FRATERNAL NEWS

ORDER EASTERN STAR.

There was a large attendance last Thursday night at the district meeting of Oak Leaf Chapter in Oakland. There was present a large representation of the membership and many visitors from nearby chapters and from this city. Among the visitors was Most Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Partridge, it being her last visit prior to her departure for the East on her tour of visitations.

Last week Grand Patron Rowe instituted a new chapter at Courtland, Sacramento County. He was assisted in the work by members of the order in Sacramento and vicinity.

King Solomon Chapter had a pleasant social in Franklin Hall last Friday night. The attendance was good and the programme of dances was all that any one could wish.

THE ODD FELLOWS.

During the past week the Odd Fellows all over the State were occupied with arrangements for the celebration of the anniversary of the order, which fell on the 26th of last month. Reports from all parts of the State show that it was generally observed and the attendance at every celebration was good.

On the 9th inst. the Veterans will meet in annual session and elect officers. The following night they will banquet at the St. Nicholas. This banquet, as usual, will be a most exclusive affair, as none but veterans will be permitted to take a seat at the table. No one outside of the association, not even the grand master, is a guest.

A number of improvements are being made in the Odd Fellows' building, one being the placing of an electric elevator in place of the old one, a change that will be appreciated by all who have business in the building.

THE REBEKAHS.

Oriental Rebekah Lodge entertained the members of Amity Lodge and those of Yerba Buena Lodge of the Subordinates last week. It was an affair strictly for members, and it proved a pleasant meeting.

Loyal Lodge will celebrate its second anniversary on next Monday night in Welcome Hall, Odd Fellows' building.

Walhalla Lodge will give an entertainment and dance in its lodge room in Odd Fellows' building on the evening of the 7th inst.

ANCIENT ORDER OF WORKMEN.

Last Monday night Crocker Lodge had a smoker in Mission Masonic Hall, at which there was a good attendance. In [illegible] a most instructive address on the subject of the order, delivered by Grand Master Workman G. H. Bahrs, for the information of those who were present and not members of the order, and the singing of original songs by Grand Receiver Sam Booth, there was a splendid programme of instrumental music by the San Francisco Military Band, of which Recording Secretary Hollister of Crocker Lodge, is the leader. The band gave the "Star Spangled Banner" as an overture, and the audience manifested its appreciation of the anthem by loud applause. It further manifested its love of country by vociferously applauding other popular American airs. The lodge provided a collation, refreshments and pipes and tobacco under the direction of S. H. Snyder, Frank Terramore and J. H. Barron, the entertainment committee.

Past Grand Master W. H. Barnes and Financial Secretary Camp, as a committee of two from Valley Lodge to get up an entertainment for the friends of that body, have reason to feel proud of their work. Laurel Hall in Shiels building, in which the entertainment was given, was well filled, and the programme was a most atiractive and interesting one. There was a number of selections by the National Mandolin Club of Oakland, popular songs by Bob Ingersoll of Oakland, delightful whistling solos by Miss Cordie Wetjen, whose efforts were applauded to the echo, specialties by the Waterman Sisters, recitation by Miss Josie Butler, violin solo by Miss Mirabout, vocal duet by Walter and Mrs. Molloy, specialties by Sheriff Whelan, and addresses by Past Grand Master Barnes, Grand Master Workman Bahrs and by Grand Recorder Poland. The occasion of the entertainment was the twentieth anniversary of the organization of the lodge.

Chualar Lodge is to consolidate with the lodge at Salinas. It has been discovered that in that section of the country it is better to have a good strong lodge than two, one of which has but a small membership.

Grand Master Workman Bahrs and Grand Receiver Booth will officially visit Benicia Lodge on the 10th inst.

Past Grand Master Workman Barnes will address a meeting at Hanford on the 5th inst.

Next Friday Grand Master Workman Bahrs and Past Grand Master Barnes will be present at the entertainment that is to be given in Shiels building by Franklin Lodge No. 44. A good programme has been prepared for the occasion, and at the close thereof there will be a dance.

At a meeting of the corporate directors held last week, that body adopted a series of resolutions, thanking, on behalf of the Grand Jurisdiction of California, represented by 20,000 Workmen, David S. Hirschberg, for the great services he rendered to the order during the twenty years he has been connected with it, and particularly the eight years he was grand recorder. The resolutions refer to his great ability as developed in the Supreme Lodge, supreme relief board, grand recorder's office, the public platform and the lodge room.

DEGREE OF HONOR.

Last Wednesday night Grand Master George H. Bahrs was elected and initiated a member of Ivy Lodge. He delivered an address on the beneficiary feature of the order, filed an application for a certificate and his example was followed by eight others. During the evening the lodge was presented by the two grand recorders, F. S. Poland of the A. O. U. W., and Mrs. F. S. Poland of the D. of H., with a beautiful altar cloth and a fire-gilt emblem of the order to place on the Bible. The fact that husband and wife are the two grand recorders, something that may never occur again, was made the subject of many pleasant remarks.

The proceedings of the last held Grand Lodge have been printed and are being distributed.

OUR NATIVE DAUGHTERS.

The orange social given last Monday night by Las Lomas Parlor in Mission Parlor Hall was another of those delightful, enjoyable affairs that the members of this parlor know so well how to arrange. The hall was tastefully decorated in orange, and on the walls and on the chandeliers were clusters of oranges, which made a striking and effective decoration; but the most striking feature of these clusters was that the oranges were all on branches of lilac. It was a sort of yellow fake that was excusable for want of orange trees from which to strip branches. There was a short programme, that included music, songs, games and dancing between numbers. Julius Hancock favored with a vocal solo; Miss Emma Hicks entertained with piano selections; Mrs. J. H. Burrington and Mr. Hancock gave a charming vocal duet; the "Friend of the Native Daughters" occupied ten minutes telling stories, and the most amusing of the games was the contest between the United States and Spain, represented by a row of ladies and gentlemen on one side of the line and another row on the other side. A gas balloon was started down the line, and each side had to bat it, and when it reached the end of the line the struggle was to keep it on one side or the other, the last one who held it winning for his side. It went to the United States. The committee that had charge of the affair was: Miss Mattie Farris, Miss Gimpel, Miss Waters, Mrs. McAllister, Mrs. S. P. Daggett and Miss Conlan.

Fremont Parlor at its last held meeting was visited by Grand President Mrs. Conrad. On that occasion fifteen candidates were initiated. At the next meeting eighteen more will be initiated.

On Saturday, the 23d, the grand president visited Pinole Parlor in the afternoon, and in the evening she was with Eschol Parlor, in Napa.

Mrs. Conrad, the grand president, will visit as follows during the month of May: May 2, Santa Rosa; 4, Merced; 6, Tracy; 10, Woodland; 13, Stockton; 18, Eureka; 19, Arcata; 20, Ferndale, and 21, Fortuna.

THE AMERICAN GUILD.

At the meeting of San Francisco Chapter held last Wednesday night the announcement was made that at the meeting to be held on the 11th of next month several candidates will be initiated and that after the close of business there will be presented a number of stereopticon views for the entertainment of members.

There is a movement on foot to add to the order a social membership for the benefit of those who may wish to join without taking the beneficiary feature.

A new chapter called Tomales was instituted at the town of that name by Deputy Supreme Governor R. W. McGarvie last Monday, and the following named were chosen as the officers for the first term: Oscar Collister, P. G.; Virgil Caporgno, G.; F. S. Holland, G.; J. B. Canzza, recording secretary and treasurer; Mrs. L. M. Collister, C.; H. T. Ables, W.; W. N. Taylor, G.; Mrs. A. E. Urban, O. Collister and W. N. Taylor, trustees; Dr. K. Urban, medical examiner. The officers were installed by the instituting officer. The governor of the new chapter gave assurance that the work of adding to the membership will be vigorously prosecuted.

FORESTERS OF AMERICA.

Court Bay City, at its last held meeting, initiated a large class of candidates.

Junior Court Pride of California last week initiated several candidates, and will initiate several more at the next meeting.

Last Thursday Court Sutro Heights initiated as members Judge Frank J. Murasky and G. J. Redmond. Under the head of good of the order there were a number of addresses for the advancement of the principles of the organization.

I. Gross, L. N. Boukofsky, E. N. Boukofsky, E. S. Harding and George K. Small have been appointed a committee of five to arrange for a grand entertainment to be given in Odd Fellows' Hall by Court Sutro Heights on the evening of the 25th inst. There will be a fine musical and literary programme, and then there will be a ball.

KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF HONOR.

Since the adjournment of the grand lodge of the Knights and Ladies of Honor Grand Secretary Quitzow has been busy preparing his reports for publication and distribution among the members. As soon as the new officers shall have familiarized themselves with the duties that they will have to perform during the current year they will map out a campaign with a view to arouse a new interest in the order and its work.

NEW OFFICERS OF THE KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF HONOR.

Mrs. L. J. Wheelock, the new grand protector, who was elected by a unanimous vote, is a charter member of Aurora Lodge which was instituted in October, 1879. W. H. Quitzow, a well-known attorney of this city, who was elected grand secretary, vice S. B. Carleton, who declined the office after eleven years' faithful stewardship, is a charter member of Bay City Lodge, instituted in 1883. He is not a member of any other fraternal beneficiary organization.

COMPANIONS OF THE F. OF A.

On Wednesday, April 20, Grand Chief Companion Mrs. Emma Harrington of the Companions of the Forest of America paid her official visit to Surprise of Woodland Circle, and she was gratified to note the interest that the members are taking in the order. At the exemplification of the work, the rules were closely followed by the officers, and the work as a whole was very creditable. After the business there was served up a fine collation, and the following day the visitor was the guest of Grand Trustee Mrs. Mugge. On the evening of that day Mrs. Harrington was invited to the residence of Mrs. Powers, a member of the circle, where a pleasant time was had, and this was heightened by the entrance of the members of Court Star of Woodland, who helped to make the evening the more agreeable. During the evening the grand chief companion was presented a fine gold pen and holder.

On the 23d she paid a visit to Freedom Circle in Nevada City, and there she was well received and expresses herself well pleased with the circle. She visited Grass Valley, and the prospects are that the circle there will be reorganized in a short time.

Last Thursday night the grand chief visited Excelsior Circle in this city. The hall was most tastefully decorated with beautiful flowers for the occasion and there was not only a large membership present, but there were many grand officers and visitors. There were present Mrs. Lizzie Atwood, past grand chief companion; Grand Sub-Chief Companion Ira W. Coburn, Grand Treasurer Mrs. Miller, Grand Marshal Mrs. Connell, Grand Trustee Mrs. Jacobs, also Grand Secretary Cordy of the Foresters of America. During the exemplification of the work Chief Companion Mrs. Wishman delivered the charges in a manner that is worthy of imitation by all chief companions, and the other officers did their work in a very creditable manner. After the work there was a number of addresses by the grand officers and visitors, and the grand officers paid a high compliment to the officers for the initiatory work and for the strictly business manner in which they conducted their affairs, laying particular stress on the excellent and complete system adopted by Miss Wishman, the financial secretary, in the keeping of her books. During the evening Mrs. Tucker, on behalf of the circle, presented the grand chief companion a cornucopia of beautiful flowers. A collation followed the close of the meeting.

THE NATIONAL UNION.

At the meeting of Golden Gate Council of the National Union last Tuesday night the patriotism of the membership was demonstrated by the adoption of a resolution to the effect that the council will pay the dues and assessments of any of its members who may enlist for the war. The council received one application and initiated one candidate.

The committee of arrangements has almost completed its programme for the celebration in Odd Fellows' Hall on the 19th of May, the anniversary of the foundation of the order.

B'NE B'RITH.

The B. B. library in the B. B. building is closed for renovation. It will be reopened on the 10th inst.

On the 18th inst. there will be a grand entertainment in B. B. Hall under the auspices of the committee on intellectual advancement and the Past Presidents' Association. There will be a fine programme by first-class talent, and Professor David Starr Jordan will lecture on "The Fur Seal in Nature and in Diplomacy."

Reports from Portland, Or., show that there is much activity in that territory and that the lodges are rapidly adding to their membership.

Grand Secretary Aschheim states that the order which up to last September was on the decrease has since that time been picking up. Not only has the loss in membership been made up, but it is continually increasing.

The grand president will pay a visit on the 10th inst. to Oakland, on the 16th he will visit Cremieux Lodge and on the 25th he will be with Ophir, the mother lodge. After that he will, at intervals of two weeks, visit different lodges in the jurisdiction, and in October he will start on a four weeks' tour of visitations.

IMPROVED ORDER RED MEN.

Last Tuesday White Eagle Tribe was visited by Great Sachem Whipple, Great Chief of Records Burgman and the members of Osceola Tribe, numbering fifty-three. There was an adoption, and after the ceremonies there were long talks by the great chiefs and others. The hall was beautifully decorated with American flags and living plants. Six members of the tribe are on the United States battle-ship Baltimore. The evening was a very enjoyable one. This tribe will give a reception and ball on the 14th inst.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD.

At the recent meeting held in Salt Lake City it was decided to adopt an equalization plan, by which the order will pay beneficiary certificates at the age of 70.

The ritual has been printed in the German language, and it is expected that a German camp will shortly be established in this city.

The head camp has decided to levy a per capita tax of 25 cents for the purpose of raising a fund that will amount, by that tax, to $30,000, to pay special nurses who will care for wounded Woodmen who may serve during the war.

Golden Gate Camp, at its last held meeting, initiated four candidates and received three applications. This camp had, on April 1, 1896, 350 members, and it now has a membership of 795, with forty applications on hand. The growth of this camp has been phenomenal. Its meetings are always well attended.

General Organizer George K. Rogers has gone to Los Angeles to complete plans for organization work in that portion of the State.

Organizers H. B. Jennings and M. B. Estes are at work on a new camp—being the third they have established within the past sixty days.

Organizer Rutherford reports a camp nearly organized to start in the outlying Mission district.

Organizer O. L. Scott is working on a new camp to start with fifty charter members, to be known as California Junior Camp, its members comprising many prominent Native Sons living in the district near Devisadero and Oak streets. He is also at work on a new camp in the Richmond district.

The results of recent organization work are now very apparent, and it is expected that there will be twelve strong camps in San Francisco by August at the time the Head Camp session convenes here.

Members of the Woodmen of the World called into the service of the United States do not lose any of their rights or benefits. The order collects the rate of 20 cents per $1000 additional of such members, being the additional rate for all extra hazardous occupations.

Instructions have been issued by Head Consul Falkenburg to camps, ordering that in all cases where the relatives of an enlisted man are unable to pay his insurance, the camp of which he is a member is required to do so out of its general fund, thus preserving to the family of the soldier all his rights and benefits as a member of the Woodmen of the World.

ROYAL ARCANUM.

A very pleasant social was given last week by Golden West Council in the social hall of the Alcazar, when a great number of the friends of this prosperous council were treated to an entertaining programme which included: Piano solo, Professor Norman; vocal solo, W. M. Young; a talk on "What I Saw in Spain," Dr. J. G. Kergan; recitation, C. C. Peterson; violin solo, Master Freddie Kergan; declamation, Mr. Head of Argonaut Council, and tenor solo, W. M. Ogilvie. After the programme there was a dance and refreshments.

Golden West Lodge has decided to keep up the dues and assessments of any member who may serve his country during the war, and in case of death will pay the amount of his beneficiary certificate.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

Last Monday Yerba Buena Lodge received two applications. The lodge was visited by Past Dictator John Gollan, who delivered an interesting address. The Mutual Aid Society of the lodge has elected the following officers: E. A. Falvey, president; R. H. Noble, secretary, and C. G. Noble, treasurer.

Fortuna Lodge received an application at its last held meeting. It was reported that M. Lagomarsino, a member, had been thrown from a wagon and had sustained a fracture of both arms. The committee that had charge of obtaining assistance for the family of a member of the lodge who became insane reported that it had met with success and that quite a handsome sum will be realized on behalf of the family.

Polar Star Lodge has decided to postpone its previously announced smoker on account of the disturbed condition of the community on account of the war. Professor Prior addressed the lodge and asserted that it is the duty of every American citizen to stand by the flag anu country.

The April list of the supreme reporter shows 175 deaths, of which eight occurred in California. All of the claims will be paid during the current month.

WAS SUED FOR ROOM RENT

Wallace S. Taylor Explains His Case Fully to Justice Cook.

He Was at First Imprisoned and Released and the Present Case is Under Advisement.

The case of Mrs. Defau against Wallace S. Taylor for the purpose of recovering delinquent room rent was brought before Justice Cook yesterday morning and after testimony had been given the case was taken under advisement until Tuesday morning, when the justice will render his decision. Taylor was arrested on an affidavit sworn to by the landlady, Mrs. Defau, and Mr. Armstrong, attorney for the Interstate Collection and Law Company, was made attorney of record as he represented the firm in whose hands the bill had been placed for collection. At the first proceedings Attorney Meldon represented the plaintiff, who was dismissed by the justice. He stated that a sufficient or correct action had not been taken to warrant imprisonment for the charge.

According to testimony Taylor owed Mrs. Defau the bill as alleged, but stated that he was unable to pay it. Then a collection agency was resorted to, and as the landlady owed Attorney Armstrong a considerable sum of money he was retained as counsel and also represents Mrs. Taylor, who is suing her husband for divorce on grounds of non-support. At first arrangements were made whereby the matter would be settled if Taylor could have his father sign a note with him for the amount due, and the note was forwarded to Brooklyn, N. Y., where Taylor Sr., who is reported to be wealthy, resides. The note was for six months and was not signed by the father of the man who is being sued, and it was stated that more time should be given. Now the defendant states through his attorney that his father has signed the note, but it has not been presented to the plaintiff, who is willing to accept it for payment in full.

It had been stated that Attorney Tomsky, who represents the defendant, was highly indignant at the treatment his client had received and would sue Attorney Armstrong for having Mr. Taylor imprisoned, but this is denied by Tomsky.

BEGINNING OF THE END

Southern Pacific's Suit Over Grain Rates Nearing a Crisis.

Replication Filed and Notice Given That Testimony Will Be Oral.

A Matter Soon to Be Settled Which Is of Interest to the Entire State.

Attorney Herrin of the Southern Pacific Company yesterday filed with the clerk of the United States Circuit Court the Southern Pacific's replication in the suit to restrain the Railroad Commissioners from fixing a reduced schedule of rates.

This suit had its beginning in an order of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, dated September 17, 1895, whereby the grain rates over the lines of the Southern Pacific in California were reduced 8 per cent. On the 15th of October, in the same year, the Southern Pacific Company filed a suit in equity in the United States Circuit Court against the commission, which had for its object the annulment of the order as adopted, and to restrain the commission from putting any order into force looking toward the reduction of any rates then charged for the transportation of freight within the State.

On the filing of the suit a temporary restraining order was granted prohibiting the commission from adopting any order whereby the rates for transportation of freight would be reduced.

The suit lagged along until November, 1896, when Judge McKenna, who was at that time on the Circuit bench, made a further order continuing in force that part of the previous order which related to the action already taken by the commission reducing the rates on grain, but holding that the Board of Commissioners had the right to enact orders reducing freight rates within the territory over which they held jurisdiction, after a satisfactory examination of the books, earnings, expenditures and general financial condition of the road on which the reduction was to take place. Such order of the commission, however, must always be subject to the approval of a properly qualified court.

From the date of McKenna's decision the suit has been dragging along before Judge Morrow in the Circuit Court, going through all the long course of technical chancery proceedings that are necessary before that stage can be reached where the issue can be squarely put to the front and decided one way or the other.

Answers, exceptions, answers and more exceptions were passed back and forth until at last the last technicality had been disposed of and all that remained was for the Southern Pacific Company to file its replication and bring the matter squarely to a head. This the railroad did yesterday, and now it only remains for the day of hearing to be set by the court. The railroad has given notice that it will move to take testimony orally instead of by depositions and other written statements as is customary in most chancery proceedings.

The case is one that should excite a widespread interest throughout the State, as its result will be of vital importance to every farmer, fruit man and shipper who has a pound of goods to send over the lines of the Southern Pacific.

To-morrow at 1 o'clock the Railroad Commission will meet to commence its examination of the financial condition of the Southern Pacific roads, in order to comply with the above mentioned order of Judge McKenna, and thus lay the proper foundation for a general reduction of the freight schedule on all the roads operating in the State. It is expected that by the time the commission shall have completed its labors the public will have obtained a more extended knowledge of railroad workings in a little while than it has acquired during all the years that have intervened since the two oceans were first connected.

Scots Will Celebrate.

The St. Andrew's Society will hold its thirty-fourth annual picnic next Sunday at Fairfax. The St. Andrew's Society is the oldest Scotch society in the city, having been organized in 1863. It is customary before the annual picnic to hold an open meeting of the society for its members and their friends, and this year the usual open meeting will be held at Scottish Hall to-morrow evening, when an interesting programme of Scotch music will be presented.

THIS DAY AT THE CHURCHES.

First Baptist, Eddy street, near Jones.	Rev. E. A. Woods	Morning—"Contrary Winds." Evening—"Catching Foxes."
Hamilton Square Baptist, Post street, near Steiner.	Rev. W. C. Jenks	Morning—"Marching Orders." Evening—"Home Protection."
St. Charles, Twenty-fourth and Shotwell streets.	Father Cummings	Morning—"Forty Hours' Devotion."
St. Mary's Cathedral, Van Ness avenue and O'Farrell street.	Father Prendergast, V. G.	Morning—Sodality of the Immaculate Conception will receive holy communion. Evening—Vespers.
St. Ignatius, Van Ness avenue and Hayes street.	Jesuit Fathers	Morning—"The Patronage of St. Joseph." Evening—Sermon by Father Woods.
St. Brendan's, Fremont and Harrison streets.	Father Nugent	Morning—Gospel of the day. Evening—Vespers.
St. Peter's, Alabama street, near Twenty-fourth.	Secular Clergy	Morning—"Faith, Hope and Charity." Evening—Vespers.
St. Paul's, Twenty-ninth and Church streets.	Father Connolly	Morning—Gospel. Evening—Benediction.
St. Patrick's, Mission street, near Third.	Father Gray	Morning—Epistle and Gospel. Evening—Vespers.
St. Teresa's, Tennessee and Butte streets.	Father Browne	Morning—"Jesus." Evening—Rosary.
St. Joseph's, Tenth and Howard streets.	Father Scanlan	Morning—Celebration of the feast of St. Joseph.
St. Peter and Paul's, Filbert and Dupont streets.	Salesian Fathers	Morning—Gospel of the day. Evening—Vespers.
St. Dominic's, Steiner and Bush streets.	Father Pius	Morning—Gospel. Evening—Vespers.
St. Brigid's, Van Ness avenue and Broadway.	Father Cottle	Morning—"The Graces of God." Evening—"Doing Good."
Holy Cross, Scott and Eddy streets.	Father McGinty	Morning—High mass. Evening—Vespers and benediction.
Church of Corpus Christi, Alemany and Croke streets.	Salesian Fathers	Morning—"Jesus, Our Savior." Evening—Vespers.
Our Lady of Victories, Bush street, near Stockton.	Marist Fathers	Morning—Sermon by Father Guibert. Evening—Reading.
St. Francis, Vallejo street and Montgomery avenue.	Father Carraher	Morning—Sermon by Father Heslin. Evening—Vespers.
First Christian, Twelfth and Mission streets.	Rev. F. S. Ford	Morning—"Presumptuous Boasting." Evening—"Spain."
West Side Christian, Bush street, near Devisadero.	Rev. W. A. Gardner	Morning—Anniversary sermon, beginning of the sixth year's work of the present pastor. Evening—"Has God Spoken to Man?"
Bethlehem Congregational, Vermont street, near Twenty-fourth.	Rev. W. H. Tubbs	Morning—"Our Light Affliction, Which Is but for a Moment." Evening—"Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled."
First Congregational, Post and Mason sts.	Rev. G. C. Adams	Morning—"On the Cross." Evening—"War."
Olivet Congregational, Seventeenth and Noe streets.	Rev. H. T. Shepard	Morning—"Divine Sovereignty." Evening—"A Clean Heart."
Plymouth Congregational, Post street, near Webster.	Rev. F. B. Cherington	Morning—"Sincerity." Evening—"Temptation."
Third Congregational, Fifteenth street, near Mission.	Rev. William Rader	Morning—"Holding Fast the Good." Evening—"The Investment of Power."
Richmond Congregational, Seventh avenue and Clement street.	Rev. P. Coombe	Morning—"A Divided Christendom With an Indivisible Christ." Evening—"The Fellowship of Nations."
First English Lutheran, 1319 Geary street, near Gough.	Rev. E. Nelander	Morning—Sermon by Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D.D., Western secretary Home Missions. Evening—"Gleanings From Synodical Convention," Rev. J. W. Ball of Los Angeles, and Dr. E. Nelander.
St. Luke's, Van Ness avenue and Clay street.	Rev. W. H. Moreland	Morning—"The Intermediate Life a State of Progress in Goodness or Evil." Evening—"The Resurrection of the Body."
Trinity Episcopal, Bush street, near Gough.	Rev. H. E. Cooke	Morning—Holy communion. Evening—Litany.
Bethel African M. E., Powell street, near Jackson.	Rev. W. B. Anderson	Morning—"The Dream of Nebuchadnezzar." Evening—"Afro-American Odd Fellowship."
California Street Methodist Episcopal, California and Steiner streets.	Rev. J. W. Phelps	Morning—Sunday school. Evening—"The Grace of Hospitality."
Central Methodist, Mission street, near Sixth.	Rev. C. E. Locke	Morning—M. C. Harris, D.D., will preach. Evening—"Little Ways of Bettering the World."
Epworth M. E. Church, Twenty-sixth and Church streets.	Rev. W. M. Woodward	Morning—"A Christian's Responsibility." Evening—"The Value of Salvation."
First M. E. Church, Powell and Washington streets.	Rev. W. S. Urmy	Morning—Class meeting. Evening—Meeting of the Epworth League.
Fifteenth Avenue M. E. Church, Fifteenth avenue south and P street.	Rev. H. Pearce	Morning—"Christ Furnished the Value of Humanity." Evening—"War the Disintegrator of the Effete and the Liberator of the Nascent."
Grace M. E., Twenty-first and Capp streets.	Rev. J. N. Beard	Morning—Lord's supper. Evening—"Amusements."
Howard Street M. E., Howard street, near Second.	Rev. J. B. Wilson	Morning—"Life Eternal." Evening—"The Consideration."
Japanese M. E., 1329 Pine street.	Mary E. Bowen, evangelist	Morning—"Jesus, the Savior of Mankind."
Potrero M. E., Tennessee and Solano streets.	Rev. D. W. Chilson	Morning—Sunday school. Evening—Epworth League meets.
Richmond Methodist, Fourth avenue and Clement street.	Rev. G. W. Beatty	Morning—Sunday school. Evening—Sermon by Rev. G. W. Beatty.
Simpson Memorial, Hayes and Buchanan streets.	Rev. J. Stephens	Morning—"The Joy of the Suffering." Evening—"He Marveled at Their Unbelief."
Trinity M. E. Church, Sixteenth, Market and Noe streets.	Rev. H. W. Peck	Morning—"The Children of the King," or "Old Folks' Day," followed by love feast and communion. Evening—"Elijah and Elisha, the Prophets."
Calvary Presbyterian, Geary and Powell streets.	Rev. J. Hemphill	Morning—"Seeking a Permanent Home." Evening—A Sermon on home life to young people and others.
First Presbyterian, Van Ness avenue and Sacramento street.	Rev. R. Mackenzie	Morning—Anniversary of the Sunday school. Evening—"Honor."
Howard Presbyterian, corner Oak and Baker streets.	Rev. F. R. Farrand	Morning—"Completeness in Christ." Evening—"The Final Judgment."
Memorial Presbyterian, Eighteenth avenue and Railroad avenue.	Rev. H. N. Bevier	Morning—"The Holy War." Evening—"Consecration."
Stewart Memorial U. P. Church, Guerrero street, near Twenty-third.	W. E. Dugan	Morning—Communion service. Evening—"The Earth, Holy Ground."
Trinity Presbyterian, Twenty-third and Capp streets.	Rev. A. N. Carson	Morning—Installation of elders and deacons elect. Evening—Second in the series on the "Lord's Prayer."
Westminster Presbyterian, Webster and Page streets.	Rev. S. S. Cryor	Morning—"An Evil Greater Than War." Evening—"The Son of Man Seeking."
First Unitarian, Franklin and Geary streets.	Rev. H. Stebbins	Morning—Dr. Eliot of Portland, Or., will preach.
Second Unitarian, Twentieth and Capp streets.	Rev. A. J. Wells	Morning—Horatio Stebbins, D.D., will speak. Evening—Rev. G. T. Weaver will preach.
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 223 Sutter street.	The Bible, Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures	Morning—Christian Science Bible Lesson.
Metropolitan Temple, Fifth street, near Market.	Rev. P. B. Morgan	Evening—Evangelistic services.
Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ, 997 Market street.	C. A. Parkin	Morning—"Salvation." Evening—"Ancient Theology."
Y. M. C. A., Mason and Ellis streets.	Rev. A. DeMuth	3 p. m.—A service of sacred music.

TRY THE ORIGINAL LEAD OF THE LOWEST TRUMP.

Some five years ago the writer introduced the innovation of leading the lowest trump from five or even six—under certain conditions—to our little whist circle. A year or two later we mentioned it to some of our Eastern whist friends, and the report from those who gave the play a trial was, in their opinion, a trick winner. These reports came from a class of tyros like ourselves, that don't and won't ever lay claim to being experts.

We believe when the original leader of a deal has a very strong plain suit with some trump strength—he should lead from that strong suit and select a card for the opening, and follow, that gives all the information possible as regards its length and strength. But when the original leader's suit is all small trumps, holding four, five, or even six, and no plain suit, that is worth trying to establish, our claim is, the best lead you can reopened is the lowest trump, and have it convey this meaning: "Partner, this is my lowest trump. I have four at least, possibly five or six, and no plain suit worth trying to establish, and don't you return trump without good reasons of your own for doing so."

With such a holding, I claim you don't want to make a lead that is too informatory, one that shows your exact holding; it is just the information your adversaries are anxious to get. It is a very simple matter to show number of trumps later if your partner's play indicates that he ought to know.

In "Owl's Whist Don'ts," page 22, published in 1896, we gave a full description of this play and how to lead from your trump suit in case you want a quick return of same. We would like to have the committee that was appointed at the midwinter meeting, that will be known as the "Bureau of Experiment," try this innovation. We intend to go to the next congress and play at whist, and we will use this trump lead, and we hope we will not be charged with using private inventions.

HILTON'S ERRORS AT WHIST.

We have received a copy of a new whist book entitled "Arguments Against Some Popular Errors at Whist," with some notes on the game and a glossary of whist terms, by S. O. Hilton, Capitola, Santa Cruz County, Cal.; price 50 cents.

This little book contains a good many good things, and a good many things that are not so good; in other words confirming the heading of this notice. About the first thing that meets the eye on opening the book is the little slip "Corrections." The second one refers you to page 55, under the heading of "Twenty Hints for Beginners":

No. 17. "Three remarks only are allowable at whist during the play of the hand":

(1) The question: "What are trumps?"

(2) The interrogatory: "Having no trumps, partner?"

(3) The demand: "Draw (or place) your cards." (The last must be made before playing to a trick.)

What are the facts?

First—The first question is permissible, but the wording is not taken from our code of laws.

Second—If you ask the second question, "Having no trumps, partner?" or asking the corrected one, "Having none of the suit led, partner?" should your partner have one of the suit, asking either of these questions establishes a revoke in your partner's hand.

Third—The third is also not in accordance with the American Whist League code. As long as the cards have not been touched for the purpose of gathering them together any one at any time may demand that the players draw their cards.

The first and third are of little consequence, but the second rather vital, and strange that an up-to-date whist writer could fall into such an error—that is the law in England, but has not been the law in this country for several years.

The writer also says: "By courtesy a player may look at the last trick." This is not so. A player looking at the last trick is subject to the same penalty as leading out of turn, which is, a suit may be called from the offender or his partner the first time it is the turn of either of them to lead.

The author gives rules for leading. A good many of them are not in accord with the American lead system, and for that reason we cannot indorse his ideas. For instance, he says on page 28: "With ace, king, queen in a suit of five or more, lead the ace first." On the same page he also says: "With ace and four small cards of a suit some will lead a small card first; this is an error." The facts are the lead of the fourth best card from ace and four small has become almost universal and the recognized lead by nearly every expert player in America.

This work shows that the author is a little antiquated, but his heart is in the right place. This little work only costs four bits, and every advanced whist player should purchase a copy to help along a good cause.

THE ROTARY DISCARD.

Whist Opinion for April reproduces an article from the Philadelphia Press, written by W. A. Hawley, on the innovation introduced into the game of whist by our whist editor called the Rotary Discard. One of the strangest features about anything that is introduced as new in whist play is it is condemned 99 times out of 100 without the semblance of a trial. The article is a flattering one. It says:

Of all the changes which have been suggested in latter years the most important are: First, the American leads, and secondly, the rotary discard. Both of these modern innovations are based upon principle and are sure to be incorporated as such.

The first of these principles has been demonstrated to the entire satisfaction of all, although at first and perhaps now there were and are many malcontents. The second principle is newer and has met with a storm of abuse, but notwithstanding the torrents of anathemas hurled at it, there will most likely be action by the congress at Boston, legitimatizing it by fixing the arbitrary rotation of suits. Of course the feature of the play is in the one-card discard, which indicates the strength with the same force and effect as if a card of the strong suit was shown and understood to be a discard of strength, with this great advantage, the suit is not impaired one iota.

The rotation should be established once and for all time. The moment this is done the play will spring into universal favor and take its place along with the signal and other legitimate plays of the game. The Philadelphia Whist Club used the rotation in the order of hearts, diamonds, clubs and spades. And they also only used the discard when partner was leading trumps and likely to remain with it. Such a scheme of course limits its use to the understood conditions, but when they are in evidence the plan or rather the efforts of its friends will be devoted to their elimination and perhaps some day it can be used for all discards. As a principle it is certainly broad enough to admit of many applications and variations.

T. E. OTIS IN THE NEWARK NEWS.

Of the many papers that we receive that have a whist department we enjoy none better than the Newark News of Newark, N. J., so ably edited by Mr. T. E. Otis. Besides being a whist player of the first rank, Mr. Otis is a writer that you can thoroughly understand and it is a pleasure we take in so frequently reproducing selections from his articles commenting on the system of play used in a late inter-city contest, he says:

A team which recently played in the big inter-city contest was reported to have a system which embraced forty-three rules. The team finished well down the line, and was never considered dangerous. Another team, in the same contest, claimed to have no system. This team was also quite a distance from the front ranks at the close. These two teams represented the two extremes of the system question, and one was as illogical as the other. The first told too much and took too long to tell it, while the latter depended upon the guessing ability of its members. If either or both of these teams had adopted a middle course they would have finished much nearer the top than they did. It is useless to reason with such people on the question of system, as they will not be convinced. Their error is due largely to their misconception of the cause of success at the whist table. If you whip them out of their boots in a match game they will defend their beloved system at the expense of their individual ability, or if they are the advocates of no system they will lay it all to bad play and not to a lack of ability to convey knowledge. They seem willing to sacrifice everything else except that which is largely the cause of their defeat. The only thing you can do with such people is to let them dream on, and wait until they get back to earth. Some people have come out of that kind of a trance and done good whist work, but they cannot be reasoned with while in it.

WHISTLETS.

The Tuesday Night Duplicate Whist Club of Oakland is one of the most prosperous little clubs in the State. It meets for whist play every Tuesday night. The officers are: President, Mrs. F. M. Smith; secretary, Miss Grace Sperry; treasurer, Mrs. H. O. Trowbridge.

R. B. Calley, the most enthusiastic whist worker of the Linda Vista Whist Club of Oakland, was the representative of the Pacific Coast Whist Association at the recent meeting of the North Pacific Whist Association at Portland, Or. The associations have adopted a code of rules for playing for the Rideout trophy.

The Trist Duplicate Whist Club has among its members a number of Stanford students. In the course of a month or two the team made of students will challenge the University of Berkeley.

The Call's Whist Whys are now ready for distribution. A strike among the Printers' Union has caused a little delay. Everybody that is interested in whist and would like to know what to do to acquire a knowledge of the game should have one of these books. They cost nothing—free as the air—not even postage. Address Whist Editor Call.

Mrs. Alice Fredericks, the secretary of the Trist Duplicate Whist Club Annex, invites every lady in San Francisco that loves whist to the rooms of the Trist Club, 711 Jones street, next Friday afternoon to enroll themselves in classes for the summer months. It is free.

The Supreme Court.

The Justices of the Supreme Court left yesterday for Sacramento, where the regular Sacramento session of the court will be held, beginning to-morrow. The court has only recently returned from Los Angeles. There is considerable business for the court at the capital.

Advances made on furniture and pianos, with or without removal. J. Noonan, 1017-1023 Mission.