Interesting Items From Important Points in Alameda County.

ASSESSOR DALTON'S RUSE

The Role as a Poll-Tax Bogie Man Will Give Frank Jordan Work.

JUDGE GIBSON'S INSTINCT.

Street Superintendent Miller's Figures Not as Good as His Work on Highways.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Jan. 19.

When Harry Dalton ran on an independent ticket for County Assessor a year ago the old-time politicians looked on "the boy's" ambition as a freak that would not do any more harm than create a little ridicule. Even the advocates of what is termed clean politics supported a prominent railroad man and treated Dalton as a fledgeling. When the votes were counted and "the boy" was far ahead of his competitors the sages shook their heads and predicted that there was something in "the boy" after all. Although his assessments were fought by Supervisors and the District Attorney they were sustained by the court and Dalton proved that he was not such a novice after all.

But yesterday afternoon Mr. Dalton made an innocent-looking announcement that contains one of the greatest kind of jokes. A few days ago it was discovered that the Supervisors could not make a special appropriation for compiling a new great register. It was also discovered that the work has to be done by both the Assessor and the County Clerk. Dalton cheerfully agreed to do his share, and, as the law leaves it optional with the voter whether he shall register with one official or the other, it was easy to see that all Dalton's friends will register with Jordan, and vice versa.

Mr. Dalton is not anxious to spend any more of the appropriation made for his office than is necessary, and, knowing the great aversion of the citizen to paying poll tax, he has given notice that when citizens apply for registration they will be required to pay the poll tax. This, of course, will send nearly all of the registration to the County Clerk across the street. Now, "the gang" members are saying that, in addition to being somewhat of a politician, Harry Dalton is also possessed of a little knowledge of human nature.

The latest Populist in office to fall from grace is Street Superintendent Miller. He has made the discovery that the streets of Oakland are in a deplorable condition and that there is no money with which to pave them. So he wrote a long communication to the City Council proposing that $150,000 be raised by issuing bonds. Only in this manner can anything be done in the way of permanent improvements. Of course the Council killed the proposition and the proposition killed Miller politically, although his plan received the approval of the Mayor. This, however, was of no benefit to Miller, as the Mayor's approval formed the basis and argument for the Council's veto.

Of course Mr. Miller's figures might have been wrong, as they have been before. A few weeks ago Mr. Miller appeared before the council and said that it was a necessity that there should be a foreman to each piece of sidewalk-laying, to see that the specifications were carried out. Mr. Miller thought $4 a day was a fair compensation for any of his friends and relatives whom he might thus employ. The property-owners made a vigorous protest and the council two nights ago reduced the salary to $2 50. In supporting the $4 tariff Mr. Miller stated that the cost of the foreman was one-fourth of a cent per foot of sidewalk laid. To earn $4 at this rate one foreman would need to superintend the laying of 1600 feet of sidewalk in eight hours. As a matter of fact, 100 feet is a good day's work for one gang. Mr. Miller may be a good Street Superintendent, but he is not a master in arithmetic. S. W. BOOTH.

THE RELIANCE BENEFIT.

"Seven-Twenty-Eight" at the Macdonough on Friday and Saturday.

Probably the Last Time That the Charity Company Will Appear in Public.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Jan. 19.

Next Friday and Saturday nights the old Charity Company will make its appearance in "7-20-8" at the Macdonough, and it is doubtful if the company will ever be revived thereafter. During the past five years it has done some noble work, and has filled the theater on many occasions for the benefit of many organizations. Now, re-enforced by several members of the Reliance Club, it will give two performances for the benefit of that club, which has so often given entertainments in the past.

The benefit this week is a sort of evening up accounts. The ladies who control the organizations benefited by the Reliance Club have declared their intention of paying back the compliment. The Reliance Club is established in very handsome quarters, built especially for the members, and their expenses are very heavy.

This, however, would not have hampered the finance committee had the football season been as prolific of gate receipts as it was of glory.

Although the team wearing the white "R" on a carmine ground has never been beaten, the expenses were no less heavy, and it is expected that "7-20-8" will balance the club's ledger.

To-morrow morning (Monday) the sale of seats will commence, and there will certainly be a rush. All those who have purchased coupons can have them reserved at the usual rate. As many hundreds have been sold, it will be necessary to get near the right end of the line to prevent disappointment.

BETTER ACQUAINTED.

Rev. Dr. Graif's Opinion of the Value of the Great Religious Controversy.

OAKLAND, CAL., Jan. 19.—At the Twentieth-street Baptist Church this morning the pastor, Rev. Dr. Philip Graif, spoke of the present controversy between Rev. Father Yorke and some Protestant divines. He said:

How shall we guard the Lord's garden from horned and hoofed incursions? Keep the sacred place free from petty or unseemly controversialism. In this whirligig age the air is filled with the clash of classes and is a-gleam with the flash of contending steel. Scarcely is one kind of war over before another, of a wider and deeper significance, opens its batteries.

While Cleveland's message still keeps the political world on the qui vive, and the Brown scandal agitates religious circles, the controversy between Catholic and Protestant champions is rising to a high pitch of interest and sensation.

Debate is good if its object be the naked, unvarnished truth, not the glory of a party triumph. Just as the bird moves forward by wing power, the fish by fin-stroke, the fawn by the gift of fleet-footedness, so man, on a higher scale, by wagging of tongue or spurt of quill, presses on along the path of progress and civilization. Through grip and strain of opposing forces truth grows clearer and more pronounced. No matter how sharp may be the quest into systems of dogma or polity, righteousness has nothing to fear from more light.

Better be a determinate something than a mush-headed nothing or an elegant kid-gloved cipher. People respect an out-and-out devil more than a Janus-faced Pecksniff, with all his bland smiles and velvet arts and graces.

If the letters and eloquence that are now swiftly and with no few sparks of electricity passing between Father Yorke and an able group of Protestant divines shall bring forth the honest truth and silence lying oracles, Christianity shall be the gainer thereby in the last analysis.

While watching the gladiators in their agile movements, do not forget that no cut-and-thrust style, no fleer of satire or clever turn of a phrase, no pedantry of learning or sleek sophism can ever make up for the lack of logic or facts. To battle over doubtful proof-texts or non-essentials is only a piece of unseemly bickering between kites and crows.

No cause is much advantaged either by introducing personalities that attack each other with tooth and claw and chatter in the arena a fish-wife's jargon. To brandish the ax of execration over a name or institution, without just or adequate ground, is to weaken one's side. Hard words never succeed in hiding defectiveness of argument.

Honest Haywards.

OAKLAND, CAL., Jan. 19.—Haywards will have no delinquent tax list to publish this year, according to the Journal. Of the $7600 levied all of this amount except $5 or $6 has been paid, and the small amount outstanding will be settled before the time to publish the delinquent list arrives.

MRS. WOODS IN CUSTODY.

The Reckless Confidence Operator Arrested by the Alameda Police.

Her Scheme Was to Go to Residences and Make Women Think She Was Insane.

ALAMEDA, CAL., Jan. 19.—Mrs. Woods, whose operations were reported in THE CALL last week, was taken into custody Saturday night on the charge of vagrancy. She came to Alameda five days ago and secured a room on Park street. Then she went about town, visiting residences and adopting a unique method of getting money. She would go up to a house and knock, and, the door being opened, she would at once enter. Then assuming a fiercely confidential tone she would confide in the lady of the house that she had but recently been discharged from an asylum for the insane, and that she was in hard circumstances and would like financial assistance. Generally the lady of the house would be very much frightened at the woman and her story, and would adopt the plan that would the soonest get her out of the house, which would be to give her money. On Saturday the woman operated in that quarter of the city bordering the park and on streets adjacent. She visited Trustee Forderer's house and he notified the police, and soon she was lodged behind the bars. Her ingenious confidence game seems to have yielded good returns. The woman is recognized as having visited Alameda before, some four or five years ago, on a confidence operating tour.

Clubmen and Religion.

ALAMEDA, CAL., Jan. 19.—Rev. Henry Victor Morgan, minister of the First Christian Church, has been interviewing some of the prominent citizens of Alameda to ascertain their reasons for not attending the churches. Saturday night, in company with one of his deacons, he attended El Nido Club and received a cordial reception from the members. In his sermon Sunday evening Mr. Morgan said:

I do not believe the majority of the men I have interviewed stay away from church because they are bad or because they hate the church, but rather because they find the church service uninteresting.

Nearly all are church contributors and are anxious to have their wives and children attend the churches and nearly all pay to support the preachers. Not a single man I have interviewed but said the churches are doing good and that badly as they are conducted Alameda could not get along without them.

The trouble with the majority of those whom I interviewed is this: they look upon Christianity as weak and sentimental—a woman's religion and not intended for strong men.

Temperance Lecture.

ALAMEDA, CAL., Jan. 19.—The Alameda W. C. T. U. will hold its first parlor meeting of the year at the residence of Mrs. A. H. Mories, 2229 San Jose avenue, this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Plans of work will be discussed and an interesting programme will be rendered.

Lecture Postponed.

ALAMEDA, CAL., Jan. 19.—The lecture on "Real People," announced for Saturday night in the Park-street Methodist Church by Rev. Mr. Cantine, was postponed on account of the storm. It will be given on Thursday evening, January 23.

A NAVAL MAN'S LECTURE.

Commander Wadhams Tells About Japan, China and Turkey.

Commander A. V. Wadhams, U. S. N., lectured in Bethany Congregational Church on Bartlett street last night upon "Foreign Missions as Seen by a Naval Officer."

He drew interesting comparisons between Japan of twenty-five years ago, as he first saw it, and the modern, Anglicised empire of to-day.

Referring to China and describing the rescue of a missionary's family by United States naval officers at the time of threatened murder by natives, he took occasion to pay the Chinese a high compliment for their commercial integrity.

In China, he asserted, there are 50,000 converts to Christianity.

Turning to the Armenian atrocities he said there are 700,000 students in the Christian schools in Turkey, and that their influence should be a great lever in lifting that prejudiced empire where 50,000 Armenians have been put to death for believing in Christianity.

In conclusion he said: "Do not go away with the idea that missionaries are ordinary men and women. The majority of them possess more grit, more grace and more gumption than any other class of people on earth, and though the churches of this country annually give foreign missions $5,000,000 it is not enough."

IRISHMEN ORGANIZE.

A New Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Formed in the Mission.

Yesterday afternoon a new division was formed of the Ancient Order of Hibernians at Rolando's Hall, corner Twenty-eighth and Church streets, at which about fifty applicants were initiated.

Officers of the various divisions throughout the City were present and dwelt upon the benefits derived from membership in the order. Statistics were read showing the rapid increase in membership throughout the United States and Canada.

The following named temporary officers were chosen by the organizing committee: President, P. Broderick; vice-president, M. O'Mahoney; recording secretary, P. J. McCormick; financial secretary, J. H. Reilly; treasurer, R. Shepston; medical examiner, Dr. C. C. Mohun; chairman of standing committee, P. J. Silk.

Permanent organization will be effected Thursday evening next at Rolando's Hall.

Female chemists are becoming common in Holland.

SHE DID NOT RUN AWAY.

The Oakland Story That Laura Fusch Had Eloped Was Entirely Untrue.

CRUEL SENSATION EXPLODED.

Church Friends Will See That the Unprotected Young Woman Is Vindicated.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 BROADWAY, Jan. 19.

The leaders of the First Baptist Church held an investigation into a slanderous story published last Thursday in a San Francisco paper regarding a young lady in good standing in the church. They feel that an almost irreparable injury has been done, and they have decided to do all that is possible to secure for her just redress.

The statement was made that Miss Laura Fusch, who had been a waitress at the Hotel Wilson, had eloped with a discharged cook and another man last Sunday. It was further stated that Miss Fusch had gone with the two men to Stockton.

"I have never been out of Oakland," said Miss Fusch to a CALL man to-day, "and I cannot think what reason the paper had for publishing the story. Although I am not yet 16 I have been doing all I can to help my father with a big family, in which I am the eldest, at Santa Barbara. The story said that my parents were estranged, but the fact is my poor mother is in an insane asylum. Last Sunday, when it is said that I eloped to Stockton with two men, I was attending the Sunday-school as usual in this church. I have never been in the company of the discharged cook and the porter, and I have not been out of Oakland.

"I left the Hotel Wilson of my own accord, because I was not satisfied with my place. I had previously made arrangements to go and work with the family in East Oakland with whom I am now staying. I went there the same day I left the hotel and did not know that I should have given my employer notice of my intention. I heard of the false things that were printed but did not know what to do.

"This morning I came to church as usual. I was asked to tell all about it, and, when the truth was known, several of the members undertook to see that I was set right before the public. I do not know what they will do, but I suppose they will go to the paper to-morrow and make it tell the truth."

The members of the First Baptist Church speak in the highest terms of Miss Fusch and are very pleased to find that the cruel scandal had no foundation in fact. She is a hard working girl and has suffered much mental torture and shed many tears over her great trouble.

SITE FOR GLASS WORKS.

A Large Concern Anxious to Locate Near Livermore's Coal Mines.

A Meeting Will Be Held To-Morrow Night to Consider the Offer in Detail.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Jan. 19.

The development of the coal mines and the building of the Corral Hollow Railroad from Livermore to the San Joaquin has caused Livermore to become a center of interest. Recently overtures were made looking to the establishment of a pottery there, and a large firm of glass-blowers is anxious to locate there.

H. H. Pitcher, president of the League of Progress, has received the following letter from W. S. Boodr, who represents one of the largest glass manufactories in the United States:

H. H. Pitcher: I am in receipt of a communication from J. M. McComas, in which he suggests that I write to you concerning a location for a glass factory which I propose establishing somewhere in the State. We expect to erect a plant which will give employment to 100 persons.

Our product for the first year will be principally fruit jars, jelly glasses, olive bottles and beer and wine bottles. I have made a pretty thorough canvass among the wineries, canneries and breweries in different parts of the State and find sufficient business awaiting us to warrant the conclusion that within the next three years, at farthest, our force will have increased to between 300 and 400. This means an increase in your population of from 1200 to 1600, and an increase that is desirable from every point of view.

As soon as practicable we will establish a flint factory for making a fine grade of bottles and a general line of high grade work, which would be entirely independent of our first plant and would furnish employment for about 100 additional persons.

We will require from three to three and a half acres of land, high enough to have absolute immunity from an overflow of water and sufficiently high for us to provide a pit six feet deep without having water in it. Provision must be made for a railroad siding to be located subject to our approval upon the premises. Exemption from taxes for a period of five years and a cash subsidy of as much as you may feel able to offer, but nothing less than $2000. Yours very truly, W. S. BOODY.

A very encouraging reply has been forwarded to Mr. Boody. Among other things it stated that Livermore's advantages over other points under consideration would be its nearness to a merchantable coal supply; it would have better access to a certain kind of glass sand, and crude oil would cost no more there than anywhere else.

The whole matter will be laid before the league on Tuesday night, and it is expected that Mr. Boody will be present and lay his plans in detail before the members.

WILL ENTER MANY SUITS.

The California Bridge and Construction Company vs. Berkeley Delinquents.

Endeavor to Collect the Balance for Building the South Line Sewer. News Notes.

BERKELEY, CAL., Jan. 19.—Next Friday about 150 suits will be brought against Berkeley property owners by the California Bridge and Construction Company. The claims of the company are for assessments for the construction of the south line main sewer. The amounts involved have long been due and the company has given notice that suits against delinquents will be commenced before January 25, as the time limit within which suits may legally be brought expires on that date. Many of the suits are for sums as small as $3. The cost of suit will be $7, and attorney's fees $1, so that many property owners who have refused or neglected to pay the $3 will become liable for $10 if the assessment stands in the courts.

The total of the costs of the suits and attorneys' fees in the cases will be over $3000, which is more than the aggregate of the amounts for which the bridge company is to sue.

Many of the defendants in the suits are residents of Berkeley, and it is expected that some will yet pay the assessments against them, especially those who owe only $3 or $5. The largest assessment that is delinquent amounts to nearly $600, and it is thought possible that some of the larger dobtors of the bridge company have decided to fight the assessment.

Assessments were originally made by the company that built the south line main sewer against 3800 property-owners, all of whom have paid, excepting the 150 against whom suits are now being preferred. The assessment was the largest ever made in Berkeley, the total amount due for the construction of the sewer being over $30,000.

Discussed the Bond Question.

BERKELEY, CAL., Jan. 19.—The committee from the West Berkeley Progressive Club, consisting of Neihaus, Speirs, Schuster and Hoff, which was appointed last week for the purpose of conferring with the Good Government Club with reference to the coming bond election, met the latter last evening at the rooms of P. R. Boone, president of the Board of Education.

Principal Waterman stated at length the needs of the town for better schools, and the West Berkeley delegation upheld the cause of the wharf. They furnished much data with reference to the traffic that is at present carried on between Berkeley and San Francisco, and brought out many points with reference to their need for a wharf. The general sentiment of the meeting was that both a wharf and a new schoolhouse are a necessity, and that $200,000 is not too much to spend for them. A committee from the Good Government Club was appointed to meet a committee from the Progressive Club for the purpose of outlining a course of procedure for the coming campaign.

The joint committee will meet next Saturday evening for the execution of the work assigned, and it is expected that they will follow along the same line of policy as that which governed the preliminaries in the case of the charter election last May.

The Boating Association.

BERKELEY, CAL., Jan. 19.—A meeting of the directors of the University of California Boating Association was held yesterday afternoon at the clubhouse. The new single scull, which has just been finished, was accepted from the builder. It was decided to have a four-oar barge built for racing purposes and that a class regatta be held some time in April.

Will Fight the Ordinance.

BERKELEY, CAL., Jan. 19.—The grocerymen and teamsters of Berkeley held a meeting last evening at the office of George Schmidt for the purpose of outlining a plan of attack on the town ordinance requiring them to pay licenses in order to conduct their lines of business. They will endeavor to have the Town Trustees rescind the ordinance mainly on the grounds of its injustice.

Adventist Revival Services.

BERKELEY, CAL., Jan. 19.—A series of revival meetings under the auspices of the Seventh Day Adventist Church are now being held in the new Bailey block, corner of Dwight way and Shattuck avenue.

SIME WILL RETIRE.

The Cavalry Commander to Leave the Service After Twenty Years of Military Work.

Captain Hugh T. Sime, now commanding the cavalry troop of the Second Brigade, National Guard of California, has announced that he will retire from active service immediately. The reason is that the time at his disposal will not permit him to concern himself sufficiently with the affairs of the new troop. It has not been stated on what date Captain Sime will relinquish the command, but it will be within a week.

The retiring officer has been prominently identified with the National Guard service for over twenty years. With the exception of Captain Cook, who commands Troop B at Sacramento, Sime is the ranking captain in the National Guard of the State. At different times he has been a lieutenant in the "National's" corps, regimental adjutant, inspector of rifle practice of the Second Artillery, captain of Light Battery A and finally of Troop A. In the Light Battery he was re-elected to the captaincy five or six times. During his long term of service he took a conspicuous interest in rifle practice and revolver firing, and has always been rated as one of the finest shots in the service with either weapon.

The members of the troop are already hustling for a new captain. The choice will very likely fall to Lieutenant Jenks and he will be elected if he can be persuaded to accept the job. This will leave two lieutenancies vacant. Justice of the Peace Groezinger may be asked to take one of these positions.

HIS VIEW OF HEREDITY.

Dr. Allen Griffiths Argues Against the Beliefs of Scientific Men.

Thought and Action in Past Lives Responsible for Present Individual Conditions.

At the Theosophical Society meeting in Red Men's Hall on Post street last evening Dr. Allen Griffiths lectured on "Heredity." He discredited the modern view of heredity, which blames the parents for the sins of their children, and held that every individual shapes his own destiny.

According to our thoughts and actions in past lives, and according also to the evolutionary needs of our own souls, or real selves, we are born into the present life amid pleasant or unpleasant surroundings, said the doctor. And so as to our future existences—they would be controlled entirely by our thoughts and actions in this life. He based his remarks on these three propositions:

First—The existence, immortality, infinite capacity and evolution of the soul, the thinker, in man, which has its origin and goal in Deity, the supreme. The thinker is eternal, not only as to the future, but as to the past, since it is absurd to predicate an eternity of only one dimension. Only that which never began can have an endless future.

Second—Reincarnation, or repeating and successive lives of each individual thinker, as the natural order of its existence on this planet. Reincarnation is the process by which the soul's capacities are developed amid the opportunities and environment afforded by life on this earth.

Third—Karma, the law of the conservation of energy, the law of cause and effect, which connects all the many earth lives of each individual thinker in an unbroken series.

Progeny usually resemble parents simply because there is a mental resemblance existing between them. Phrenological and physiognomical expressions are not determining factors in the constitution of the soul, but exist only as external indications of internal mental states. Hence mental resemblances of the thinkers of parents and progeny would require bodies of like appearance to express that resemblance.

Down to the present century rings were frequently given away in England and France at funerals of noted persons, and in old wills are found provisions for rings to be distributed at the funeral of the donor.

The case of Alexandre Dumas, who died recently, was one of a few in which a son of genius followed a father of genius. There was no second Homer, Dante, Chaucer, Shakespeare, Burns or Scott.

WEEKLY FRATERNAL ITEMS

Gala Night in the Hall of the Club of Court Sutro Heights.

A COLMA INSTALLATION.

The Red Men, Knights of Pythias, Ancient Order of Foresters.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Deputy District Grand Patriarch J. J. Logee will Saturday next install the officers of Wildey and Golden Gate encampments.

The special committee on library will meet Saturday night, when a plan to carry on and increase its usefulness will be presented.

Unity Encampment installed its officers last Wednesday, after which there was a pleasant gathering of members.

Woodland Encampment will install its officers next Thursday.

The general relief committee will meet February 4.

The proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge will be received at the office of the grand secretary during the latter part of February and will immediately be distributed.

The Rebekah Lodges.

On Saturday, the 11th inst., there was a large attendance at the public installation of the officers of Amity Rebekah Lodge, on which occasion a noble grand's regalia and jewel were presented to Mrs. Ergot.

It is a remarkable fact that all the officers of Oriental Rebekah Lodge are unmarried.

Fair Oaks Rebekah Lodge of Alameda will give an entertainment on Thursday next.

Ancient Order United Workmen.

Past Grand Master W. H. Barnes delivered a memorial address before Oakland Workmen in Fraternal Hall Saturday night. Past Grand Master Jordan had been selected to deliver the address, but he could not be present.

Franklin Lodge No. 44 installed its officers with impressive ceremonies last Friday night.

Bernal Lodge will hold an open meeting to-morrow night.

Last Tuesday Unity Lodge installed its officers and at the close of the ceremony Samuel Waller, retiring master workman, was presented with a beautiful diamond ring in appreciation of services he rendered during his term.

On the second Tuesday in February Past Grand Master Jordan will address Unity Lodge and tell about the land of the Incas.

The following officers of San Francisco Lodge were installed by District Grand Master Daywalt: J. Hagan, M. W.; C. Ehman, F.; H. Bohn, O.; J. Lyons, R. J. Blumenthal, F.; N. P. Peterson, receiver; G. Mosbacher, G.; A. Afroidsen, I. W.; A. Nichols, O. W. The lodge is doing well and has the promise of a number of new members during the present term.

Degree of Honor.

The grand recorder has sent out the credentials to the representatives to the Grand Lodge, Degree of Honor, which is to meet in this city in April. There will be representatives from twenty-four lodges.

Dawn of Hope Lodge will install its officers Saturday next.

There was a joint installation recently of the Degree of Honor Lodge and the Ancient Order of United Workmen's Lodge at Colusa, Mrs. Anna West being the installing officer for the Degree of Honor.

The petitions for charters for two new city lodges are receiving many signatures and they will be instituted shortly.

Foresters of America.

The following are the official visits for the week ending January 25: A. Orfila, G. C. R., will visit Court Neptune, Santa Monica, on Thursday; J. S. W. Saunders, G. S. W., will visit Court Italia, San Jose, to-night; Court Loma Prieta, Campbells, Wednesday; Court San Jose, Friday, and Court Adriatico, Santa Clara, Saturday; E. E. Skinner, G. T., will visit Court Eclipse this evening, Court Lincoln Tuesday, Court Aurora Wednesday and Court Shell Mound in Golden Gate on Thursday.

The American Foresters' Hall Association at its annual meeting declared a dividend of 5 per cent for the current year and elected the following as directors: David Cohan, president; George Read, vice-president; C. H. Bremer, secretary; James Healing, treasurer; John J. Cordy, assistant secretary; Thomas Tyler, George Healing, Mrs. L. Ticoulet, Mrs. S. A. Beauharnais, Julius Siewert, William Klinger, W. A. Samuels, Louis Kragen, M. M. Valentine and Patrick Kyne.

The officers of Court Rafael were installed by C. K. Sterns, D. G. C., assisted by J. E. Hayden, D. G. C. R., of Court Marin. The court is in a prosperous condition. After the court closed the members and guests marched to the armory, where there was an entertainment and a banquet. The Home Circle Minstrels, all members of the court, rendered some excellent selections.

Court Ocean View of West Berkeley was accorded much praise for the manner in which it entertained its many friends at the public installation of its officers. Grand Secretary Bremer acted as installing officer and Grand Recording Secretary Peiser as herald for the occasion. After an interesting programme those present adjourned to the banquet hall. Dancing followed.

B. E. Bevan, D. G. C. R., assisted by Past Chief Rangers Schmidt, Blue, Milligan, Arnoldy, Cahill and Rubel, publicly installed the officers of Court Sutter in Yuba City last Monday. After the installation there was dancing, the same being attended by the members of Plumas and Yuba Circles of the Companions of the Forest, Courts Sutter and Pride of Marysville and many friends.

E. E. Skinner, grand trustee, arrived from Eureka on last Friday morning and made his initial official visit on that evening to Court Golden Era.

The grand secretary has received the new charters from the supreme secretary. They are similar in form to the old ones, except that instead of placing three names thereon as charter or dispensation members six names will be placed thereon. The new charters will be issued as soon as same are properly engrossed and signed.

Court Golden West will celebrate its ninth anniversary by a ball in Odd Fellows' Hall on the night of the 12th of next month. This will be an invitation, and the invitations are limited to two to each member. This is the banner court and is the second wealthiest in the State. It has over 800 names on its roll, and has among its members the coming chief ranger, J. Samuels. I. I. Brown is the present chief ranger and Sol Peiser, No. 1, is the Secretary.

Club Sutro Heights High Jinks.

Quite a number of smokers have been given of late, but none has been superior to the Smoker and Tamale social given last Thursday night in Social Hall, Alcazar building, by Club Sutro Heights, composed of members of the court of that name, of the Foresters of America, the baby court. It was an invitation high jinks, and nearly four hundred presented cards at the door, and right glad were they that they came for they spent a most enjoyable evening. The talent for the evening was recruited from the members of the court with two or three exceptions and the singing, recitations and sketches were equal to many that are presented at the vaudeville theaters. Particularly good were the numbers presented by F. P. Foster, who, dressed as a female bloomer cyclist, rode into the hall on a high-priced bike, sang songs and told funny stories; a friendly set-to in three rounds between Hayes and Gilbert, members of the Olympic Club; "The Gas-House Terrier," a sketch by Howard and Healy, in costume; the bone solo by L. S. Crackbon, and the singing by Harry Cady.

When time was called for the set-to, Grand Secretary Chris H. Bremer, unexpectedly called upon to act as timekeeper, endeavored to excuse himself on the ground that he had never witnessed a boxing match, but the manner in which he discharged his duties led many of the spectators to reach the conclusion that the G. S. knows more about five-ounce gloves than he is willing to admit.

During the evening pipes and tobacco were passed around, and then came refreshments and sandwiches, after which the master of ceremonies, George J. Strong, called upon the committee to distribute the tamales. Every one in the hall prepared himself to receive the luscious Mexican mystery, but great was the disappointment when the distribution was made, for they were only imitations, an inch long, and used for coat lapel ornaments, but what the spectators lost in this was made up by the other good cheer provided and the excellent programme.

The following were the numbers presented: Overture, "Sutro Heights March," Proll and Faulkner; "The Bicycle Girl," F. P. Foster; vocal solo, "True to the Heart," Ellis Jones; recitation, "The Vagabond," Professor Gumpertz; mandolin solo, Professor D. T. Berry; musical interlude, Proll and Faulkner; barytone solo, "Cast Aside," W. Fenstermacher; sketch by Howard and Healy; address on the good of the order, George J. Strong, M. C.; tenor solo, Harry Turston; set-to, Hayes and Gilbert; banjo duet, Regal and Weeks; specialties, "Wise and Otherwise," Higgins; duet, "The Pilot Brave," Jones and Hughes; bone solo, L. S. Crackbon; vocal solo, "Thursday," Harry Cady; Hebrew oddities, Cohen and Alexander; piano solo, Sam Yehl, and several other numbers.

The officers of the club who are entitled to much credit for the splendid entertainment are G. J. Strong, director; E. S. Harding, purveyor; W. B. Faulkner, secretary; L. B. Proll, musical director; Sam Yehl of the hall committee; L. N. Boukofsky, programme dispenser; J. Shula, weed commissioner, and J. J. Levingston, chairman of the printing committee.

Among prominent members of the order present were, besides the grand secretary, Sam L. Waller, J. Samuels and Sol Peiser.

A Colma Installation.

The event in Colma Tuesday evening was a public installation of the officers of Court Colma No. 83 of the Foresters of America in the public school building. The installing officers were Grand Secretary C. H. Bremer and Grand Recording Secretary Sol Peiser, assisted by H. Nathan, D. G. C. R; H. L. Isham, P. C. R. of Court Faralone; Charles Meehan, P. C. R. of Court Colma, and others. The officers installed are: Thomas Kelly, C. R.; B. H. Green, S. C. R.; H. Pierce, T.; A. Strula, F. S.; James Conway, R. S.; J. Rogers, S. W.; James Conway, J. W.; F. Pierce, S. B.; P. O'Shea, J. B., and John Maineg, trustee.

After the installation the grand secretary and the grand recording secretary delivered addresses, which greatly interested the large number of people who filled the hall to its capacity. Speech-making was followed by dancing and a banquet, which all enjoyed. The hall had been very tastefully decorated, and the Foresters of Colma can feel proud of the entertainment they gave to their friends. The court has now the names of fifty-six members in good standing on its roll.

Knights of Honor.

The public installation of the officers of Ivy Lodge by Grand Dictator P. L. Archibald was largely attended. After the ceremony the grand dictator, on behalf of the lodge, presented the retiring dictator with a handsome gold watch charm appropriately inscribed. This was followed by an entertaining musical and literary programme and a banquet got up under the supervision of Fred Boegler, chairman of the entertainment committee.

Deputy District Grand Dictator J. A. Carroll installed the following officers of America Lodge last Thursday: P. J. Smith, P. D.; Henry A. Chase, D.; G. Sena, V. D.; W. Spencer, A. D.; J. W. Saunders, R.; F. M. Peterson, F. R.; H. Behneman, T.; S. American, C.; P. Lambert, guide; G. Heldebrand, guardian; trustees—S. American, W. Spencer and G. Heldebrand. After the installation the members of the lodge invited the grand officers present and the visiting members of Fortuna Lodge to the banquet hall, where a pleasant evening was spent.

The following officers of Leland Stanford Lodge were installed by Grand Dictator Archibald, assisted by District Deputy McLaughlin and several of the grand officers: C. W. Petry, P. D.; Ernest P. Thyes, D.; James Garrod, V. D.; Carl Wahl, A. D.; John J. Beran, R.; Albert Strohmier, F. R.; A. Morris, T.; W. Burns, C.; John Bernandon, guide; Otto Schoenwald, guardian; Michael Speigelmich, sentinel; trustees—John A. Carroll, Carl Wahl and Otto Schoenwald.

District No. 25 will give a high jinks and smoker in Alcazar building Wednesday evening, which the committee in charge hope to make the liveliest and most entertaining ever given by this very lively district. Grand Deputy Ben I. Solomon will act as master of ceremonies, and among those who will entertain will be Richard I. Whelan, Julius Kahn, A. P. Black, T. M. Moses, Josh Davis and others. As all Knights have been invited, there will be a big attendance.

The grand dictator visited Garden City Lodge of Alameda and Golden State Lodge of Oakland last week and installed the officers of each.

The grand dictator will visit Clinton Lodge in East Oakland to-night; on Thursday he will visit Ivanhoe Lodge in Oakland, and on Friday he will be with the lodges in Colusa.

Knights and Ladies of Honor.

The public installation of the officers of Pecific Lodge Tuesday evening, followed by dancing and refreshments, was one of the pleasantest of recent affairs of this character. The hall was crowded by the members and their friends.

The new officers of Excelsior Lodge will be installed by Deputy Mrs. A. B. Bradstreet on Friday evening.

West End Lodge will have a public installation and entertainment to-morrow evening.

The new officers of Star Lodge of Sonora were installed by Grand Vice-President Emma T. Parker recently. Mrs. Emma Barlow was elected representative to the Grand Lodge which will convene in this City on the third Tuesday in April.

Grand Trustee Emil Bourguigon of San Jose was in this City last Friday.

Knights of Pythias.

At Riverside on Monday the officers of Sunnyside Lodge and of Riverside Temple of Rathbone Sisters were jointly installed in public, the division of the Uniform Rank acting as escort to the officiating officers.

Oakland Lodge installed officers in public on Friday evening, the grand chancellor being present. A programme of literary and musical exercises was rendered.

The officers of Brooklyn Lodge were installed on Monday evening last, and the lodge was favored by an official visit by the grand chancellor. A collation followed.

Unity Division has elected M. B. Dye as captain, to succeed W. J. Kidd, appointed brigade mustering officer on the staff of the brigadier-general.

The First Regiment benefit to-morrow night at the Columbia Theater promises to be a great success. All members of the Uniform Rank will attend in full uniform.

Laurel Lodge of San Francisco made a net gain of twenty-one members during the past term.

Coulterville Lodge was instituted on the 11th inst. at Coulterville, Mariposa County, F. P. Otis of Sonora being the instituting officer.

The officers of Yreka Lodge, Yreka, were installed in public on Monday. A fine literary and musical programme was rendered and a collation and dancing followed.

Mars Lodge will be instituted this evening at Pythian Castle by the grand chancellor. Over 100 members will be admitted.

Damocles Lodge of Winters will install officers in public on Wednesday week. The grand chancellor will attend.

The members of Rathbone Lodge No. 156, of Jackson, are forming a Temple of the Rathbone Sisters.

Sunnyside Lodge of Riverside has the "banner record" for the term just closed, with twenty-six new members.

Sunset Lodge will give a ball on February 26.

Ancient Order of Foresters.

High Chief Ranger William Cashan installed the officers of Court Star of Suisun last Saturday evening and will install the officers of Court Perseverance of Sacramento this evening.

During the nine months ending September 30, 1895, 2073 new members were initiated in the Pacific Coast jurisdiction, 22,200 days' sick benefits were paid, 60 members died, 692 members were precluded for non-payment of dues and the combined treasury of 144 courts contained the sum of $63,320.

The Picnic Association will hold its first meeting Thursday evening, January 31, at 102 O'Farrell street, when the officers for 1896 will be elected.

Court Franklin will have an interesting "good and welfare" to-morrow evening. Its membership is now 87, with $896 in its treasury.

Court Justice initiated four candidates last Tuesday evening and received eight applications for membership.

Companions of the Forest.

Charters for new circles of the Companions of the Forest, A. O. F., are issued from this City. A charter has been sent to Philadelphia for the organization of a new circle there. New circles are in process of organization in Colorado Springs and Walla Walla.

Last Monday Mrs. Minnie Asher, G. C. C., installed the officers of Mazzini Circle.

On Wednesday Mrs. Asher, assisted by Miss Vina Norton, D. D., installed the officers of Ivanhoe Circle. The same night the officers of California Circle were installed by F. D. Brandon, D. D.

Oakleaf Circle has made preparations for a grand reception to be held in Masonic Hall, South San Francisco, Friday evening.

Queen of the Redwood Circle and Court Redwood had a joint installation at Ukiah recently and the ceremonies were followed by a banquet.

Sherwood Circle installed its officers Monday: Supreme C. C. Mrs. Asher presided, assisted by the following deputies, Mrs. Corwin, Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Davis, Miss Finn, Mrs. Uphaus and Mrs. Hardenburg. Mrs. J. Hartley, the retiring C. C., was presented with an elegant jewel, and P. C. C. Mrs. Howard, was the recipient of a P. C. C. certificate. Sherwood Circle will give a "butterfly party" in Social Hall on Saturday evening.

Improved Order of Red Men.

Grand Chief of Records C. F. Burgman is in receipt of reports from about half of the tribes in the reservation, and these show a decrease of twenty-seven, of which half were by death, and an increase of 181, making a net gain of 154. This is the first time in years that such a showing has been made.

Last Wednesday Seminole Tribe, which works in the French language, initiated seven candidates.

Since the 1st inst. Oshonee Tribe has adopted eight palefaces. The tribe has received a set of new costumes, and displayed them for the first time last Wednesday.

Last Wednesday the chiefs of Comanche Tribe of Elmhurst were raised by Thomas Campbell, D. D. G. S., assisted by the chiefs of Gray Eagle Tribe of Oakland and of Pawnee Tribe of Alameda. Great Chief of Records Burgman, who was present, delivered an address on the good of the order.

The chiefs of Samoset Tribe of Vallejo and of Otonkah Tribe of Napa were raised last week by C. M. Brown, D. D. G. S. The last-named tribe shows a gain of twenty members.

Great Incohonee A. F. Patton was in Denver on the 15th, from which point he was to start for New Mexico and Texas.

The grand chief of records has received 5000 souvenirs of the order which are now ready for distribution. On the back of the cover there is a splendid picture of THE CALL'S new building.

The Insignia, the official organ of the order, has passed into the control of the Great Council and is conducted editorially by Great Chief of Record Burgman, who is a talented writer on fraternal matters.

In about two weeks a committee in charge of the matter will present a new plan on the subject of funeral benefits. The idea is to abolish the