SECRET SESSIONS ONLY IN NAME

A Moral That Politicians Are Slow to Recognize and Act Upon.

Incorporations and Annexations Prove the Growth of the County.

J. C. Martin Still Unable to Gratify the Earnest Wish of His Many Friends.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Feb. 7.

There is great desire among the people of this city who are interested in politics to see the secret system of conducting party and non-party politics abandoned. The only secret thing desired is the ballot. Four years ago there was an agitation against secret sessions of the Board of Education. The School Directors got into a habit of meeting and adjourning into "executive session," though everybody thought that every session was an executive one, and nearly every one of such meetings was followed by some wild revelations. The explanation was given that some of the teachers' characters were under discussion, but it was soon learned that the awarding of large contracts for school furniture was really the cause, and since that time secret meetings have not been held.

With modern newspaper methods there is no such thing as a "secret" meeting of any political body. No matter what precautions are thrown around the proceedings a report of them can always be found in next morning's papers, though the moral of this does not seem to have yet borne much fruit. But whatever excuse may be offered for the secret meetings of city central committees, there will certainly be none offered for a secret convention such as that held by the Municipal League last week. As a matter of fact, there was nothing said or done at the secret convention that needed protection from the public, but the closed doors invited suspicion and the public accepted the invitation. It was perfectly safe in indorsing the greater portion of the Republican ticket, but there is certainly no hope for the candidates whom it nominated and who have no other support. The league is not the power it was four years ago when Dr. Pardee was its controlling spirit and its present attempt to split the regular Republican ticket will not be successful.

Nothing shows the growth of Alameda county more than the incorporation of new towns. Not long ago Pleasanton reincorporated as a city of an advanced class; Livermore will soon do the same thing, and still more recently the town of Emeryville has been created. Now comes another town for municipal honors and Elmhurst is considering the policy of having a local government.

A few years ago there was not a house in Elmhurst, indeed there was no such place. The electric road opened, a church was built, a public school district was formed, houses arose like mushrooms and soon there was a town much larger than Oakland was when she incorporated in the time when Horace Carpenter was struggling for his daily bread.

In this same connection is the growing desire to make Oakland a city ahead of Los Angeles. There is no reason why all the outlying territory should still be without street lights, sidewalks and protection. The advantages that will accrue from being part of the city will soon increase the value of property to such an extent that the additional proportion of taxation would not be felt. All the country between Oakland and Berkeley is settled, and it would be impossible for the different districts to form separate incorporations, as the cost of town officers would be too heavy. Yet they cannot remain stagnant or property will continue to be of no more value than if it were located in Palomares Canyon.

The only relief is annexation and now that the large property-owners have taken the matter in hand there is little doubt but that it will be annexed. The electric roads run directly through the districts from the heart of Oakland and residents would rather live on the outskirts of a town than in the center, if accorded the same police protection and conveniences. As carfare is the same for three miles as one, it would naturally seem as if annexation would speedily be followed by the rapid settling of the whole territory.

For over a year J. C. Martin has been removed from the public eye, and probably there are not ten men about whom more inquiry would be made were they also to drop out of sight. It is not the will of Mrs. Martin that he should be thus confined to seclusion, but a complicated malady holds him its unwilling prisoner. That he was so popular is the best criterion by which to judge of his character, for he held a position which is not popular with many elements of society. His was the controlling legal mind of the Southern Pacific in this district. Upon his shoulders, more than upon any other one man, was placed the onus of protecting the interests of the railroad company in the courts. But, although he was often pictured before the people in certain quarters as "a man who was paid to try to legally keep a collar around their necks," that same public always respected J. C. Martin. Now that he has been sick for over a year, there is not a person in Oakland who would not gladly welcome his kindly face and willingly-given hand on Broadway.

It has often been said, and with some truth, that J. C. Martin's sickness is more the result of a broken heart than an infirmity of the body. More than a year ago the partner of his life was taken from him. His noble wife had made a chapter of history that will ever brighten the pages of local annals of the kind and good, and their home was to them both their altar, at which they worshiped in perfect accord every hour of their long married life. Since that home was temporarily rent asunder the kindly attorney has not been the same man.

STUART M. BOOTH.

YOUNG FOLKS' FARCES.

Colonel Irish's Daughter as an Amateur Theatrical Stage Manager.

OAKLAND, CAL., Feb. 7.—The young people of the First Unitarian Church will present a couple of clever farces next Friday evening in the parlors of the church.

Miss Frances Irish, the clever daughter of Colonel John P. Irish, has the affair in charge. John Kendrick Bang's "The Fatal Message," which deals with the trials of an amateur theatrical company, and William Dean Howells' farce, "The Garroters," are the two plays selected.

Miss Irish has colored several gorgeous posters which will herald the performance of the clever young players.

The casts for the two farces are as follows:

"The Fatal Message"—Thaddeus Perkins (in charge of the curtain), Frank Hus; Mrs. Thaddeus Perkins (cast for Lady Ellen), Mis Frances Irish; Edward Bradley (an understudy), Francis A. Fletcher; Mrs. Edward Bradley (cast for Lady Amaranth), Miss Lucy H. Fletcher; Robert Yardley (stage manager), George Marsily; Jack Barlow (cast for Fenderson Featherhead), John P. Irish Jr.; Miss Andrews (cast for the maid), Miss Clara Funda; Chester Henderson (an absentee); Jennie (a professional waitress), Mrs. George Meredith.

The Garroters—Edward Roberts (a victim), Frank Hus; Mrs. Edward Roberts (an excitable person), Miss Frances Irish; Mrs. Crashaw (Mrs. Roberts' aunt), Miss Lucy H. Fletcher; Willis Campbell (Mrs. Roberts' brother), John P. Irish Jr.; Mr. Bemis (another victim), George Maisily; Dr. Lawton (our mutual friend), George Meredith; Bella (the maid), Miss Clara Funda.

During the evening music will be furnished by an orchestra composed of Miss Henrietta Hus, Miss Marguerite Hus, Frank Hus and Henri Hus.

WERE STRUCK BY A TRAIN

Narrow Escape of H Crowe and Mrs. M Molk on the Alameda Marsh.

Their Carriage Was Demolished and Its Occupants Were Badly Shaken Up

ALAMEDA, CAL., Feb. 7.—The 4:30-o'clock broad-gauge local from the pier, drawn by engine 1221, struck and demolished a carriage on the crossing in the marsh, just north of Mastick station, this afternoon. The carriage was the property of Martin & Crome, and was being driven by Herbert Crome of 2506 Eagle avenue, junior member of that firm.

Mr. Crome was returning from San Francisco where he had taken Mrs. Margaretta Molk and Mrs. Annie Toll, a daughter, to the burial of their son and brother, John Molk. They crossed the bay on the 4-o'clock creek boat and had driven up Webster street and taken the marsh road into the city. The track is clear of all obstructions from the Alice-street bridge to this point, and it is impossible to understand how such an accident could have occurred.

Mr. Crome was thrown from his seat and his head was badly injured. He was attended by Dr. Reynolds, who dressed his wounds and said he would recover in time. The ladies were badly shaken up and suffered a nervous shock which will confine them both to their beds for some time to come.

The carriage is lying in the marsh alongside the road, broken beyond repairs. The train stopped, and taking the injured aboard brought them to Park street, from whence they were taken to their homes.

"Old Red School House."

ALAMEDA, CAL., Feb. 7.—The "Old Red Schoolhouse on the Corner," an adaptation of the "District School," will be produced by the Young Men's Club of the First Presbyterian Church Tuesday evening of this week in Linderman's Opera-house. Mrs. V. Hand is in charge of the affair, and is being assisted by Messrs. Ed Tabor, E. K. Howe Jr., Henry Strachn and Hugo Lorber. Miss Deborah Kittery will represent the old fashioned school ma'am.

Those who will take part in the school are:

Mesdames J. J. Boyle, Poyzer, Fox, H. R. Taylor, Starkweather; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pollard, Mr. and Mrs. L. McGlauflin, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Bordwell, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Corteiyou, Mr. and Mrs. Sykes; Misses Constance Pollard, Ethel Downs, Ada Renner, Amy Hunt, Onida Getty, Alice Hand, Mae Sutherland, Belle Garrette, Bell Shepherd, Alice McCurdy; Messrs. E. K. Howe Jr., George Hand, Will Barber, Ed Tabor, Benjamin Donham, A. J. Smiley, Ed Thornton, Perley Glissman, Roscoe Downs, Bert Burrell, Hugo Lorber, William Ramsey, Jessie Ives, A. L. Behneman, Frank Foley, Dr. Walter Hughes.

VICE-PRESIDENT CAMPBELL OF THE ECONOMIC LEAGUE.

OAKLAND, CAL., Feb. 6.—The Ladies' Economic League of Oakland has been reorganized with a large membership. The league is conducted on lines similar to that of the Ebell Society, without the latter's social features. Mrs. Lydia A. Prescott has been elected secretary, Mrs. Campbell of West Oakland vice-president and Mrs. Kellogg secretary.

The league meets once a week to discuss questions of economics and to hear papers from prominent persons who may be traveling in this part of the country. Last season it had a membership of about 100 and it is probable that that number will be exceeded in the present course.

ALAMEDA COUNTY NEWS.

DID NOT MAKE HIS EXPLANATION

Dr. Ellis Thinks His Church Is in an Inconvenient Situation.

The Young Ladies Now Object to the "Marry or Move" Society.

The Congregation Will Pass Upon the Unpleasant Business Next Wednesday Night.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Feb. 7.

Rev. J. W. Ellis of the Centennial Presbyterian Church was prepared to make a statement at this morning's service of his side of the matter that has split the congregation, but owing to the rain the attendance was so small that he refrained.

The pastor would have said that he has no desire to stay in a church where he is not wanted, but that he proposes that everything shall be done decently and in order.

"Somehow or other," said the pastor today, "Centennial Church is in an awkward position. There is the Elmhurst Presbyterians on one side and the Brooklyn Presbyterian Church on the other and we are sandwiched in between, with both sides pulling away from us. Next Wednesday evening there is to be a general meeting of the congregation and the whole matter will be decided."

The dissatisfaction between the two elements in the church is not confined to the older members, but prevails as bitterly among the younger people. Several of the young ladies have expressed some very strong opinions about their society which created much interest some months ago. The society was called the "M. M." Society, and it was given out that the letters meant "marry or move," and that if by a certain time the members did not marry they must move out of the neighborhood. Whether this was the idea or not, it was generally believed to be the case, and the young ladies declare that the pastor caused them to obtain much unpleasant notoriety.

On the other hand, the friends of the pastor declare that he is no way responsible for any unpleasantness among the young folks and that he only helped along a practical movement for mutual culture and progress.

Rev. Dr. Coyle recently stated that the trouble appeared to be between money on one side and members on the other and that it seemed to be an effort to prevent Dr. Ellis exercising that discipline which is essential to church government.

Rev. J. W. Ellis, Pastor-Elect of the Centennial Presbyterian Church.

RETREAT OF SECTARIANISM

Rev. E. Davis Leans Toward the Views Advanced by President Jordan.

OAKLAND, CAL., Feb. 7.—Rev. Edwards Davis, who is one of the union of pastors who invited Dr. Munhall to Oakland, somewhat surprised his congregation tonight with the following section of his sermon, which was entitled "The Advance of Modern Thought and the Retreat of Sectarianism":

Human development depends on conflict, not peace. Charge in beliefs should be no more appalling than death that leads to life. Confidence in the ultimate triumph of truth should make the Christian fear no foe of Christianity. Skepticism proves nothing; infidelity is merely the negation of a thing affirmed, to be confirmed; speculative philosophy, if erroneous, will only enhance the worth of faith, to which the wandering mind will eventually return, and the hypothesis of science, if wrong, will demonstrate its falsity, while the true revelations of the mind of man will only reveal reality. And I would rather know the truth that all were false than think that all were true and have a faith in falsity.

As religionists we should be sufficiently scientific to prove all things, lest we hold fast to those things which are not good. If higher criticism can reveal textual error in what was supposed to be Holy Writ, if the text be true it is no less holy writ because it was written by unholy hands; if the miracles be false, then as allegorical teachings their principles are no less true; if Christ was not raised from the tomb Christianity has risen from nothing and its existence is a miracle. If the masses lose faith in human creeds they will find faith in something, and that, whatever it may be, is the divine creed. If the universe implies the existence of a Creator, one of His attributes is necessarily omnisicence, and hence truth will ultimately triumph.

Science is not only incidental, but absolutely essential to theology, for it is the classification of truths. But science and theology have both been in error, but both by an elimination of the spurious are being brought into completeness.

Aristarchus contended in vain with his contemporaries in astronomy nineteen centuries before Galileo demonstrated the falsity of the belief that the sun revolved around the earth. Science first believed the false, then theology would not believe the true. The land-lubbering scientist believed the earth was flat, but the sailors saw the convexity of the seas. The physical scientist has advanced a presumable truth and the theologian has refused the offering. Science retaliates with a just criticism of theology's excess of sentiment at the expense of reason. Theology retorts and science parries. More personally, if Dr. Jordan be so flagrantly wrong why does his mistake need correction? Revivalist, if not hit, do not dodge; theologian, if he be right in his assertion that the revival is a phase of intoxication, then, believer in an unbelievable creed, throw your articles to the winds or, standing on the shifting sands of sentiment, wail over a lost faith. Prove all things, and hold not fast to things that are not good.

WASHINGTON'S PARADE.

To Be the Best Appointed Pageant Ever Witnessed in Alameda County.

OAKLAND, CAL., Feb. 7.—The following circular has been sent all over Alameda County and San Francisco:

We take pleasure in calling your attention to the forthcoming celebration of Washington's birthday.

The committee in whose hands depends largely the degree of success to be attained in the coming parade fully recognize the fact that they are merely carrying out, in detail, the spirit of all our patriotic and progressive citizens.

We feel that whatever benefit is to be derived from such manifestations of devotion to our departed hero will accrue to the general welfare of the community.

To insure the unqualified success of this undertaking we must have the hearty financial support and co-operation of all merchants and business men who feel that all legitimate efforts to advance the interests of our beautiful city should receive the united support of all.

We have received such encouraging reports of co-operation from San Francisco and Alameda County that we feel able, even at this early date, to guarantee the largest and best appointed parade of this character ever held in Oakland.

We will endeavor to exercise as strict a degree of economy as possible, and have provided a simple method for the collection of subscriptions, which assures all moneys being faithfully accounted for.

We desire all subscriptions paid on or before February 15, as we positively will not incur 1 cent of obligation in excess of our cash on hand.

Believing that you will meet this appeal in the same spirit in which it is sent, we now refer you to our solicitor, who will call at an early date. Respectfully yours, C. H. Miller, chairman; D. H. Ford, treasurer; H. Rief, secretary.

Bishop Nichols at St. Andrew's.

OAKLAND, CAL., Feb. 7.—This evening Bishop Nichols of this parish made his annual visit to St. Andrew's Parish. A class of candidates have been receiving instructions from the rector for several weeks past, and at this service they received the apostolic rite of confirmation. The Bishop, who is a forcible speaker, preached the sermon and addressed the candidates. Since the last visit of the Bishop valuable improvements have been made in the church, especially by the addition of costly stained-glass windows to the end and sides of the chancel. The organ debt has been considerably reduced, and also the floating indebtedness, notwithstanding the hard times. It has also been decided to have a vested choir of mixed voices, under the leadership of G. Hall and Miss Maxwell, organist. The vestments for the young ladies are now being made, and in a short time the vested choir will take its place in the church service.

One Wife Too Many.

OAKLAND, CAL., Feb. 6.—Mary Gifford, the Alameda wife of William B. Gay, filed an action yesterday to annul the marriage entered into last September. Gay, who is in jail, says the suit is taken to help him. "I know that the lady in Alameda will do nothing to hurt my case, and I only want to get out of this scrape so that I may legally marry her," said the prisoner this morning. "She is sticking to me through friendship, and the woman from Colorado is sticking to me because of the fiend which is in her. I talked with Miss Gafford about the proceedings before they were brought, and know that it will not hurt my defense."

A. C. MARKS

Cyclists Active for Bills.

OAKLAND, CAL., Feb. 7.—The California Associated Cycling Clubs met last evening in the Acme clubrooms and passed resolutions to be forwarded to the Legislature asking that the bills introduced by the State Bureau of Highways be pushed forward and passed this session.

To Debate With the Y. M. C. A.

BERKELEY, CAL., Feb. 7.—The Students' Congress has accepted an invitation from the Young Men's Christian Association Debating Society of San Francisco to meet it in joint debate at an early date. E. H. Rubottom, the speaker of the congress will appoint a committee to make arrangements for the debate within the next few days.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

TO REVIVE AN OLD CUSTOM

How the Boys' Brigade Will Celebrate Washington's Birthday.

They Will Have a Flag-Raising at the Eighth-Avenue Methodist Church.

If Any One Objects the Pastor Will Have It Raised Over His Own Residence.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Feb. 7.

It has been decided to have a genuine "flag-raising" at the Eighth-avenue Methodist Church on the afternoon of Washington's birthday. The affair will be in charge of Company D, First Regiment Boys' Brigade, and it is said to be the first affair of its kind on a Protestant church in California.

Already committees have been appointed and arrangements for this novel exhibition are going forward. The entire regiment will be invited as well as companies in San Francisco and surrounding towns.

The programme as outlined by the committee, will consist of speeches by some of the prominent clergy of Oakland, vocal solos, cornet solos, and the glee club will also be features. The last number will be the honoring of "Old Glory."

It has been arranged as the flag is being slowly raised, Sergeant Kempkey will play "The Star Spangled Banner," and as the flag touches the top, a salute will be fired by a picked squad. Captain H. P. Hobson and Lieutenant Manly D. Bird will be in charge.

Dr. Carroll, pastor of the Eighth-avenue Methodist Church, referring to the matter to-night said:

"During the war certain Protestant churches erected flagpoles and displayed 'Old Glory' from them, and I see no reason why we shouldn't do the same. The matter will be brought before the official board this week to decide whether the pole shall be placed on the church building or on the ground."

The doctor said that in case of opposition the company could erect the pole on his house.

Last Friday evening, February 5, Company D, of the Eighth-avenue M. E. Church, entertained Company F, of the Howard-street M. E. Church, in San Francisco. When the large company from San Francisco had filed into D's armory the armory was filled to overflowing.

The companies lined up, facing each other, and after a short address of welcome by Captain L. N. Cobbledick, Dr. Carroll and Dr. Gibson of San Francisco made short addresses. After a short programme there followed two tugs-of-war, which resulted in Company D winning each by a small margin.

The officers of the two companies then tried their hands at it and this time, after a hard pull of five minutes, it was decided a tie.

The officers of Company F were Captain Pringle, Lieutenant H. Diamond and Major Barney, and the officers of Company D were Captain L. N. Cobbledick, Lieutenant M. D. Bird and Lieutenant O. G. Heaton.

The friends of the boys and the companies then repaired to the banquet-rooms and were served with pork and beans, coffee, brown bread and hardtack.

The following officers were present:

Captain Pringle, Lieutenant H. Dimond, Major Barney, President C. J. Smith, Dr. W. F. Gibson, Lieutenant Woodbury, Dr. S. J. Carroll and wife, Lieutenant O. G. Heaton and wife, Captain H. F. Hobson and wife, Captain L. N. Cobbledick, Lieutenant M. D. Bird.

PREPARING FOR DEBATE.

Berkeley Orators Reading Up On French Education.

They Will Not Know Until the Night of Meeting Which Side They Will Support.

BERKELEY, CAL., Feb. 7.—The three embryo orators who will uphold the blue and gold in the contest with Stanford for the Carnot medal next Friday evening at Palo Alto are whetting their wits, replenishing their vocabularies, burnishing their logic and rounding out their arguments in preparation for their battle of words. These three men are Harry Overstreet, '98, a student in the college of letters; Charles E. Fryer, '99, who is taking a course in the social sciences, and A. C. Marks of the law college in San Francisco. The question which they will discuss is whether the present centralized system of education in France is conducive to the best interests of that Republic.

H. A. OVERSTREET

A feature of the contest will be that the speakers who are to participate—three from Berkeley and three from Stanford—will not know until a few hours before they mount the platform what side of the case they are to speak on. The sides which the young collegians are to uphold are assigned by lot, so that it is possible to have both Palo Alto men and Berkeley speakers talking on the same aspect of the subject.

Much interest is manifested in the outcome of the contest, as the medal went to Berkeley last year, as did also the honors of the intercollegiate. Though Stanford defeated Berkeley on the gridiron in the last meet the wearers of the blue and gold hold the honors of logomachy.

The three speakers from Berkeley have had more or less forensic experience. Overstreet, while in the High School, won much honor as a debater; Fryer was a substitute in the last Carnot, having worked his way through the preliminaries and finals, and Marks has gained a reputation as a rising orator.

Each year the contest alternates. Last year it was held in Berkeley, while this season it will take place at Palo Alto. An excursion of Berkeley students will be run down on the afternoon of the debate.

Death of Mrs. Hyde.

BERKELEY, CAL., Feb. 6.—Mrs. Mary Hyde, mother of Mrs. Florence H. Chick of Durant avenue, died this morning at the residence of her daughter. Mrs. Hyde was in her seventy-sixth year, a native of Ohio and had recently come to Berkeley from Seattle. She came to the Pacific Coast in the days of the gold fever. The funeral services will take place from the family residence next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Laid to Rest.

BERKELEY, CAL., Feb. 7.—The funeral of M. G. Upton took place to-day from the family residence on Durant avenue. It was strictly private, only the members of the family being present. Rev. George E. Swan of St. Mark's Episcopal Church officiated. The remains were interred in Mountain View Cemetery.

Ambitious Red Men.

OAKLAND, CAL., Feb. 7.—The Red Men of Elmhurst are about to form among the members an association, the object of which will be to erect a handsome business block and hall. Dudley Kinsell, who is the attorney of the association, is drawing up the articles of incorporation. The building is to cost $4000 and $2000 of the amount is already subscribed. The Red Men number about seventy members in this vicinity and is the banner fraternal organization of Elmhurst.

INFANTRY REGULATIONS.

Those Prepared by General Ruger Have to Be Still Further Revised.

What the Proposed Reorganization of the United States Army Means.

Big Gun Test To-Day.

If the weather is fine to-day the test of the big ten-inch guns, which had been announced for last Wednesday, will take place, commencing at about 10 o'clock in the forenoon and continuing until about 3 in the afternoon.

First Lieutenant Louis P. Brant is to be promoted to a captaincy, vice Captain Barry, promoted to major in the adjutant-general's department. Lieutenant Brant entered the military academy from Ohio, July 1, 1869. He became second lieutenant of the Twenty-first Infantry June 13, 1873, was transferred with the same rank to the First Infantry August 7, 1879, and was promoted first lieutenant of the first infantry February 20, 1884.

First Lieutenant Robert H. Noble, First Infantry, was relieved from duty at the Benicia barracks last week and reported to the regimental commander at the Presidio for temporary duty and with a view to his appointment as regimental adjutant.

First Lieutenant Richard E. Lacey, First Infantry, was detailed as judge advocate of the general court-martial, vice Lieutenant Noble, relieved.

Colonel Moore has entered upon the discharge of his duties as chief quartermaster and depot quartermaster at San Francisco. On last Tuesday he visited Fort Mason and Angel Island.

Major E. S. Godfrey of the Seventh Cavalry is visiting this City and is at the Occidental.

A very elaborate schedule of athletic sports for the men at the posts is being prepared and from this a selection will be made each month. The next field day is announced for Friday, the 19th inst., at the Presidio.

For some time the officers of the Department of California have been expecting the new infantry drill regulations, but it appears that they are not yet ready to be sent to the printer. A Washington paper says word has been received at the War Department that General Ruger has decided that it is advisable to further revise some details of the battle, or open-order, formations. The communication from Governor's Island stated that all other parts of the revision were ready for the printer, and that these could be sent to the War Department at once. General Ruger asked to be informed whether he should forward to Washington such parts of the regulations as were completed. Just what details of the open-order formations General Ruger wishes to go over are not known at the War Department. Nor is the department advised as to how long it will be before this work is completed. Secretary Lamont has informed General Ruger that as it is his purpose to submit the infantry drill regulations to the commanding general of the army when they are received here, and as it is preferable, all things considered, that the entire system rather than sections of it should be laid before General Miles, it is desirable that the revision in a complete state be forwarded here as soon as possible.

Therefore, officers must be prepared for further delay. It is learned that General Ruger is anxious that the revised regulations should reach the War Department at an early date, and that he is giving zealous attention to his important labor with this end in view. But the general does not intend to neglect thoroughness. The labor before him is difficult and serious, and he is performing it with his accustomed regard for completeness and accuracy as to details. It now seems impossible to predict with any certainty how soon the regulations will be turned over to the Public Printer. Probably within thirty days thereafter they will be ready for issue to the service.

CHARLES E. FRYER.

The report on the bill to reorganize the line of the army has been submitted to the House at Washington. The following shows the proposed reorganization and the effect upon the annual expense:

For commissioned officers—Increase—Cavalry—No change. Artillery—2 colonels at $4500, $9000; 2 lieutenant colonels at $4000, $8000; 6 majors at $3500, $21,000; 4 captains at $2800, $11,200; 11 captains at $2500, $50,400; 19 second lieutenants at $1400, 26,600; total artillery, $126,200. Infantry—50 majors at $3500, $175,000; 50 captains at $2500, $126,000; 50 first lieutenants at $1800, $90,000; 50 second lieutenants at $1400, $70,000; total infantry, $461,000. Total all arms, $587,200; total decrease, $58,320; net increase, $528,880; forage for mounted officers' horses, 2 regiments artillery, 44 horses, at $100, $4400; forage, etc., for 200 horses for new batteries at $100, $20,000; total for enlisted men, $1,216,793; grand total additional, $1,770,073.

Decrease—Cavalry: No change. Artillery: 6 first lieutenants at $1920, $11,520; 26 first lieutenants at $1800, $46,800; total artillery, $58,320.

For enlisted men—increase—Cavalry: 20 first sergeants at $300, $6000; 100 sergeants at $216, $1,600; 80 corporals at $180, $4,400; 40 musicians at $156, $6240; 60 farriers and saddlers at $180, $10,800; total cavalry, $59,040. Artillery: 10 regimental non-commissioned officers, $2064; 24 first sergeants at $300, $7200; 244 sergeants at $216, $52,700; 152 corporals at $180, $27,360; 48 musicians at $156, $7488; 42 farriers and saddlers at $180, $9160; 710 privates at $156, $110,760; total artillery, $216,732. Infantry—100 first sergeants at $300, $30,000; 400 sergeants at $216, $86,400; 400 corporals at $180, $72,000; 200 musician at $156, $31,200; 2700 privates at $156, $421,200; 44 privates, staff, at $156, $6864; total infantry, $647,664. Total all arms, $923,436; total decrease, $185,280; net increase, $738,156; clothing for 4294 enlisted men at $46 67, $200,386; subsistence for 4294 enlisted men at $64 80, $278,251; total, enlisted men, $1,216,793.

Decrease: Cavalry—100 wagoners at $168, $16,800; 200 privates at $156, $31,200; total cavalry, $48,000. Artillery—120 artificers at $180, $21,600; 60 wagoners at $168, $10,080; total artillery, $31,680. Infantry—400 artificers at $180, $72,000; 200 wagoners at $168, $33,600; total infantry, $105,600; total decrease, $185,280.

"THE TEN VIRGINS."

The Illustrated Parables at the First Christian Church Crowds the Large Edifice.

Rev. Dr. F. S. Ford of the First Christian Church may congratulate himself on the result of the novel entertainment given by the young ladies of the Sunday-school last evening. The large edifice on Twelfth street was simply packed, many people being turned away.

The entertainment, as announced in THE CALL, represented an illustration of the parable of the "Wise and Foolish Virgins." It was a success in every way. The young ladies did exceptionally well, the music was good and the sermon that followed was interesting and appropriate.

The following young ladies took part: Miss Jessie Ziller, Miss Gillou Jagger, Miss Leah Greenwood, Miss Irene Spencer, Miss Anna Bahr, Miss Clarissa Norton, Miss Nellie Norton, Miss Gussie Stoltz, Miss Priscilla David and Miss Lila Graff.

SOCIETY ENTERTAINERS.

The Olympic Club Has Engaged the Webling Sisters to Appear in This City.

The Olympic Club has made an engagement with the Webling Sisters to appear at a club entertainment on March 2. This will be their first appearance in this City, but the Weblings are well known in British Columbia.

When they were mere children the sisters achieved popularity in London as society entertainers and hostesses vied with one another in securing the little Weblings as one of the attractions of "at homes." The young women gives ketches, recitations, scenes from plays, dances, etc., and in the course of an evening's entertainment the whole family of Webling sisters sometimes wear as many as twenty-two different costumes.

RACING AT OAKLAND TO-DAY.

Seven Well-Filled Events Down on the Card for Decision.

The feature of the racing card to-day at Oakland will be the San Leandro selling stake. The card comprises seven events, and no doubt the usual crowd of regulars will cross the bay.

Following are the entries:

First race, one mile, selling.

434 Trix	111	467 Examiner	111
457 Don Clarencio	98	505 Pecksniff	114
506 Basquil	98	450 Philip H	95
484 Draught	98	476 Jack Richelieu	114

Second race, five and a half furlongs, purse.

414 Cadenza	112	(484) Marionette	112
495 Sugarfoot	103	496 Palmerston	117
464 Juan Bernard	118	501 Two Cheers	118
479 Isabelle	112	479 Billy Ayers	119
416 Mt. Roy	118		

Third race, one mile, match race.

507 Arrezzo	110	(430) Osric II	110

(Good track only.)

Fourth race, one and a sixteenth miles, purse.

272 Jay Wheeler	95	490 David	107
336 Torsina	102	(435) Yankee Doodle	107
485 Flasa	105	497 Salisbury II	107

Fifth race, seven and a half furlongs, San Leandro selling stakes.

(504) Estaca	104	447 California	107
288 Strathmeath	116	.... Los Cerrillos	93
482 Rosebud	107	482 Bernardillo	94
(436) Scarf Pin	101	(508) Babe Murphy	107
493 Miss Ruth	107	509 Lucky Dog	119
469 Sly	99		

Sixth race, five and a half furlongs, Hurricane purse.

.....Elaine	101	(118) Tea Rose	101
469 Caspar	106	345 Toano	118
468 The Sinner	103	503 Yemen	118
416 Quicksilver	121		

Seventh race, six furlongs, purse.

(485) Double Quick	119	385 Candor	117
496 Joan	114	435 Skalkaho	109
496 Zoolein	112	499 Applause	107
281 Mollie A	117	402 Imp. Ivy	117
387 Jerome S	122	477 Gutta Percha	117
503 Moylan	119		

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

First race—Don Clarencio, Bosquil, Philip H.

Second race—Two Cheers, Sugarfoot, Isabelle.

Third race—Osric II.

Fourth race—Yankee Doodle, Torsina, David.

Fifth race—Scarf Pin, California, Sly.

Sixth race—Tea Rose, Caspar, The Sinner.

Seventh race — Applause, Moylan Double-Quick.

Bakers' Mass-Meeting To-Night.

A mass-meeting will be held to-night under the auspices of the San Francisco Trades and Labor Alliance at the Temple, 117 Turk street, for the purpose of aiding by public sentiment the bills now pending before the Legislature in favor of bakehouse sanitation and the regulation of the number of hours per day to be favored by journeymen bakers.

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