ARE UNITED IN FRATERNAL BONDS

Order of the Eastern Star.

At its meeting last Saturday night Mission Chapter initiated four candidates and received a number of applications. This chapter, which was recently organized, has been making remarkable progress, which speaks well for the interest that the officers and members take in the work. A committee is making arrangements for an entertainment to be given on the 2d of March.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Ella T. Hall will start on a tour of visitations on Thursday next, taking in the southern part of the State.

Harmony Chapter's entertainment is to be given on the evening of next Friday.

Ivy Chapter's '97 greeting to its friends will be given in Golden Gate Hall to-morrow night. An interesting programme has been prepared, and after the various numbers shall have been presented there will be a dance.

The Odd Fellows.

The following-named officers of the general relief committee of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows have been elected for the ensuing term of six months: W. A. S. Nicholson of Golden Gate Lodge, president; A. J. Doyle of Apollo Lodge, vice-president; Louis Kragen of Golden Gate Lodge, treasurer. After the election the members of the committee sat down to a banquet prepared under the superintendence of the treasurer, who acted as toastmaster and presided in a charming manner. During the evening Frank E. Smith, the retiring president, was the recipient of a finely finished banquet lamp and onyx table as a token from the committee of his appreciation of the services he had rendered during his incumbency. The presentation speech was by the new president. Responses to toasts were given by Grand Secretary George T. Shaw, H. Jacks, J. L. Geary Jr., L. L. Remy, W. A. Hoffsinger, George Walcom, A. J. Doyle, I. H. Vandebogurt, M. F. Jeffers, S. Regensburger, A. H. Nehser and J. M. Williston.

During the six months ending with the close of the year 1896 the committee expended for relief and donations the sum of $8337.

Unity Encampment had seven candidates before it last week, the first in a long time.

The Veteran Association received a grand welcome on the occasion of its visit to Apollo Lodge last Friday night.

Arrangements are being made in almost every part of the State for the proper celebration of the anniversary of the order. The greatest activity is, however, noticed in the southern part of the State.

The Rebekahs.

A most pleasant entertainment was that given recently in San Jose by Stella Rebekah Lodge in aid of the new orphanage to be built in Covina. There was a large attendance and a well arranged programme was presented. The participants were B. C. Morgan, Maude Lillian Weich and Miss Kennedy. Addresses were delivered by Grand Master Gosney and Past Grand Master William Henry Barnes.

The party that was given some time since by District Deputy Grand President Mrs. Helene G. Petersen and the officers of Division No. 5 of the Rebekahs in aid of the orphanage, netted $138 25. It was decided to donate $80 of this amount to the building fund and reserve the balance to fit up a room in the building when it shall be finished.

The trustees of the Orphans' Home have held several meetings for the purpose of agreeing upon the specifications for the new home and they will not advertise for bids until all the preliminaries are so arranged that there shall be no misunderstanding as to what is desired and how the work shall be done.

Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Next Saturday Grand Master Workman Vinter will institute a new lodge in Excelsior Hall, and he will be assisted by Grand Lodge officers and the Pacific drill team. The membership is to be composed exclusively of men employed in the street-cars lines.

The grand master workman, the grand recorder and other grand officers visited Hercules Lodge in Franklin Hall last Friday evening. The visitors delivered addresses, and a pleasant, interesting evening was spent.

Golden West Lodge held an open meeting in Potrero Opera-house on Saturday night, when an interesting programme was presented and an address was delivered by the grand master workman.

There was a large attendance at the meeting of the Past Master Workmen's Association in Alcazar building last Saturday night in conjunction with Harmony Lodge. The principal address of the evening was delivered by the grand recorder.

Triumph Lodge has developed a great deal of activity of late and is receiving applications at every meeting. Memorial and Parnassus lodges have also been quite active of late, initiating candidates at every meeting.

The grand medical examiner had on last Friday passed upon the two hundred and fifteenth application received during the current month.

Grand Master William Vinter will visit San Rafael Lodge, at San Rafael, on the 23d inst. and will be with Upchurch Lodge in Oakland on the following night. On the 26th inst. he, in company with the grand recorder, he will visit Burns Lodge in this city.

The grand master workman visited Oak Leaf Lodge in Oakland last Monday, on which occasion he addressed a public meeting. This lodge has presented to M. Isaacs, its retiring master workman, a handsome past master workman badge.

The most active lodge in the jurisdiction up to date is Yosemite Lodge of Fresno, and indications are that it will carry off the banner unless some other lodge in a district where there is plenty of material will get in and hustle. This lodge has more than doubled its membership, and during the present month has conferred the degrees on thirty-six candidates, and has still twenty-eight applications on file.

Next Wednesday a new lodge will be instituted at Lodi, San Joaquin County, by the deputy grand master workman, assisted by Grand Lecturer Danforth and Special Deputy McPherson.

Grand Recorder Hirshberg and Grand Lecturer Danforth will visit Concord, Contra Costa County, to institute a lodge organized by Special Deputy C. H. Symmes.

The Pacific Drill Team initiated nine candidates last Thursday for Fremont Lodge of North Oakland, and on Friday next will confer the degrees on a large class of candidates for Reliance Lodge at Alvarado.

Special Deputy Hargreaves, who has been ill for some time, has fully recovered, and has gone to Bakersfield in the interest of the order.

Native Sons of the Golden West.

The officers of Stanford Parlor will to-morrow night welcome the guests of the parlor in Shasta Hall, Native Sons' building, and entertain them.

El Dorado Parlor will give its twelfth anniversary ball next Friday night in Native Sons' Hall. The ballroom will be tastefully decorated and the music and other necessary details will be in accord with good taste, calculated to make the affair the most enjoyable ever given by this parlor.

It is a cascarone party that Fremont Parlor will give in banquet hall, Native Sons' building, on the evening of the 27th inst.

The officers of Yerba Buena Parlor were installed last Wednesday by Deputy W. D. Shea. They are: C. A. Henry, president; C. S. Perry, G. Bennett and D. Sutter, vice-presidents; J. D. Abrams, secretary; C. B. Hobson, financial secretary; L. J. Aburz, treasurer; H. T. Konrad, marshal.

To-night Grand Orator Frank Mattison will visit Golden Gate Parlor, to-morrow night he will visit Pacific Parlor and on Wednesday he will be with Mission Parlor. As these visits have a salutary effect on the parlor officers and a beneficial and stimulating influence upon the membership, the grand officers have been requested by the grand president to accompany the grand orator on his visits.

There is a great deal of activity in the office of the grand secretary at this time, occasioned by the receiving of the semi-annual returns from the many parlors of the order. From these Grand Secretary Lunstedt is preparing his annual report, which will be more voluminous than any of the preceding ones.

The annual entertainment by Precita Parlor will be given on the 26th inst. and that by Hesperian Parlor will be on the 27th, in Mission Parlor Hall.

Stockton Parlor will initiate several candidates this evening. The parlor has a membership of 263 and $10,534 in its treasury.

P. E. Zabala, grand trustee, has announced the following visitations for the week: February 16, Ione Parlor; 17, Excelsior Parlor at Jackson; 18, Keystone Parlor at Amador City; 19, Amador Parlor, and Plymouth Parlor at Drytown on the 20th. These are all in Amador County.

Next Wednesday Oakland Parlor will initiate five candidates. The grand officers, W. H. L. Hynes and J. R. Knowland, deputies for Alameda, and all the parlors of Alameda County have been invited to be present.

Redwood Parlor will give a masquerade ball and tableaux on the evening of the birth of George Washington.

Chico Parlor has completed arrangements for a carnival and masquerade ball.

Grand President Gesford has appointed W. J. Eden, president of Mount Tamalpais Parlor, deputy for Marin County, vice Thomas F. Body, resigned.

Native Daughters of the Golden West.

A second meeting for the purpose of securing additional names to a charter for a new parlor to be organized in this City will be held in Devisadero Hall this evening.

The next entertainment by Oro Fino Parlor will be given on the evening of the 24th.

La Estrella Parlor at its last meeting had a large membership present and a number of visitors. Considerable business of interest was transacted. This parlor is always open to members of the order. The second Saturday of the month is a social night.

The Banner Club of Yosemite Parlor is to give an old clothes party at Mannerbund Hall next Saturday evening.

The following named are the officers of San Miguel Parlor, instituted on the 5th inst., by Grand President Mrs. Mary E. Tillman, assisted by Mrs. Daggett of Las Lomas Parlor: Mrs. Clara Wiseman, president; Mrs. Elizabeth E. Richardson, Mrs. Sadie F. Woodruff and Miss Ada Cahill, vice-presidents; Miss Gladys Boswell, recording secretary; Miss Jessie Kirk, financial secretary; Miss Mary E. Mahoney, treasurer; Miss Margaret R. Murray, marshal; Mrs. Catherine L. Thompson and Mrs. Nannie J. Smith, trustees; Miss Daisy F. McCoy, outside sentinel; Miss Mabel Reed, inside sentinel.

Court Sutro Heights, F. of A.

Periodically Court Sutro Heights of the Foresters of America gives an entertainment and each time it endeavors to excel what was done on the previous occasion. Last Thursday night the court had one of these gatherings and the committee of arrangements, Powel Fredrick, F. S. Harding, George J. Strong, E. N. Boukofsky and L. Levingston, may feel proud of its success. During the early part of the evening there was a business meeting at which there were initiations and discussion of matters for the benefit of the court. This court, which is a comparatively young one, has a membership of excellent good fellows and it is approaching the 150 mark. It is entirely free from debt and has more than $4000 in the treasury. It has reached that point now that, wishing to retain the high standard that it has attained, it does not reach out for every Tom, Dick and Harry to swell the membership roll, but prefers to have applications sent in, and they are coming in.

After the business meeting the court went to Social hall in the upper part of the Alcazar building, where a fine banquet awaited it. There was bouillon en tasse, salads that would satisfy any gourmet, fricassee of chicken, cold roast chicken-turkey, beef and veal, entremets, fruit, cakes of all kinds, ice cream, the vintage of California in white and red, black coffee and all the etceteras that go to make up a first-class banquet. The evening, after the good things had been disposed of, was not spent in the delivery of set toasts and responses, but there was under the direction of Powel Fredrick, the master of ceremonies, a high jinks. George Little sang a song, Harry B. Partridge gave a recitation, J. W. Richards intoned some good music on the mandolin, George J. Strong and George Small sang "Our Jack's Come Home Again," the entire assemblage joining in the chorus. S. A. Newman gave German dialect specialties, the master of ceremonies, who is a fine performer on the cornet, gave an exhibition of his skill and was forced to encore several times. John Griffin gave a vocal solo, Sam Yehl being the accompanist, Ernest C. Stock told stories, George Little with M. F. Levy as accompanist, sang a clever parody on "Rosy O'Grady," and a number of others helped to make the evening a most pleasant one. The gathering did not break up until a late hour. During the evening THE CALL'S fraternal department was spoken of in terms of praise and the paper was cheered.

Knights of Pythias.

Next Wednesday Bay City Lodge will advance seven esquires to the rank of knight. The lodge will the same evening meet in joint convention with Ivy, Sequoia and Mars lodges.

On Friday Fairmount Lodge conferred the knight rank on one esquire in long form, the work being done in an excellent manner.

Sequoia Lodge having received several applications and these having been favorably considered there will be initiations to-morrow night.

Orders recently issued from brigade headquarters provide that the installation of officers of the various companies of the uniform rank shall be in lieu of inspection the following next Friday and that the inspection will take place at the same time.

Dispensation having been granted there will be a celebration of the anniversary of the order through the domain, and particularly in Stockton, Sacramento, Los Angeles, Woodland, San Diego, Fresno and Bakersfield. There will be a joint celebration by the four lodges in Stockton on the evening of the 19th. There will be an open meeting followed by a grand ball. Among those who will be present may be named Grand Chancellor McGlashan, S. L. Carter, supreme representative, and Herman Schaffer, grand keeper of records and seal. Santa Rosa will celebrate the anniversary of the order on the 23d inst. by holding an open meeting to be followed by a dance and supper.

The grand chancellor will visit as follows during the current week: Monday, Excelsior Lodge, City; Tuesday, Damon, Myrtle, Ivy and Justice Lodge in joint convention, City; Wednesday, Duroc Lodge at Woodbridge; Thursday, Vesper Lodge at Lockeford; Friday, Stockton assisting, in the celebration there, and Saturday Orsi Lodge at Orsi.

The Knights of Honor.

Grand Dictator Archibald and Grand Guide Larned paid a visit to Yerba Buena Lodge last Monday. To-night the lodge will initiate four candidates. It has eight applications to pass upon.

Saxon Lodge received two applications last Tuesday and expects several to-morrow night.

Anchor Lodge will initiate four candidates to-night and there is a number to be initiated at a future meeting. These are a result of the entertainment recently given by the lodge. Open meetings and good entertainments drew a crowd and each is always followed by an increase in membership.

Joseph Peltier has been elected representative to the grand lodge from Yosemite Lodge. Emil Mauger was chosen as alternate.

John Plath will represent West End Lodge in the grand lodge and E. A. Bullis has been chosen as alternate. At its meeting on last Thursday this lodge had many visitors, including Past Grand Dictator Burke, Grand Reporter Johnstone and Deputy Scott Elder. The visitors entertained the members with addresses.

Tahoe Lodge of West Berkeley was visited by the grand dictator, who found that it was doing good work and initiating candidates at a most every meeting.

Garden City Lodge of Alameda recently installed its officers and gave a banquet in honor of the grand officers who paid it a visit. Among those present were: P. L. Archibald, grand dictator; W. J. Thomson, grand assistant dictator; M. L. Crowe, supreme representative; Dr. William Simpson, Samuel Frank and G. L. Birkmaier. A very pleasant evening was spent.

The officers of Charter Oak Lodge were installed in the presence of a large membership by P. L. Archibald, G. D., assisted by Thomas Larned. G. G. Among the visitors were: M. L. Crowe, S. R.; T. Johnstone, G. R.; Dorson Nichols and ex-Judge W. A. S. Nicholson.

Knights and Ladies of Honor.

Grand Vice-Protector Mrs. Belle W. Conrad is arranging a series of visits to the local lodges. She will be accompanied on these visits by Grand Secretary S. B. Carleton and other grand officers.

The following named are the officers that have been installed for Pacific Lodge for the ensuing term, which terminates on June 30: L. F. Kenison, past protector; Jennie Dinklage, pro protector; Estella J. Montague, vice-protector; A. Atkins, recording and financial secretary; J. C. Peters, treasurer; Sarah E. Akins, chaplain; Mrs. B. T. Crittenden, guide; Emma Grant, guardian; M. R. Nicholl, sentinel.

Equity Lodge of Sacramento announces a novelty in the nature of a Japanese party for March 3, in Grangers' hall.

Woodmen of the World.

Head Manager Boak of Oakland, who had been in Denver, Colo., to attend a meeting of the head managers, returned last week and reports everything at the head office in good condition.

Assessment 80 has been called for February. It will be delinquent March 1.

Woodcraft is reported as booming from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Canada to the Gulf and that chips are flying thick and fast. The growth of the order is more noticeable in the Pacific jurisdiction than elsewhere. The camps in San Francisco and vicinity are reported as wonderfully prosperous, and at almost every meeting there are filled applications.

Head Consul Falkenberg is due here this week and he will visit the camps. Those he has already visited in the southern part of the State have received a noticeable impetus as a result of his visit, as appears from the number of applications received.

Mrs. Falkenberg, who accompanies the head consul on his tour of visitations, will devote considerable attention to the Woodmen's Circle, of which she is an honored member.

The head consul will visit Redwood Camp on next Thursday evening, when the camp will hold an open meeting, and the distinguished visitor will deliver an interesting address on woodcraft. Other talent has been engaged and a very entertaining programme will be off red. A special invitation is extended to the ladies to attend that night to listen to one of the greatest of fraternal orators of the present time. A special dispensation to admit applicants to membership at half rates that night has been granted.

General Organizer Rogers is in Marin County in the interest of the craft and has new camps located. These will shortly be organized.

Knights of the Golden Eagle.

J. W. Galbraith of Stockton Castle paid a visit to California Castle last Wednesday. He proposes to locate in this City and will affiliate with California Castle.

A. F. Plate, grand sir herald, and Grand Instructor W. O. Macdougall will pay a visit to Golden Gate Castle to-night.

Next Sunday Grand Master of Records Hanna will visit Napa to reorganize the castle there.

Alpha Temple, Ladies of the Golden Eagle, gave a most enjoyable valentine party in Union-square Hall last Friday night, and there was a good attendance. The hall was decorated in an attractive manner and the committee of arrangements—Mrs. D. N. Hanna, Mrs. J. R. Kliev, Mrs. Dora Madg, Mrs. Dora King and Mrs. F. Macdougall—was very successful in making the evening a pleasant one for those who attended. Each person on entering the hall was presented a valentine, numbered, and when the time came for the grand march the ladies and gentlemen having corresponding numbers became partners for the evening. The floor manager, Mrs. F. E. Batturs, performed her function with rare ability. Mrs. Eugenia Heron is the noble templar of the temple and Mrs. R. M. Macdougall the guardian of records.

Golden Gate Castle also gave a valentine social in Social Hall, Alcazar building, on Saturday, and this proved a success, there being a large attendance and a great deal of enjoyment for all. It was well planned and well carried out.

Seven Pines Circle, G. A. R.

Seven Pines Circle No. 3, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, will give a Martha Washington tea in the banquet hall of the Native Sons' building to-morrow night. Refreshments will be furnished to all who attend.

REAL ESTATE MARKET REVIEW

Trade Journals From All Quarters Report Increasing Business.

Land of Any Real Merit Touched the Bottom Notch During 1896.

An Expert's Opinion on the Condition of the Market and the Prospects for the Future.

Among the real estate dealers there is a growing conviction that their business is tending upward and the market has assumed a more satisfactory tone.

The noticeable improvement in the business outlook which followed the election has continued, though it cannot be said that the prospects of a general rise of prices is very brilliant. In other words, while the gloom and uncertainty which hung over American industry and commerce, as a result of the tariff agitation and threats of the Democratic party, while the paralysis resulting from uncertainty in this regard has been largely relieved by the defeat of the Administration and its policy, still it must not be forgotten that the universal depression which rests upon the whole industrial and commercial world cannot be entirely removed as to this country by any local political event.

Nor did the Republican leaders or press promise during the campaign that a Republican victory would immediately restore prices and values, without which it cannot be expected that production and trade will assume a rapid upward tendency. What the Republicans did promise was that a repudiation of the Democratic party and its free-trade policy would dissipate the gloom and uncertainty in that regard and to that extent effect a revival.

That result has been achieved by the Republican victory.

In a recent interview with Thos Magee, the well-known real estate agent, who is considered an authority on all matters pertaining to landed interests, he spoke in a rather cheeringly of the prospects for better times. "I think," said he, "that all real estate having any real merit touched bottom in 1896. This City," he continued, "is entering upon a new era, and the San Joaquin Valley Road will be a very decided factor in this change. San Francisco can, before long, compete with the East when railroad facilities are added to those of the other parts of the State as they have been through portions of the San Joaquin Valley since the inauguration of the Valley Road.

"The old rule of all that the traffic will bear has been permanently broken, and the old monopoly and the new road alike will aid all sorts of developments in the great valley by charging reasonable freight rates. The most important aid to City and State growth and progress is the growth of beets and sugar-beet manufactories.

"The revival of gold mining on a legitimate basis is another strong factor in favor of progress. And last, but by no means least, in the line of advance, is the subdivision of large acreage into small tracts. When the next exodus of farmers comes here from the East, they will be accommodated with farming lands at farming prices.

"The outlook for better prices for wheat, fruit and wine is good, but perhaps the most cheering fact of all is that the water injected into the prices of farming lands by boomers and boomers has been nearly all squeezed out. Hard times, low prices for land products and many foreclosures of mortgages did this. All of these things were recorded as misfortunes, and they were misfortunes, too, but misfortunes not without some compensation.

"The real estate outlook is that the prices of all lots in the dwelling regions that are within convenient reach of cable or electric cars will not fall further. The tendency will be upward, although we look for little advance in prices of any kind of dwelling property, of either the first, second or third class this year. Prices of the two latter kinds of property have fallen since May, 1891, 25 to 40 per cent. Many new houses, costing $1500 to $5000 each, have within that time been erected in the districts where these reductions occurred, and several fast electric-car lines have been built out to them. These aids to progress and increase of improvements, of course, tend to advance prices, and they would have so advanced last year, but the pernicious effects of the inflation of 1889 and 1891 have not yet been wholly erased, and no immediate advance of prices can therefore yet be looked for.

"Business properties of any kind, present or prospective, paying anything like a fair net income, will hold their own this year. The best business properties on Market street certainly will, and the next best, next to Market street, whether wholesale or retail, but especially the latter, will not all be likely to show weaker prices."

The most important transfer in realty reported during the past week has been the sale of the property at the north corner of Second and Mission streets to Wells, Fargo & Co. for the sum of $125,000, as it is reported. The lot has a frontage of 157 feet on Second by 112 feet on Mission and New Anthony.

W. H. Meiks, Gustav C. Landis and George A. Low are the sellers.

REVIEW OF THE RECORDS.

There were 123 deeds placed on record during the week.

The mortgages numbered eighty-four and were for a total of $351,630. The larger ones were as follows: By German Bank to William H. Howard $110,000 for one year at 7 per cent on property at southeast corner of Clay and Sansome, east 109, south 59:9, east 2:4, south 59:9, west 111:4, north 119:6.

By John Huiston to M. A. Dorn $15,000 for two years at 6½ per cent on property on the east line of Powell street, 85 feet south of Geary, south 52:6 by east 77:7; by the French Bank to Jane Martel $13,500 for two years at 6½ per cent on property on the north line of Ellis, 137 west of Jones, west 38 by north 120, and on the east line of Kearny, 91:3 south of Clay, south 31:3 by east 22:11; by the Mutual Savings Bank to George H. and Susanne M. Richard, $12,000 for one year at 7 per cent on property on the southeast corner of Twentieth and Capp streets, east 60 by south 100; by the Hibernia Bank to Daniel Sheerin, $9600 for one year at 6½ per cent on property on the southwest corner of Ellis and Broderick, south 200 by west 100, and on the north line of Geary, 215 east of Broderick, east 31:9 by north 125; by the Humboldt Bank to Richard and Margaret Curlis, $6000 for one year at 7 per cent on property on the west line of Folsom, 260 south of Twenty-second, south 45 by west 122:6; by the same to Clinton Jones, $8000 for one year at 7 per cent on property on the north line of California, 137:6 east of Buchanan, east 53:9 by north 137:6; by the German Bank to Charles L. Hinkel, $7000 for one year at 7 per cent, on property on the southeast corner of Beulah and Cole, south 75 by west 100; by the California Building and Loan Association to Oliver C. Haslett, $6000 for six years at 8 per cent, on property on the northeast line of First, 206:3 southeast of Harrison, southeast 68:9 by northeast 137:6; by the Hibernia Bank to Joseph L. Moody, $50,000 for one year at 6½ per cent, on property on the southeast corner of Bluxome and the southwest corner of Fifth, southeast 130, southwest 120, southwest 450, northwest 137:6, southwest 275, northwest 112:6, northeast 825; by the same to Laura Albrech, $24,000 for one year at 6½ per cent, on property on the north line of McAllister, 87:6 west of Leavenworth, west 50 by north 137:6; by Wallace Bradford to Milton F. Gabbs, $6400, payable in installments at 7 per cent, on property on the west line of Spruce, 57 south of Clay, south 25 by west 100.

The releases for the same time numbered 52 and were for $161,325. Among them were the following: From O. O. Burgess to Eva A. Haxe, $13,500 on property in 50-vara block 143, on the east line of Powell street, 137:6 north of O'Farrell, south 35, east 137:6, north 35, west 137:6; from the Hibernia Bank to Julien Smith, $6000 on property in 100-vara block 362, on the southeast line of Stevenson street, 315 southwest of Third, southeast 70 by southwest 40; from the German Bank to George W. and Anna Meade, $4500, and to Sidney M. Smith $4500 on property in Western Addition block 124, on the east line of Gough street, 100:8¼ south of Clay, south 27 by east 82:6; from the same to Sidney M. and Elizabeth E. Smith, $10,500 on the same property, and in Western Addition block 265, on the north line of Broadway, 37:6 east of Webster, east 60 by north 137:6; from the Occidental Loan Association to Zenas U. Dodge, $12,000 on property in 50-vara block 120, on the south line of Post, 206:3 west of Dupont, as that street was laid out in 1858, west 22:11 by south 60; from the German Bank to John Hinkel, $11,000 on property in Western Addition block 266, on the west line of Buchanan, 102 south of Broadway, south 35:6, west 68:9, north 4:11, west 40:9, north 30:7, east 109:6; from the same to Louise M. and George F. Volkmann, $16,000 on property in Western Addition block 348, on the south line of Broadway, 68:9 west of Fillmore, west 68:9 by south 137:6.

NEWS ITEMS.

F. G. Eckhorst is to erect a two-story building on the northeast corner of Greenwich and Pierce streets and to make alterations in a building adjoining.

H. G. Bullwinkle is to erect a two-story frame building of two flats on the north line of Twenty-first street, 170 feet east of Folsom.

Mrs. Bertha Bamberger has let the contract for the building of a two-story residence on the north line of Fell street, 206:3 west of Ashbury.

Work was commenced last week on the laying of the foundations for the garbage incinerator on the block bounded by Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Rhode Island and De Haro streets. When the works are completed it will do away with the dumps, which have so long menaced the health of the City.

The citizens of the Sunset District have under consideration many improvements for the advancement of the interests of that territory south of the Park. At a recent meeting it was decided to petition the Supervisors to open I street, from First to Seventh avenue, which will give the district the outlet it much needs. The residents of the Sunset District claim that the objections of Adolph Sutro to the opening of this thoroughfare are not well founded.

The subject of improving several other streets in the district is at present under consideration. A question of much importance now being agitated among the property-owners south of the Park is the need of a sewer outlet.

The sewer on First avenue, between Clement and Lake streets, having not yet been completed, is at present choked with sand and mud.

The residents of the Sunset district are to petition the Supervisors to erect twenty-four electric lights in the district between First and Twentieth avenues.

Two new houses will be commenced during this week in the Heyman Tract, on the north side of Alvarado street, between Douglass and Hoffman.

Through the efforts of the Van Ness avenue Improvement Club, assisted by the property-owners on Lombard and Bay streets and Van Ness avenue, the people of the north end of the City will soon be able to reach Market street without finding it necessary to climb several almost insurmountable grades.

The route of the suggested boulevard is from the Palace Hotel through Kearny or Montgomery streets to Montgomery avenue, to Bay street, to Van Ness avenue, to Lombard street and thence to the Presidio.

The Supervisors have agreed to order the block on Bay street from Jones to Leavenworth to be paved, and it is expected that within thirty or sixty days the new driveway will be ready for traffic.

There will be a special meeting to-morrow evening of the Stockton-street Improvement Club, to which the property-owners along the line of that thoroughfare will be invited. The members intend to ask their landlords to have a smooth pavement laid on Stockton street from Pacific to Union streets. The storekeepers have paid for it liberally, and the street they think the property-owners should now assist in the movement for progress.

Alfred Ross, the owner of the property on the south line of Twenty-seventh street, 130 feet east of Dolores, is to build on his lot a cottage house to cost $1400.

J. W. Kenerleher is to put up a two-story frame building on the south line of Hayes street, 125 feet west of Scott, to cost $3115.

Phœbe Lowenthal, the owner of the premises on the north line of Sacramento street, 68:9 feet east of Buchanan, is to add an additional story to the premises.

The Supervisors are to be petitioned to erect an electric light on Williamson street, between Point Lobos and Richmond avenue.

The middle fifty-vara lot on the north side of Jackson street, between Laguna and Buchanan, has been sold by H. L. Van Winkle to Isaac Strassburger for something like $38,000. Mr. Strassburger intends to erect a handsome building on the land in the near future.

Although the local savings banks are not making any loans on country property just at present, there is an abundance of money in the banks, and owners of City property can borrow on mortgage in full proportion to the value of their buildings.

A special meeting of the Point Lobos Improvement Club will be held to-morrow evening, at which all the property-owners are invited to be present to discuss the advisability of taking Point Lobos avenue from under the control of the Park Commissioners and placing it under the control of the Superintendent of Streets.

The annual meeting of the Argonaut Mutual Building and Loan Association occurred this week, when directors were elected as follows: George W. Dixon (president), Dr. A. L. Engelfeld (vice-president), M. J. Blackman, Sig. Baumann, A. Ortion, E. Messager and M. Weiner. The report presented showed assets amounting to $66,905, of which the sum of $52,900 represents first mortgages on real estate. During the year the society loaned $4000 worth of real estate, and borrowers have paid up mortgages amounting to $5800. The first series of stock, on which $72 has been paid, has a book value of $89 12. The other officers of the concern are: Secretary, Emil Gunzberger; treasurer, Daniel Meyer; attorney, S. C. Scheeline.

Work in preparing for the foundation for the new building on the Fair estate property on Sacramento street, between Davis and Drumm, has commenced.

Thomas Breen is at present figuring on the construction of a two-story brick machine-shop on the east side of Fremont street, between Mission and Howard.

Bovee, Toy & Co. have been appointed agents for the sale of the lands of Sidney V. Smith at San Anselmo and Ross stations.

William H. Lillie will shortly commence the erection of two residences on Tenth avenue, near H street, which will cost in the neighborhood of $4000 each.

On the 23d instant Easton Eldridge & Co. will offer a line of miscellaneous parcels of realty at public auction, and on the 25th instant Von Rhein will also sell some miscellaneous parcels.

On March 9 Bovee, Toy & Co. will sell at auction the estate of the late Mrs. Julia Morrison. The estate comprises the following pieces of land: On the north side of Sacramento street, 137:6 east of Kearny, 34:4¼ by 119:6, with improvements, renting at $210 a month; on the west line of Valencia, 106 south of Twentieth, 35 by 110, renting for $18 a month; on the north line of Lombard, 137:6 west of Buchanan, 50 by 120; on the east line of Filmore, 85 feet north of Lombard, 137:6 by 137:6 and 85 by 110, being L-shaped; on the south line of Greenwich, 137:6 east of Webster, 122:6 by 120; on the south line of Greenwich, 162:2 west of Gough, 75 by 110, and one-sixteenth interest on the south line of Chestnut, 137:6 east of Laguna, 68:9 by 137:6, and on the northwest corner of Laguna and Scott, 30 by 110.

The Eureka Valley residents are to petition the Supervisors to erect six additional electric lights in the district at the following points: At the corner of State and Castro streets; Seventeenth, between Mars and Caselli; Caselli and Clover; Merritt, between Hattie and Danvers; Corbett, between Mars and Caselli; and State, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth.

The passage of the bill by the Senate and the Assembly to continue for five years the work of building the San Rafael and San Francisco boulevard with convict labor has produced the greatest satisfaction throughout the southern part of Marin County. The completion of the model roadway of California is now practically assured. The convicts have resumed work on the roadbed near Greenbrae station casting material from the marsh island to the line of construction.

CITY HALL MARBLE WORK.

Union Workmen Declare it Is Not Up to Specifications.

The Marble Cutters and Finishers' Association objects seriously to the character of work and to the workmanship being performed upon the new interior marble walls in the City Hall tower. It is claimed by the men of the Union that the marble is not being polished and the construction is not according to plans and specifications filed in the City Architect's office; in other words that the taxpayers are not getting their money's worth, and the local skilled marble-workers are made subservient to workmen little used to the particular work they are doing.

A meeting of the association was held yesterday afternoon at 1019 Market street, and the committee that had waited on the City Hall Commissioners last Saturday reported that it had been authorized to appoint a good workman to polish a large sample of marble in the proper way so that it might be compared with the work being done in the City Hall.

The sense of the meeting was that each individual member of the union should do his utmost to push the investigation to a final issue. Speeches on the subject were made by President Henken of the Building Trades Council, and by Mr. Hughes of the Metal Roofers' Union.

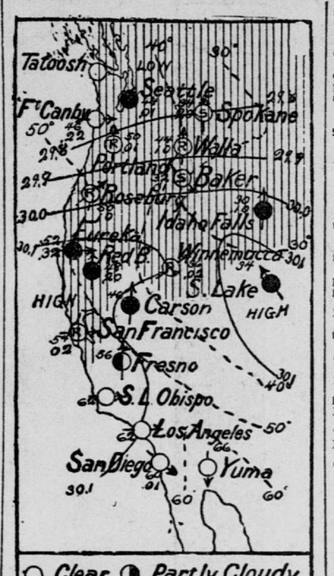
James Sullivan, John T. McCann and John J. McCann were appointed delegates to the Building Trades Council.

Another meeting of the marble-workers will be held next Sunday at 1019 Market street.

Companions of the Forest.

Liberty Circle, Companions of the Forest, Branch of the A. O. F. Friendly Society, was instituted last week by Supreme Grand Chief Companion Mrs. Sarah Beverson, assisted by supreme grand officers and members of Loyal Circle. The circle starts out with forty-five charter members.

On Tuesday next Mrs. M. E. Falconer, supreme grand treasurer, will, in company with other supreme grand officers, pay a visit to the circle in San Rafael.



Explanation.

The arrow flies with the wind. The top figures at station indicate maximum temperature for the days: those underneath it, if any, the amount of rainfall, of melted snow in inches and hundredths, during the past twelve hours. Isobars, or solid lines, connect points of equal air pressure; isotherms, or dotted lines, equal temperature. The word "high" means high barometric pressure and is usually accompanied by fair weather; "low" refers to low pressure, and is usually preceded and accompanied by cloudy weather and rains. "Lows" usually first appear on the Washington coast. When the pressure is high in the interior and low along the coast, and the isobars extend north and south along the coast, rain is probable; but when the "low" is inclosed with isobars of marked curvature, rain south of Oregon is improbable. With a "high" in the vicinity of Idaho, and the pressure falling to the California coast, warmer weather may be expected in summer and colder weather in winter. The reverse of these conditions will produce an opposite result.

WEATHER BUREAU REPORT.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14, 1897, 5 P. M. Weather conditions and general forecasts:

The following are the seasonal rainfalls to date as compared with those of the same date last season and rainfall during the past 24 hours:

Eureka, this season 33.92, last season 24.73, past 24 hours .38; Red Bluff 18.90, last season 13.83, past 24 hours .20; San Francisco 16.95, last season 12.42, past 24 hours .02; Fresno 7.93, last season 4.09, past 24 hours .00; San Luis Obispo 15.03, last season 12.25, past 24 hours .00; Los Angeles 11.33, last season 5.91, past 24 hours .00; San Diego 7.42, last season 4.44, past 24 hours .01; Yuma 4.66, last season .46, past 24 hours .00.

San Francisco data—Maximum temperature 55, minimum 46, mean 50.

A moderate storm has moved in the past 24 hours from off the Washington coast northeastward into British Columbia. Rain has been general throughout the Pacific Coast region from the vicinity of Santa Cruz and Stockton northward to the British Possessions. Snow and rain have fallen in the elevated regions between the Cascades and Sierras and the Rocky Mountains from Central Nevada northward. At present the conditions are improving in Central California. It is probable that the weather Monday will for the most part be fair, although occasional scattered showers will still occur from San Francisco northward.

Forecast made at San Francisco for 30 hours, ending at midnight, February 15, 1897.

Northern California—Fair Monday; cloudy in the south portion; occasional scattered showers in the north portion; fresh westerly winds.

South ern California—Fair Monday; fresh northwest winds.

Nevada—Fair Monday, except occasional light rain or snow in the north portion.

Utah—Fair Monday, except occasional snow in extreme north portion.

Arizona—Fair Monday.

San Francisco and vicinity—Partly cloudy Monday and probably occasional sprinkles of rain; brisk westerly winds.

W. B. HAMMON, Local Forecast Official.

THE CALL CALENDAR.

FEBRUARY, 1897.

Su.	Mo.	Tu.	We.	Th.	Fr.	Sa.	Moon's Phases
	1	2	3	4	5	6	New Moon, Feb. 1.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	First Quarter Feb. 9.
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Full Moon, Feb. 17.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	Last Quarter, Feb. 23.
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OCEAN STEAMERS.

Dates of Departure From San Francisco.

STEAMER	DESTINATION.	SAILS.	PIER.
Czarina	Coos Bay	Feb 15, 5PM	Pier 5
City Puebla	Vic & Pgt Snd	Feb 15, 9AM	Pier 9
San Jose	Panama	Feb 15, 12 M	P M S S
Eureka	Newport	Feb 15, 9AM	Pier 11
Alameda	Coos Bay	Feb 16, 10AM	Pier 13
A Blanchard	Oregon ports	Feb 16, 5PM	Pier 13
Farallon	Yaquina Bay	Feb 16, 9AM	Pier 5
Corona	Humboldt Bay	Feb 17, 12M	Pier 1
Queen	San Diego	Feb 17, 11AM	Pier 11
Empire	Coos Bay	Feb 17, 10AM	Pier 24
Coos Bay	Newport	Feb 19, 9AM	Pier 11
City of Para	Panama	Feb 20, 12 M	P M S S
Walla Walla	Vic & Pgt Snd	Feb 20, 9AM	Pier 9
Mexico	San Diego	Feb 21, 11AM	Pier 11
G.W. Elder	Portland	Feb 22, 10AM	Pier 24

STEAMERS TO ARRIVE.

STEAMER	FROM	DUE
Cleone	Crescent City	Feb 15
Arcata	Coos Bay	Feb 15
Alice Blanchard	Portland	Feb 15
Farallon	Yaquina Bay	Feb 15
Walla Walla	Victoria & Puget Sound	Feb 15
Queen	San Diego	Feb 15
Empire	Coos Bay	Feb 15
Corona	Humboldt Bay	Feb 16
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