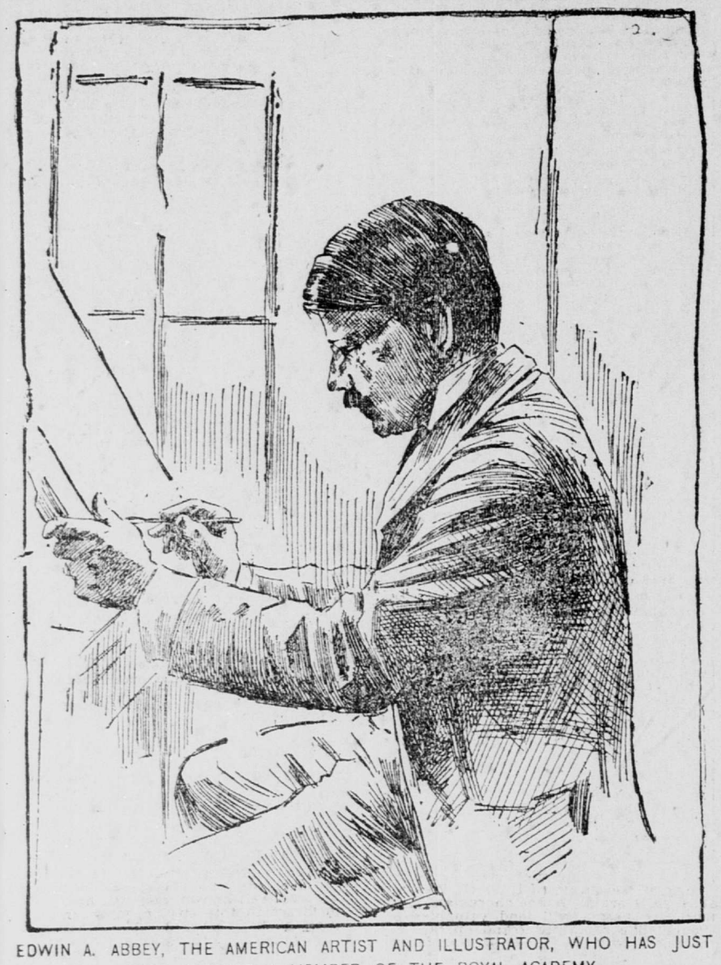
LATEST BOOKS ON THE SHELF.



EDWIN A. ABBEY, THE AMERICAN ARTIST AND ILLUSTRATOR, WHO HAS JUST BEEN ELECTED A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL ACADEMY.

PENELOPE'S PROGRESS.

By Kate Douglas Wiggin

IT will be no new news to reading Americans that they can find a delightful cicerone for their wanderings about Great Britain in the person of Mrs. Riggs—or Mrs. Wiggin, as her publishers prefer to call her, in a confusing style that is undeniably convenient; and she has been too kindly received by her English public to leave it doubtful that there are many Scottish readers who will now gladly welcome the opportunity "to see themselves as ithers see them." Surely they cannot but be pleased to find three such charming strangers as Penelope, Francesca and Salemina displaying a familiarity with their ancient ballads and an enthusiasm for Bonnie Prince Charlie hardly equaled by Mr. Black's heroines—to say nothing of their brave determination to master all the intricacies of the vernacular tongue. It is true that boooks of this type, with their efforts at sustained humor, are always a little difficult to read with a constantly unwearied mind; and when they proceed from feminine sources, like this and Mrs. Cotes' "American Girl in London," there is about them a certain haunting sprightliness—the phrase is Stevenson's, and he applies it to the contemporary feminine—which makes them better not read through at a sitting.

Penelope, however, the narrator of these North British experiences, is wise in not trying to be too continuously sprightly. She can interject, here and there, tender and pathetic passages which relieve the reader; and there are a number of ways in which she shows a fine insight not only into the minds of her sex and nation but into regions that lie beyond. One bit in particular, the chapter which describes the trio "playing Sir Patrick Spens" with some utterly captivating children, shows a penetration into "Golden Age" habits of thought not often found in mere Olympians. Whether amid the gayeties of Edinburgh for the first half of the book, or buried for the second in the East Neuk of Fife, the three fair Americans have enough amusing adventures, interspersed with properly romantic love passages, to reward those who pursue them to their appointed and eminently satisfactory end. Never again will Francesca walk "in maiden meditation, fancy free"; and the sound of Penelope's wedding bells is heard in the last pages. May they live happily ever after!—The Critic.

"Penelope's Progress." Published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

SPAIN IN HISTORY.

By Professor James A. Harrison.

Of all the so-called civilized countries the history of Spain is the least known to the general reader. The principal reason for this is the lack of good histories by the people themselves.

The present war has naturally whetted the public appetite for historical narratives of Spain and the Spanish people. If we except the periods of Spanish history dealt with by Prescott, Washington Irving and Motley, little is known of the annals of the nation or of the picturesque features and great natural resources of the Iberian Peninsula. One of the most interesting of works, covering the whole field of Spanish history, is that entitled, "Spain in History." Of Spain's future no writer, of course, can do more than hazard an opinion, which subsequent events may or may not justify. The immediate prospect is ominous, with a financially crippled exchequer and a nation of mutinous and distrustful people, without a great leader. The gravity of the case (to quote from the book) obviously counsels discretion, but discretion is not a Spanish virtue, and it ill consorts with Spanish pride. Did she but heed the voice of her best friends Spain would make haste, while there is time, to mend her ways, resigning her colonies, which notoriously she has no gifts for managing, concentrate her energies to the task of developing the great resources of the rich peninsula in which her real greatness lies. The Werner Company, Akron, Ohio. Price $1.50.

THE LION OF JANINA.

A wild and whirling dream of Oriental gorgeousness and adventure is "The Lion of Janina," but, unlike most such dreams, it is a little tedious. Pelion is piled upon Ossa until the brain reels and one stands dazed before the author's fertility and recklessness. "And so it chanced that the sons of Ali, like the Princes in a fairy tale, suddenly and marvelously came into possession of great riches and were wise enough to profit by these riches in the merriest manner in the world." That is a characteristic fragment. Jokai deals with beings presumably real, but they move in an atmosphere too varicolored for anything but fairyland, and while there are touches of human nature in the book, we fear that the only way to get pleasure from it is to abandon one's self to its barbaric splendors as to a chapter from the "Arabian Nights." Jokai misses, of course, the enchantment of that immortal collection of tales, but he has caught its note of Eastern lavishness.

THE LION OF JANINA; OR, THE LAST DAYS OF THE JANISSARIES—A Turkish novel. By Maurus Jokai. Translated by R. Nisbet Bain. Harper & Bros.

EDWIN ABBEY'S GOOD FORTUNE.

Edwin A. Abbey, whose work is as highly appreciated in England as in America, has just been elected a Royal Academician; he had been an Associate for several years. Mr. Harold Frederic says that this is not altogether pleasing to certain English painters who have been overlooked, and "a certain powerful group of critics of art and literature" who do not like Mr. Abbey or his work. But in spite of all he has won "simply because he has visibly painted the heads off of all his competitors for the past three years." This certainly shows something more than fairness, then, on the part of Mr. Abbey's fellow-Academicians, who elected him to full honors in spite of all opposition. Mr. Abbey, by the way, continues to live at Fairford in Gloucestershire—one of the prettiest little villages in all England. It is very much like Broadway, Worcestershire, where he made his first English home and where Mr. Frank Millet, one of the colony of American artists in England, still lives. An artist who delights in Shakespearean subjects, as Mr. Abbey does, can find his backgrounds on every street of Fairford; for sixteenth-century suggestiveness it may be said to rival Broadway. Indeed, the latter suggests Morland, or even Birket Foster, more than it does the golden age of Elizabeth. Mr. Abbey has a beautiful home, with ample grounds and stately trees and a lawn such as one sees nowhere outside of England. The only modern thing on Mr. Abbey's place is the studio—an enormous building which he and Mr. Sargent share, and in which they painted their great canvases for the Boston Public Library.

The Dodge Stationery Co. of New York announces for publication an important work on Heraldry of considerable value to stationers and all who are interested in the use of Crests and Arms. Unlike other works on the same subject it will be of a popular nature, and will present sufficient information to allow any one to converse intelligently on the subject and avoid the ludicrous mistakes so frequently made by those who are imperfectly possessed with more than a rudimentary knowledge of the science. The work will have over one hundred illustrations and a complete index to the technical terms used in Heraldry. Price $2.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

ADAM'S ANSWER—By L. W. Kleppinger. "Adam Answered," by C. C. Dail. Both, published in Kansas City by the authors, are books seeking for fame in the realms of poetry. They will hardly find it, as poetry has to be something more than words. The motives that prompted the authors to write the books are not quite apparent.

THE SANITARIAN—Devoted to private and public health. American News Company, New York.

THE HOUSE BEAUTIFUL—A publication devoted to art and artisanship. Herbert Stone Company, Chicago.

THE STORY OF ROB ROY—By Sir Walter Scott, Bart. Condensed for home and school reading by Edith D. Harris. D. Applebee & Co., publishers. For sale by William Doxey. Price, 60 cents.

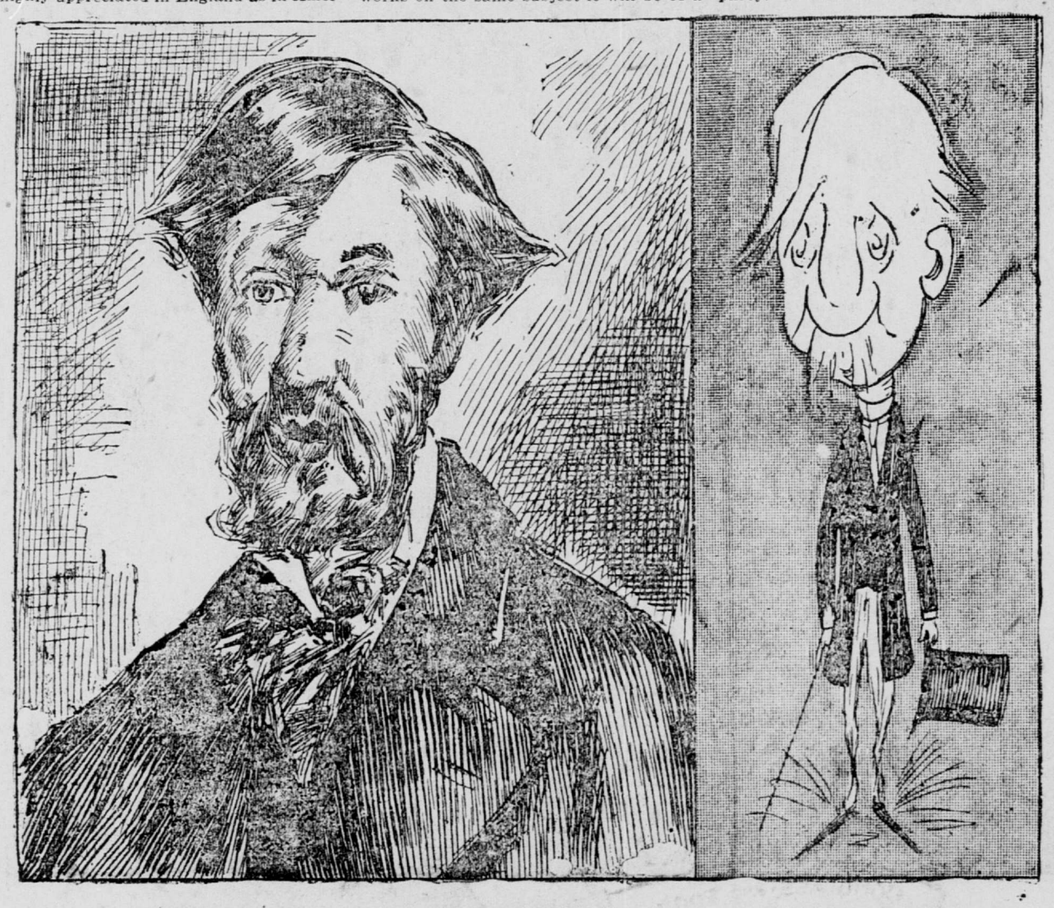
A WORD TO WOMEN—By Mrs. Humphrey. Advice as to what to do and what not to do, by a woman who knows whereof she speaks. F. Mansfield, New York. For sale by William Doxey. Price, 50 cents.

The frontispiece of the August Open Court is a half-tone portrait of the French philosopher, Rene Descartes. The portrait is accompanied by a biographical sketch of Descartes, containing extracts from a forthcoming work on "The History of French Philosophy," by M. Levy-Bruhl, professor in the College de France. Finally, Theodore Stanton has an article on the "Social Museum of Paris," which was founded by the Count Chambrun. The Open Court Publishing Company, Chicago.

...ITA, THE CUBAN SPY—By Gilson Willets. F. Tennyson Neely.

POSTER DESIGN FOR KATE DOUGLASS WIGGIN'S NEW BOOK.

The colors are all in the bright hues of Scotch plaid.



GEORGE MOORE.

Portrait by Manet From Modern Paintings — Caricature by Mr. Beerbohm.

BOOK NOTES.

"The Californians," by Gertrude Atherton, a companion volume to "American Wives and English Husbands," will be issued in September by John Laine, and not by Dodd, Mead & Co., as has been announced. Mrs. Atherton's "American Wives," etc., is by far her best work as yet, and it is said that "The Californians" will not disappoint those who are interested in her decided progress.

The new biography of Charles Dickens with which Mr. Thomas Wright of Olney has been busy for several years is to be published in the autumn. There may be room for another life of the novelist, but it is to be wished that a more competent biographer had undertaken it.

Several heretofore uncollected articles by Dickens are to be included in the forthcoming volume of the Gadshill edition. An article on "Young Gentlemen" to appear therein was written by him as a protest against an article by somebody else, "Sketches of Young Ladies," which he once happened to read.

The book on "Dickens and His Illustrators," upon which Mr. T. G. Kitton has been engaged, will soon be brought out. It is to contain, it is said, nearly a hundred plates, consisting of collotype fac-similes of original designs for the illustrations, while a portrait of the novelist will form the frontispiece. It is from a lithograph by an American artist.

Forty years ago the first missionary was eaten on the Fiji Islands.

FRATERNAL NEWS

THE EASTERN STAR.

Mrs. Cora Porter, worthy grand matron; Grand Patron Rowe, Grand Secretary Mrs. Willats and the grand organist, paid a visit to Carita Chapter in Alameda last week and were well pleased with the work of the chapter. On Friday last the worthy grand matron visited Unity Chapter at West Oakland.

Oak Leaf Chapter gave a party in Masonic Hall in Oakland on last Thursday night.

Carita Chapter gave a flag social at the residence of Mrs. F. J. Fletter on Central avenue, Alameda, last Saturday, and a pleasing programme was presented.

Oakland Chapter will give a midsummer entertainment and hop in Masonic Hall, Oakland, on the 26th inst.

During this week the grand matron will visit as follows: Calistoga, Napa, Vallejo, Sonoma and Santa Rosa. The following week she will visit Healdsburg, Lakeport, Ukiah, Cloverdale and Petaluma.

The General Grand Chapter will meet in Washington, D. C., on the 27th of the current month.

THE ODD FELLOWS.

At the meeting of Cosmopolitan Lodge on Wednesday night there was work in the initiatory degree and it was well performed.

Last Tuesday night District Deputy I. E. Jarrett consolidated the membership of Myrtle Lodge with that of Occidental Lodge in the presence of a large number of people. After the ceremony which made the two lodges one there was, under the direction of Louis Kragen, presented a varied programmme of entertainment, which kept the audience together until it was time to catch the last car.

One of the most enterprising fraternal journals published in this State at this time is the California Odd Fellow, issued from the press at Sacramento. It is devoted to the news of the order, carefully presented and is not confined to the local lodges, but to the entire jurisdiction. One of the publishers is Grand Warden J. L. Robinet, who is a very active member of the order, one who is always seeking to advance its interests not only through his paper, but by personal effort.

The banquet that followed the meeting of the relief committee last Sunday was a very enjoyable affair. There was an excellent menu and then there were responses to toasts submitted by J. A. Wilson, the new president of the board, who acted as chairman. "The Past—Looking Backward," was responded to by L. L. Remy, the retiring president; "Relief Boards Outside of San Francisco," Grand Warden Robinet, who is president of the Sacramento Board; "Odd Fellows in Odd Fellowship," John H. Gray; "The Beauties of Odd Fellowship," Past President W. A. S. Nicholson; "Friendship," Past President A. J. Doyle; "The Finance Committee," H. H. Dobbins; "The Widows and Orphans," Vice-President A. G. Clark; "Things in General," Louis Kragen, the retiring treasurer. Then followed remarks by Dr. Regensburger, his son, who is noble grand of Bay City Lodge, Messrs. Weiser, Marchant, Edmonds and not least, Secretary W. F. Nichols, whose address was one of the most modest ever delivered at a gathering of that character.

One of the features of the meeting before the banquet was the presentation by Dr. Regensburger, the retiring vice-president, to Louis Kragen, the retiring treasurer, who after two years' service refused to serve another term. There were five parcels, each containing articles that were more noticeable for their usefulness than their intrinsic worth. The presentation address was a most eloquent one. The affair, to use the language of the day, took the recipient "off his feet," and his reply was expressed in two words.

Loyal Rebekah Lodge will give a Dewey Social to-morrow night and the ladies who have charge of the function will present a fine programme of dances.

MANCHESTER UNITY.

Loyal Mission Lodge of the Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity, was instituted last Tuesday night in Mission Opera Hall. The ceremonies were conducted by J. T. Wild, D.D., assisted by T. W. Goddard, P. G., and a degree team from California Lodge. After the ceremony of institution the following officers were installed for the term: Frederick L. Griffith, N. G.; Walter H. Jones, V. G.; G. A. Mauheran, F. S.; Victor C. Turrell, R. S.; James W. Murphy, T.; A. H. Goddard, L. M.; J. A. Born, physician; W. C. Foster, S. G. West and J. A. Born, trustees. After the exemplification of initiation and the conferring of the first degree there was a banquet, where there was a good time and toasts and responses. The principal speakers were: T. W. Wild, D. D.; T. W. Goddard, E. Potter, George Filbert, past grands; F. L. Griffiths, P. G.; Dr. J. A. Born, and W. H. Jones, V. G. The banquet committee, consisting of J. W. Murphy, W. T. Worthington, H. Plath, S. G. West and F. L. Griffith, was highly praised for the splendid spread it prepared. The new lodge starts out with a good charter list, and it will no doubt meet with all the success that the charter members wish for it. A degree team is being organized to compete with the team of California Lodge.

THE NATIVE DAUGHTERS.

Orinda Parlor will give its ninth anniversary ball on the evening of the 23d inst. in Native Sons' Hall. The affair will be strictly invitational, and the committee that has charge of it promises as fine a function as was ever given by this very enterprising parlor.

On the night of the 6th inst., there was an exemplification of the new ritual before the members of Alta Parlor in the presence of such a large audience that Shasta Hall, the largest in the Native Sons' building was not ample enough to hold all who wished to witness the work. Those who exemplified the work were Miss Agnes McCreery, as president; Mrs. M. E. Tillman acting as past president; Mrs. Genevieve Baker as first vice, Mrs. E. Anderson as third vice, Mrs. Lillian Carlie as second vice, and Miss Lizzie Douglass as marshal. The work was given in the most perfect manner, and as an object lesson, it was one of the most beautiful that has ever been presented to members of the order. Among the many visitors there were members of the order from interior parlors and from all of the local parlors. After the ceremony, the members of the parlor resolved themselves into a committee of the whole and served refreshments and ice cream to all present.

The officers of Yosemite Parlor were installed by Deputy Mrs. Thierbach, assisted by Mrs. Georgie C. Ryan, Mrs. Lena B. Mills, Mrs. Dr. Boldeman, Mrs. C. A. Boldeman and Miss Creigh.

Grand Secretary Mrs. Georgie C. Ryan has received and is now sending out the proceedings of the twelfth annual session of the Grand Parlor held at Woodland last June. The book makes 192 pages and is a careful compilation of all that was done at the session and shows a great deal of labor in its preparation.

ANCIENT ORDER OF WORKMEN.

Special Deputy R. F. Wells instituted Florence Lodge No. 357 of Los Angeles County on the 4th inst., with a charter list of thirty-four. Great credit is due Deputy Wells for being so persistent in his work.

Valley Lodge No. 30 proposes to make its next quarterly entertainment, which occurs on the evening of the 31st inst., the most successful ever given by that popular lodge.

The proceeds of the performance at the Alcazar Theater for the evenings of the 29th, 30th and 31st are to be in the nature of a benefit for the Past Masters' Association of this city. It is expected that every member who has the interest of the order at heart will be present with his family. The Past Masters' Association is a valuable factor in the work of the order.

Grand Master Workman Bahrs paid a short visit to the Grand Recorder's office last week, and returned immediately to Castle Crag for the benefit of his health, which has been seriously impaired during the last month.

The Supreme Lodge has issued a war relief call, which is levied in this jurisdiction for the current month of 50 cents for each full-rate beneficial member and 25 cents for each half-rate beneficial member. The assessment is to be levied and collected in the same manner and under the same laws, rules and regulations as ordinary assessments for the beneficiary fund; and should the amount realized from the assessment be exhausted and the emergency still exist on the first day of any month thereafter, then the relief board may, under the authority granted, make upon the Grand Lodges a further call for a like amount.

Special Deputy Imes is in Sacramento, working to increase the membership there. As he is an earnest worker he will no doubt make a substantial showing.

Special Deputy Maplesden is working in Sierra and Plumas counties, localities heretofore uncanvassed.

Deputy Grand Master Workman E. Danforth is spending a two weeks' vacation in the vicinity of Lake Tahoe.

The degrees were conferred on seven candidates in Valley Lodge last Wednesday night in a very creditable manner. This shows that the members in old Valley are waking up. There are nine applications to be acted upon at the next meeting.

DEGREE OF HONOR.

After the work of initiation in Ivy Lodge last Wednesday the attraction committee, consisting of Mesdames Cogan, Van Court and Hodges, and Misses Littlefield and Julia Jacobson, presented a patriotic programme, which included "The Star Spangled Banner," Mrs. L. Holmes; "The Birth of the Flag," Mrs. Van Court; vocal solo, "Columbia," Miss A. Littlefield; "Barbara Fritchie," a recitation, Julia Jacobson; whistling solo, Mrs. Eva Cogan. The audience sang "America," and when the curtains on the platform were drawn there was presented a beautiful tableau, with Mrs. Hodges in the character of the goddess of liberty. At the close of the programme each person present was presented a patriotic souvenir.

Mrs. Nellie Johnson, recorder of No. 75, at Ukiah, and Miss A. M. York, recorder of No 60 of Healdsburg, paid a visit to the office of the grand recorder last week.

Ivy Lodge paid a surprise visit last week to Silver Star Lodge at Temescal.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD.

Last Monday a new camp was instituted in Oakland with twenty-six charter members. Wednesday a new camp was instituted in Los Angeles with fifty charter members.

On the 15th an entertainment will be given by Calumet Camp, this city.

On the 17th San Francisco Camp will hold a log-rolling.

On the 20th a new camp will be instituted at Richmond Hall, corner Fourth avenue and Clement streets.

The board of head managers will convene in Oakland on the 18th.

The following is the entertainment programme during the Head Camp session: Monday evening, August 22, reception and ball at N. S. G. W. Hall; Wednesday, excursion around the bay, and in the evening exemplification of the amplified work by a team of Oakland Camp No. 94. Thursday evening, banquet at California Hotel; Saturday, picnic and reunion of all camps around the bay, at San Lorenzo grove; Sunday, carriage drive to the park and Cliff House.

NATIONAL UNION.

There was a good attendance at the session of Pacific Council on the 6th inst. on the occasion of the official visit of the San Francisco Cabinet. After a welcome to the council by President Bunting and the disposition of routine business there was an adjournment to the banquet hall, where there was served a collation and no liquid refreshments except coffee. During the evening the company was entertained with a vocal solo by C. Shallenberger, comic songs and recitations by Barney Reynolds, from the Chutes; barytone solo, C. L. Taylor; address by F. H. Hastings, president of the cabinet; vocal solo, President Van Orden of California Council; address, President Arter of Golden Gate Council; specialties, J. M. Semaria; instrumental selection, A. H. Herzog; vocal solo, J. J. Menzies, who was the chairman of the evening; remarks, A. Pallies and E. H. Hills; after which M. M. Shonberg favored with a violin solo and then the entire company sang "The Star-spangled Banner," which brought the pleasant evening's entertainment to a close.

In the absence of President Arter last Tuesday night W. H. Healy, the senior past president, occupied the chair. One candidate was initiated, F. H. Hastings, president of the cabinet, assisting, giving the final instructions to the candidate. The announcement was made that the cabinet will visit this council on the 13th of September and a committee was appointed to make arangements for the event.

FRIENDS OF THE FOREST.

Last Monday night Lincoln Lodge had a pleasant party in Washington Hall, after the close of the meeting, at which one candidate was initiated. There was a good attendance and a fine programme was offered to maidens, matrons and gentlemen who wished to while away the hours dancing.

Last Tuesday night the Supreme Lodge closed its labors. Mrs. Lynch who had been elected as chaplain, tendered her resignation, which was accepted, and Mrs. Ida Blackall was elected to fill the vacancy. Then the following named were elected to complete the corps of supreme officers: Mrs. L. H. Rinner, warden; Mrs. E. Finney, sentry; Mrs. Julia Miller, marshal; and Mrs. Heymar, guard. Mrs. E. M. McLane, the supreme president, and the other officers were then installed by Mrs. A. Boehm, assisted by Mrs. Jeffries and Cora Wetzell, as marshal and warden. The next session will be held in June of next year.

The entertainment that was given on the night of the 6th in Maennerbund Hall by America Lodge to the Supreme Lodge officers and members of the order was attended by a large number of people and was of a very patriotic character. There were a variety of numbers which served to pass away the evening, after which there was a collation. Dancing was enjoyed until midnight. The committee of arrangements of which Mr. Haack was chairman worked hard to entertain the guests and members.

The programme that is to be presented at the Dewey party that will be given by Mizpah Lodge on the 18th inst., in old Masonic Hall, at Sixteenth and Valencia streets, will be of a patriotic character. The decoration committee promises something new in the line of decoration. A cordial invitation has been extended to all soldiers who desire to enjoy the hospitality of the lodge.

B'NE B'RITH.

The general committee paid an official visit last week to Golden Gate Lodge and was well pleased with the showing made. All the grand officers were present. After the business was over the members of the lodge and the visitors went to a restaurant, where there was a banquet and a feast of good things, substantial and oratorical.

On the 17th the general committee will pay an official visit to Ophir Lodge, it being the occasion of the anniversary of the lodge. Arrangements have been made for the entertainment of those who will visit the lodge.

The hall association has declared a dividend of one and one-half per cent, being the second during the current year. The association has made many improvements recently in the building.

The ritual for the degree of Judah will be ready for delivery to the local lodge on the 24th inst., and at the same time the lodge will be given its charter.

AMERICAN GUILD.

San Francisco Chapter on last Wednesday night added to its membership by initiation. This chapter is making arrangements for a grand high jinks to be given in one of the large halls in the near future, and one of the committee announced "several thousand invitations will be issued, and there will be a programme a yard long." It is the intention of the committee to make this one of the most attractive high jinks ever given by a fraternal organization. As this will be only for the gentlemen of the guild and their gentlemen friends, arrangements will be made for a subsequent entertainment to be given by the lady members, and it is possible that, in view of the fact that they are to be barred at the high jinks, that they will get up a Jenny jinks and bar the male members.

The chapter at Watsonville has within the past two weeks taken in ten members and received three applications.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

The cup and saucer social given last Monday night in the social hall of the Alcazar was well attended and was a great success. There were present a large number of the members of Aurora Lodge of the Knights and Ladies of Honor, and they were accompanied by Mrs. L. J. Wheelock, the grand protector. Maxwell L. Crowe, who acted as master of ceremonies, discharged the duties in that happy manner for which he is noted. There was a good programme, and at its close refreshments were served to all present.

The Past Dictators' Association celebrated the fourth anniversary of the organization of that body, in the Alcazar, on the night of the 6th inst., and there was present a very large number of the members. Supreme Representatives Curry and Rourke gave a full account of the proceedings of the Supreme Lodge, after which refreshments were served.

The smoker given by Eureka Lodge last Wednesday was well attended, and there was a great deal of enjoyment for all. Among the visitors were: L. Balart, D. G. D.; R. A. A. Summer, D. D.., and B. E. George, D. D. A good programme was presented.

Far West Lodge was visited on the 4th inst. by Grand Dictator Archibald, who was received with a very cordial greeting. He addressed the lodge on subjects of interest to the membership, and at the close of the meeting was tendered a vote of thanks.

During the last term Center Lodge initiated twenty-eight members and in addition initiated eighteen during the past two weeks. This is the most active work that has been done by any lodge in the jurisdiction and it serves to show that there is no force in the oft-made assertion "there are no members to be secured for the lodges."

The latest issued statistics of the order show that at the close of last year there were more members in the order under the age of 50 than over that age. The death rate was less than 12 per 1000 of the membership under fifty. It also appears that the assessment rates in force more than paid the death claims of members who died prior to attaining the age of 50, that they fully paid those who died between 50 and 60, but that the death claims of members over 60 amounted to $596,830 more than the members of that class paid in. The average age of membership was reduced one and one-half years by the admission of a large number of new members under the age of 31.

COMPANIONS OF THE F. OF A.

Robin Hood Circle has made arrangements for the second entertainment to be given by the young unmarried ladies. It will be given on the 24th inst. As it is to be a surprise, this committee will not tell what the nature of the entertainment is to be. This circle will give an entertainment and dance on the 31st inst.

Diana Circle gave a social in Alaczar Social Hall last Wednesday night, and the many who attended had a very pleasant time, as there was good music and a well-arranged programme of dance.

Inter Nos Circle on last Wedneseday concluded its arrangements for the picnic to be given on the 28th of the current month. The committee on anniversary ball to be given on the 29th of September in Union Square Hall, presented a report which showed that there will be a good social time on that evening.

COMPANIONS OF THE FOREST.

The following named have been installed as officers of California Circle: Miss M. Wizard, C. C.; Miss M. Gee, S. C. C.; Miss Rausch, T.; Miss M. Gevaghety, F. S.; Miss Doane, R. S.; Miss Patten, R. G.; Mrs. Perguillian, L. G.; Mrs. Hart, I. G.; Mrs. Coombs, O. G.

Last Monday the supreme grand officer paid a fraternal visit to Mazzini Circle and witnessed the initiation of two candidates.

The same night John Falconer, P. G. C. C., and District Deputy Mrs. Sadie Smith installed the officers of Violet Circle.

Last Friday the new circle in Oakland was instituted by all the supreme grand officers. The circle starts with a charter list of forty-five.

The Old Glory party to be given by Loyal Lodge will be on the evening of Thursday, the 25th inst. Elaborate preparations have been made to make this a great success.

LAST STAND OF NORWEGIAN DAN

SEEING the Oregon boys starting to war takes me back to the time, more than forty years ago, when the fathers of some of these men were also called to shoulder a gun, but their fighting was done on our own shores and against an enemy that didn't observe military tactics," remarked an old pioneer and former resident of the "webfoot" State.

"I know what such fighting means myself, for I settled in that country, when from Washington Territory down to Port Orford was one vast stretch of wilderness. In fact I was one of the party who selected the site for Port Orford in 1851.

"We adventurers were lured there by the discovery of the long stretch of auriferous sands at Gold Bluff. Our party numbered eighteen men, but after remaining some months, provisions ran short and half of the men returned to Portland for supplies.

"After their departure the Indians began to show signs of hostility, so we made up our minds to move our camp upon what is known as Battle Rock, a fort that was planned when God farmed the country. The place showed three precipitous sides of solid granite, fifty feet high toward the ocean, and could only be reached by a natural causeway from land.

"We barricaded the accessible point as best we could, leaving a porthole for our brass field piece—a six pounder. Necessity compelled us to load it with stones, slugs and scraps of iron, and we filled her to the muzzle. A good charge was then put into every rifle in camp, an' we prepared for the worst.

"The very next day a body of fully 1000 warriors swept down upon us. They were the Rogue River, Coquille and Umpqua tribes who had combined to drive us from the country.

"They were fully armed with bows and arrows, and made themselves more formidable by giving vent to their hair-raising war whoops.

"Afraid? Well, remember there were only nine of us against a thousand braves, and in loading our gun we had exhausted our supply of ammunition to two rounds of rifle and pistol charges.

"One of our number was a Tennesseean who had seen something of fighting. We made him our commander. He was able to persuade the excited men to reserve their fire until the painted, whooping fiends were within a few yards of us, coming on pellmell without apparent order or discipline.

"When we could see their snaky eyes gleam through the barricade of brushwood and small tree trunks the gun was touched off and the deadly hail of iron and stones sent among them. We followed this up by giving them the contents of pistols and rifles. The unexpected din of firearms as well as the destructive rain of missiles completely swept away the Indians.

"Many of them in the scramble to get away fell upon the rocks below and were dashed to pieces; others plunged head foremost into the ocean and were drowned.

"We never stopped to count the dead, being intent only on getting away. We made up our minds that there was little show for nine provisionless, ammunitionless men in a country swarming with hostile Indians.

"We were several weeks in getting to Portland, as our journey through the woods at such a time was necessarily slow and attended by many hardships.

"With misplaced faith in the wealth contained in the sand, I went back to Port Orford after the establishment of troops at that point, and knew most of those unfortunate settlers who are mentioned in Northern frontier history as victims of the Rogue River massacre of 1856.

"I talked with Ben Wright, the sub-Indian agent, a few days before he was tortured to death by the Chetcos, and he declared that he was not in the least afraid of his hostile neighbors.

"'Jennie,' said he, alluding to his squaw, who a day or two afterward inveigled him to his death, 'Jennie will warn me against any treachery. The chief of the Willamettes has offered fifty ponies for my scalp, but I guess he'll keep them awhile yet,' and he laughingly shook the long, curly, black hair, which he boasted was worn in that manner to defy the Indians.

The very day that Wright, unknown to us, was undergoing the death tortures, Jennie came into the settlement and gathered up for removal all their portable belongings, explaining to me, when I inquired for Ben, that he had sent her for their clothing as they were going to attend a big pow-wow given by a peaceful tribe.

"Another Indian victim was old Norwegian Dan, whose cabin stood at the mouth of the river Sixes, and in which I have had many a smoke and listened to many a yarn. Dan had sailed several times around the world, and under many different flags. In proof of having figured in several naval engagements, he showed scars of cuts innumerable.

"He well deserved his reputation for being a unique character, and his eccentricities were so marked as to be chronicled in a magazine article of the period, written by a young traveler whom I met the year previous to the Indian outbreak and the old sailor's death. One writer related to me his personal knowledge of Dan with great amusement.

"The cabin of old Dan contained rawhide beds, but no luxuries, and was inconceivably dirty. But elk steaks were usually to be had there in abundance, and a brown jug made its appearance just at the desired moment, so that the cabin at the Sixes was a favorite stopping place for the male traveler.

"When the young man and his companion rode up and called out for shelter, Dan, who had retired, shouted back his usual challenge to strangers: 'Are you Coos Bay people?'

"Thinking he might have a decided preference for the inhabitants of that vicinity, the young tenderfoot answered cheerfully, 'Yes.' But he learned his mistake, when with a volley of seabred oaths Dan ordered them off the premises.

"Dan left his cabin at the beginning of the outbreak and went to the fort built at the mouth of Rogue River, intending to help the settlers gathered there.

"With a number of others he was outside the fort one day, when their return was cut off by a large band of Indians.

"Seeing the utter hopelessness of his position, old Dan rushed into the surf. Standing waist deep he fired his last round of ammunition, then hurled his useless rifle far out into the sea and stood with folded arms, defiantly waiting for the bullet that should send him to rest beneath the waves.