CHEERED FOR CUBA LIBRE

Large and Enthusiastic Meeting of the Local League.

AN EMBLEMATIC BANNER PRESENTED.

Patriotic Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary Were the Donors.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS TO "THE CALL."

Prominent Citizens Delivered Stirring Addresses—Congress Appealed To.

"Cuba Libre" held full sway at California Hall last evening, the Cuban League being out in full force to testify to its sympathy with the patriots and to receive from the fair hands that made it the Cuban banner emblematic of the Cuban Republic. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the league, consisting of Mrs. A. Bertucci, Mrs. M. Popper, Mrs. M. Cricamo, Mrs. L. Froment, Mrs. J. H. Jones, Mrs. G. Getz, Mrs. G. Fowler, Mrs. F. E. Mascherini, Mrs. L. Smith, Miss M. Papa, Miss B. Luz, Mrs. J. Lambuck, Miss F. Luna, Miss L. Brown, Miss M. Brand, Miss O. Cassina, Miss M. Lavare, Miss M. Modest, Miss G. Grath, Miss E. Podesta, Miss H. Cashins and Miss L. Guinass, was present in a body, each member wearing the Cuban colors, and presented the handsome banner amid much enthusiasm from the crowded hall.

There were also present, in addition to the members of the league, a number of prominent citizens, and the speeches in favor of free Cuba that were made were received with spontaneous enthusiasm.

The meeting was called to order by President John H. Jones and communications expressing regret at being unable to attend were read by Secretary Mascherini. Among them were telegrams from A. D. Jones, Senator Feeny and J. Bohannon of Sacramento and W. J. Jacks of Winters and Mayor Phelan sent a letter of regret expressing his best wishes for the success of the league.

President Jones called the attention of the members to the mass-meeting that is to be held on Saturday evening and particularly requesting that all present attend on that occasion.

Mrs. Frona E. Waite was introduced to speak to the members on the Cuban question and spoke of the great pleasure she took in addressing so many enthusiastic friends of the Cubans.

"I cannot understand," she said, "why Cuba should be under the rule of Spain, nor why the United States Government should be so tender of the feelings of the Spanish. Spain recognized the Southern States forty days after the firing on Fort Sumter. They say that the Cubans are negroes. What of it? What if they have colored blood in their veins, are they not as worthy of sympathy as those who are white? Are they not human beings with the feelings and rights of men and women?

"It is time we helped Cuba, as we wanted help while we were struggling for freedom. If we are going to help Cuba we should do it now.

"Think of the indignities that Butcher Weyler has heaped on the women of Cuba. He forces them to wear in their hair the Spanish colors, yellow and red, instead of the red, white and blue that they love so well. But they show their spirit by putting in a knot of black to testify so their sorrow at their country's fate."

Charles M. Shortridge was called on to speak, but gave way to the Ladies' Auxiliary, which, represented by pretty Miss Irene Bertucci, stepped forward and handed the beautiful emblem to President Jones.

The speech that accompanied the banner was in well-chosen words and was warmly applauded. On either side of her stood Johnny and Rosie Mascherini, the children of the secretary, each bearing an American flag.

In accepting the banner the president spoke as follows:

Ladies of the Cuban Auxiliary: On behalf of the Cuban League of San Francisco I accept this ensign, the token of Cuba's future liberty—this banner constructed by the hands of those whose hearts yearn and plead for the freedom of an oppressed people. As I gaze upon this handiwork I imagine how happy and proud and with what renewed courage those struggling patriots will battle when they know that even in the far-distant West there exists a band of courageous, energetic and determined women who labor and pray that the shackles of tyranny and oppression may be torn from those whose heroic struggles entitle them to the sympathy and assistance of the whole civilized world.

Whenever we shall look upon this flag it will recall to our minds that the noblest, the purest and the best instincts of mankind exhort us to further and greater action, and that our labors can only cease when our object has been accomplished and Cuba is a recognized, independent nation by the entire world. I again thank you for this emblem of your devotion to the cause.

He then introduced Colonel C. L. Taylor, who said that he was heart and soul in sympathy with the Cubans in their struggle for liberty.

"It is in the interest of liberty the world over," he said, "that we aid Cuba in her great struggle. What matter if they are colored? They are people to be admired; they love freedom."

A. P. Van Duzer was introduced, and read a poem of his own composition for which he asked the consideration of the audience. It was filled with patriotic enthusiasm, and was received with much favor.

George T. Gaden said that he spoke from the standpoint of one who knew the state of affairs in the Gem of the Antilles—he had been in business there ten years, and knew the exact state of affairs.

The Cubans, he said, were a brave and deserving people, who were ground under the iron heel of Spain. "Cuba for the Cubans" should be the cry of all liberty-loving nations, and the Americans in particular.

Charles M. Shortridge addressed the audience briefly, calling attention to the mass-meeting of Saturday night. He was sure, he said, that the committee on resolutions would produce something of which the people of San Francisco would be proud, and that the able orators who would speak would show the audience that there was reason why the people of the United States should raise their voices in unison in favor of Cuba Libre. He spoke in glowing terms of the patriotism of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and said that San Francisco should be proud of its members.

Mrs. John H. Jones recited "Little Joe," a pathetic poem that brought tears to the eyes of the ladies and a storm of applause from the male members of the audience.

Secretary Faust E. Mascherini was the next speaker, and he directed particular attention to the fact that THE CALL was the only newspaper that had shown any interest in the Cuban movement in San Francisco. He spoke of the apathy of the Examiner, which claimed to be a friend of liberty and the Cubans, and yet let its readers think that there were no friends of Cuba in San Francisco by excluding from its columns the news of the great progress that had been made. He characterized THE CALL as the true friend of Cuba and liberty, and called upon his hearers to support it to their utmost extent.

At the conclusion of his address George T. Gaden proposed a vote of thanks to THE CALL for its efforts in behalf of the Cuban movement, and the measure was carried unanimously.

A set of resolutions introduced by A. Meyer, a member of the league and of the committee on mass-meeting, appointed by Mayor Phelan, were adopted by acclamation. They read as follows:

WHEREAS, A state of war exists in the island of Cuba, causing the death of many human beings and great destruction of property and seriously injuring American commerce and interests; and whereas, Spain has shown its inability to conquer the inhabitants of Cuba now fighting for their freedom and the overthrow of their cruel and unjust rulers; and whereas, the Spanish soldiers with the knowledge of their superiors brutally murder peaceful citizens and destroy their property and also show no respect for the rights of American citizens in Cuba; and whereas, the speedy recognition of the Cuban patriots by this Government as belligerents would soon end the war and thereby save from death thousands of human beings and stop the wasteful destruction of property in Cuba, therefore be it

Resolved, That we the citizens of San Francisco and members of the Cuban League of this City hereby request our Representatives and Senators to use their earnest efforts to have the Cubans, now manfully striving for freedom, recognized by the Government of the United States of America as belligerents, and also use their influence to have this Government protect its citizens now in Cuba; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our Representatives and Senators in Washington, D. C., and to the press of this City.

The meeting closed with three rousing cheers for Cuba Libre that made the building ring.

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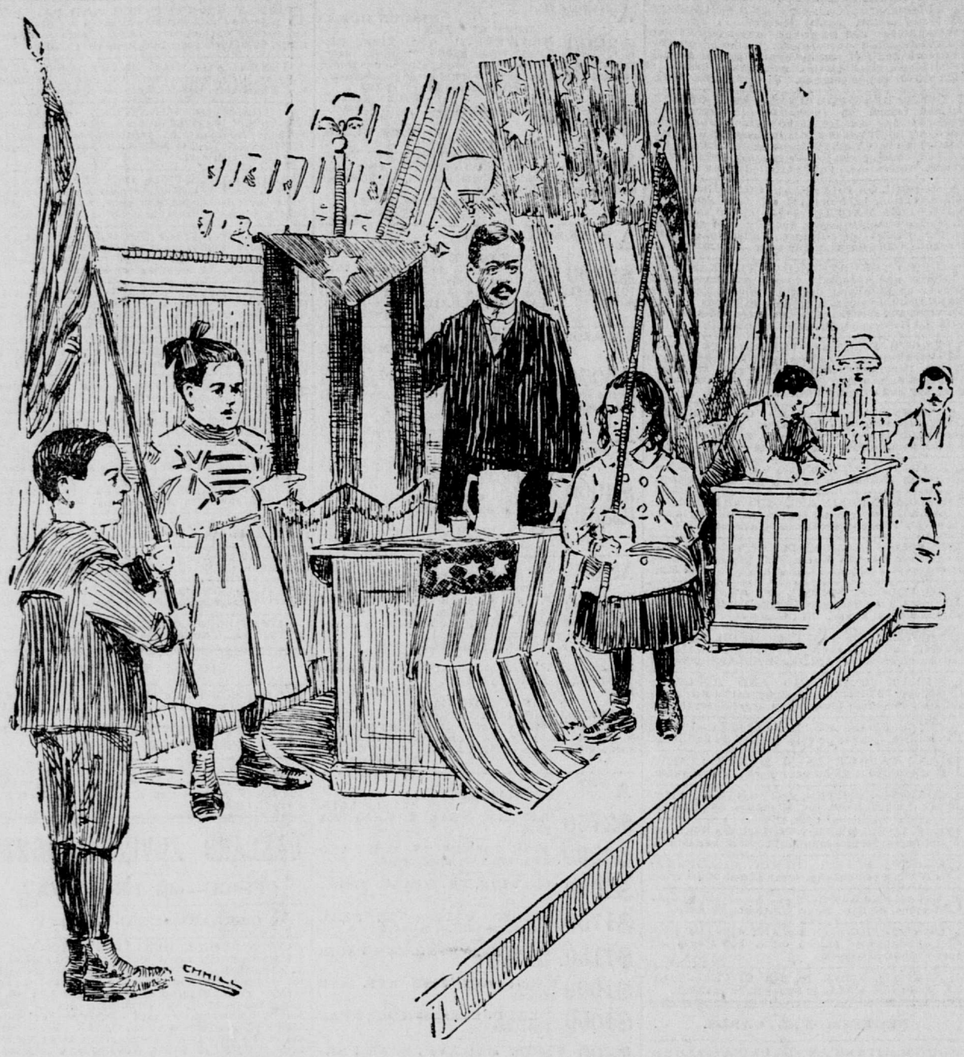

MISS IRENE BERTUCCI, in the Name of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Presenting the Cuban League With a Banner at California Hall Last Evening.

NEW TO-DAY.

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RAILWAY MAIL MEN OUT FOR A "TIME"

A Big Trainload From the East Drop Down in This City.

Annual Convention of the Mutual Benefit Association.

Will Be Here for Five Days Doing Business and Seeing the Sights.

There rolled down the Oakland mole yesterday afternoon a special train that had carried a merry party across the continent. The eight Pullmans of which it was chiefly composed emptied themselves and shortly thereafter this same merry party was scrambling for streetcars at the ferry in this City seeking their respective hotels under the pilotage of a committee of railway mail service men. For the merry party was composed of delegates to the convention of the Railway Mail Service Mutual Benefit Association, which convenes in this City to-day. The convention will be held at the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium, to be called to order at 10 o'clock this morning.

This is the twenty-second annual convention of the association and its first visit in this nearly a quarter of a century of its existence to the Pacific Coast. This is not to say that it did not want to come earlier, but not until now have the obstacles to the "long haul" been overcome. In 1890 they came as far out as Denver, and thought they were doing well. At the convention last year a strong pull and a pull all together succeeded in landing the gathering for this year over the Rockies. Arrangements have been made for a big time and every man and woman of the party is bent upon making the most of it, for the party does not consist of delegates alone. They have brought their wives and other lady relatives along, and the party numbers about 300. The headquarters is at the Baldwin Hotel, where the officers and their contingents are housed.

The Railway Mail Service Mutual Benefit Association is an insurance organization, including in its membership railway postal clerks of the United States, postoffice inspectors and department officials, who supervise the transportation of mails. It was organized twenty-seven years ago and now embraces a membership of 3760, every one of whom is insured for $2000. It has had its ups and downs, but is now tending uninterruptedly upward. A treasurer who in the loose methods of the earlier stages had given no security and ran away with all the funds gave it its principal downward tumble, but the financiering has fallen into better habits, and the association is one of the soundest of the kind in the country. It was started with the purpose of overcoming the excessive premiums of insurance required by the old companies of these men in their extrahazardous calling. The organization has but one salaried officer, and he receives the pay of his grade in the mail service. By keeping the expenses at a minimum in this way the association has effected a system of insurance the cheapest in the world.

The annual gathering is not a strictly business affair, but, as has been indicated, a large measure of amusement is allowed to diversify its programme. The Postoffice Department gives encouragement to this by furnishing transportation, and the convention has come to be an annual outing to which the delegates look forward from year to year.

The transcontinental train was made up at Chicago, the delegates from east of the Missouri gathering there on the 9th inst. Conducted by Superintendent L. L. Tracy of the sixth division, they left there Tuesday afternoon last and ran to Portland. At Spokane Superintendent Flint of the eighth division took charge of the train. They spent a day in and about Portland, and left Saturday evening. They arrived at Sacramento yesterday morning, and were received and addressed by Governor Budd in the Assembly chamber.

Mayor Phelan will deliver an address of welcome at the opening of the business session this morning. President P. P. Waring will respond, Superintendent Flint and others will also make addresses. Another session will be held in the afternoon and in the evening a promenade concert will be given in honor of the guests at the Emporium.

On Wednesday a bay excursion is arranged and in the evening a theater party at the Tivoli, "The Merry Wives of Windsor" being the attraction.

Thursday will be devoted to business again. On Friday a run will be taken to Santa Cruz and the big trees. Saturday morning will be the final business session and in the afternoon a ride to the Cliff is scheduled. In the evening a reception, with lunch, will be held at the Baldwin.

During the stay the ladies of the party will be looked after by a committee of ladies and will be shown about and entertained, while the men are holding their business sessions.

The party will leave for Los Angeles Sunday morning.

Following are the committees having charge of arrangements here:

Transportation—Samuel Flint, R. R. Munro, W. C. Hammond.

Finance—Harry Lewis, T. J. Ford, F. I. R. Moore, F. P. Howland, Harry W. Watkins, M. J. Maloney, Frank Lorey, W. F. Bangasser.

Entertainment—J. W. Erwin, R. I. Auld, H. A. Swaney, William McManus, L. H. Bricker.

AUSTRALIANS COMING.

Arrangements About Complete for the Approaching Visit of the Antipodal Baseball Team.

The final arrangements have been about completed for the coming visit of an Australian baseball team. Manager Harry Musgrave is now in this City and stopping at the Baldwin Hotel. The Australian mails, which arrived here Saturday, brought further information regarding the proposed trip.

The Australian baseball team is made up of the very fastest players to be had in all Australia. In order to secure the best available talent a committee of three was appointed to select the touring team. As a result of their work the following players have been chosen to represent the land of the kangaroos: William Ellis, W. Ingleton, C. Kemp, F. Laver, P. McAllister, R. Emers, H. Irwin, C. Over, S. W. Smith, H. Stuckey, J. Wallace, A. E. Wiseman and J. McKee.

A. G. Spalding's famous globe-trotting expedition with two of the fastest baseball teams that ever swung the willow marked the initiation of the great American game into the Australian colonies. That was eight years ago. Since Spalding's departure the sport has taken a strong hold on the Australians, and it has been dividing its popularity with cricket ever since.

As a result the Australians became very enthusiastic over the game and decided to send a club to this country to compete against our star aggregations.

Harry Musgrave, the manager of the baseball team, was here last summer as manager of the Australian Cricket Eleven. The very reason that he was selected to conduct this baseball enterprise is due to the fact that the cricket affair was so successful.

Mr. Musgrave is well known to the theatrical profession. He is a member of the firm of Williamson & Musgrave, lessees and managers of the Princess, the leading theater in Australia. Mr. Musgrave organized a fair for the benefit of the Actors' Fund, and as a result of his good work he netted the fund over $8000.

AVALANCHE OF SOOT.

Malicious Mischief on the Part of a Workman on the Roof of the City Hall.

One of the workmen employed in laying a cement roof on the City Hall amused himself yesterday afternoon by throwing chunks of mortar down the chimneys on the Larkin-street wing of the building.

The result was that tons of soot were dislodged and descended into the rooms on the different floors. Chief Crowley was talking to Commissioner Gunst and another gentleman in his office when the soot poured into the room, covering the Chief from head to feet and the greater portion of the carpet and furniture. Commissioner Gunst and the other gentleman escaped by rushing out of the room.

Captain Lees happened to be out of his office and escaped the avalanche of soot. His carpet was covered with several inches of the soot, and it took one of the janitors nearly all the afternoon to straighten out things in the Chief's and captain's offices. The rooms in the basement did not escape.

Sent to Jail.

John Burns and Frank Howard, two ex-convicts who were arrested last week on Gough street while acting suspiciously, were each sent to the County Jail yesterday by Judge Campbell for having burglars' tools in their possession. Burns got an additional six months for vagrancy.

STRATTON IN TOWN

The Famous Owner of the Independence Here to See the Mines.

HE MAY MAKE LARGE INVESTMENTS.

Is Pleased With Discoveries Near Yuma and Will Return There.

HE WILL ALSO EXAMINE THE MOTHER LODE.

His Story of the Work on His Great Properties and the Progress of Cripple Creek

W. S. Stratton, owner and discoverer of the famous Independence mine at Cripple Creek, and the largest owner in the Portland mine in the same camp and also widely known for its richness, arrived here yesterday and is at the Palace. He is accompanied by Augustus House of Colorado Springs. Mr. Stratton is by far the most conspicuous of all the bonanza kings of the Western States who have arisen during the past few years.

His wealth is variously estimated at from $20,000,000 to $30,000,000. Only four or five years ago he was a carpenter in Colorado Springs. Times being hard, and unable to get work at his trade, he set out prospecting. He wandered a few miles away in the mountains to the west, and there struck the ledge of the Independence, a name celebrated now throughout the globe. Then arose Cripple Creek, one of the most fascinating and entirely unique gold camps of the world.

The man who has accumulated the wealth of a Crœsus in so short a time yet bears all the marks of the prospector. Last night at the palace he wore an old drab-colored hat, with a liberal breadth of brim, and his garb throughout was that of a plain and unpretentious man of the west.

He is of medium size, has grayish eyes and a mustache almost snow white, while his hair is iron gray.

"I never was in California before, excepting for a few days two years ago," said Mr. Stratton. "I wasn't here long enough to find out much about the mineral resources. This time I want to stay longer. I have come partly for business and partly for pleasure. I have been struck with the evidences of mineral richness in Southern California, not at Randsburg, for I have not been there, but in the vicinity of Yuma and about seventy-five miles from there, where the recent strike was made. From what I could learn from inquiry of different persons, I came to the conclusion the country was pretty rich. The mountains about there look much as they do in the San Juan country.

"It is my intention to go back there, for I want to find out more about it. I may also visit some of the mines of the mother lode in the foothills of the Sierras, but as to this I can tell better later.

"No, in my judgment that great tunnel under Pikes Peak will never be built. It is all nonsense talking about it. Why, it would take twenty years to complete it, and then the mines of Cripple Creek would be all played out. And they don't know whether they would get any mineral under the peak anyway or not. They might just as well go out and run a tunnel into these coast mountains anywhere.

"The mines of Cripple Creek are showing up now better than ever, but the town itself is slower. There are too many people there or have been. I suppose that there are not less than 40,000 now scattered around in the district. The town is like most all of the towns west of Ohio—overdone. It is the same way in Denver, and the same way on this coast.

"I am only working about seventy-five men now on the Independence, but I have a great many powerful drills and other machinery which has taken the place of many men. The work I am doing is largely development. The Portland is working a good force. I am interested in three very large groups of mines besides these. One is the Gold Crater, and in each group there are some thirty or forty acres or more. The development on these is going forward steadily.

"It seems to me from what I see that California miners do not push things as much as we do. If we had in Colorado the big veins and rich ore that I constantly hear about here we would do a great deal more with them. It seems so to me, at least.

"I know your Mr. Lane here who is manager of the Utica. He is a big broad-gauge man. I met him in Denver during the last campaign.

"It was in that campaign that I offered to wager $100,000. Some people in New York were putting up $300,000 against it, or wired me that they would, and wanted to place $300,000 more. They never came to the front on either wager, however, and convinced me by this act that they were only bluffing."

Mr. Stratton and his associate will probably be here several days before setting out to see the mines.

MARIN COUNTY'S BOULEVARD.

San Quentin Convicts Constructing a Road From Tiburon to San Rafael.

SAN RAFAEL, CAL., March 15.—A boulevard having a grade of not over 5 per cent is being constructed by the convicts of San Quentin from the town of Tiburon to San Rafael, the county seat of Marin. The boulevard will be one of the finest in the State, and is costing the county only the trifling expense of maintaining a guard over the prisoners while they are at work.

The boulevard will be thirteen miles in length, and will, when completed, afford an excellent track for bicyclists. At present sixty convicts, under the direction of the State Board of Prison Directors, are employed on the boulevard, which is thirty feet in width, and has been completed from San Rafael to Green Brea station, on the San Francisco and North Pacific Railway, some three miles.

President A. W. Foster of the railway company has signified his intention of hauling rails to Green Brea free of charge for the construction of a tramway which is to be built across the marsh, and from which cars with loads of rock and dirt will discharge.

There will be a connection between the Sausalito-Lime Point boulevard and the Tiburon-San Rafael road when they are completed, and Marin County will possess highways equaling the best in California.

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6-inch.....40c and 50c Yard
8-inch.....50c and 60c Yard

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Cream White, 4½ inch.....19c Yard
Butter Color, 6 inch.....35c Yard
Butter Color, 8 inch.....50c Yard

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5 to 6 inch.....23c Yard

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Who Can Extract the Most Words From the Title of the Festival?

Natives and "California Day"—Prominent Citizens Invited—Increasing Interest.

The executive committee of the Carnival of the Golden Gate had a very busy session yesterday lasting several hours. It was very largely attended. William M. Bunker, Charles S. Cushing, D. S. Dorn, D. M. Carman, and Mrs. Mary Tilman representing the Native Daughters, and Joseph Hawkins representing the Native Sons, were added to the executive committee.

A committee from the Seven Pines Circle, Grand Army of the Republic, were present, and signified their intention of entering a float in the parade of appropriate design. Chief Crowley of the Police Department was present, and stated that he expected 100,000 strangers in the City during Carnival week, and assured the committee that full police protection would be given and order preserved at all hazards.

A proposition from Mr. McNeil of Central Park and the directors of the Velodrome offering these places to the carnival committee for the entire carnival week was accepted and exercises will be held at these grounds, including a military tournament, intercollegiate baseball matches and other interesting matches.

General Warfield was appointed chairman of the military committee and grand marshal of the opening day of the carnival, Monday, May 3. Mr. Barrington, president of the Board of Education, was unanimously appointed grand marshal of the children's day. The Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West are to announce the grand marshal for California day next Wednesday night.

The following prizes are to be offered for the best decorated and illuminated business house, dwelling or clubhouse: First prize $200, second prize $150, third prize $75, fourth prize $50, fifth prize $25. The following prizes will be offered for the best harbor display in the way of decorating and illumination of ships, steamers, barges, tugboats, ferry-boats, etc.

First prize, $200; second, $150; third, $75; fourth, $50; sixth, $25.

Hon. Adolph Sutro and General Theodore Reichert informed the committee that they would furnish large quantities of flowers and plants for decorative purposes during carnival week.

Prizes are to be offered in a contest for the largest number of words to be formed from the words "Carnival of the Golden Gate," this contest to be restricted to the school children attending any school in San Francisco. The first prize is to be $25, the second $15, the third $10 and ten prizes at $1 each. The proposition is as follows: Who can form the greatest number of words from the letters in "Carnival of the Golden Gate?" Use each letter as desired, but not more times than it appears in the words "Carnival of the Golden Gate." Verbs, pronouns, adverbs and plurals allowed. Words spelled alike, but having a different meaning, count as one word. Use any standard dictionary. All legitimate English words count. Proper nouns, prefixes, suffixes, obsolete and foreign words do not count. Work it out as follows: Car, can, canal, are, in, not, etc. This matter will be issued in circular form in about ten days.

It was decided to recognize the executive committee of the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West as a regular committee, having in charge the celebration of California day. The same action was taken in relation to the athletic associations of the universities of Stanford and Berkeley, they to have full charge of the exercises on college day.

Communications have been forwarded to the Hon. Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Beardslee at San Diego and Hon. George C. Perkins, asking for an assemblage of naval vessels to take part in the naval display during the carnival.

The committee have decided to move to the Columbian building, 916 Market street, where large quarters have been tendered them. A vote of thanks has been sent to Mr. Taylor of the Mills building for his very kind donation of the headquarters, rent free up to date.

WHAT SOCIETY IS DOING.

Fiala-Althof Wedding in Alameda Wednesday Last.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Fiala at 1719 Santa Clara avenue, Alameda, was the scene of a wedding last Wednesday evening. Robert H. Fiala, their youngest son, was united in matrimony to Miss Flora Althof of this City. Rev. George R. Dodson of the Unitarian Church was the officiating clergyman. The groom's brother, Theo Fiala, was the best man and the bridesmaid a sister of the bride, Miss Emma Althof. The parlors and reception-rooms were decorated with potted plants, almond blossoms, ivy and ferns. Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Fiala have gone on a short honeymoon trip and upon return will make their home in this City.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Fiala, Mr. and Mrs. T. Althof, Mr. and Mrs. H. Althof, Mrs. E. Bahls, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gripp, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Petersen, Miss A. Fiala, L. Fiala, I. Fiala, E. Fiala, Mrs. B. Rambauer, E. Althof, N. Althof, Emma Gripp, A. Schlingheyde, Clara Schlingheyde, E. Pollock, L. Hochholzer, T. R. Fiala, L. G. Schord Jr., Herman Bahls, B. Bahls, J. Comyns, Al Rowe, Al Peterson, Ed Hochholzer.

On the evening of March 10 Miss Martha Bucking was tendered a birthday party at her residence, 658 Bryant street. The earlier part of the evening was given to vocal and instrumental music. After refreshments had been served dancing was indulged in till a late hour.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. D. Bucking, Mrs. P. Krebs, Mrs. R. Gibson, Miss M. Bucking, Miss E. Olsen, Miss Ida Gibson, Miss Freda Bucking, Miss Hattie Bucking, Miss Annie Juchter, Miss Flo Gibson, Miss Martha Juchter, Miss Freda Juchter, the Misses Adele and Hermine Bucking: Herman Bucking, D. McArron, F. Bucking, Rudolph Krebs, O. Olsen, H. Juchter, G. DeVere, Ernest Pomp, Percy Davis, F. Gordon, Leo Hancock.

An entertainment was given by the Y. P. S. C. E. of Bethlehem Congregational Church last Friday evening at Mannerbund Hall. The following programme was rendered by the G. S. Dramatic Club under the able direction of J. Gillis:

Piano duet, Mrs. Jamison and Marie James; vocal solo, Miss Lillie Raetz; recitation, Elsie Michel; vocal solo, Miss Isabel Kerr; violin obligato, James Keyston. The programme concluded with "Sunset," a one-act drama, by Jerome K. Jerome. The cast was as follows: Lois, Miss Lora Lohmeyer; Joan, Miss Mary Hughes; Aunt Drucilla, Miss Marie von Behrens; Lawrence Leigh, Manne Andrews; Azariah Stodd, Martin Boradon; Mr. Rivers, John Kerr.

A reception was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. Ehrlich, 509 Golden Gate avenue, from 2 to 5 in honor of the confirmation of their youngest son, Jacob.

Mrs. M. Bailey, Miss Grace Bailey, Miss Clara Bailey and J. W. Morse are among the guests at Hotel Metropole, Avalon, Santa Catalina.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Van Bergen have arrived in Genoa, the 4th inst.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goldstein announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Lillie, to Ike Wolf. The reception will be held at 1919 Sutter street on Sunday, March 14, from 2 to 5 P. M.

The engagement is announced of Miss Paula Stock to Nathan Kornfield. The wedding will take place in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ehrlich have removed to 509 Golden Gate avenue.

Miss Annie Meyer of Napa is visiting her aunt, Mrs. L. Goldberg, of 1043 Valencia street.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Goldberg announce the engagement of their niece, Miss Minnie Meyer, to Aaron Sidlowski.

Miss E. L. Kreling arrived on the Zealandia from Australia yesterday after an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. E. A. Weinberg.

Aqua Pura Social Club will give a social dance at Mozart Hall on Tuesday evening, March 19.

The oyster is one of the strongest creatures on earth. The force required to open an oyster is more than 900 times its weight.