. O'Leary, Miss Tietjen, J. Hall, Miss A. McNamara, S. Johnson, Miss Tietjen, Mr. Hoyt, Miss E. Schultze, J. Nelson, Mrs. Schultze, A. Schultze, Mr. and Mrs. R. Schultze.

The pupils of the Lick High School gave a party last Thursday evening at National Guard Hall. There was a large and select attendance and the affair was greatly enjoyed. A. H. Clarke acted as floor manager. The committees were as follows: Floor committee—F. L. Day, F. J. Cruss, C. E. Smurr, C. S. Boas; reception committee—Charles P. Jensen, J. B. Castle, Miss Ada S. McDowell, Miss Bertha W. Kinsey. The grand march was led by A. H. Clarke and Miss L T Pohlmann, who looked charming in a cream-colored silk dress trimmed with pearl passementerie and cream lace. She wore a bouquet of cream roses.

The members of Borromean Council No. 129, Young Men's Institute, will give an entertainment and social at Mission Opera Hall Thursday evening, January 23. A feature of the occasion will be a new farce presented by the members.

The closing exercises of the select school and kindergarten conducted by Miss Douglas and Miss Bonnington at 1014 Shotwell street were held Saturday afternoon, December 21. After the programme had been rendered the children, followed by their parents and friends, marched to the hall, where a magnificent Christmas tree spread its heavily laden branches. Here each of the pupils was presented with a pretty souvenir of the occasion. The programme follows:

"Welcome," song, class; address, "Welcome," Anton King; "The Trees," song, class; "Dollie and I," recitation, Agnes Aster; "Remorse," recitation, Roy Williams; "Merry Baker," song, class; "Seven o'Clock," recitation, Edna Patten; "Disappointment," recitation, Albert Classen; "Anvil Chorus," class; "Fairy Child," song, Beatrice Hammond and Sarah Gilles; piano solo, Marie Kober; "The Servants of the King," Vincent Cull; "Fishermen," song, class; "The Butterfly," recitation, Elsie Starrett; "Trade Game," class; "Le Corbeau et le Renard," French recitation, Christie Oaten and May Kelly; "The Postman," song, class; pianoforte selection, Willie Klein; "Two Little Kittens," recitation, class; "Boat Song," Vincent Cull, Anton Kreig, Roy Williams, Albert Classen; "Jemima Brown," recitation, Barbara Nachtrieb; "I Wish I Were a Bird," recitation, Elsie Wassman; "Le Main," French recitation, Anton Kreig, Vincent Cull, Roy Williams, Albert Classen; "Little Highlander," recitation, Alice O'Neil; "Song of the Nations," class; "Spring Birds," song, Elsie Starrett and Beatrice Hammond; "Kindergarten Game," song, class; "Everyday Politeness," song, Elsie Starrett and Anton Kreig; "Christmas Greeting," song, class; carol and march, class.

The school will open January 6, 1896.

On account of New Year falling on the first Wednesday Miss Louise Levy of 2420 Folsom street will not be at home until the first Wednesday in February.

The engagement is announced of Miss Adele Craner and James T. Burtchaell. They will receive on the afternoons of Wednesday, January 1, and Saturday, January 4, at 657 Harrison street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Morgan entertained quite a number of friends Christmas eve. The evening was most pleasantly spent with music and games. At midnight a fine collation was spread, after which dancing lasted till the wee small hours of the morning. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. William Shaughnessy, Mrs. Tillman, Mrs. H. M. Peffer, Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers, Mrs. Edward McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Higgs, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Captain Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. George Downey, Mrs. F. Schimmelpfenig, Mrs. Mary Tobelman, Mrs. Arthur Frost, Messrs. Rich, Summers, Joseph Howard, Robert Ross, Fred Crawford, John M. Dolan, George Hamilton, Arthur Sinclair, Misses Nita Gonzales, Ethel Schunner, Sylvia Crawford, Ada Tillman, Julia Murray, Violet Frost and Birdie Snow.

Pretty girls in attractive costumes, new and pleasing figures were the features of the german given by the Entre Nous Cotillon Club last Friday evening at the Palace Hotel. As was to be expected in an affair given by this organization, the arrangements were complete in every particular and the result was a most enjoyable evening to all the participants. The earlier part of the evening was devoted to general dancing, and the cotillon which followed was led by Sanford G. Lewald and Miss Lottie Musto. Only three figures were danced, "The Flag of All Nations," "The Maltese Cross" and "Debutantes," all new, pretty and elaborate.

Those who took part in the first set were Wallace Alexander and Miss Maud Haas, J. A. Klein and Miss Emma Prosek, Marshall Woodworth and Miss Mabel MacFadden, Clarence Musto and Miss E. Meussdorffer, William F. Hooke und Miss Alberta Gruenhagen, William G. Barr and Miss Lauretta Cook, J. H. Wheeler and Miss Charlotte Gruenhagen, F. T. Martens and Miss Carrie Strehl, Herman H. Herzer and Mrs. Dr. George Graham, O. A. Hasslinger and Miss Camilla Redmond, George W. Craig and Miss Mae Folsom, P. J. de Haven and Miss T. Alexander, Kennett Watson and Miss Dorothy Baruth.

The next gathering of the club will be a fancy-dress leap year cotillon, which will take place in the same hall on Friday evening, January 31.

Andrew Garton and Miss Hulda Samish, both of this City, were married last evening at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. M. Frank, 2610 Sacramento street.

The passengers who sailed on the steamship Australia for Honolulu on Saturday last were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abercrombie, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Ballou, A. H. Bachelder, J. A. Buck, Dr. F. M. Crane, C. M. Cooke, Mrs. C. H. Ensign and children, Judge William Foster, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fisher, Miss I. Fisher, Stafford Heapy, E. A. Huber, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Holdsworth, Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Hoover, Mrs. M. L. Hoover, Professor A. Hosmer, William J. Cline, F. M. Lewis, Miss Charlotte Moulder, William Marks, Mrs. F. E. Nichols, Miss Nichols, J. C. Ohlandt, Miss Russell, J. A. Rodriguez, Miss M. Sullivan, C. E. Van Horn, D. V. Waldron and Professor A. F. Zamlock.

Lieutenant Robert H. Noble has gone to Coronado Beach, where he was recently ordered. He is stopping at the Hotel del Coronado.

The Deutsche Verein gave their Christmas party last evening in their rooms at the Hotel Savoy.

Mrs. Richard T. Carroll and the Misses Lizzie and Gertrude Carroll have been spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in San Jose.

The wedding of Abraham Stern of this City and Miss Eliso Meyer will take place January 10 in New York City. They will immediately come to San Francisco, which place they will make their future home.

Mrs. Monroe Salisbury is not in New York, as reported in a morning paper, having returned to her home here over a week ago.

Among the Christmas parties was that given by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hopkins at their residence, corner of California and Laguna streets, to a number of their daughter Georgie's friends. Most of the children were accompanied by their parents, and there was a general jollification all around. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Zelle, Miss Marion Zeile, Miss Lizzie Blacker, Miss E. J. de Santa Marina, Miss Jennie de Santa Marina, Mr. and Mrs. Warren E. Clark, Miss Emily Wilson, Miss Charlotte Wilson, Miss Lucy King, Misss Lula Voorhies, Miss Anna Voorhies, Dr. Voorhies, Miss Georgie Hopkins, Miss Florence and Sam Hopkins.

GRATEFUL POLICEMEN.

Those of the Park Force Send a Letter to the Manager of the Palace.

As has already been announced in THE CALL the officers who compose the park police were on Christmas evening the guests of J. C. Kirkpatrick, the manager of the Palace Hotel, who offered them an excellent dinner in appreciation of "their good judgment, unvarying kindness and courtesy."

Since the dinner the officers held a meeting and appointed Captain S. M. Thomson, P. J. McManus and H. H. Dobbin a committee to prepare a letter to Manager Kirkpatrick expressive of their gratitude for the compliment paid them. The committee presented the following letter yesterday and it was decided to have it engrossed and sent to Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Dear Sir: While we know you already realize the extent of our gratitude for your hospitality, and particularly for the recognition of our endeavor to perform our duties faithfully, which your hospitality was extended to mark, we desire by this formal acknowledgment of your kindness to make a record more enduring than spoken words of our appreciation.

If we exercise those qualities which you ascribe to us in your letter of invitation we do no more than our duty; nevertheless, it is pleasant, it is encouraging to experience appreciation of such services from those for whose benefit they are performed. Your thoughtfulness has not been wasted. We flatter ourselves enough to believe that it has fallen on good soil and will grow and blossom with good results. Nothing could do more to develop efficiency among the park police than such recognition as you have given. Nothing could serve as a greater incentive to us to preserve "that good judgment and unvarying kindness and courtesy" to which you refer in your letter of December 23.

GOLDEN GATE PARK POLICE.
By S. M. Thomson, P. J. McManus and H. H. Dobbin, committee.

It is computed thatt there is 800,000,000 pounds sterling worth in gold and jewels at the bottom of the sea on the route between England and India.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

PALACE HOTEL.

S W Stryker, Phila — G N Mudford & w, Mass
J L Brennan, Chicago — C G Miller, Oakland
R M Clarke, Carson — Mrs G M Miller, Chicago
E L Somers & w, Chcgo — F A Blake, Los Ang
J J Keswick, London — A Elsas, Atlanta
E Lacey, Portland — J V Dexter, N Y
E M Gaines, St Louis — N M Rond, N Y
J Steinhart, Stockton — E L Clark, Conn
E H Garrett, La — M H Philips & w, Mass

NEW WESTERN HOTEL.

J A Campbell, Berkeley — S S Downey, Oakland
G H Bartlett, Boston — W Stolker, Alaska
J E Fraser & w, Sta Rsa — H Hewitt, Chicago
J Yuill, Yuma — H Marshall, Oakland
John Davidson, Cal — W H Howser, Portland
Frank Steere, Seattle — E S Adams, Chicago
J Williams, Boston — B Taylor, New Orleans

BALDWIN HOTEL.

G P Hall, Petaluma — J B Peckham, San Mateo
J J Malone, Belmont — J Myrick, San Jose
Miss Norton, Portland — C Bruntsch, Alameda
J H Droste, St Louis — H E Hills, Los Angeles
L Meyer & w, Chicago — S Meyer, Chicago
E Thurman, N Y — R H Hull, Kansas City
T D Frawley, N Y — H E Barker, Stockton
J C Smith, N Y — J C Williams, N Y
M M Morgan, N Y — R T Manning, London
Miss A Scott, Mexico — J B Mills, Los Angeles
Mrs G Miller, San Diego — Miss B Jennings, St Paul
A C Littlefield, Boston — Miss C Moore, St Louis
S A Smith, Vallejo — Miss Smith, Vallejo
G P de Mier, St Louis

LICK HOUSE.

N E Boyd, Yuba City — F N Hall, Oakland
I Simpson, Eureka — Louis L Janes, Mill Valley
J A La Tourette, Portland — David Bresh, California
H D Edwards, California — H S Heidenfeld, Cal
E B Dana, New York — Mrs S C Bowman, I T
Geo W Riddle, Riddle, Or — Mrs L McDonald, Cal
Mrs A D Rickey, W Va — Miss C Smith, Salinas
Wm H Devlin & wf, Sacto — Mrs C M Cogian, Sacto
J Maristoney & wf, Alame — E B Rogers & wf, Sacto
W C Brooks, Oakland — J F Wardner, Idaho
A Iewell, Modesto — N E Boyd, Yuba City
C W Kearny, Antioch — Capt J W Morrell, Antioch
W E Smith, Menlo Park — J Gambetta, Stockton
D Hirschfield, Bakersfield — R C Kells, Yuba City
M E Sanborne, Yuba City — Thos H Thompson, Tulare
Geo D Arnold, Los Ang — C C Eckert, Cripple Creek
J N Gillis, Sonora — S T Black, Sacramento

GRAND HOTEL.

Dr E Z Hennessey, Napa — A S Macdonald, Oakland
W D Armor, Oakland — E W Johns, Cleveland, O
L Johns, Cleveland — W E Clark, Cleveland
Mrs Parker, San Jose — G Van Gordon, Cal
J Matthews, Sacto — A H Wright, Stockton
A O Erwin, Tulare — A D Willis, Cal
J Lewis & wf, Cal — B Ames, Cal
R C Hamilton, Los Ang — John Smith, Los Angeles
R J Small, Los Angeles — E P Rowe, Los Angeles
Mrs J M Miller, Chicago — E L Somers & fam, Ill
H Hedley, Fresno — E H Clarke, Portland
E A Rosenthal, Chicago — E L Van Cleck & wf, Cal
R G Ellis, Boston — H C Wood, Sacto
C P McFarland, Los Ang — F Karkaha & wf, Penryn
Mrs W W Wilson, Chico — Mrs S Barclay, Nevada
C W Nyon, Angels Camp — T E Langley, Los Ang
W P Scott, Los Angeles — C Cunningham, Ukiah
R Duncan, Tucson — A W White & wf, Cal
A J Campbell, Sausalito — H W Crabb, Oakville
L Keene, Menlo — B Mine, Riverside
C Gurnee, Oakland — C D York & wf, Los Ang
H C Stovall, Williams — W Johnston, Courtland
C L Neff, Valley Springs — J A Hughes & wf, Cal
S R Jewell & wf, S Rosa — R McGarvey, Ukiah

WEATHER BUREAU REPORT.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, SAN FRANCISCO, December 29, 1895, 5 P. M.—Weather conditions and general forecast:

The following are the seasonal rainfalls to date as compared with those of the same date last year: Eureka 15.56, last season 13.66; Red Bluff 6.66, last season 13.74; San Francisco 4.10, last season 12.28; Fresno 1.11, last season 5.48; San Luis Obispo 4.00, last season 12.59; Los Angeles 1.71, last season 5.32; San Diego 1.57, last season 2.21; Yuma .32, last season 2.21.

The following maximum temperatures are reported from California stations to-day: Eureka 50, Red Bluff 46, San Francisco 50, Fresno