

CHURCH NEWS OF INTEREST TO ALL DENOMINATIONS.

The Ladies' Aid Society Is Preparing a Novel Entertainment to Be Given at Central M. E. Church.

COLONEL HOLLAND TO LEAVE TUESDAY.

Miss Rosalind Young to Lecture at the First Presbyterian Church.

SALVATIONISTS TO GO INTO CAMP.

The Devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration Will Begin at St. Peter's This Morning.

On Friday evening, May 23, the Ladies' Aid Society of the Central M. E. Church will give a new, novel and instructive entertainment—a grand excursion to Washington, D. C., and return—add en route will stop at Los Angeles, El Paso, New Orleans, Nashville Exposition and Washington, D. C., (time permitting) in New York, Philadelphia, Niagara, returning via Chicago, Denver, Salt Lake, then home to San Francisco at 10:30 p. m. At Washington tourists will be treated to a reception at the White House. Train will leave Central Church at 7:57 p. m., Sunset route, under the control of that aggressive, faithful conductor, Thomas Hodges. The popular tourist excursionist, R. V. Watt, has generously consented to personally conduct the party through all the points of interest on the route.

Mr. Watt, having visited nearly all the places of interest on the above route, will, from his personal experience and observation, convey to the excursionists much information, pleasure and profit. No stop-over tickets; no passes. Refreshments served at Washington only. Babies half-price. Lunching on the train prohibited. All complaints should be reported to the president of the board of managers before the train starts. Tickets for the round trip only 10 cents.

The W. C. T. U. meets at Central M. E. Church Thurs. afternoon. The King's Daughters of Central M. E. Church are planning a "moonlight garden party" for June 15.

Rev. Dr. Dille has returned from a short vacation in the neighborhood of Mount Shasta. He visited Sisson, Yreka, Fort Jones and Elma, preaching and lecturing. He returns much refreshed and reports an enjoyable and profitable time. The Women's Home Missionary Society will meet at Central M. E. Church tomorrow afternoon. The programme for the C. L. S. C. for May 23 is as follows: Scripture reading, Miss Kraeger; invocation, response to the call—quotations from Greek mythology; a paper on "History of Greek Art," chapter IX; a general discussion, subject, "Are there any features in modern civilization which are likely to pre-empt the countries enlightened by them from sinking into the decay which has befallen all the nations of antiquity?" constellations Draco and Sagitta; Miss Tippett; debate, "Resolved: that Hawaii should be annexed to the United States"—affirmative, Arthur Currier; negative, J. W. Henderson; criticisms.

Rev. Dr. Dille takes for his subject this evening "The Prodigal's Resolve and Return."

Ensign Lewis is preparing for another tour with his phonographic outfit, in the interest of the Mercy-box League.

The third opening of the Salvation Army's mercy-boxes will be celebrated with a grand meeting this evening at their hall on Market street. Statements of the receipts and a graphic description of work among the destitute will be given. This opening will be celebrated in every town in California where the Salvationists are stationed.

The recital which was postponed owing to the illness of Miss R. Frances Luce, the soloist, will be given on Tuesday evening at the First Christian Church, on Twelfth street, near Howard. The Knickerbocker Maie Quartet will assist, and promise to render some of their most popular songs, among which will be a number of solos and duets. Miss Luce is an ecstasist of rare talent and ability, and will recite among other popular pieces, "The Buffalo Hunt in Chicago," cut from Grace Livingston Furness' famous farce especially for her. The admission will be 7:30 o'clock. The proceeds to go to the 97 Endeavor fund.

Miss Belle Kearney of Mississippi is now lecturing in this State under the auspices of the W. C. T. U.

The Southern California Conference is to be held in Simpson Tabernacle, Los Angeles. The date is the 22d of September.

The Rev. M. J. St. Peter's Episcopal Church is gradually recovering from a severe spell of illness.

Tuesday evening an entertainment and social under the auspices of the Women's Home Missionary Society will be given at Trinity M. E. Church.

Tuesday afternoon the Women's Home Missionary Society of Simpson Memorial Church will hold a monthly meeting at the church.

The Women's Home Missionary Society of Howard M. E. Church will meet at the residence of Howard M. E. Church will be held next Friday evening, commencing at 8 o'clock sharp.

There will be a special musical service at Simpson Memorial Church Decoration day.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Stephens of Simpson Memorial Church expect to leave on their vacation trip to the East a week from tomorrow. After visiting various points in the Eastern States they will attend the great International Epworth League Convention at Toronto, which begins July 15. This is expected to be the greatest Methodist gathering ever held. Nearly a dozen Bishops, two Governors and many others of the greatest thinkers and speakers of world-wide Methodism have places on the programme.

Rev. C. A. Anderson will hold a service for Scandinavians this afternoon at 3 o'clock at Fifteenth-avenue Church.

On Saturday evening Miss Kelleher will give her illustrated lecture on "Pictures from California" at Simpson Memorial Church.

The Mortgage-lifting Society of Epworth Church meets Tuesday evening at the church.

Miss Perkins, a missionary from India, will address the young people's meeting of Central M. E. Church this evening. She will appear attired in the native costume.

The Monday night Bible-workers' training class at the Y. M. C. A. has for its subject "Repentance." Dinner at 6 o'clock.

Rev. S. A. Steel, D.D., general secretary of the Epworth League of the M. E. Church South, will address a meeting for young men at the Y. M. C. A., Mason and Duane streets, this afternoon 8 o'clock.

Dr. Steel enjoys a most enviable reputation as a public speaker, and his address to-day is sure to be most interesting. The service will be held at 8 o'clock, and all are cordially invited to attend.

Company F, Boys' Brigade, of Howard M. E. Church will go into camp on June 22, returning June 23. Los Gatos has been chosen as the place of encampment.

The fifth anniversary entertainment of Company F, Boys' Brigade, of Howard M. E. Church will be held next Friday evening, commencing at 8 o'clock sharp.

There will be a meeting of the third vice-presidents of local chapters of the Epworth League at the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday evening.

This evening the choir of Howard Methodist Episcopal Church will be assisted by Miss Ethel Tillon, soprano, and an orchestra composed of the following players: First violins, Miss Susie Blair, I. E. Bach, second violins, G. H. L. Beckedorff, G. Wahlheim, W. T. Piddwell; flute, Miss Carrie Ernest, Joseph Armos; clarinet, C. F. Stone; first cornet, Dr. Walter H. Farr; second cornet, J. Klein; George Hollister, W. E. Morgan; trombone, Asa Traw and Gus Vohn. The following is the order of service: Opening voluntary by the orchestra and organ; Priest's march from "Athalie" (Mendelssohn); "Hymn No. 639," verses 1, 3 and 4, tune "Emmons"; prayer; anthem, "Cantata in G" (Bach); reading of lesson; "Gloria from mass," G' for orchestra and organ (Weber); anthem, "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing" (Ouseley); hymn 69, verses 1, 3, 4, tune "Duke Street"; and another offertory; soprano recitation, "The Everlasting Day" (Bevan), Miss Ethel Tillon; address; anthem, "Be Merciful Unto Me" (Sydenham); cornet solo, with orchestra and organ accompaniment, "Forever With the Lord" (Gounod); hymn 332, verses 1, 2, 6, tune "Lenox"; long meter doxology; benediction; organ postlude. Processional March (Scottish Air). Professor Martin Schultz, organist and musical director.

On Sunday, the 30th inst., the Kindergarten Mission, under the direction of Rev. Dr. Morgan, will open at Academy Hall on Mission street, between Fifth and Sixth.

Wednesday Major Winchell of the Salvation Army and an ex-Mayor will go to Salinas to look at the land for sugar-beet raising. They will be gone two or three days.

Colonel Holland of the Salvation Army holds a meeting at the First Presbyterian Church, Van Ness avenue and Sacramento street. The history of the island is unique and Miss Young tells it in her most interesting way.

The ladies of the Auburn church have undertaken to raise the funds necessary for the building of a guild hall.

The devotion of the forty hours' adoration will begin at St. Peter's Church this morning at half-past 10 o'clock. Solemn high mass will be celebrated followed by a procession of the most blessed sacrament. To-night the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Peter's Church will give a concert. Sermons will be delivered by two of the most celebrated preachers in the city. The concluding devotions will take place on Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock.

The sacrament of confirmation will be administered by Most Rev. Archbishop P. W. Riordan at St. Peter and Paul's Church, Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the 30th inst.

Supreme Director Frank J. Kierce of the Young Men's Institute is expected home from his trip to the Eastern councils of the order this week.

The closing exercises of the College of Notre Dame, San Jose, will be held on Wednesday evening, May 23, at the graduating exercises of Sacred Heart College will be held at Metropolitan Temple commencing at 7:30 o'clock.

On Wednesday evening, May 23, the Rev. J. J. Sullivan, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Alameda, will leave on Tuesday, June 1, for an extended tour of Europe. Father Sullivan will visit Ireland, Scotland and London and will also spend some time in Rome, Paris and Lourdes. He may also continue his journey to the Holy Land.

The second special meeting of the Rosarian Society of St. Dominic's Church will be held Friday evening, May 28, at St. Dominic's Hall, corner Pine and Steiner streets. The meeting will be held for choir practice and all members are requested to be present at 7:30 o'clock sharp. Applications for membership should be handed in to the director, Rev. Father O'Leary, O. P., before the next regular meeting.

On Memorial day the members of Company A, League of the Cross Cadets, will lay a wreath on the grave of one of their deceased comrades, Private Hugh E. Meehan. The unveiling will take place about 11 o'clock in the afternoon and will be accompanied with appropriate exercises. An address will be made, selections will be given by the Company A glee club and the ceremony of decorating the grave with flowers and laying a wreath will also be carried out. Private Meehan was one of the charter members of Company A, and the monument will be erected by his comrades on July 4.

A testimonial concert will be tendered Miss Katherine Black at the Metropolitan Temple on Tuesday evening, May 25. The programme will be presented by an excellent soloist, and includes a large number of selections by the Press Club Quartet, cornet solo by Miss Pearl Noble, tenor solo by Aloys Werner and a bass solo by Mr. Wood.

Revs. Mr. Banks and Mr. Morse have been invited to occupy the pulpit of the First Baptist Church one Sunday each in June.

The anniversary of the First Baptist Sunday-school will be held Sunday, the 31st.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

German Savings and Loan Society to Jane Lewis, lot 2 of subdivision of 45 W of Octavia street, W 37 1/2 by S 137 1/2; \$10.

Oscar Lewis to same same, g. n. John and Katherine Adams to Peter T. Johnson, lot 1 of E line of Steiner street, 82 1/2 S of Bush, S 17 1/2 by 120; \$10.

Johnna Sengstack to George Walcott, re-record 1434 E. 32d, lot 10 on N line of Commercial street, 25 1/2 by 114; \$14. George Walcott to same same, g. n. James W. Hanna to Marie Hanna, lot 10 on N line of Hill street, 205 W of Sanchez, W 25 by N 114; \$10.

Marie Hanna to Fairmount Loan Association, same same, g. n. Lee You Pan to Lee San, lot 10 on N line of Commercial street, 103 1/2 E of Dupont, E 34 1/2 by N 49 1/2; \$5.

Samuel Davis to Burger Erntson, lot 10 on W line of Huro street, 150 N of Nevada, E 25 by 114; \$10.

Bea Farrell to Patrick Moore, lot 10 on E line of 92 feet E of Illinois street and 900 S of Washington, S 133 by E 25, and also includes a part of Siasia street, lying S of middle of Siasia street; \$10.

William C. and Elizabeth A. Watson to J. P. Deiler, lot 10 on S 1/2 corner of H street and Third street, S 87 1/2 by N 100; also lot 10 on NE corner of Gungo street and Third street, E 182 1/2 by N 95; \$10.

The Scott to John H. Scott, lot 479, 61st Map 3; \$10.

Sunshine Land Company and California Title Insurance and Trust Company to Laura J. Woods and Huldah Mallett, lot 18, block 47, Sunnyside; \$10.

James J. Fourquet to V. M. Ritter, lot 17, block 36, same; \$10.

John A. Williams' cemetery Association to Johannes Ehrmann, lot 15, block 6, San Francisco section of Odd Fellows' cemetery; \$7.

Joseph Champlin to Bethulia Champlin, lot 10 on W line of Alameda street, 664 S of Twelfth, N 61 1/2 by 100; \$10.

Bertha M. and William E. C. Beyer to J. V. Pugh, lot 10 on E line of West Fourteenth street, 76 1/2 by 100; \$10.

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THE BENCH SHOW WAS A SUCCESS.

The San Francisco Kennel Club Will Put Away Some Money.

A Large Crowd Witnessed the Going Home of the Dogs.

The Judges Will Leave for Eastern Homes on Monday.

The judges of the dog show, who finished their task of handing ribbons to the owners of prize dogs yesterday, will now get ready to take their departure for their respective homes in the East.

The attendance yesterday and last evening was very large, and among the many who witnessed the final awards were several members of San Francisco's four hundred.

H. T. Payne's kennel of prize-winners attracted large crowds during the day and evening. The little dogs which were benched on the south side of the Pavilion were greatly admired by the ladies.

The performing dogs amused the ladies and children, who watched with interest the different tricks they performed in the ring. As the time for the closing of the show drew near, owners of dogs who were here, there and everywhere, and as the big and little canines were led from their respective kennels to the street by the men who were engaged to look out for the interest of the dogs, the growling and barking of the canines that were anxious to enter the show in a free-for-all fight could have been heard in blocks.

The officers of the San Francisco Kennel Club called the show was a success financially as well as otherwise. They did not clear very much money on the venture, but they expect to realize a small profit, though they cannot say how much it will be until the accounts are settled.

It must be admitted by all sportsmen that the initial show of the new club was splendidly conducted and the arrangements perfect in every detail. The owners of the prize-winners are delighted with the handsome prizes that were given by members of the club. All in all the bench show was a great success and the club can feel justly proud of its inaugural attempt at benching.

The following prizes were awarded yesterday: The gold medal of \$5 cash offered by the San Francisco Kennel Club for the best kennel of four or more of all breeds was won by following:

Best fox-terrier kennel, Joseph McLaughlin; best Great Dane kennel, Roncovieri kennel; best pointer kennel, Martin Kennel; best Yorkshire kennel, Mrs. E. B. Grace; best collie kennel, Verona kennel; best bull-terrier kennel, W. D. Miller; best cocker kennel, Spaulk kennel; best Pastime Cocker kennel; best Dachshund kennel, W. H. McLaughlin; best greyhound kennel, E. V. Sullivan; best mastiff kennel, Mrs. J. P. Norman; best foxhound kennel, Mrs. J. P. Norman; best English setter kennel, A. B. Truman; best English setter kennel, Verona kennel.

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CHILDREN'S JACKETS!

CHILDREN'S JACKETS, reefers and empires, assorted colors, sizes 6 to 12, former price \$2.50 each, special sale price \$1.25.

CHILDREN'S JACKETS, in mixed chevots, plain collars and cuffs, trimmed with braid, sizes 6 to 12, former price \$3.00 each, special sale price \$1.75.

CHILDREN'S PLAIN KERSEY CLOTH JACKETS, collar and epaulettes, nicely braided, assorted colors, sizes 6 to 12, former price \$3.75 each, special sale price \$2.50.

CHILDREN'S REEFERS, in brown, mixed camel's hair and chevrot cloths, double breasted reefer front, pointed sailor collar, edged with plain cloth and richly braided, sizes 6 to 12, former price \$5.00, special sale price \$3.50.

CHILDREN'S JACKETS, in mixed effects, collar, cuffs and epaulettes of plain cloth, trimmed with twelve rows of white braid, former price \$6.50, sale price \$4.50.

LADIES' SERGE SUITS! LADIES' SERGE SUITS, fly front jacket, lined with silk serge, full finished lined skirts, assorted colors, former price \$7.50, sale price \$3.95.

DOMESTICS! OUR 12 1/2% HEAVY UNBLEACHED CANTON FLANNEL (not sold to dealers), this week at 7 1/2c.

Another case of 3-4 IRISH LINEN BLEACHED NAPKINS, 21 inches square, to be sold this week at 9 1/2c.

50 pieces GOOD TENNIS FLANNEL, including pink and blue checks and stripes, very special at 4c.

EXTRAS!! A GRAND LINEN HIGH-GRADE PERCALE, full yard wide, on sale at 7 1/2c.

120 pieces FINE RAYE DIMITIES, all new and choice, were 12 1/2c a yard, to be closed out at 5c.

When a Trappist monk closes his earthly career his form is enshrouded in the habit of a monk and laid in the earth. No coffin is used.

A "mummified man," with a skin like parchment, and hardly an ounce of flesh on his body, is astonishing Paris with his heavy weight-lifting feats.

Importance under such circumstances of being able to indicate to partner by a single discard the discarder's suit, is, in all things considered, the most satisfactory feature of the game which has been yet suggested, although this is not a perfect one by any means.

Trist Duplicate Whist Club Reception. We have received a handsomely engraved invitation to the Trist Duplicate Whist Club, presenting its compliments and requesting our company Saturday evening, May 29, at 8 o'clock sharp. Duplicate whist will be the amusement. Several nice prizes will be awarded and refreshments served. The deep and growing interest in the game of whist is spreading so that the lady or gentleman that does not know how to play the game has neglected a part of her or his education. It is an accomplishment second to none.

The Lead From Ace and Four Small. In another part of this article we are asked our opinion in regard to a lead from a certain holding. Since answering this question we have received a copy of the Field of London. The "Master," "Whist," is its whist editor. On this subject he says:

The lead of ace from ace and small with great numerical strength is a case in point, and although it has nothing to do with sequence leads it demands examination. The conditions are exceedingly complicated. It is not necessary to enter into them here, as Mr. Whitfield has already treated them exhaustively. He finds that, as a master of trick-making there is a slight advantage in the lead of a small card from ace and four small ones; but this is nearly compensated for by the chance of the ace being subsequently ruffed if a small card is led and other indirect considerations. The probability of subsequent ruffing appears to me to be the objection to the lead of a small card mainly presented by the conditions of those who lead ace, for a small card is unhesitatingly led in trumps and also in plain suits after the adverse trumps have been exhausted.

On the whole, having considered the case with some care, I prefer the lead of ace from ace and four small in plain suits, as the English straight game of short whist, five up counting honors, except when just strong enough in trumps and other suits to refrain from leading a trump, and it is known whether partner can help in the five-card ace suit.

A duplicate whist, where honors do not count, and every hand is played out to the end for what it is worth, the conditions are somewhat different, and I am inclined to the lead of fourth best, with five or six trumps, or with more than five. I must confess, however, that I have not played duplicate often enough to make any opinion of much value. It will probably be found, I think, that at duplicate there is not much to choose between one lead or the other. The advantage of showing a minimum of five by the original lead has not, in my opinion, been sufficiently considered in regard to the duplicate game. No doubt a solution, or, at all events, an approximate solution will be worked out in the course of time.

Whistlets. There is a movement on foot to get a team of four from each of the City whist clubs to enter a prize tournament to take place in the room