THEY WERE WEDDED AT THE CATHEDRAL

Nuptials of Miss Annie O'Kane and Dr. Theodore Rethers.

Miss Mamie Kelly and Stephen Gill United at St. Brigid's.

Interesting Ceremony at San Rafael. Jennings-Douthitt and Ehret-Fechter Nuptials.

One of the most interesting social events of the past week was the wedding of Miss Annie O'Kane, daughter of Mrs. M. E. O'Kane, and Dr. Theodore Rethers.

The nuptials were celebrated on Wednesday morning at half-past 9 at St. Mary's Cathedral on Van Ness avenue, Rev. Father McQuade officiating.

The decorations of the church were simple but most artistic, palms and ferns being used exclusively. On the altar burned innumerable tapers.

The bride was attended by Miss Nellie Gaines, who officiated as maid of honor, and Miss Gertrude Sutcliffe and Monie Fogarty, who acted as bridesmaids. Frank Dunn was best man and the ushers were: Dr. Lustig, Percy Long, Frank O'Kane and Horace Howard. W. D. O'Kane, the bride's brother, gave her into the keeping of the groom.

After the church ceremony, an elaborate breakfast was served by Ludwig at the residence of the bride's mother on O'Farrell street. Covers were laid for seventy-five.

The bride was handsomely attired in a modish gown of white satin. The jupe was made en train and the corsage trimmed with chiffon.

Miss Gaines, the maid of honor, wore a pretty gown, the yoke of which was fashioned at yellow satin and the corsage of white organdie.

The bridesmaids were dressed alike in pink satin and white organdie. All the young ladies wore large white Gainsborough hats.

Dr. and Mrs. Rethers have gone to Del Monte for their bridal tour. On their return they will reside on the corner of Van Ness avenue and Vallejo street.

Miss Mamie Kelly and Stephen A. Gill were married by the Rev. Father Ryan at St. Brigid's Church Wednesday evening, September 9. Miss Katie Maghan acted as bridesmaid and Eugene Gill, a brother of the groom, was best man. The bride and bridesmaid, both brunettes, were dressed in white and presented a charming appearance.

Mr. Gill is a popular native son and well known in the business circles of this City.

At the appointed hour the church was well filled with the numerous friends of the contracting parties and after the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride.

The house was tastefully decorated with evergreens and flowers. The presents were numerous, many of them combining beauty with usefulness. The Snorky Social Club, of which Mr. Gill is a charter member and officer, presented him with a substantial check as a token of their regard. The musical programme was excellent and varied. Mr. Pfininger gave a whistling solo, accompanied on the piano. Mrs. Pfininger delighted the assemblage with a recitation. J. J. Boyle, W. W. Schmitz, B. Jeremiah Hyland, J. Scully and others sang solos. The Snorky Quartet, composed of Messrs. Boyle, Hyland, W. Wand and H. W. Schmitz, was in attendance and sang some fine songs, which were well received. After enjoying the music and merry-making the guests were invited to the dining-room, where an elaborate feast had been prepared. The genial Colonel Billy Jordan started the toast-making and many were the appropriate and sincere expressions for the welfare of the young couple.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. John Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. Cæsar Valente, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Detels, Mr. and Mrs. Ed McEvoy, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Detels, Mr. and Mrs. John McElroy, Mr. and Mrs. William Marden, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Finnigan, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Callahan, Mr. and Mrs. Stinson Vance, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Garthorne, Mr. and Mrs. Al Owens, Mr. and Mrs. James Owens, Mrs. J. Devine, Mrs. William Boyle, Mrs. William Akman, Mrs. Lena Lane, the Misses Agnes and Loretta Murphy, the Misses Annie and Lizzie Devine, the Misses Katie and Lizzie McGahan, the Misses Louisa and Johanna Meyer, the Misses Jennie and Nellie McGonigle, Miss Maggie Spowart, Miss Annie Kelly, Miss Lizzie Quigley, Miss Celia Mann, Miss May Bellew, Miss Rosie O'Donnell, Miss Alice Turbin, Miss Mary Campbell, Miss Maggie McKee, Miss Kate Maggoni, Miss Annie Akmann, Miss Sophie Detels, Miss Julia Murphy, Miss Amelia Ruebolt, Miss Julia Allen, Miss Mamie Finn, Messrs. Alex Imbrie, Bart Mahoney, Eugene Gill, Herbert Schmitz, Walter Schmitz, B. Jeremiah Hyland, Ed Colvin, Ed Nelson, James Rieley, William Meyer, Henry Meyer, Frank Pfeiffer, Charles Stewart, John Roach, Thomas Carr, Al Rueboldt, Harry O'Brien, John Whalen, William Drown, Eugene Valente, Frank Zana, Eugene Detels, William Detels, Charles Akmann, Colonel William Jordan, Captain Ed Graham, Ed Feeney, John Sullivan, Otto Piehl, Peter Owens Sr., John Scully, Jerry Regan, Professor John Wier, George Duffy, William McManus, James Kelly, John Kelly, William Delaney, Dave Wilson, Charles Johanson, Manuel Rogers, Masters Ed Boyle, Herbert Boyle, Leonard McEvoy.

One of the prettiest weddings of the season was that of Miss Zunella Dee Elliot and E. B. Lancel, celebrated in San Rafael Saturday, September 12, at the residence of Mrs. F. P. Elliot. The ceremony took place in the music-room, which was beautifully decorated in white satin ribbon, smilax and asters. Rev. Dr. Nobel was the officiating clergyman. The bride was gowned in white brocaded satin, with mousseline de soie and pearl trimmings. Her veil was caught up with a beautiful diamond star, the gift of the groom. The maid of honor, Miss Edith Elliot, wore pink taffeta covered with silk organdie, and the bridesmaid, Miss Pearl Cottle of San Jose, was dressed in pale green brocaded silk covered with mousseline de soie. The attendants wore gold and turquoise hearts, presents from the groom. Immediately after the ceremony the wedding breakfast was served, and during the afternoon reception Mr. Landsberger, Mr. Flieshman, Miss Jennie Lehn, Charles Elliot and Dr. Rodden, friends of the bride, entertained the guests with music. Later Mr. and Mrs. Lancel left for Lake Tahoe, where they will remain some time.

The marriage of C. J. Jennings and Miss Jennie Douthitt took place on September 12 at the residence of the bride's mother. On account of the recent death of the bride's father, Judge D. W. Douthitt, the ceremony was private, the guests being only members of the family.

The wedding of Antoine Ehret and Miss Jennie Fichter was celebrated Saturday evening, September 12, at the residence of Mr. Hoch, the bride's brother. The bride was charmingly gowned in white silk, gown made en train, and carried Bride's roses. The bridesmaid was Miss Josie Denis. Charles Ehret, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. After the ceremony a reception was held, attended by the immediate friends, and an elaborate supper was served. The young couple were the recipients of many handsome presents. Mr. and Mrs. Ehret left for San Jose for the honeymoon.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Announcement Is Made of Betrothal Receptions.

The engagement reception of Miss Birdie E. Coleman and Sam Abrams will take place on Sunday, September 20, from 2 to 5 o'clock, at 915 Buchanan street.

The engagement reception of Miss Ray Harris and Harry Casner will take place this Sunday, September 20, from 2 to 5 o'clock, at 1413 Jackson street.

The engagement is announced of A. N. Jackson to Miss Annie Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Harris of 1804 Laguna street. They will receive Sunday, October 4.

The engagement is announced of Miss Allie McGuan to Francis E. Dunn, a prominent and wealthy Chicago attorney. The wedding will take place in November.

SURPRISE PARTY.

Mill Valley Reception in Honor of Miss Dorcas Burtchaell.

A very pleasant surprise party was tendered Miss Dorcas Burtchaell at her beautiful home in Larkspur on Tuesday evening in honor of her birthday. The house and grounds were handsomely decorated for the occasion. After enjoying music and dancing till midnight the assembled guests sat down to an elegant repast.

Among those present were: Mrs. M. E. Eastman, Mrs. W. Jackson, Mrs. T. H. Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Burtchaell, Miss Belle Brown, Miss Annie Farrell, Miss Susie Smith, Miss Belle Richards, Miss Mae Richards, Miss Lottie Gruber, Miss Dorcas Burtchaell, Miss Mabel Walsh, Miss Ethel Walsh, Messrs. John Rhodes, George Farrell, C. Harmon, Bart Burtchaell, R. D. Duke, J. Hooker, W. Jackson, C. Burtchaell.

OUTING PARTIES.

Young People Celebrate Admission Day in This Pleasant Fashion.

Miss Mabel Church gave a number of her friends a very enjoyable outing at Lake Lagunitas on Admission day. The party was chaperoned by Mrs. Sackett, Mrs. Vaslet and Mrs. Church. Her guests were: Miss Savage of Alameda, the Misses White of Oakland, Miss Cairy Hewson of Larkspur, Miss Lou McBoyle, Miss Gertrude Parker, Miss Belle Norton, Miss Kittie Anderson of San Francisco; Messrs. Robert Butler, Hope Frost, Marcel Cerf, Ben Brooks, J. H. Wheeler, Carl Smith, Robert Hewson, Paul Jones, Dr. Rawdor, Mr. Buskey and Mr. Ireland.

Admission day was fittingly celebrated by a party of thirty young people in a novel and most enjoyable trip to Millbrae. Leaving the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Boardman, 223 Fair Oaks street, at 8 A. M. the party arrived at the grounds at 10:15 A. M. Games, dancing, races, beanbag and football and an elaborate luncheon were thoroughly enjoyed. Those present were: Miss T. Stevens, Miss A. Culbertson, Miss L. Finch, Miss G. Cutting, Miss M. E. Boardman, Miss A. Boardman, Miss N. Boardman, Miss D. Smith, Miss A. Sparrowe, Miss A. Morehouse, Miss M. Norris, Mrs. Gallahorn, Mrs. Boardman; F. Craig, P. Clarke, R. Cleland, Dr. Smith, L. Bernheim, J. Cross, A. Lundy, J. Thompson, W. Day, A. Gunninson, R. Clarke, V. Walsh, G. Horton, C. Hallett and J. Boardman.

AT OAKLAND.

The Misses Jessie Neuman and Pearl Hickman Tendered a Benefit.

Elite Hall, at the corner of Twelfth and Franklin streets, Oakland, was crowded to the doors last Wednesday evening, September 16, the occasion being a benefit tendered the Misses Jessie Neuman and Pearl Hickman. These clever and talented children have lately performed at many private and public entertainments in Oakland, and at the request of the managers of the Industrial Fair, recently held in Oakland, gave an exhibition of their dancing there. The appreciation of the audience was shown by their hearty applause.

After the entertainment the floor was cleared for dancing, which was indulged in until a late hour. Following is a programme of the evening's entertainment:

Overture, orchestra. Comedietta, "A Happy Pair": Characters—Mr. Honeyton, Mr. Frank Moore; Mrs. Honeyton, Estella Millar. Overture, orchestra; butterfly dance, Pearl Hickman and Jessie Neuman; vocal solo, selected, Mrs. R. Revalk. Scene, "King John": Characters—Hubert, George E. Clarke; Prince Arthur, Jessie Neuman; attendant, Hobart Purdy. Character song and dance, Pearl Hickman. "The Pardon": Characters—Queen, Miss Hilma Butler; Marion, Miss Edna Trail; page, Miss Alma Ferris. Specialty, Jessie Neuman; club swinging, Mr. Frederick Lewis; sailors' hornpipe, Pearl Hickman; overture, orchestra. Pantomimic posing—Miss Nellie Fox, Miss Maud Newhard, Miss Ruby Stimpson, Miss Jessie Neuman and Miss Pearl Hickman; announcer, Miss Hilma Butler.

SAILED AWAY.

Society People Leave for a Visit to the Islands.

The passenger-list of the steamship Alameda, which sailed on Thursday for Honolulu, Auckland and Sydney, included: E. B. Beard and wife, W. T. Brigham, Dr. A. H. Bryant, wife and child, Miss A. Cahill, Mrs. S. M. Dodge, C. L. Gallien, Miss H. Harding, Miss Alice Hake, Dr. W. F. Hall and wife, C. M. Heintz, Karl Hermann, Miss A. D Kellogz, Miss E. Kennan, Miss W. M. Lampton, H. Louison, A. J. Ludwigsen and son, Miss A. H. Parke, E. H. Rose, Miss L. Royston, Mrs. Vollertson, R. D. Walbridge, wife and child, A. T. Wells and wife, W. F. Whitley.

For Auckland—George Armstrong, H. A. Brigham, F. Wegg Horn, Robert James, H. G. B. Kinnear, N. Lewenberg, R. H. Mason, A. K. Ritner, F. Richards and wife, James Ruddin, H. L. Sargent, Miss I. Sheriffs.

For Sydney—Samuel Allan and wife, William Allan, Hon. George W. Bell, John Bustard, J. W. Butcher, William Collins, D. Crozier, J. Cowell and wife, J. R. Davis, R. A. Dexter, D. D. Enschede, Dr. F. Flaschi, Miss Graves, H. M. Gooch, I. Howard and wife, Fred Hessert, H. Haege, W. H. Herdsman, Dr. J. S. Hunt, G. W. Mallalieu, R. Moorhead, J. W. Parson, R. Recknagle, wife and child, N. M. Thomson, Miss S. H. Winder.

PERSONALS.

Dr. E. S. Breyfogle and wife are sojourning in Berlin.

Dr. and Mrs. David Cohn left Tuesday evening for Europe to visit their son Robert, who recently graduated at Heidelberg. They are accompanied by their daughter, Edith.

Mrs. P. Lewis and Miss Mildred Lewis leave for New York at the end of this month.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Tyson left last night for New York.

Mrs. Fay Barnes has returned after spending the past week at Santa Cruz.

Mrs. Major Darling has returned very much benefited by her visit to Paso Robles.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Black (nee Meyerfeld) will receive their friends on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, September 19 and 20, at 1930 Bush street.

Miss Ada Weigel has returned to the Hotel Bella Vista, after passing the summer at Belvedere.

Mrs. Nettie Harrison, the beauty doctor, returned the past week from an extended trip to the East. Mrs. Harrison's trip was made for pleasure and business combined. During her absence she visited Chicago, St. Louis, Philadelphia, New York, Buffalo, Boston and Toronto, Canada.

Francisco after an extended visit to relatives in Eastern cities.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Sawyer have returned from the Yosemite Valley and Big trees.

Mrs. F. H. Stahle, wife of Dr. F. H. Stahle, Superintendent of the City and County Hospital, is lying seriously ill at her home at the hospital.

Mrs. J. H. Fleckinger and Miss Sarah Fleckinger of San Jose have returned home after a month's visit to Paso Robles.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Ed D. Griffin, M. Ott and family, and Miss Leta Gross are visiting in Bolinas, Marin County.

Miss Katherine White left for Vienna Friday evening to finish her musical education.

Mrs. C. P. Leichter, 2016 Vallejo street, will be at home the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Coronado.

CORONADO, CAL., Sept. 19.—The most enjoyable bowling party of the season was given at the hotel on Wednesday evening. Among those participating were: Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bishop Jr., Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Widney, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hall, San Francisco; Mrs. E. W. Runyon, Red Bluff; Miss Noyes, Washington, D. C.; Miss O'Connor and Miss Burling, San Francisco; the Misses Adams, Detroit; Miss Rossington, Topeka; Messrs. B. W. McKenzie, Coronado; C. E. Maud, I. Stuart McConnochi, Riverside; W. S. Ely, Cincinnati; H. B. Tenney, Tucson, Ariz.; W. H. Lutz, Los Angeles; E. O. Hull, Pasadena.

Mrs. H. A. Jerome, daughter of the late Judge Hastings of San Francisco, accompanied by her maid and Miss Marie Zane, is again at Coronado. After a few days at the hotel Mrs. Jerome will again occupy the Foster residence on the beach.

Dexwell Hewitt of San Francisco is a guest at the hotel.

Fred S. Hussey and bride are enjoying life at Coronado. Mr. Hussey is superintendent of provincial police at Victoria, B. C., and his wife is the daughter of the late Captain H. Berkley of her Majesty's Twenty-fourth Infantry. The wedding occurred in Los Angeles on the 12th inst. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

J. F. Moulton and Miss Moulton of San Francisco were recent visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Morehouse and son, El Paso, Tex., are staying here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Vreeland, children and maid, and Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Ferguson of New York City, who are touring California in their private car, were recently here.

Manager J. H. Holmes of the Hotel Greene, Pasadena, accompanied by Mrs. Holmes, Miss Angie Holmes and John Holmes, have been spending a few days at Hotel del Coronado.

Jay W. Adams was a recent San Francisco guest here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Nichols of Manitou, Colo., are guests here. Mr. Nichols is well known in connection with the Cliff House at Manitou.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fitzherbert West (formerly Miss Helen Sobieska Ball) are passing their honeymoon at the hotel.

W. A. Doyle of San Francisco registered here early in the week.

Vichy Springs.

Among the late arrivals at Vichy Springs are: Annis Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Pierre N. Boeringer and family, A. L. Boeringer, Laurence C. Boeringer, W. L. Cranford, D. Q. Troy, Fred Vaughan, W. Raubinger, J. Schweitzer, Mrs. F. M. Sponagle, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McIntire; Charles W. Sutro, W. M. Brown, P. S. Atwood, Miss Kate M. Gegus, San Francisco; Mrs. A. Kilgore, Watertown, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Ketcham, L. Barnard, Fort Bragg; J. W. Macauley, San Jose; Charles R. Herrin, Tiburon; Mr. and Mrs. William G. Tagan, Walnut Grove; Miss Elizabeth Davis, Miss Rachel M. Davis, Golden Gate.

THE PAST WEEK IN LOCAL SOCIETY

A Theater and Chute Party in Honor of Miss Fair.

Miss Cuneo Entertains Her Little Friends on Her Tenth Birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Krenz, Assisted by Their Friends, Celebrate Their Silver Wedding.

James D. Phelan gave a theater party on Monday evening complimentary to Miss Virginia Fair. After enjoying Miss Kathryn Kidder in "Madame Sans Gens," Mr. Phelan and his guests repaired to the Bohemian Club where supper was served in the red room. In the party were: Miss Fair, Mrs. Oelrichs, Miss Jennie Blair, Mrs. C. A. Spreckels, Walter Dean, A. M. Small, E. M. Greenway.

On Tuesday evening Miss Fair was the guest of honor at a chute party given by Milton S. Latham. A supper served at the University Club followed.

Miss Regina Cuneo entertained a number of her friends and classmates at her parents' home, 615 Bay street, on last Thursday afternoon, September 10, when she celebrated her fifteenth birthday. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in various amusements, after which a bounteous repast was partaken of by the little ones. Before their departure they were presented with a souvenir of the occasion.

A delightful surprise party was given to the Misses Eliner and Tessie Ryan on Admission day at their mother's residence, 2812 Nineteenth street. Among those who were present were: The Misses Eliner and Tessie Ryan, Miss May Kelly, Miss Annie Mulreany, Miss Georgia MacEnnis, Miss Nora Ryan, the Misses Allie and Lillie Meagher, Miss Lillie Peletier, the Misses Bessie and Agnes Fitzgerald, the Misses May and Gertie Green, Miss Mollie Smith, Miss Ethel Grazer, Miss Lillie Russac, Miss Mary Rowan, Miss May O'Hara, Miss Rosa Jorden, Miss Margaret Flynn, Miss Mabel Durkins, Miss Gertie Bryant, Miss Ella Gorden, Miss May Fitzgiven, Miss May Riorden, Miss Eliza Bowman, Miss Charlotte Hunter, Miss Loretto Ryan, Miss Annie Lawton, the Misses Mollie and Bessie Mulreany, the Misses Mary and May O'Keefe, Miss Maggie Dogherty, Miss M. Ryan, Miss E. Fitzgerald, Miss K. Mulreany and Mrs. Ryan.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Krenz celebrated their silver wedding on Sunday evening, September 13, at their residence, 1235 York street. Dancing, vocal and instrumental music made the hours pass all too quickly. At midnight festivities were interrupted and an elaborate supper was served. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Ness, E. Krenz, Mrs. F. Gaevart, H. Krenz, R. Krenz, Miss T. Meyer, E. Meyer, Captain and Mrs. Christiansen, M. Gorgoll, H. Gaevart, Miss D. Ness, Mr. and Mrs. J. Crudup, Captain and Mrs. Bowes, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rick, Mr. and Mrs. Barduhn, Mr. and Mrs. P. Strauss, Mr. and Mrs. X. Loranz, Mr. and Mrs. Jujel, Mr. and Mrs. Arntt, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Ness Jr., Miss J. Rick, Miss O. Berkner, Miss M. Loranz, Miss R. Loranz, Miss G. Borduhn, E. Sand, Mr. Reef, E. Bowes, R. Bowes, W. Barduhn, G. Barduhn, R. Gorgoll, P. Gorgoll.

The birthday of Mrs. Kate Hoskins was pleasantly celebrated on Saturday last at the lady's residence, 136 Oak street. Among those present were: Rev. E. Wallace Nevill and wife, George I. Drew and wife, Arthur Paddock and wife, D. N. Place and wife, D. A. Skeen and wife, Mrs. E. C. Griffin, Mrs. H. A. Griffin, Mrs. G. W. Skimer, Mrs. L. H. Champion, Mrs. E. B. Beel, Mrs. R. Parker, Mrs. M. Finlayson Drynan, Mrs. Elizabeth Sloper, Mrs. Maud Waltham, Mrs. Cleveland, Miss Meda Hoskins, Miss Mabel Griffin, Dr. Samuel H. Roberts, William T. Jones, John P. Bogardus, George Reed, George C. Sutherland, Frank McCann and many others.

On Monday evening, the 14th inst., an entertainment was given by Clarence Sutherland at Grand Central Hall. The programme consisted of the following numbers: Overture, Brockoff's string band; a short talk about Indians, H. Burgess; recitation, Miss Blanche Rivers; piano selections, Dr. Roberts; vocal duet, Miss Mabel Griffin and Mr. Reed; harmonica, guitar and mandolin specialties; vocal solo, Mrs. Shriner. A one-act farce, composed by Miss Lottie A. Dwyer, entitled "The Flanigans' Quarrel," made a decided hit, with Miss Dwyer as Mary Ann Flanigan and Clarence Sutherland as Barney Flanigan. The farce concluded with some original comic specialties. Character song, P. Brady; comic sketches and songs, Harry Burgess. The entertainment concluded with a one-act sketch entitled "The Haunted Room," with H. Burgess cast as the tenant, P. Brady as the teacher and C. Sutherland as the ghost.

A very enjoyable party was given by Miss M. Rasmussen September 12 at her residence, 1322 Rhode Island street. Music and dancing were among the features of the evening. Refreshments were served at midnight. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Worm, Mr. and Mrs. Beecroft, Mrs. Berrell, Miss Berrell, the Misses Ida and Lillie Brockowsky, Miss Lizzie Williams, the Misses Louise and Nellie Bergle, the Misses Ida and Lillie Daniels, Miss Alice Shereh, Misses Mary and Annie Stanward, Miss Jennie Johnson, Mrs. Walsh, Miss Hilda Rosenblad, Miss Gertie Summers, Miss Addie Rosenbruck, the Misses Birst, Miss Minnie Rasmussen, Miss M. Johnson, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Kimball, Fred Kimball, David Kimball, Charles Johnston, Fred Johnston, Frank Stanward, Will Bordorie, Martin Bordorie, Herman Brockowsky, Henry Craig, Mr. Swain, Mr. Urmland, Joe Breithaupt, Peter Herrgott, Richard Gogell, Ed Connors, Albert Rosenbrock, Alfred Henderson, Charles Berson, Victor Farrison, Joe Erickson, Mr. Johnson, Charles Rasmussen, Henry Rasmussen, Fred Rasmussen, Gus Rasmussen, Mr. Westerlund.

A domino surprise party was tendered Miss Mae H. Roberts at her residence on Baker street last Thursday evening, September 17. Among those present were: Misses Annie Armstrong, Dollie Wyants, Ellie Wright, Nellie Casey, Minnie Davis, Adele Smith, Maud Casey, Hettie Wood, Grace Adams, Kate Alexander, Francis Roberts, Bessie Cole, Ada Kelly, May Wheeler, Rita Young, Mabel Thomas, Margaret Bertin, Eva Stanley, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Clarkson, George Young, Leo Brooks, James Hill, George Wright, Edward Cole, Charles Adams, Robert Smith, Russell Little, Will Sanderson, Mr. Clarkson, F. Howard, Henry Philips, W. Pratt, J. A. Tobin, Charles Wyants, Arthur Cole, W. Alexander, R. McDonald, Burt Wilson, George Lewis, John Roberts, Mr. Sawyer and R. Bertin.

Thursday evening, September 17, a very enjoyable birthday party was given by Mrs. Jennie Griffin, 412 Jones street, to Axel Miller, who has just completed his nineteenth year. The house was beautifully decorated with evergreens and La France roses. Music and dancing were the features of the evening. At 12 o'clock they adjourned to the dining-room, where an elegant banquet was spread.

The guests present were Mrs. Jennie Griffin, Mrs. S. Golden, Mr. and Mrs. Holtz, Miss Jennie Kidd, Miss Mazie Golden, Miss Mabel Norton, Miss Celia Wolff, Miss Jessie Roderhouse, Axel Miller, Joe Griffin, George Griffin, Louis Alborelli, William Ruddick, Emil Merz, Charles Jenkins, Joe Lapham, J. A. Simmi, William Klotz, Robert Carson.

Bay City Lodge No. 71, I. O. O. F. entertained the Veteran Odd Fellows, California Rebekah Degree Lodge and Loyal Rebekah Degree Lodge on Tuesday evening, the 15th inst.

After the visitors were appropriately welcomed by the noble grand, William Roth, the following programme was given: Lute solo, by Professor S. Adelstein; the Knickerbocker Quartet, Messrs. Lawrence, Elliot, Crane and Larson, sang several selections; vocal solo, Mrs. E. Magner; harmonica solo, Past Grand William Cline; zither solo, by the Regensburger brothers; tenor solo, by D. M. Lawrence of the Knickerbocker Quartet, and piano solo, by Professor Martin Shultz.

Speeches were made by the following: the president of the Veteran Odd Fellows; the noble grand of California Rebekah Lodge and vice-grand of Loyal Rebekah Lodge; also by Grand Secretary Shaw, Past Grand M. P. Wolf of Bay City Lodge, Past Grand Master Simpson, Mrs. Peterson, district deputy of the Rebekahs; Past Grand Linforth, and others.

During the intermission refreshments were served.

Hotel de Redwood.

The latest arrivals at the Hotel de Redwood are: Mr. and Mrs. Franklin A. Smith, H. A. Redfield, Miss Mamie O'Neil, Miss Kate O'Neil, Miss Jessie McKee, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Clark, E. Noble, Mrs. Helen M. Jones, Mrs. Walter Ehrenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Allison C. Niles.

The artist, Allison C. Niles, and bride (nee Morrison), are passing their honeymoon at Hotel de Redwood.

CLUB PARTIES AND RECEPTIONS

Fashionable Organizations Prepare to Open the Season.

The Western Addition Literary and Social Club Entertains.

Candy Sale and Musicale for the Benefit of the Maria Kip Orphanage.

The regular monthly meeting of the Western Addition Literary and Social Club drew a large and fashionable audience to Native Sons' Hall on Wednesday evening. The following excellent programme was presented:

Overture, orchestra; recitation, selected, Miss Etta Butler; tenor solo, "Keep Thy Heart for Me" (Balfe), William M. Ogilvie; violin solo, selected, Miss Ethel Jones; vocal selections, F Company, Hawaiian sextet. Comedy: "A Dramatic Evening," by John Kendrick Bangs—Thaddeus Perkins (a victim), Alfred A. Burlini; Edward Bradley (a friend in disguise), Joseph A. Fogarty; Robert Yardsley (an amiable villain), Arthur W. Jones; John Barlow (the amiable villain's assistant), William Wallace; Mrs. Thaddeus Perkins (a martyr), Miss Mabel Haseltine; Mrs. Edward Bradley (a woman of executive ability), Miss E. Butler; Joseph (the Butler), George B. Crandall.

Dancing concluded the evening's entertainment.

The Ferndale Club held a very pleasant reception on Tuesday evening, September 8, at Manerbaum Hall. The evening was passed in dancing and games until midnight, when the guests repaired to the banquet hall, where they partook of a bountiful repast. After supper games and dancing were resumed until an early hour. The guests present were: Miss Marie Hanavan, Miss Madge Hanavan, Miss Fanny Bulman, Miss Julia Kennefick, Miss Marguerite Michel, Miss Maggie Ryan, Miss Annie Wachter, Miss Belle Boutes, Miss Susie O'Donnell, Miss E. Walters, Miss Lottie Lawrence, Miss Alice Rodgers, Miss May Rodgers, Miss Hattie McMenomy, Miss Gussie Lavenere, and many others.

Mrs. Evan J. Coleman, 1450 Sacramento street, has most generously tendered the use of her home on Saturday, October 10, between the hours of 2 and 6 and 8 and 11 P. M., for a candy sale and musicale for the benefit of the building fund of the Maria Kip Orphanage.

The Loring Club has issued invitations for the first concert of the twentieth season to be held on Tuesday evening, September 22, at Odd Fellows' Hall.

Alta Parlor No. 3, N. D. G. W., will give an entertainment and dance in the banquet-hall of the Native Sons' building, Thursday evening, October 22.

The next musicale of the Arion Verein will take place Saturday evening, September 26. The club will be assisted by Miss Neubert and the Ensemble Quartet.

The Theatrical Employes' Union will give their first annual outing at Germania Gardens and Presidio Athletic Grounds Sunday, October 4.

The baseball game between the Tivoli Opera-house and Orpheum Theater clubs, Ferris Hartman as umpire, will be called at 10:30 A. M. Afternoon game, Morning Calls vs. Examiners, will be called at 2 P. M. Dancing and games at Germania Gardens from 1 to 6 P. M. Music by Blum's band. Valuable gate prizes will be distributed.

Borromean Council No. 129, Young Men's Institute, will give an entertainment and social in Mission Parlor Hall, on Seventeenth street, on Friday evening, October 23.

Court Occidental No. 6676, Ancient Order of Foresters, held their annual reunion at A. O. F. Hall on Thursday evening. Music and dancing made the evening pass pleasantly.

James A. Garfield Relief Corps No. 21 entertained its friends at a "campfire" at Social Hall on Tuesday evening. A large number of guests enjoyed the hospitality of the corps.

WHIST

"Change Your Suit."

A DEVELOPMENT OF THE CALL FOR TRUMPS, AS PROPOSED BY MAJOR-GENERAL A. W. DRAYSON—CONCLUDED.

Having considered the advantages of this system, I will now refer to its probable disadvantages. I will suppose that my partner has advanced so far as to speak of the present conventional "signal" as "Change your suit to trumps." He sees me play this "signal," and he holds the losing trump, the better trump being in the adversary's hand. Is my partner, if a reasonable player, likely to conclude that I wish him to lead his losing trump, or will he consider that my signal means "Change your suit"?

Again, supposing the two remaining trumps are held, one by my partner, the other by me, and I ask him to change his suit. Is he likely to think I wish him to draw my trump? or will he accept my intimation that he is to change to another suit? Mistakes might happen by such means, but I do not think they are likely—at least with an intelligent player, when the "ask for trumps" has been altered to "Change your suit" (to trumps).

Thus at the early stage of the play of a hand I suggest that the playing an unnecessarily high card means "Change your suit to trumps." When, however, the trumps have all been played, or when only one or two remain in, and when the play of an unnecessarily high card cannot mean "lead a trump," then the play of an unnecessarily high card means "Change your suit."

I feel convinced that if two players acquainted with this system played with equal cards against two others unacquainted with it, there would be a considerable percentage in favor of the former over the latter. This is not the introduction of a new conventional signal, but merely increasing the powers of one at present in use, and which is now rather cramped and arbitrary in its meaning. When whist players become accustomed to say, "You asked me to change my suit to trumps," instead of saying "You signaled for trumps" I think the system will be found practically useful. A player now might say: "You signaled for trumps when they were all out. What was I to understand by that?" If he said, "You asked me to change my suit to trumps when they were all out," he would not be likely to ask what to understand by that, for trumps being out of the question must be considered out of the demand, and "Change your suit" can alone be the meaning of the play of the unnecessarily high card.

When winning trumps are led by your partner, the present conventional system of intimating that you hold four in the suit, by playing the lowest but one, followed by the lowest, would still be followed without any chance of confusion. The play of the unnecessarily high trump would—if we kept to the letter of the principle—mean change your suit to trumps, as the first meaning; as, however, trumps were being led, the play of the unnecessarily high card in trumps could only mean that the player held four trumps at least.

When a player is leading winning cards and his partner indicates that he wishes the suit changed, and when all the trumps are out, the player would at once use his judgment as to whether he should continue his suit or change it. If the player held enough winning cards in the suit to win the game out of his own hand of course to change would not be desirable, so that a responsibility rests on the player asking for a change of suit as great as now rests on the player "asking for trumps." This responsibility, however, does not diminish the value of the signal to "change your suit" when trumps are out.

When a player holds two other suits besides that which he is leading, and trumps being out, the signal to change suit may leave him in doubt as to which of the other two suits to lead. A careful and observant player, however, is not likely to make an error, and his partner's signal means "change the suit," as anything is better than continuing as you are playing.

ECHOES FROM GREAT WHIST EXPERTS.

The following deal at whist was played in the Trist Club rooms last Tuesday night:

DEAL NO. 2.

From Fisher Ames, author of "A Practical Guide to Whist."

North: ♠—J, 6, 4 ♡—9, 8, 7, 6, 3, 2 ♣—A ◇—10, 8, 2

West: ♠—10, 8 ♡—A, K ♣—K, Q, J, 9, 4, 2 ◇—K, 6, 5

East: ♠—K, 7, 3 ♡—Q, 4 ♣—10, 7, 5, 3 ◇—A, J, 7, 4

South: ♠—A, Q, 9, 5, 2 ♡—J, 10, 5 ♣—8, 6 ◇—Q, 9, 3

10 spades trump in West's hand. North to lead. The winning card is underscored.

TRICKS.	NORTH.	EAST.	SOUTH.	WEST.
1	6♡	4♡	10♡	K♡
2	A♣	5♣	8♣	J♣
3	3♡	Q♡	J♡	A♡
4	4♠	7♣	6♣	Q♣
5	J♠	K♠	A♠	8♠
6	6♠	3♠	Q♠	10♠
7	2◇	7♠	9♠	2♣
8	7◇	4◇	5♡	4♣
9	9♡	7◇	3◇	9♣
10	8♡	10♣	9◇	5◇
11	2♡	3♣	Q◇	K♣
12	10◇	J◇	2♠	6◇
13	8◇	A◇	5♠	K◇

Score: North and South 11, East and West 2.

Fisher Ames' comments on the play:

This hand is one in which the long suit system of leading the fourth best gains tricks. The short suit or "Howell Game" would lead the 9 of hearts as the "top of nothing," and his partner would have no clew to unblocking. North would be unable to bring in his last three hearts and East and West would make three diamonds.

Trick 2—South begins a trump call.

Trick 3—South can count North's hearts and unblocks by throwing the jack.

Trick 5—East's cover is perhaps questionable, but it makes no difference. It is, however, sometimes well to cover to promote medium cards in partner's hand. Thus, if West had had another guard to his ten spades it would be the master card on third round. By his unblocking play South can put his partner in in hearts and enable him to bring in his suit.

Vallejo Gets the Rideout Trophy.

A little over a year ago a few whist enthusiasts of Vallejo got their heads together and formed a whist and chess club, and to-day they are the happy possessors of the Rideout Trophy, which represents the championship of the Pacific Coast Whist Association. Captain F. J. Walters and second vice-president of the club paid the whist editor of THE CALL a visit on Saturday morning last. He told us they came down to take back the trophy, and nothing would stop them this time. He spoke by the card and the Vallejo boys went back home crowned with success and carried with them the beautiful trophy of solid silver valued at $250 presented to the association by N. D. Rideout, ex-president of the San Francisco Whist Club.

The contest took place in the rooms of the San Francisco Whist Club. The teams were made up of the following gentlemen: The San Francisco Club team—Mr. Hotaling, Blayden, Halton and Abraham. The Vallejo—F. J. Walter captain, F. H. Brew