SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED.

Friday January 14.

Stmr Sunol, Dettmers, 41 hours from San Pedro; ballast, to L E White Lumber Co.

Stmr Coquille River, Johnson, 18 hours from Fort Bragg; 350 M ft lumber, to Union Lumber Co.

Stmr Cleone, Strand, 16 hours from Mendocino; lumber, to Mendocino Lumber Co.

Stmr Alcazar, Gunderson, 41 hours from Port Los Angeles; ballast, to L E White Lumber Co.

Stmr Empire, Nelson, 70 hours from Coos Bay; mdse, to Oregon Coal and Navigation Co.

Stmr President, Nelson, 64 hours from Yaquina Bay; pass and mdse, to Oregon Central and Eastern Railway Co.

Stmr Chilkat, Dunham, 75 hours from Alsea Bay; 3700 cs salmon, to Henry E Allen.

SAILED.

Friday, January 14.

Stmr Pomona, Cousins, Eureka.
Stmr Gipsy, Leland, Santa Cruz, etc.
Stmr Sunol, Dettmers.
Stmr Rival, Johnson, Fort Bragg.
Haw bark Mauna Ala, Smith, Honolulu.
Bktn Uncle John, Murchison, New Whatcom.
Schr Pioneer, Mikkeler, Grays Harbor.
Schr Edward Parke, Johnson, Astoria.
Schr Christina Steffens, Vogtl, Timber Cove.
Schr S Danielson, Nelson, Mendocino.
Schr Five Brothers, Jensen.
Schr Lily, Bottger, Umpqua.
Schr Emma Utter, Allen, Grays Harbor.
Stmr Bonita, Nicolson, San Diego and way ports.

CHARTERS.

The ship W F Babcock loads sugar at Honolulu for New York; bktn Encore, sugar at Honolulu for San Francisco.

Br bark Inverneill, Symmers, Queenstown; Eppinger & Co.

TELEGRAPHIC.

POINT LOBOS, Jan 14, 10 p. m.—Weather, cloudy; wind, SW; velocity, 6 miles.

SPOKEN.

Dec 10, 43 S, 88 W, Br ship Clan Galbraith, from Liverpool for San Francisco.

DOMESTIC PORTS.

POINT REYES—Passed Jan 14—Stmr Pasadena, from Eureka for San Pedro; schr Alice Cook, from Honolulu for San Francisco.

PORT LUDLOW—Sailed Jan 14— Schr Chas E Falk, for San Francisco.

TATOOSH—Passed Jan 14—Stmrs San Jose and Peter Jebsen, from Nanaimo for San Francisco.

PORT TOWNSEND—Arrived Jan 14—Chil bark Latona, from Panama for Victoria; schr C S Holmes, from San Pedro.

PORT LUDLOW—Sailed Jan 14—Schr Mary E Russ, for San Francisco.

NEWPORT—Arrived Jan 14—Stmr Greenwood, from Point Arena.

TACOMA—Sailed Jan 14—Schr Zampa, for San Pedro.

TILLAMOOK—Sailed Jan 13— Schrs Arthur I and J W Vail, for San Francisco.

TATOOSH—Passed Jan 14—H B M stmrs Phaeton and Sparrowhawk, hence Jan 11 for Esquimalt.

PORT ANGELES—In bay Jan 14—Bark Rufus E Wood, hence Jan 1.

EUREKA—Arrived Jan 14—Schr Serena Thayer, from San Pedro.

SEATTLE—Arrived Jan 14—Ship Spartan, hc Jan 1.

PORT BLAKELEY—Sailed Jan 14—Schr R W Bartlett, for San Pedro.

Arrived Jan 14—Schr C S Holmes, from Port Townsend.

PORT LOS ANGELES—Arrived Jan 13—Stmr Mineola, from Comox.

ASTORIA—Arrived Jan 14—Br ship Poltalloch, from Table Bay; Br ship Springburn, from Cape Town.

NEWPORT—Arrived Jan 14—Schr Challenger, from Seattle.

SAN PEDRO—Arrived Jan 14—Stmr National City, from Eureka.

SAN DIEGO—Arrived Jan 14—Schr Lottie Carson, from Eureka; U S stmr Alert, hence Jan 11.

GRAYS HARBOR—Arrived Jan 14—Schr Repeat, hence Jan 1.

PORT BLAKELEY—Sailed Jan 14—Bark Columbia, for San Francisco.

PORT BRAGG—Arrived Jan 14—Stmr Tillamook, from Newport.

EASTERN PORTS.

NEW YORK—Sailed Jan 13—Stmr Briham, for Seattle; ship Arya, for San Francisco.

NEW YORK—Arrived Jan 14—Stmr Brittanic, from Liverpool.

FOREIGN PORTS.

PANAMA—Arrived Jan 1—Stmr San Blas, hence Dec 9.

QUEENSTOWN—Arrived Jan 13—Br ship Blythswood, from Oregon.

Sailed Jan 13—Ger ship Christine, for Barrow.

PATAPSCO RIVER—Sailed Jan 13—Ship Kennebec for San Francisco.

ANTWERP—In port Jan 13—Br ship City of Athens, for Oregon, to sail Feb 20; Br ship Glenbreck, for San Francisco, to sail Jan 25.

LIVERPOOL—Arrived Jan 13—Ship Henry Failing, hence Sept 10.

PANAMA—Arrived Dec 23—Stmr Starbuck, from Champerico.

LADY ELLIOTT ISLAND—Sailed Nov 19—Bktn Geo C Perkins, for Honolulu.

TRANS-ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

BOULOGNE—Sailed Jan 13— Stmr Rotterdam, for New York.

NAPLES—Sailed Jan 13— Stmr Ems, for New York.

MOVILLE—Sailed Jan 13—Stmr Ethiopia, for New York.

LIVERPOOL—Sailed Jan 14—Sthr Nomadic, for New York.

IMPORTATIONS.

PIGEON POINT—Per Gipsy—79 bs apples, 519 sks beans, 45 sks wheat, 10 bxs cheese.

Amesport—455 sks barley, 55 sks wheat, 17 bdls hides.

Moss Landing—1 bx butter, 20 wheels, 3 bdls irons, 912 sks potatoes.

Soquel—51 rolls 101 bdls paper.

Monterey—2 csks whale oil, 1 sk clothing, 300 sks potatoes.

Santa Cruz—6 cs cheese, 2 bxs butter, 130 sks rags.

YAQUINA BAY—Per President—552 sks oats, 1021 sks wheat, 135 sks potatoes, 690 sks shorts, 506 hf-sks 190 gunnies flour, 7 cds stavebolts, 2 bbls salmon, 2 coops geese, 1 bx butter, 4 sks onions, 2 cs eggs, 28 pkgs hides, 2 sks medical bark, 1 bx meat, 2 bxs apples, 1 bx honey, 1 bale glue stock, 3 pkgs junk, 21 bxs fruit, 1 coop chickens, 18 sks bark, 14 pkgs household goods.

COOS BAY—Per Empire—35 pkgs household goods, 4 bdls pelts, 14 bdls hides, 9 bbls salmon, 152 bxs apples, 309 sks potatoes, 600 tons coal.

CONSIGNEES.

Per Gipsy—McDonough & Runyon; H Dutard; Bray Sons & Co; Wellman, Peck & Co; F H Hammer; Wolf & Sons; Standard Oil Co; Albert & Clayburg; H Joost; Hooker & Co; Milwaukee Brewery; Thos Loughran; Arctic Oil Co; Migliavacca Wine Co; Roth & Co; Cal Bottling Co; Jose Pedro; Tubbs Cordage Co; Union Paper Co; Cal Tallow Works; Norton, Teller & Co; Dairymen's Union; Hills Bros; Miller & Son.

Per President—Moore, Ferguson & Co; H F Allen; Anspacher Bros; C J Llest & Co; Cal Barrel Co; W C Price & Co; W C Shepard; Mau, Sadler & Co; W B Sumner & Co; Standard Oil Co; Cal Glue Co; Chas Harley & Co; L Dallman; H Dutard; Clyde Cook.

Per Empire—American Type Foundry Co; O C & N Co; W B Sumner & Co; H Smith; Erlanger & Galinger; Wetmore Bros; Behrman Bros; Thos Loughran; Dalton Bros & Co; Hunt, Hatch & Co; McDonough & Runyon; P A Buell & Co; Wells, Fargo & Co.

WHIST PLAYERS IN CONVENTION

Election of Officers Will Take Place at To-Day's Meeting.

Unbounded Interest Manifested in the Fourth Annual Tournament.

The Pacific Coast Whist Association convened yesterday morning at the headquarters of the San Francisco Whist Club, 326 Post street, and delegates from fourteen clubs were present, over whom President Tormey presided. The principal business transacted was the appointment of a nominating committee for the purpose of naming candidates for officers of the association. These will be balloted for at to-day's meeting and will serve for the ensuing year. Three new clubs were received into the organization, these having from Portland, Sacramento and Mill Valley. In the afternoon the teams from the respective clubs who had entered for the Rideout trophy contest adjourned to the rooms of the Trist Club, at which ten tables were occupied by the contestants, who were soon intently absorbed in the game. About sixty participants remained in the San Francisco Club rooms to compete in the progressive matches for pairs and fours.

The results up to midnight were as follows, and the score was systematically kept according to the Tormey method of scoring:

For the Rideout Trophy contest:

Club—	Matches Won.
Eschscholtzia	11
Linda Vista	11
Mill Valley	10½
Portland	9
Sacramento	7
San Francisco (men)	9½
San Francisco (women)	12½
Santa Rosa	6½
Trist	10½
Vallejo	7

The four clubs to compete in the semi-finals this afternoon are the San Francisco Ladies, who stand first, the Linda Vista, the Eschscholtzia and the Mill Valley clubs.

The winners of the progressive match for pairs were: Mr. Hotaling and Mr. Abraham for north and south pairs, with a score of 111 tricks won; Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Blankenship won for the east and west, with 143 tricks.

The winners of the progressive match for fours were: Dr. Teague, Mr. Barnhardt, Mr. Bell and Mr. Sturgeon, winning by two points.

A SOUTH SEA FISH STORY

The Morning Star Is Soon to Turn Her Head Homeward.

News From the Missionaries at the Marshall Island Group.

A Native Pastor Is Compared to Moody With Black Hands and Face.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Jan. 14.

Arthur P. Alexander of this city, one of the missionaries on board the Morning Star, has forwarded the following interesting correspondence to The Call, regarding the doings and adventures of the missionaries in the South Sea. The Morning Star is the vessel which makes San Francisco her home and which is supported by the Congregational Sunday-schools of the United States.

Emrog, Jaluit, Marshall Islands, Oct. 24, 1897.

Since writing the last letter from Ponapi we have been back to Kusaie, and are now about to make the Marshall Islands tour. On October 8 Mr. and Mrs. Price, Miss Foss, Moses and the rest of the Ruk missionaries were left on shore at Ponapi, and we steamed away for Kusaie, reaching there on the 12th at 10:30 a. m. Early Sunday morning a canoe was sent from shore for me with a note from Mr. Walkup, saying: "Am waiting breakfast; chicken, beans, etc.; so come at once." It is needless to say I did so, and spent Sunday on shore. I attended the Gilbert Sunday-school and church; later the English services at the girls' school at 4:30 p. m. and Christian Endeavor at Dr. Rife's in the evening, thoroughly enjoying all the services, where the true spirit of reverence is manifested among these natives.

Early Monday morning I went out to the Star again and helped finish the "girls' room" for the Marshall Island trip. We sighted this lagoon on Friday evening, late, but did not enter it until yesterday morning. While I think of it, although I give you the same date and day of the week, yet we are a day behind you. To illustrate: I am writing this on Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock, which will correspond to 11:30 Monday night at home. Yesterday I went ashore at the German station, and, after enjoying the scenery and a short visit with the friends, went back to the Star, and at 3:30 the anchor was hoisted and we steamed away across the lagoon to Jeremiah's station, where we arrived at 5:15. At dark I went ashore with Dr. Rife and assisted him in giving a magic lantern lecture on the Bible. I wish I could make a sketch of this native pastor, Jeremiah. Imagine, if you can, a D. L. Moody with a black face and hands and a light beard, and you have some idea of this native pastor; yet only a very imperfect one. He is a power for good in this region. From here we make a tour of this group, returning to Kusaie December 24 or thereabouts; then off about the first of the year for the Gilbert Islands for fifty or sixty days and then homeward bound, as every mile we make toward Kusaie and Ruk means just so many miles nearer the dear homeland. We hope to reach Honolulu about the 1st of April, or earlier if nothing happens to prevent. Captain Bray is much better, and all the rest are well and doing nicely.

Millie, Marshall Islands, Nov. 18, '97.

After leaving Jaluit we sailed to the westward and reached Ebone on the 26th of last month. From there we went to Namarik, then on to Ailiang-lapalajs. At this place we stayed over Sunday. We arrived at Wattho on Monday morning at 9:30. This island is the most northernly station in the work and has only about fifty adults and very few children. The next evening we left for Ujae.

At this place we were invited to attend a "big fish," so after supper four or five of us went ashore. As soon as the moon was up they (the natives who were to draw the net) went out on the reef to a point where a school of fish had been found and then began to let out the net, which consisted simply of leaves (palm) tied together. The fish were soon surrounded and then the net and all was dragged to a shallow spot and the fun began for the natives. I shall not attempt to describe this event until I reach home, will only say that it was intensely interesting for us as on-lookers.

You may not believe me, yet it is the simple truth when I say that 5000 fish were landed either on shore or on board the Star. I did not like the flavor of the fish and several were made very ill by too freely partaking of them.

Kroojlan is the largest lagoon in this group, being sixty miles long and about twenty miles wide. We went out between two small islets not more than twenty-five feet to spare on each side of the ship, yet the water deep enough for the Star, amid scenery beautiful beyond mere words. I thought we were running aground so close were we to the cocoanut trees. By daylight the next morning we reached Lae. This island is what might be called a model lagoon, about twenty miles long and eight miles wide, the reef containing some five or six small islands with very pretty trees as far as we could see. I have been able to secure a large number of pictures with my camera, and with these you will be able to form a slight idea of the beauty of these islands of the sea when I return. ARTHUR P. ALEXANDER.

FROM THE RIVALS' CAMP.

Washington Parties Come to This City to Outfit for Klondike.

Secretary Carman is expected back to the city within a few days, and the work at the rooms of the Alaska Trade Committee will be pushed to the utmost. Preparations are being made to thoroughly bill and post all the mining towns, as the letters and inquiries received every day convince the committee that it is very important that this should be done. Large quantities are being sent daily through the mail, but it is found inadequate, and the committee proposes to reach every person who intends going, whether writing for information or not.

Parties called yesterday who represented others who are about to leave for Alaska from Alabama, North Carolina, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Illinois, Iowa and Missouri. A visitor, representing a party of ten from Pennsylvania, said that the men of whom he was the forerunner would arrive in San Francisco next month and would purchase their entire outfits here. It is their present plan to sail from here so as to reach Southern Alaska about March 1.

One party of fifteen which has decided to go to the Klondike has written to the Alaska Trade Committee that it intends outfitting from San Francisco and taking steamer here. Strange as it may seem, this party hails from an inland town in the State of Washington, but it intimates that it will find it very much to its advantage to come to this city to make its purchase of supplies and to take passage for the north.

The executive committee of the Alaska trade committee will hold an important meeting this morning at 10 o'clock at the Ferry building.

It has been suggested that the committee should keep standing advertisements in a number of the large papers of the East and South, setting forth in full the character of the work the committee has undertaken, so as to direct inquiries of Klondike travelers to the central office of the committee in this city. Up to the present time nothing of this sort has been done and the only outside advertisement which the Alaska Trade Bureau has had has been through the news columns of the newspapers and the sending of the special car with an exhibit to Chicago. In this way tens of thousands of copies of maps and advertising circulars have been distributed by mail and hundreds of copies every day handed to visitors over the counter of the bureau. It is thought that by keeping standing advertisements in Eastern papers a large number of persons would be informed of the work which is being done to put before the world the resources of San Francisco as an outfitting and shipping point for Alaska travelers, and the greater part of these would be persons who had not heard, except in an indirect way, of the advantages of coming to this city on their way to Alaska. To undertake this advertising the committee will probably need additional funds, but it feels that the result will be so satisfactory that the investment will pay many times over.

The crowds at the bureau seem to be gaining in numbers from day to day and the inquiries received by mail are constantly increasing. A large party, which is preparing to leave for Alaska, has written from Wyoming that it will come this way. Another party has been heard from in Washington, and scores of individuals and small organizations are writing every day to get the latest information about the dates of the departure of vessels and the cost of outfits.

WILL COME BY THOUSANDS.

No Limit to Klondikers Who Will Pass Through This City.

The Alaska trade committee held a business meeting yesterday morning. President Sherwood stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider further means of advertising in Eastern cities. He laid before the committee a proposition to advertise in the columns of Eastern papers, where as low rates as possible would be secured, for the purpose of making known the advantages of San Francisco as an outfitting point.

The following resolution was adopted by the committee: "Resolved, That the funds hereafter collected by the committee, outside of present contracts, be used only for the purpose of newspaper advertising."

W. S. Scammell, who was one of the party who went East in the special car, explained the condition of affairs in the East, and outlined the work that has been done and is now under way. President Sherwood also read communications from Governor Sheakley and D. M. Carman regarding the work in Chicago. Then followed a discussion about the collection of funds for the committee's work, and the city, as districted by the president, was read, and each member of the committee was given a certain district to canvass for subscriptions for the purpose of advertising, as outlined in the resolution.

An unusual number of inquiries by mail were received yesterday, and a large number of letters in answer to the quantity of literature was forwarded to the addresses of the writers.

A letter was received from a representative of a party of fifty men in Peoria, Ill., who says that his party will leave for Alaska early in the spring, and prefers to go by way of San Francisco. He asks for all the literature at the disposal of the Alaska Bureau. Another was from a party of twenty-five from the State of Maine, and others from Nova Scotia, Virginia and Georgia, besides the usual number of inquiries from individuals and parties in the Middle West and South, preparing to leave for Alaska as soon as possible. The representative of a party of twenty-five from the South called at the bureau yesterday for prices on outfits. He stated that each member of his party had subscribed $2000 to a general fund. This amount of money the party is prepared to spend for outfits and provisions sufficient to last for two years.

A circular letter has been issued by the committee to the business men and property owners of the city calling on them to make further subscriptions to the fund of the Alaska Trade Bureau. It represents that 100,000 outfitters will spend nearly fifty million dollars on the Pacific Coast, and that no matter what the efforts of the other coast cities to handle such an army of travelers, San Francisco can and will outfit them cheaper and better. It is also urged that San Francisco should do the outfitting, which in turn will mean the inflitting when the successful miners come here to enjoy some of the fruits of their hard-earned labor.

CARROLL WAS ON THE WARPATH

Charges Beverly Dodson, the Colored Contractor, With Perjury.

Result of an Affidavit and Altercation in the Justice Court Yesterday.

As a result of an altercation in Justice Carroll's court yesterday and a subsequent wordy war in the corridor, a warrant is out for the arrest of Beverly Dodson, the colored contractor, on a charge of perjury.

Dodson, who has frequent hearings before the local courts, had a case before Justice Carroll, and desired it to be transferred to another Justice. Dodson was not satisfied with making the usual motion for a change of venue, but alleged in his affidavit, sworn to before Justice Barry, that Justice Carroll made the remark in public that he had "no use for a nigger, anyhow."

When Dodson's attorney presented the document to Justice Carroll to support his motion for a change of venue the Justice objected to the statement that he had said he "had no use for a nigger, anyhow," and told the attorney that he would force the contractor to prove he said such a thing.

Dodson heard of what had happened, and when Justice Carroll came out into the corridor threatened to assault him for his utterances. Justice Carroll decided it was time to take action, and asked and obtained a warrant for Dodson's arrest on a charge of perjury.

WANT HEAVY DAMAGES.

Hume Bros. & Hume Have Filed Suit Against the Alaska Packers' Association.

Hume Brothers & Hume, salmon packers, filed an action in the Superior Court yesterday against the Alaska Packers' Association to recover $100,000 damages for alleged deprivation of rights at the hands of the defendant and injury which resulted therefrom. It is alleged by the plaintiffs that while they were engaged in fishing for salmon and other fishes at the mouths of the Kariuk and Chignic rivers, in Alaska, during several months of last year they were interfered with by the defendant corporation. They claim that they expended much money in sending out fishing expeditions and erecting canneries, and owing to the interference of the defendant they were damaged to the extent of the amount sued for.

George Green to Walcott

The following letter from George Green to The Call speaks for itself:

Editor of The Call—Dear Sir: Noticing the controversy between Tom O'Rourke, Walcott's manager, and Kid McCoy, and being personally interested in both parties as possible contestants, I hope you will publish the following:

I recognize the fact of being defeated by Joe Walcott as a great setback to me. While I have to acknowledge that he is a great fighter, I think that if given another chance I can reverse the decision in our last contest. I know positively that I can do better than I did in that match. I do not think I was in proper condition that night; not, however, from lack of hard work, but from overtraining, consequently, being down too fine.

Let Walcott and me fight, and the winner fight McCoy. Should I prove the winner, I will bet McCoy $5000 that I can defeat him.

I was matched with him once at Wheeling, W. Va., but the contest did not come off. I hope that Mr. O'Rourke will consider my proposition, as I mean business, and will go anywhere on earth to fight Walcott again. Respectfully,

GEO. F. GREEN.

In the Divorce Courts.

Leonora Bidwell was granted a divorce from her husband, Lee M. Bidwell, by Judge Belcher yesterday morning on the ground of willful desertion. The minor children of the litigants were given into the custody of the plaintiff. Lydia J. Miller was granted her application for a divorce from Rolla Miller on the ground of failure to provide. The custody of two minor children was granted the plaintiff.

ADOPTS HIS OWN CHILD

Baron Knapp's Device to Secure Her a Dowry.

She Will by This Means be One of Her Father's Future Children.

Petition Filed to Comply With the Requirements of German Laws.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Jan. 14.

Baron Von Knapp filed a petition in the Superior Court this evening to be permitted to legally adopt his own daughter that she may inherit her individual fortune from her recently deceased grandfather and also her title of Countess.

Baron Von Knapp, as was stated exclusively in The Call, recently inherited a fortune from his father in Germany. In his earlier life he was married to a California girl and some time later they were divorced. A little girl, the issue of the union, was awarded to her mother, and this is the young lady whose father is anxious to adopt her. In the will of the elder Von Knapp there is an apportionment of 90,000 marks for "all future children" of William Von Knapp of California. In order to acquire this money for his child, the Baron has been advised by the German Consul that to comply with German law he must adopt the child by which proceeding she will become one of his "future children under the terms of his father's will.

The petition of Von Knapp recites these details, and as it appears that the child's mother offers no objection to the procedure, it is not likely that his petition will be denied. By his father's will the Baron inherited nearly half a million marks, and he has recently received the first installment.

MYSTERY OF A MASON'S DEATH

Joseph Reaside Found on the Berkeley Track Horribly Mutilated.

Nothing to Show Whether It Was a Case of Accident or Suicide.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Jan. 14.

The Morgue contains one of the most grewsome cases ever seen at that institution. It is the body of a man ground all to pieces, with not enough left to identify it. The fact that the unfortunate was carrying a large number of receipts, letters, etc., is the only clew that would ever have made him known. They all bear the name of Joseph Reaside.

Among the papers were receipts showing that he had joined the Masonic fraternity in Paisley, Scotland, August 4, 1882, paying an admission fee of £2 8s 6d. Then there were receipts showing that he belonged to Waukegan Lodge No. 78, F. and A. M., of Waukegan, Ill.; Waukegan Chapter No. 41, R. A. M.; Waukegan Commandery No. 12, K. T.; Medina Temple, Ancient Arabic Order; Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Oasis of Chicago, and Oriental Consistory of Chicago.

He had been serving as a trainer for Daniel O'Keefe, owner of the horse Silver State and other racing horses, at the California Jockey Club, Emeryville. Last night, while on the way to the track, near midnight, he was literally ground to pieces by the local train near Shell Mound. Whether death was accidental, murder or a suicide only a most searching Coroner's inquest will ever be able to develop.

None of the trainmen saw the man before the accident. Conductor H. J. Pereau felt the jar as the train passed over the body and signaled the engineer to stop. On going back to investigate the body was found strewn along the track for fifty yards.

Several letters were found showing that the deceased had a brother, David Reaside, at Waukegan, Ill., besides other friends. Other letters were from H. T. Mayock of Gilroy and George M. Pedley of Waukegan. The Waukegan Commandery was at once notified and this afternoon the following reply was received:

"J. F. Chandler, Commander Oakland Commandery No. 11: Ship remains by express to Waukegan. Protect all interests of deceased at inquest and elsewhere. Wire when to meet remains in Chicago. My commandery responsible.

"LESLIE P. HANNA, Commander."

Coroner Baldwin will begin an inquest to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock.

MRS. ALVORD ILL.

The Wife of the Millionaire Banker in a Weak Condition.

Mrs. William Alvord, the wife of William Alvord, the millionaire banker, is seriously ill at her home, 2548 Jackson street. Mrs. Alvord has been ill for some time, but of late her condition has been more serious and last night she was in a very weak condition. Drs. Keeny and Stone are in constant attendance, and several other physicians have been called into consultation.

Native Sons' Annual Banquet

National Parlor, N. S. G. W., held its annual banquet and installation of officers at the Native Sons' building Thursday evening. A hundred or more of the members were present, and they enjoyed a tempting repast as a preliminary to the more important work of the evening. The following officers, elected for the ensuing term, were installed: District deputy, William Soule; past president, William E. Fett; president, William G. Barr; first vice-president, E. M. Hall; second vice-president, F. P. Wene; third vice-president, A. Vaughn; recording secretary, W. Doughty; financial secretary, William Larkins; treasurer, P. G. du Puy; trustees—George Koch, O. C. Keifer, William Clark; inside sentinel, J. Fay; outside sentinel, George Vaughn; surgeon, Dr. Nathan Rogers; organist, William Cellarious.

Past President Willis M. Brown was presented with a superb badge, and Treasurer Peter G. du Puy with a splendid gold watch, the latter officer having served a five-year term in a manner which had won for him the high esteem of all the members of the parlor.

Editor of the London Christian.

To-morrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock, Rev. R. C. Morgan, editor of "The Christian," of London, will address the mass meeting at the Young Men's Christian Association, Mason and Ellis streets. Mr. Morgan's reputation as an editor and speaker is sure to crowd the hall. This will be his only address in San Francisco, as he leaves for the South Tuesday. The meeting will be open to the public and all are invited to attend, both men and women. The Ladies' Junior Quartet of the First Baptist Church will sing at this service.

Silvestri in Contempt of Court.

George W. Silvestri in future will bear considerable more regard for an order of court than in days gone by. Several months ago Silvestri's wife obtained a divorce from him, and in the decree the court ordered that he pay Mrs. Silvestri alimony in the sum of $10 a month. Silvestri failed to follow instruction, and a short time ago his action was complained of. Owing to the complaint Judge Belcher ordered Silvestri to appear and show cause why he did not obey the order of court and pay his wife the alimony allowed her. Silvestri failed to appear in due time, and yesterday Judge Belcher held that he was in contempt of court for his action, and ordered that the disobedient one be confined in the County Jail until he was willing to obey the order. An order for his arrest and confinement was issued, and when he can be found he will be taken to jail where he will remain until ordered released by the court.

ANTON SCHOTT IN CONCERT.

An Evening's Entertainment With Educational Song Recitals.

The auditorium in the Young Men's Christian Association building was comfortably filled last night by those of San Francisco's music loving citizens who went to hear the celebrated German singer, Anton Schott. The evening's entertainment was catalogued with Schott as the leading magnet, assisted by Miss Gordon and Miss Voltz in what was programmed as "Educational Song Recitals," set to Wagner music and operaed by "Tannhauser" and "Lohengrin."

The entertainment opened with Schott singing Wolfram's prize song in act II of "Tannhauser." This portion of the singer's great ability so pleased the audience that an encore loud and long brought him to the front, where he cheerfully responded.

Miss Gordon in a light but sweet voice sang the balcony scene from "Lohengrin's" Elsa.

Schott responds and sings Wolfram's song, to the accompaniment of his harp, of his love for Elizabeth, calling upon the beautiful star of eve to light her upon her way when she should leave earth's sorrows and go to the stars' own realms.

Miss Voltz, in the character of Elizabeth, who has been anxiously watching the return of the pilgrims in the vain hope that Tannhauser may be among them, now falls on her knees, sings her beautiful prayer to the Virgin, begging to be released from the sorrows of the earth and pleading her intercession for the soul of Tannhauser.

The scene continues with the trio alternating to the end, when the love duo pictures the drawing of their love and the discovery that they are brother and sister.

Five more Friday evenings are on the programme in the same place for a continuation of Mr. Schott's appearance.

CHARGED WITH FRAUD.

Leonard Carver Arrested for Failing to Pay His Board Bill.

A well-dressed, middle-aged man giving his name as Leonard Carver was arrested yesterday afternoon on a warrant from Police Court 4, charging him with defrauding an inn-keeper.

The complaining witness is Mrs. Benson, who conducts a private lodging house.

Several weeks ago Carver took a room in her house. He claimed he was a stranger in this city, and that he was expecting a draft from the East. Failing to pay his rent, Mrs. Benson repeatedly asked him to settle with her, or vacate the room. According to her story, whenever she asked him for the rent he would rush to the telephone, and pretend to communicate with some rich relative. Tired of waiting for the money which was due her, Mrs. Benson informed Carver that she intended to have him arrested unless he settled with her.

That night he skipped out, taking his property with him. Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Benson saw Carver on Third street and pointed him out to Policeman Sandmans. He was then placed under arrest and taken to the City Prison.

It is claimed that the prisoner has worked a similar scheme on several other lodging house keepers.

MIMIC CLOUDS ARE GATHERING

Theatrical Managers Speak Not as They Pass by and People Wonder.

Belasco Has Gone East to Gather Up Talent for a Road Stock Company.

It is rumored that a theatrical war is about to break out in this city. For some time past an ill feeling has existed between the managements of the Alcazar and Columbia theaters, and it now looks as though a climax is about to be reached. Reports are current that Friedlander & Gottlob had made up their minds to no longer support Frawley, but that Harry Corson Clarke was to be the idol of the patrons of the Columbia, California and Baldwin theaters, and that Frederick Belasco was to secure Frawley with the new organization now being arranged, but the rumor is denied by both managements.

The idea is supposed to have started from the fact that Clarke will open his tour at the California Theater, but whether or not Frawley will return during the next season before an appreciative public is still rather left in gloom. However, Belasco left for Chicago last week on his way to New York and possibly London, for the purpose of gathering together talent with which he expects to arouse a furor among the patrons of his theater. Within a few weeks the Alcazar management will have a stock company in the theater, as well as a strong organization on the road. The prices on the road and in the theater will be the same as that charged for the past year.

Parties who have watched the playhouses with interest during the present misunderstanding are of the opinion that Belasco will, while East, endeavor to secure Frawley, and present the company throughout the Western towns, but there seems to be no ground for the opinion. The stand the theatrical managements have taken against one another is even more bitter than it has been during the trouble which started over a contract held with Clarke supposedly by both houses. The Columbia management does not recognize the Alcazar players. Miss Foster of the Alcazar called at the California Theater with an Alcazar ticket, but was refused any courtesies by the proprietors, and without doubt the actions will be returned if any member of the California should be thoughtless enough to call at the Alcazar.

The full extent of the present movements will not be fully realized until the return of Belasco, but without doubt he will import good talent, whether old or new. The movement is watched with interest by all parties concerned.

Church of the Advent.

To-morrow evening being the regular monthly choir night there will be special music rendered at the evening service, beginning at 7:45 o'clock. The full vested choir of fifty men and boys will sing. Among the special numbers will be the "Psalter," sung antiphonically; the "Hallelujah" chorus from "The Messiah," and two quartets, sung by F. H. Lombard, W. G. Loveland, Harry Kirke White Jr. and D. C. Williams. All the music will be under the direction of Harry Kirke White Jr. The public is invited. All seats free.

The Republic of Guatemala has over 16,000 saloons and taverns. In the country districts there is one to every eighty-two inhabitants; in the towns one to every fifty-two.

Pozzoni's Complexion
POWDER produces a soft and beautiful skin; it combines every element of beauty and purity.

A GREAT INDUSTRY MENACED

Farmers of Ventura Send a Petition to Congress.

Annexation Will Vastly Reduce the Profits of Beet Culture.

Clear Object Lesson in the Form of Recently Signed Contracts.

THE MEMORIAL SIGNERS.

American Farmers Would Be Great Losers by the Introduction of Degrading Competition.

It is obvious to the beet growers of California that their present profit in the cultivation of sugar beets would be greatly diminished should the Hawaiian Islands be annexed to the United States. This is not a mere conjecture upon the part of the farmers engaged in this industry, but it is a deliberate conclusion formed after careful study of the competition, which the low grade of labor at the islands threatens to introduce.

The beet sugar industry, now so rapidly extending in this State and giving promise of adding vast riches to the community, is seriously menaced. The product of vineyards, grain fields and orchards added largely to the wealth of California, and gave the means of livelihood to a vast population long after the mining excitement subsided. This new industry—the cultivation of the beet—promises, if protected from unfair and degrading competition, to add more to the wealth of the State than all the vines, orchards and mines have yielded.

The effect of annexation is so well understood by the beet growers themselves that they are making contracts, with agreement to accept lower prices in case the islands should be annexed. A petition signed by 100 farmers of Ventura County has been forwarded to Washington. Here is the memorial of the Ventura farmers who have their money invested in beet culture:

To the Congress of the United States:

We, the undersigned residents and electors of Ventura County, California, respectfully represent that we are farmers and land owners in said County of Ventura, and that we have recently entered into contracts and leases whereby we agree to grow sugar beets for the beet-sugar factory now being established in our county during beet season for the next five years, and for an additional two years thereafter, at the option of the owners of said sugar beet factory; that the price which we shall receive for our beets is fixed and agreed upon in said contracts; that it is further provided in said contracts that in case the Hawaiian Islands should at any time during the existence of said contracts become annexed to the United States, then the price which we shall receive for our beets thereafter under said contracts will be reduced 25 cents per ton; and, further, that should the said Hawaiian Islands become annexed to the United States at any time during the next five years not only would your petitioners suffer loss of more than a half million dollars by reason of the reduction in the price they would receive for their beets under said contracts, but also all other beet growers would suffer permanent loss and disadvantage by reason of such annexation.

Wherefore, your petitioners pray that your honorable body will refuse to annex the Hawaiian Islands to the United States.

A. F. Mulhardt, M. J. Laurent, J. M. Foulkes, L. F. Roussey, A. Revolan, Thomas McLaughlin, Lewis Mulhardt, J. B. Dauley, M. Kujaosky, Willie Henderson, Frank Ayola, Thomas Clonie, Simon Cohn, John Dell Acqua, Mont Reimann, Hendrick Mulhardt, E. Scholbe, Willie Heimann, J. E. Borehard, Justin Petit, Gottfreid Mulhardt, J. K. Chalmers, James O'Connor, A. Donnelly, A. Camarillo, H. S. Porter, Frank Petit, A. B. Smith, L. Lehmann, A. J. Sahsburg, Charles Doulan, I. L. Meyers, Peter Murphy, T. J. Doulan, J. R. Downs, A. K. Philbrook, W. J. Kennard, E. J. Dewan, F. Krukenberg, O. E. Kaltmeyer, C. F. Berry, G. and L. Coleman brothers, R. F. Gorville, J. S. Wiltfong, Leroy Arnold, C. R. Arnold, N. A. Breen, Ernest R. Hill, Aranetta Hill, T. S. Carr, James Milligan, N. J. Starks, R. B. Edmondson, Charles S. Thacker, J. B. Alvord, D. R. Bellah, A. Haslett, Ernest Eastwood, Charles Ahrens, Fred Wolborn, G. Della Ring, Frank Smith, Fred Meyer, Ser Strek, R. P. Wagner, Fred Crocker, Louis Berg, George L. Dabney, L. Ontago, M. Juhao, George Suur, L. Cohn, Antonio Caetro, John Netto, Andrew Reynolds, San Francisco V. Sanchez, Fred Manney, Richard Deltey, John H. Hass, J. H. Hastings, A. J. Schwealhelm, David Cohn, D. Cunningham, Joe Reimann, H. M. Schiller, A. E. Smith, Chas. Plumm, Tom Myrack, Henry Bietenholz, Albert J. Taylor, E. H. Smith, W. A. Hobson, C. Leonardt, A. E. Stevens, H. W. Witman, W. J. Smith, G. H. Rowe, John Hanlon, H. S. Philbrook, C. B. Greenwell.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Mary Mootry vs. Mary E. Cole et al. (by G. H. Umbsen, referee) to John F. Boyd, lot on SW corner of Hayes and Gough streets, W 68 by S 120, referee's deed No. 59,120; $36,300.

Nancy G. and Jeannette C. Blethen to Mary A. Sherwood, lot on NE corner of Buchanan and California streets, E 72 by N 137:6; $10.

California Title Insurance and Trust Company to Frank A. Vail, lot on W line of Buchanan street, 47:6 S of Green, S 22:6 by W 100; $10.

J. Fred and Rose Schlingman to Stella W. Belcher (wife of E. A.), second party, and Edward A. Belcher, third party, lot on N line of Green street, 137:6 E of Devisadero, E 32 by N 137:6, third party gives all interest to second party; $10.

J. C. and Emma Hall to Charles Harris, lot on N line of Washington street, 105:6 W of Walnut, W 32 by N 102:8¼; $10.

B. S. Hubbard to Charles Harris, lot on N line of Washington street, 105:6 W of Walnut, W 5 by N 102:8¼; $10.