Interesting Items From Important Points in Alameda County.

LOST HALF THEIR GIFTS.

Mail-Carriers Have a Grievance Against Their Metropolitan Brethren.

MAGNETIZED HER SHADOW.

One of the Two Projected Institutes Must Necessarily Prove a Failure.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Jan. 5.

The Oakland letter-carriers are feeling very hardly toward their San Francisco brethren. This is the first New Year's week when the postmen of Oakland have not been able to add nearly a month's salary to their income, and they attribute it directly to the greed and persistency of two carriers across the bay. Last year a prominent San Francisco merchant forgot his annual duty to his postman and so the carrier left a card. As there was not a speedy response a second card was sent in marked "second delivery." Another carrier received a tip from a merchant at his downtown office and left a card at the same man's private residence. Both these gentlemen sent a protest to Washington and the result was that cards, souvenirs and all other methods of calling for "boxes" were peremptorily forbidden.

"As a result of the order," said Postmaster White to-day, "the carriers have only received about one-half of what they usually collect. This custom of giving presents at Christmas originated when the postal service was a very different institution from what it is now. Then the carriers had to deliver all their letters, no matter how many hours it took them, and at holiday times the work was so hard that they really deserved more than they got. But things have changed wonderfully since then. What a carrier cannot deliver in eight hours is left over until next day and no one is overworked. While I am not opposed to people giving the carriers all they want to, it should be a purely voluntary gift. To solicit is certainly to belittle the public service, and, viewed from this point, the recent orders of the department are certainly commendable. Our postmen receive $850 a year for eight hours' work a day and are sure of their jobs for life, so long as they behave themselves.

"When Oakland is declared to be a first-class office, as it will be in a few years, the carriers will receive $1000 a year. These conditions are very different from what they were when the gift custom was inaugurated, and there are some carriers who would actually refuse tips if they were offered, considering that the acceptance of such is an act of humiliation."

Science came to the relief of a young lady who was much annoyed by a persistent, but obnoxious, lover recently. One of the employes at the electric-light works, who works till the last circuit is cut off and the city placed in darkness, was visited by his newly wedded wife every night, so that the couple would enjoy each other's company and walk home together after the cars had stopped running. For several nights the lady was followed by a man who took the liberty of taking off his hat to her and attempting to smile agreeably. The circumstance was duly reported to the night electrician, but as the sidewalks are public property and the man's actions were perfectly gentleman-like, nothing was done. After a while the ardent follower went as far as the power-house and took the liberty of looking in through the windows.

Then a neat little plot was decided upon. One night the electrician made it his business to be at the door when his wife came. She went in, and a few steps behind her came her shadow. The very agreeable electrician spoke cheerfully, and after a few sentences the ardent follower was invited in to see the machinery. The offer was accepted, and after a very pleasant few minutes the visitor was standing on a loose iron plate. It was an innocent-looking thing, just what is expected to be seen in machine-shops, and to walk over it was the most natural thing in the world. While on the plate the engineer carelessly took hold of a handle that hung loosely from the end of a wire.

"There, feel that," said he, handing it freely to the visitor. It was grasped as freely as offered, and instantly there was a yell from the visitor. The other end of the wire was connected with the iron plate, and en route it intercepted a few batteries. The woe-begone lover completed the circuit.

The victim yelled and roared but was unable to move, and while the frightened wife cried "enough" the husband laughed and assured her that the inconvenience to the visitor would not be permanent. After extracting all manner of promises from him not to follow or annoy his wife the electrician turned the current off and the frightened shadow fled and has not since been seen on Franklin street.

The report that the Merchants' Exchange of Oakland will incorporate for building purposes so as to have a permanent exhibit of goods, and another report that the exposition movement has also become a permanent one and has incorporated for the purpose of building an exhibition hall, augur no good for either movement. On the surface it looks as though Oakland would benefit by having two permanent exhibits and annual shows, but it means, without a shadow of doubt, the collapse of one, and possibly both plans.

Both bodies are undoubtedly acting in good faith, but the exposition business bids fair to be done to death. Because one exposition, and that the very first one and consequently a novelty, was a pronounced success, it does not follow that a show on an average every few months will be equally popular. There is also something else to be considered. The exposition was a success because so many elements worked together for its success. The two new movements are opposed to each other. President Fish of the Merchants' Exchange was not one of the executive committee of the recent show. It was decided that it was to be a manufacturers' and producers' exhibit, consequently Mr. Fish being a merchant was not eligible. M. J. Keller, president of the Board of Trade, is a manufacturer and, of course, was eligible. He was vice-president of the exposition and a prominent worker throughout.

This distinction formed the basis for a rumor that there was friction between the exchange and the Board of Trade in the inception of the exposition, and that the exchange, although it loaned its headquarters and offered the services of its secretary, held out, as a body. This was not strictly true, as three exchange directors, Theodore Gier, H. O. Trowbridge and Fred Becker, were on the exposition executive committee, but that there was a lack of harmony between the presidents of the two bodies is proved by the two schemes to accomplish what is practically the same object. Any man with any knowledge of this city knows that with an institute as proposed by the exposition committee and an Exhibition Hall as proposed by the Merchants' Exchange, one must fail. If ever there were a time when two public enterprises should unite for the common good it is in regard to a permanent exposition building. S. W. B.

A Minister's Joke.

OAKLAND, CAL., Jan. 5.—At the ministers' meeting yesterday arrangements were made for the forthcoming banquet at the Galindo Hotel. After a discussion about the guests it was decided that each minister should be accompanied by his wife. All reference to the Brown scandal had been carefully avoided throughout the routine proceedings, but at the close Rev. John Thompson saw a chance to touch on the prevailing topic, so he said: "Each minister is to bring his wife, but it should be distinctly understood that his lady companion is his wife proper." A few of the faces theological quivered slightly and the meeting adjourned.

Epworth Leaguers.

OAKLAND, CAL., Jan. 5.—The officers who were elected at the semi-annual election of the Epworth League of the Eighth-avenue Methodist Episcopal Church of East Oakland were regularly installed last evening. The following were elected: President, James H. Cobbledick Jr.; first vice-president, Mr. Beals; second vice-president, Miss Agnes Woodcock; third vice-president, Frank W. Trower; fourth vice-president, C. A. Heaton; secretary, Miss Grace McWorthy; treasurer, William F. McGeorge; chorister, Miss May Cobbledick; pianist, Miss Anna Lindsay.

The annual election of officers of the Eighth-avenue Methodist Episcopal Sunday-school, corner of Eighth avenue and Seventeenth street, was held Monday evening, December 31, 1895, resulting in the election of the following: Superintendent, C. C. Lombard; assistant superintendent, Mr. Beals; secretary, Howard Lombard; assistant secretary, Miss Clara Walker; treasurer, J. W. Watson; librarian, C. N. Woods; assistant librarian, C. F. Cobbledick; pianist, Mrs. L. Graham; chorister, O. N. Taylor.

A Surprised "Eloper."

OAKLAND, CAL., Jan. 5.—Miss Gertrude Edgar was a very surprised girl to-day. Friday night she had a little spat with her mother and went to visit a relative in San Francisco. Yesterday morning she saw her picture in a San Francisco paper with the name of the young man with whom she had "eloped," and read a long story of conquering masculine hearts and finally discarding the family home and deserting her mother. Miss Edgar returned yesterday and is hunting for the author of the story.

Muhlner Still in Jail.

OAKLAND, CAL., Jan. 5.—Although Louis Muhlner was admitted to bail yesterday in the sum of $15,000 he is still in jail. His folks are confident of being able to raise the necessary bonds in a few days. He was very cheerful to-day, as he feels confident that the Supreme Court will grant him a new trial on the reduced charge of manslaughter.

John Ward, the Sunol hotel-keeper who riddled a Chinese hut with shot and injured a Chinaman, has not yet been able to get $25,000 bail.

THE HANDBALL COURTS.

Interesting and Closely Contested Games Played at the San Francisco and Union.

There were no games at the Occidental handball court yesterday. The guests at the banquet enjoyed themselves so thoroughly that they did not part till an early hour yesterday morning, and as the tables had to be removed it was thought better not to hurry things, but to take a day's relaxation.

Some of the Occidental players was at the Union court yesterday and amateur champion P. T. Donnelly and T. F. Bonnet played against R. Lenihan and John Feeney and defeated them, after a spirited contest. Ed Maloney of the Occidental and T. Lenihan played against Terry McManus and Willie Jacobs, and won by three games to two.

At the San Francisco court there were several interesting games. Al Pennoyer and M. Dillon played a rattling game against J. Harlow, the coast champion, and P. Kelly, and won the final after an exciting struggle by two aces. The four old standbys, P. Ryan and J. Rodgers and M. McNeil and S. McDonald, played two rubs and Ryan and Rodgers won both.

Following were the games played at the two courts:

San Francisco court—P. Ryan and J. Rodgers defeated M. McNeil and G. McDonald two rubs. F. Sullivan and J. Callahan defeated M. O'Neil and C. Brennan, 21—11, 19—21, 21—9. J. Collins and M. Maguire defeated M. Edwards and J. White, 21—17, 10—21, 21—14. F. Mitchell and C. Collopy defeated J. Sinnott and M. Brandon, 21—10, 16—21, 21—13. W. O'Donnell and J. Higgins defeated F. Burke and W. Driscoll, 21—17, 9—21, 21—12. R. Shea and D. O'Brien defeated D. Connolly and J. Brannick, 21—12, 19—21, 21—6. Al Pennoyer and M. Dillon defeated J. Harlow, the coast champion, and P. Kelly, 21—18, 12—21, 21—12, 9—21, 21—19.

Union Court—O. Hendry and Professor Lynch defeated C. Johnson and J. Norris 21—17, 19—21, 21—18. William Keough and J. Kelly defeated C. Nelson and A. McDuffie 19—21, 21—20, 21—18. J. McGwinn and R. Roach defeated P. Gaughan and T. Egan 21—18, 21—18. P. Farrell and W. Tonge defeated Paul Kelly and T. Feeney 19—21, 21—19, 21—20. J. O'Donnell and J. Nelson defeated Jere Rogers and W. Kelly 21—18, 19—21, 21—18. Tom Sharkey and L. Wagner defeated Sam Barber and W. Smith 19—21, 21—15, 21—16. Ed Maloney of the Occidental Court and Tom Lenihan defeated Terry McManus and Wallie Jacobs, 11—21, 21—19, 18—21, 21—18, 21—15. P. Johnson defeated W. McManus and J. Dooley, 21—17, 19—21, 21—15. T. F. Bonnet of the Occidental court and Patrick Donnelly, the amateur champion of the coast, defeated John Feeney and Richard Lenihan, 21—6, 13—21, 21—16, 3—21, 21—16.

Jutland was originally Juteland, or the land of the Jutes, a Gothic tribe.

RELIANCE CLUB BENEFIT.

Society Will Listen to "7-20-8" at the Macdonough by Amateurs.

CHARITY COMPANY REVIVED.

The Cast Has Been Completed and the First Rehearsal Held Last Week.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Jan. 5.

The famous old charity company that existed in Oakland for many years and succeeded in raising larger sums of money at benefit performances than any other similar organization has been largely reenforced this year, and will give its services two nights for the benefit of the Reliance Club.

The annual performance by Oakland talent has long been regarded as one of the leading society events of the season, and the success of its next venture is already assured. The piece selected for presentation at the Macdonough on the evenings of January 24 and 25 is "7-20-8." It is a melodrama with a very strong vein of comedy.

"7-20-8" is the name of a portrait on exhibition in an art gallery. It is a picture of a handsome girl, and by her side stands a magnificent hound. Courtenay Corliss loses his heart to the unknown original of the picture and at once determines to find her.

Lord Lawntennis also sees the picture and immediately desires to be acquainted with the original. He employs a loquacious lackey named Signor Palmiro Tamborini to prosecute the search for the original, and to spare no expense or pains to fulfill his lordship's pleasure.

Courtenay finds out that Floss is the original of "7-20-8," only there is one error in the portrait. In order to feign a disguise the artist substitutes blonde hair instead of dark. Floss hears of the search for her, and her vanity is considerably flattered by the fact that a real lord is seeking her. Courtenay pursues her in the devoted lover style, and is continually rebuffed, though he blindly perseveres. Finally, Courtenay is about to receive his coup from the hands of Floss, who is only waiting to receive the formal proposition of marriage from Lord Lawntennis, when Signor Tamborini rushes in and hands her a telegram.

"At last," she cries, but instantly her hope of a coronet is blasted. The dispatch reads, "How much will you take for your hound?" It was not the girl that had attracted his attention, but the handsome dog.

J. C. Wilson Jr. will take the part of Courtenay Corliss and Alice Rosborough will essay the role of Launceiot Burgiss. Harry Thomas is rehearsing Paul Hollyhock's lines, and Signor Tamborini will be taken by Frank Mathieu of San Francisco. C. J. Dickman is cast for Professor Gasleigh and Harry Quinn will be a letter-carrier.

The ladies who will appear are well-known in Oakland and each is very popular. Miss Maude Morrell will take the somewhat difficult part of Floss, who is "7-20-8"; Mrs. J. Cal Ewing will be Mrs. Hypatia Burgess, Miss Daisy Belle Sharpe will impersonate Dora Hollyhock and Miss Ellesmere of San Francisco Jessie.

The committee having the affair in charge are Bert Gaskill, business manager; John A. Britton, treasurer; Charles Lovell and Harry Carlton.

At the Pistol's Point.

OAKLAND, CAL., Jan. 5.—Sergeant Hodgkins and Policeman Keefe raided a West Oakland crap game to-night. They found ten colored men there. As soon as the police appeared the men started to run, but the sergeant drew his pistol and held them all. He terrified them so that Officer Keefe had no difficulty in chaining the whole ten together and leading them out into the street and keeping them till the patrol wagon arrived. The paraphernalia was also captured and taken to the prison.

OLD ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

Father Wyman Reviews the Work of the Paulists During Their First Year in the City.

As a prelude to his sermon at old St. Mary's Church yesterday the Rev. Father Wyman made this statement:

"The congregation of St. Mary's Church has, during the past thirteen months, contributed sufficient funds to pay for all improvements which have been made in this historic church.

"Among these improvements may be especially mentioned a new sidewalk, extending entirely around the church property; also the interior painting and frescoing of the church, the introduction of fixtures for electric lighting of an improved pattern, several new pews, statues and other details of various kinds. Beside the work in and around the church a number of notable improvements have been made in the house of the fathers, including the painting of the exterior of the residence. In carrying out these plans we have gone as far as we could without incurring debt.

"St. Mary's parish is entirely free from debt. If the receipts from ordinary sources of revenue, together with the special offerings at Christmas and Easter, continue in the future in the same ratio it will be possible to make further improvements during the coming year."

Father Wyman then announced, to the great delight of the congregation, that two generous benefactors of this City had already contributed for the purchase of two beautiful stained glass windows for the sanctuary. A hope was expressed that this church will yet have over the high altar in place of the altar-piece there suspended a memorial window in memory of the saintly Alemany, first Archbishop of San Francisco and founder of the church. By request of the late donor the painting which now hangs above the high altar and reredos will soon have to be transferred to the chapel of the new theological seminary at Menlo Park.

Father Wyman further expressed the wish that all the windows in the church might become memorial windows, and he earnestly invited any or all persons who might desire to donate windows to the church to call upon him at any time.

Referring to the work it is hoped to accomplish during the coming year, Father Wyman expressed confidence in the ability of the congregation to pay for it as carried out, provided the offerings continue in the future as they have been in the past. In conclusion he stated that all the receipts from this parish and congregation over and above the amount necessary for ordinary expenses, would be applied to permanent improvements upon the church property.

As an indication of the harmony existing between the fathers and their congregation, it may be stated that immediately after the close of the mass a memorial window was subscribed for.

Barnum's Venezuelan Claim.

P. T. Barnum, the late showman, owned some property in Venezuela, which during one of the revolutions there several years ago was confiscated and destroyed. Through the United States Government Mr. Barnum made a claim for compensation and was awarded $1400. The Venezuelan Government was not able to pay a lump sum, but agreed to pay it in ten annual installments, with interest added. So the executors of the Barnum estate receive from the Republic of Venezuela now each year a check for something like $150.

MISS DAISY BELLE SHARPE AND FRANK MATHIEU, WHO WILL APPEAR IN "7-20-8" FOR THE CLUB.

DEATH OF G. H. SWASEY.

Explosion of a Can of Bisulphide of Carbon Burns Him Frightfully.

F. H. Pawling, an Aged Man, Commits Suicide by Cutting His Throat With a Razor.

ALAMEDA, CAL., Jan. 5.—George H. Swasey, a young man who has resided in Alameda for many years, died Saturday at a ranch near Madrone Springs in the Santa Cruz Mountains, from injuries received ten days ago.

He was engaged in clearing a mountain farm and ridding the place of gophers and other pests. In furtherance of the latter work he had procured a five-gallon can of bisulphide of carbon, prepared especially to exterminate gophers. Ten days ago, while handling the mixture, it exploded, burning him frightfully on his upper body, and finally causing lock-jaw, from which he died. The particulars as to the explosion have not been received, but it is supposed that the can and its contents were handled near a light or flame. The remains were brought to Alameda last night, and the funeral will be held from the residence of E. Scheiffelm, 1511 Central avenue.

Deceased was 33 years of age, and a son of Charles S. Swasey. He was a nephew of Mrs. Caroline E. Dwinelle of Alameda and of Timothy G. Phelps and Mrs. J. B. Schroeder of San Mateo. His wife was a daughter of Mrs. E. Scheiffelm, whose husband is the well-known mining expert who discovered the Tombstone mines. He leaves, besides his young widow, three children.

Cuts His Throat With a Razor.

ALAMEDA, CAL., Jan. 6.—F. H. Pawling, 78 years of age, committed suicide yesterday morning at the residence of his son, H. Pawling, 3231 Encinal avenue. He had been in ill-health for some time, and a few days ago a physician was called in, who informed the ailing man's relatives that he was suffering from softening of the brain. The old man went about among the neighbors with tales of ill-usage, and it was apparent to all who knew the family that he was failing mentally. Yesterday morning he arose and busied himself about the house for a time. At half-past 8 he went into the house and procured his son's razor. His purpose to take his life was deliberate. With the sharp implement he first hacked the right side of his throat in two or three places. He must have realized that these wounds were not likely to prove fatal, for he then turned the blade the other way and gashed the throat from the left side, half severing his head from the body and making a wound from which he died in a few moments.

H. Pawling, the son, is a carpenter who has a jobbing-shop on Leidesdorff street in San Francisco.

Native Sons' Reception.

ALAMEDA, CAL., Jan. 5.—Halcyon Parlor has issued invitations to a reception to be tendered Senator Gesford of Napa, grand vice-president of the Native Sons of the Golden West, to-morrow evening at Foresters' Hall. Grand President Dunne and other prominent members of the order will be present.

Peru was named from the River Paro.

WEEKLY FRATERNAL ITEMS

The Work and Cost of the Employment Bureau Maintained by Odd Fellows.

MANY MILLIONS FOR BENEFITS.

An Energetic Worker for the Chosen Friends—Independent Order of Red Men.

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
Amer. L. of H.....	361	Jan.	1	Jan.	31

Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Grand Master Gosbey will make official visits this week as follows: Monday, Fountain Lodge, Oakland; Wednesday, Pleasanton Lodge; Thursday, Livermore Lodge, and Saturday, Salmon Creek Lodge, at Occidental.

Apollo Lodge No. 123 installed its officers last Friday.

Pacific Lodge No. 155 will install its officers on Thursday night.

Western Addition Lodge No. 285 will also install on Thursday night.

Alta Lodge No. 205 will install its officers to-night.

The report of the Odd Fellows' Employment Bureau shows that during the year work was found for 197 applicants, and that the cost to the lodges maintaining the bureau was $337 40.

Mount Whitney Encampment of Tulare celebrated the past week by electing five candidates.

Adin Lodge No. 473 of Adin, Modoc County, has sent a donation of $25 to the Odd Fellows' Home.

The quarterly meeting of the Veteran Odd Fellows will be held on the 27th inst.

San Joaquin Lodge No. 151 of Antioch will install its officers on Thursday next.

University Lodge No. 144 of Oakland, since it has moved into new quarters at Lorin Hall, has been booming and is increasing its membership. The lodge is making arrangements for the organization of a degree team.

Fountain Lodge of Oakland will install its officers this evening.

J. J. Logic, D. D. G. P., assisted by the grand officers, installed the officers of Oriental Encampment No. 57, last Saturday night.

The installation of the officers of Mount Moriah Encampment No. 38 of Vallejo has been postponed until the 24th inst.

On next Saturday evening there will be held a union meeting of representatives from the various city lodges for the purpose of taking steps to advance the Odd Fellows' library.

The Christmas cheer committee, which recently concluded its labors, was by reason of more liberal responses than ever heretofore enabled to assist a great number of Odd Fellows in distress, and to make a more liberal allowance to each than in the past.

District Deputy Grand Master H. D. Richardson of Solano County will install officers as follows: January 6, San Pablo Lodge; January 8, Golden State Lodge of Vallejo; January 11, Montezuma Lodge of Dixon; January 13, Solano Lodge of Benicia; January 15, Elmira Lodge; January 18, Birds Landing Lodge; January 25, Rio Vista Lodge, and January 28, Suisun Lodge.

Knights of Pythias.

It is stated that, notwithstanding the efforts of the higher officers of the Uniform Rank, including the Supreme Council at its first meeting in Indianapolis recently, to destroy (not intentionally, perhaps, but that is the logical result of their action) the distinguishing feature of the Rank by altering the name of the primary organizations from "Division" to "Company," thus entailing a very large expenditure in the change in printing, division seals, flags, etc., it would appear that the Supreme Chancellor has set his seal of disapproval and denied the right to make such a change, especially as the last Supreme Lodge had expressed itself as opposed to such alteration, by refusing to approve the use of the designation "Company" outside of the tactics.

While to the technical martially inclined individual the term company conforms more nearly to the designation as adopted in the United States army, and the trend of opinion of the officers of the Uniform Rank appears to be to more nearly assimilate the military feature of our order to that of the army of our country, for obvious reasons, yet to the lay mind, those who form the primary organizations, who equip themselves, often at considerable sacrifice, and who pay the piper, there appears no cogent reasoning for the proposed and attempted change. It would involve needless expense, in their opinion, and accomplish no material good. Especially aggravating to these members, who are certainly as much interested in the progress of the rank and entitled to their opinion and its expression as the officers can possibly be, is the attempted change in the title after the Supreme Lodge, from whence emanated the Uniform Rank and by which it has heretofore been absolutely controlled, had positively set the seal of its disapproval of the proposed change.

Golden Gate Lodge No. 3, which largely increased in membership by consolidation with Garfield Lodge No. 72, installed its officers for the current term in public on Thursday evening, January 2, H. Schaffner, G. K. of R. and S., officiating, assisted by A. Hoffman as grand prelate and B. D. Chilson as grand master-at-arms. The officers are W. H. Hutchinson, C. C.; Charles Evans, V. C.; M. C. Dunn, P.; B. C. Duffy, M. of W.; F. A. Mecredy, K. of R. and S.; D. J. Lewis, M. of F.; A. K. Stevens, M. of E.; A. Oppenheim, M. at A.; W. H. Dorman, I. G., and R. E. Heinrich, O. G. The installation ceremonies were interspersed with musical selections and recitations and followed by a collation and social dance.

A temple of the Dramatic Order, Knights of Khorassan, will shortly be instituted in San Francisco. It is likely that others will soon be formed at Los Angeles, Sacramento, Fresno, San Diego and other points. While this order has no connection with the Knights of Pythias, yet its members are recruited only from the latter, and the prominent Pythians throughout the union are affiliating in large numbers. Although only recently organized, it has now some sixty temples. Its purpose is to occupy the same relation to the Knights of Pythias that the Mystic Shrine does to the Masonic fraternity.

Under the provisions of the rules governing the Uniform Rank as adopted by the Supreme Council and approved by the supreme chancellor, the officers of divisions are to be elected at the first meeting in January for a term of one year and to be installed within thirty days after February 19.

Grand Chancellor George Samuels will visit Sacramento Lodge No. 11 of Sacramento to-night. He will be the first grand chancellor in many years to have paid an official visit to this lodge, his predecessors having neglected it for the other lodges of the same city.

Lodge No. 201 will be instituted at Coulterville, Mariposa County, on Saturday, January 11, P. P. Otis of Union Lodge No 169 of Sonora having been commissioned as instituting officer. Members from Sonora, Merced, Modesto, Madera and other neighboring towns will participate.

The officers of Bay City Lodge No. 117 will be installed by D. G. C. George H. Morrison on Wednesday evening next. The members of the Uniform Rank will participate in uniform. The rank of page will also be conferred on several applicants.

Vita Nuova Lodge No. 187 of Redding has been granted a dispensation to change its night and place of meeting to the second and fourth Tuesdays in Masonic Hall.

Ivy Lodge No. 65 has issued invitations for a public installation, social, dance and collation tomorrow evening.

Junior Order of American Mechanics.

Union Council No. 5 of Los Angeles has elected the following named officers: J. S. Coulter, C.; W. J. Mayo, V. C.; D. S. Johnson, A. R. S.; Joseph Markham, conductor; W. H. Haygs, W.; D. A. Rich, I. S.; D. B. Camp, O. S.; representative to the State Council for two years, W. J. Mayo.

Paul Revere Council of Berkeley has elected officers as follows: J. C. Sherett, C.; A. C. Pait, V. C.; A. S. J. Wood, R. S.; Charles Kurueff, A. R. S.; P. C. Turman, conductor; E. J. Stewart, W.; A. P. Wright, I. S.; B. H. Shaw, O. S.; representative for two years, P. Salisbury.

Capital Council of Sacramento has elected: L. C. Cummings, C.; A. B. Nixon, V. C.; F. Homstein's, A. R. S.; A. M. Smith, conductor; T. J. Hamlin, W.; George A. Bartlett, I. S.; Frank Smith, O. S.; representatives, G. R. Gilmore and George D. Boyd.

Hancock Council of Los Angeles has elected the following officers: J. L. Starr, councilor; F. H. Jones, V. C.; Roy Wisor, A. R. S.; M. A. Deckman, conductor; G. W. Youkon, W.; C. L. Strange, I. S.; C. H. Brown, O. S.; representative for two years, M. H. Bellinger.

Deputy State Councilor S. J. Thelsen installed the officers of Lincoln Council last Thursday. This council now has 281 members.

National Organizer Joseph Powell on the 21st of last month organized Tiffin Home Council at Great Falls, Mont., with twenty-nine charter members.

Dr. J. L. Weltman, a leading physician of that place was chosen junior past councilor; E. B. Judd, a prominent merchant, councilor, and R. L. Allen, recording secretary.

The records for 1895 show tha the record of the present organizer, Joseph Powell, is better than that of his predecessors. Up to the 23d of last December he had organized ten councils and reorganized one. His predecessor organized but five councils.

California Commandery No. 1, U. A. M., will in a body visit George A. Custer Council No. 22 on the 14th inst. and Abraham Lincoln Council No. 2 on the 16th.

Daughters of Liberty.

Following is the list of officers of the council recently organized in Los Angeles. It was the intention to name this council American, but it was finally decided to name it Columbia: Mrs. Annie D. Cutler, C.; Mrs. A. Spencer, A. C.; Mrs. Sarah Martin, V. C. Mrs. Edith Jones, A. V. C.; M. H. Bellinger, J. Ex. C.; Mrs. Louise Bellinger, J. Ex. A. C.; Mrs. Joseph Burns, R. S.; J. F. Burns, A. R. S.; Mrs. Belle McCoy, F. S.; D. Sampson, T.; Bessie Spencer, guide; Mrs. Elmira J. Reed, I. G.; L. L. Wesner, O. G.; Roy Winsor, J. S. Starr and Sarah E. Martin, trustees.

California Council No. 1 will give a leap year party at Pythian Castle on Wednesday evening.

Grand Army of the Republic.

A new Relief Corps was established at Salinas last Wednesday evening.

A new post will be established at Suisun on Saturday next.

The several posts of the department are busy at this time installing the new officers.

Companions of the Forest, A. O. F.

Sunshine Circle at its last meeting in Merced initiated six candidates. On that occasion the circle was presented a handsome cabinet by the members of Court Fountain City No. 7850.

Washington Circle No. 1 will give a valentine party on the evening of the 15th of February.

The social given by Ivanhoe Circle was well attended and it was a very enjoyable event.

Supreme Companion Mrs. Minnie Asher, Sub-Supreme Companion Mrs. McLane and Supreme Herald Mrs. B. Hackett will pay an official visit to Pride of the Forest Circle in Oakland to-morrow.

Bohemian Circle will give an entertainment in Social Hall, A. O. F. building, on the 15th inst.

California Circle at its last meeting received a number of applications.

At the reception recently given by Satellite Circle a number of applications were received from ladies desiring to become members.

Oak Grove Circle will give a leap-year party on the evening of Washington's birthday.

Following are the installations during the second week in January:

January 6. Sherwood Circle—Mrs. Corwin, Mrs. Asher, S. C. C., Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Goodwin; Satellite Circle—Miss A. Walsh, Mrs. Nevins, Mrs. M. A. Phillips.

January 7. Olympia Circle—Mrs. Nevins, Mrs. Ubhaus, Mrs. Phillips; Bohemia Circle—Mrs. Boehm, Mrs. Nevins, Mrs. Ubhaus, Mrs. Phillips; Pride of the Forest—Mr. Pereguine, Mrs. Brady, Mrs. Silvershield; Piedmont Circle—Mrs. Brady, Mrs. Silvershield.

January 8. California Circle—F. D. Brandon, Mrs. McLane, S. Sub C., Mrs. Boehm; Ivanhoe Circle—Miss Vira McNorton, Mrs. Asher, S. C. C., Mrs. Phillips; Germania Circle—Mr. Zachau, Mrs. Asher, S. C. C., Mrs. Boehm; Artemis Circle—Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Corwin, Mrs. Ubhaus; Enterprise Circle—Mrs. A. M. Phillips, Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs W. E. Kimball.

January 9. Oak Grove Circle—Mrs. Boehm, Mrs. Ubhaus, Mrs. Davies.

January 10. Minerva Circle—Mrs. George Friedemann, Mrs. S. Beversen, Mrs. Falconer; German-American Circle—Mrs. Kinder, Mrs. Boehm; Twin Peaks Circle—Mrs. W. E. Kimball, Mrs. Asher, S. C. C., Mrs. A. M. Phillips, Mrs. Corwin; Oak Leaf Circle—F. Zimmerman, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Goodwin.

January 11. Mizpah Circle—Mrs. Ubhaus, Mrs. M. E. Falconer, Mrs. Goodwin.

The Chosen Friends.

The various councils of the order are busy at this time closing up affairs of the past year, and during the latter part of the month the officers will be busy with installations.

Evans Council No. 52 will publicly install its officers on the evening of the 23d inst. in Alcazar building. The grand officers will be present.

Los Angeles Council No. 193, organized on the 23d of last May, has, since its organization, at each of its weekly meetings initiated two or three candidates.

Sutter Creek Council No. 91 at its last meeting received five applications for membership.

Sacramento Council No. 96 of Sacramento is numerically the largest in the United States. On its roll are the names of 460 members.

D. J. Harley, D.G.C., of Sacramento is one of the most active men in the order at this time. He is an energetic worker, clear and convincing in his statements of facts when addressing the councils on the subject of matters connected with the order, and by his clear enunciation of the principles of the order, as revised at the recent session of the grand body, has done more than any other one man, in the prevention of desertion from the ranks on account of the change, which many at first could not comprehend. Recently he visited the councils in Davisville, Dixon and Franklin and reports that in those places the members who now understand the new plan are very well pleased with it.

Foresters of America.

Following is the list of official visits for the week ending January 11:

Monday evening R. B. Vellage, G. S. C. R., will visit Court Apollo in this City; Tuesday evening J. E. Anderson, G. T., will visit Court Richmond in this City; Wednesday evening A. Orfila, G. C. R., will visit Court Castle Rock in Santa Barbara, and J. E. Anderson, G. T., will visit Court Hayes Valley in this City; Thursday evening J. S. W. Saunders, G. S. W., will visit Court Seal Rock in this City; Friday evening R. P. Vellage, G. S. C. R., will visit Court Pride of Alameda in Alameda.

A marked increase in finance is noticeable in nearly all of the annual reports received up to date by Grand Secretary Bremer. Up to this time Court Washington stands at the head financially.

Court Ocean View of West Berkeley is making extensive preparations for a public entertainment on next Thursday evening, on which occasion its newly elected officers will be installed. A banquet will follow the entertainment.

John Heenan, G. J. W., accompanied by C. H. Bremer, grand secretary, officially visited Court Live Oak, South San Francisco, last Thursday, when the visitors made brief addresses on the merits of the order. During the evening the newly elected officers were installed by D. C. Logan, D. G. C. R., assisted by Thomas Sewell, D. G. C. R., the work being performed in a very impressive manner.

Court Star of Woodland, of Woodland, gave an entertainment, social and banquet to its friends at its last meeting in December. Prior to the opening of the doors to its friends the court exemplified the ritualistic work of the order in the presence of J. R. Anderson, who was paying an official visit; C. H. Bremer, G. S.; G. A. Ball, P. S. R., and G. W. Myrick, P. G. J. B.

The grand secretary has received a supply of certificates for past chief rangers and members. The only noticeable change is the name of the order.

Loreley Circle No. 26 will install its officers on the evening of the 15th of the present month instead of the 16th, as previously announced.

Independent Order B'nai B'rith.

Pacific Lodge and California Lodge each had its installation of officers last Thursday evening. The event by California Lodge was observed with unusual pomp, it being the occasion of the third successive installation of President J. L. Franklin. The officers of each lodge were installed by the grand officers, and after the ceremonies were over Grand President Jonas and the president of California Lodge were each presented with a very costly bouquet. During the evening a photograph of the scene was taken by flashlight. The lodge-room was crowded by members of California Lodge and members of other lodges. Addresses were made by A. Jonas, G. P.; J. Plaschek, G. T.; J. Levison, G. S.; S. Hochstadter, grand trustee; E. I. Wolfe, first G. V. P.; Rev. M. S. Levy and A. Kronberg and President Franklin. This lodge is making arrangements for the celebration of its twenty-fifth anniversary in the near future.

Independent Order of Red Men.

The newly elected officers of Golden Gate Lodge No. 74 were installed last Thursday, those of California Lodge No. 70 on Friday.

Pacific Stamm No. 78 and Hermann Lodge No. 224 will install their officers this evening. Germania Lodge No. 78, San Francisco Lodge No. 246 and Metamora Lodge No. 4, P. J., will install officers to-morrow night; Vorwaerts Lodge No. 255, Schiller Lodge No. 278 and the Redmen's Schuetzen Section will install officers, and on Thursday Teutonia Lodge No. 250 will install its officers.

Vorwaerts Lodge No. 255 at a recent meeting initiated six candidates and received six applications for membership.

The meetings of California Lodge have been largely attended lately and a number of candidates have been initiated.

A new lodge is soon to be instituted in this City and Dr. F. F. Lord, a prominent member of the order, is working hard to that end. He has already the names of thirty-five prominent business men who will join as charter members, and he expects to soon obtain fifteen additional names.

The annual Christmas festival of the order, held in Saratoga Hall, was a great success. The hall was crowded to its utmost and during the evening over 350 children crowded around the Christmas tree, each to receive a present and nuts and candies. The little ones and the grown people had a glorious time.

Grand Past Chief Bund intends shortly to light a new camp-fire, and he will gather around him a number of energetic warriors who will give assistance to each lodge in the City.

American Legion of Honor.

The various changes made at the last session of the Supreme Council went into effect on the 1st inst.

There will be but one assessment each month hereafter, but the assessment has been raised to a sum equal to three under the old plan.

The relief benefit has been made a separate feature and will be participated in only by those who pay the assessments therefor, which are separate from those for death losses.

Grand Commander Thomas Filbern, assisted by Grand Secretary C. O. Burton, installed the officers of Golden Star Council No. 548, last Thursday evening. Each of the installing officers gave an interesting address on the order and the recent changes.

California Council No. 220 will install its officers next Saturday evening at its hall, Red Men's building.

The call for January embraces eighty-two deaths, amounting to $194,000, of which California has five deaths, which will require $10,000 to pay. The receipts during December amounted to $252,207 96; disbursements, $252,000; amount paid for relief benefits, $6264. The total amount paid for death losses since organization is $31,744,341 21.

Knights of Honor.

The officers of Keystone Lodge were installed last week by Deputy Salomon. Grand Dictator Archibald and other grand officers were present.

On Friday night Ivy Lodge will install its officers at 20 Eddy street. An invitation has been extended to the members of all the other lodges to be present.

The grand dictator will visit Alameda on the 16th inst.

The grand dictator has returned from his visit to the lodges in the northwestern part of the State and reports that the order is alive and working in that section.

Grand Dictator P. L. Archibald and Grand Guide Learned visited Santa Rosa Lodge last week.

Norman Lodge and Germania Lodge will install its officers to-morrow evening.

San Francisco Lodge will install its officers this evening.

Golden State Lodge of Oakland will install its officers on the night of the 14th inst.

Knights and Ladies of Honor.

During the month of December more than 1100 members have been initiated in the order of the Knights and Ladies of Honor.

Bay City Lodge held a highly interesting mee