ALAMEDA COUNTY NEWS.

HARDEST YEAR IN THE HISTORY OF THE STATE

State Grange Report So Concludes.

MANY DELEGATES ATTEND

WORTHY MASTER TELLS OF FARMERS' PROSPECTS.

Agricultural Station at the State University to Be Inspected by the Visitors To-Day.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Oct. 4.

The California State Grange met this morning in annual session and was very largely attended. The delegates are being received by Temescal, Eden, Danville and Alhambra granges, and the Albany Hotel has been selected as the State Grange headquarters.

Odd Fellows' Hall was beautifully decorated and the following delegates were present:

L. H. Applegate, Merced Grange.
James Moran and Della A. Moran, Sebastopol Grange.
Adeline Loll, Elk Grove Grange.
G. W. Cunningham and Mrs. G. W. Cunningham, Magnolia Grange.
Mrs. John W. Van Horn, Eden Grange.
Wesley Moore, Eden Grange.
Susan E. Dennis, Eden Grange.
M. Sprague, Sacramento Grange.
J. O. Sherwood, Enterprise Grange.
Mary H. Root, Stockton Grange.
Nathan H. Root, Stockton Grange.
A. S. Hall, Petaluma Grange.
Thomas Jacob, Temescal Grange.
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Emery, Temescal Grange.
Henry Johnson and Mrs. A. E. Johnson, Petaluma Grange.
Dr. F. W. Browning, Eden Grange.
A. D. Butler and Olive E. Borette, Napa Grange.
H. T. Hite, Highland Grange.
H. F. Blohm and wife, Watsonville Grange.
J. Bettinger and E. Bettinger, San Jose Grange.
J. L. Beecher Jr., master San Joaquin County Pomona Grange.
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Horton, Eden Grange.
Walter Renwick and Mrs. M. A. Renwick, Temescal Grange.
Jennie Gould, Roseville Grange.
B. Hayward and wife, Pescadero Grange.
D. M. Winans, Petaluma Grange.
R. S. Twitchell, Grass Valley Grange.
O. L. Twitchell, Grass Valley Grange.
Mrs. J. L. Beecher Jr., Stockton Grange.
B. V. Weeks and wife, Alturas Grange.
L. S. Dart, Elk Grove Grange.
K. H. McGreen, Temescal Grange.
E. C. Shoemaker, steward State Grange.
I. C. Stull.
Miss Delma Green, Sacramento Grange.
E. P. Pettitti, San Jose Grange.
A. R. Woodhams and wife.
S. P. Sanders and wife, Adah L. Ross and Jennie M. Sanders, San Jose Grange.
Mrs. W. Greer and Mrs. E. Greer, Sacramento Grange.
S. S. Gladney, Roseville Grange.
B. G. Hurlburt and Mrs. B. G. Hurlburt.
G. W. P. Louck, Valley Grange, Contra Costa County.
Mrs. B. V. Weeks and Miss Clara Steele, Pescadero Grange.
Edward F. Adams, Wrights, Highland Grange.
A. D. Logan, Colusa Grange.
M. Sehlmeyer, Mrs. E. Miller, L. Sehlmeyer, Mrs. E. J. Milne and Mrs. A. E. Lewis, Elk Grove Grange.
B. Haywards, Pescadero.
M. D. Hopkins, Petaluma.
Miss M. C. Watson, J. H. Havden, Mrs. J. A. Hayden, J. H. Beach and J. Bert Hayden, Sacramento Grange.
Mrs. S. H. Wingate and Mrs. N. Lillick, San Jose Grange.
Thomas Waite, Sacramento, Pomona No. 3. Minerva Daly, Capital. Mrs. S. J. Cross, J. F. Cross Temescal.

The worthy master appointed the usual committees and this afternoon presented his annual report. In his remarks he said:

The Grange is not a political organization and our declaration of purposes says that partisan or sectarian questions cannot be discussed in it, nor can we call political conventions or nominate candidates. But a Patron of Husbandry does not give up that inalienable right and duty which belongs to every American citizen, the right of taking a proper interest in the politics of the country. Our national organization has taken action in favor of postal savings banks, pure food laws, rural mail delivery, additional powers to the Interstate Commerce Commission, speedy construction of the Nicaragua Canal, etc.

The condition of the order in California in some sections is very satisfactory; in others it will stand improvement. In the whole we can report progress. The conditions this spring were such that it was deemed best not to push the work of organization, although we started out with good success, but to await a more favorable opportunity. Our finances are safe and sound and our funds have been husbanded. Our expenses are much less and we are pleased to report that the receipts from October 1, 1897, to October 1, 1898, have exceeded our expenditures.

For forty-eight years agriculture has not suffered in this State as it did this year. The winter was long and cold, untimely frosts caused loss and extreme drought, while hot, dry winds caused a total failure of crops in some sections and a shrinkage in nearly all. Prices have not advanced in the same ratio and there have been no corresponding reduction in the fixed charges that the farmer must meet. Agricultural produce from as far east as the Missouri River has been placed in our market and since times are hard we find the farmer, every other industry in the State has responded to the setback agriculture has received.

To our subordinate granges we must look for our success or failure as an order. Upon their prosperity depends our existence. Our problem is how to improve, strengthen, enlarge them and how to make active and earnest workers. A successful subordinate grange should be supplied with regalia and paraphernalia necessary to carry on its work. The officers should familiarize themselves with the ritual and laws of the order. The members should be educated in regard to the organization. Work must be planned and members kept busy.

This evening there was a public reception to the delegates. Judge E. M. Gibson presided, and speeches were made by Mayor Thomas, Secretary Sharpe of the Board of Trade and President Arper of the Merchants' Exchange.

To-morrow the delegates will go to the agricultural station at Berkeley.

M. M. SAMSON ACQUITTED.

End of the Trouble Over Tuberculous Meat Supplied at the Late Camp Barrett.

OAKLAND, Oct. 4.—M. M. Samson, proprietor of Samson's market, charged with supplying tainted, diseased and unwholesome beef to the Eighth Regiment, recently at Camp Barrett, was tried by a jury in Judge Lawrence's court to-day and acquitted. The jury was out just fifteen minutes.

Health Officer J. P. Dunn declared the meat in question to be absolutely unfit for food and polluted with tuberculosis. Other witnesses for the prosecution were Dr. F. E. Pierce, Dr. H. A. L. Ryfkogel, Dr. R. A. Archibald and M. A. Clark, besides cooks and assistants of Company F. A. L. Frick represented defendant and A. A. Moore Jr. prosecuted.

"The case was well prosecuted," said Health Officer Dunn to-night, "and I was somewhat surprised at the verdict; but the matter will now be dropped, as there is no use of going any further."

Oakland News Items.

OAKLAND, Oct. 4.—N. J. Manson to-day filed a declination of the nomination for District Attorney made by the Democratic County convention on September 24 last.

The trial of Quang Mow, who shot and killed Deputy Poundmaster Hollenbeck, has been reset for November 11.

Charlotte Keene to-day filed suit for a divorce from Edward B. Keene, and Rebecca B. Bonin has sued for a divorce from Israel F. Bonin.

Judge Ellsworth to-day admitted to probate the will of the late F. K. Shattuck, and the widow, Mrs. Rosa M. Shattuck, was appointed executrix of the estate.

The case of George H. Fonda, a San Francisco plumber, arrested last night for failure to provide for his minor child, has been set for October 11.

WON $15,000; HIS TROUBLES THEN BEGAN

Peculiar Features of a Divorce Suit.

A LOTTERY TICKET DISPUTE

AFTER FIVE YEARS MRS. M. FARRELL OBTAINS A DECREE.

The Aged Husband Failed to Provide and Was Cruel, but the Son Came to Their Resue and Suffered.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Oct. 4.

Superior Judge Greene this afternoon granted Margaret Farrell a divorce from John Farrell on the grounds of cruelty and failure to provide. The parties are past 60 years of age, and the suit was brought originally five years ago, within which time the aged plaintiff has changed her attorneys something like a dozen times.

The suit was a peculiar one, for in her endeavor to have certain alleged community property divided, plaintiff made her stepson, John Joseph Farrell, a joint defendant.

Eight years ago John Joseph Farrell helped his father pegging shoes in a little cobbler's shop on Eighth street, near Washington. One night on his way home he purchased a lottery ticket which won $15,000. Just prior thereto his father had married the plaintiff, who is his second wife. She lived unhappily in a nice little cottage at 621 Twenty-seventh street. There was a $2500 mortgage on this place, and when John Joseph suddenly became possessed of the small fortune he came to the rescue of his parents like a good Christian son and had the mortgage assigned to him. Subsequently he was compelled to foreclose in order to clear the title, and, there being no bidders, he bid the property in himself. The stepmother was soon thereafter ousted.

Mrs. Farrell claimed that the lottery ticket was purchased jointly by her husband and stepson, and that she was therefore entitled to her share in the division.

At the trial to-day Judge Greene held that there had been absolutely no proof to show that the elder Farrell had a cent or any interest in the property. He granted the divorce, and, by way of reminding the defendant husband that he had been married at one time to plaintiff, the alimony was fixed at $10 per month.

"I was happy before I won that $15,000," said young Farrell to-day, "but I had that mortgage assigned to me, and devil a bit o' rest I've had ever since. I paid the mortgage, paid for sewer and street improvements and all, and my stepmother has been trying to get half of it ever since I got it. I'm blasted if I don't get rid of that property just as quick as I can, for it's a hoodoo to me."

During the trial W. Maguire testified that he heard John Farrell had struck his sister, the plaintiff, "but," said he, "if she was single I would interfere. But since she's married I can't say that I'd interfere if some one would knock her down. I don't think I've the right to interfere with married folks' affairs."

"NO PEDDLERS" NOT A SIGN TO LAUGH AT

ANNOYED AT BEING ASKED TO BUY SCENTED SOAP.

A Police Court Jury Has Already Shown That It Is in Sympathy With the Measure.

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City Attorney Dow has reported that the ordinance making it a misdemeanor for peddlers to annoy residents who have a sign prohibiting them from attempting to sell their goods is legal and can be enforced as a police regulation.

This ordinance has been under consideration for some months and by a strange series of circumstances nearly every Councilman was led to favor it because of personal inconvenience. When Mr. Woodward announced that he favored the ordinance and had a sign on his steps, "Peddlers are forbidden here," several of his brother Councilmen laughed at him. But a week later Mr. Heitman and Mr. Girard had both been disturbed while taking an afternoon cigar and they were won over to the ordinance. Still later Councilmen Earl and Cuvellier were annoyed by peddlers and still another Councilman threw one down his steps because he persisted in attempting to sell him some scented soap.

Eight out of the twelve Councilmen have been thus converted to the necessity of such an ordinance and now the Council has ordered it to be printed preparatory to its final passage. There is an idea at large that the annoyance to which the Councilmen were subjected was not altogether accidental, but was a preconceived plan of two or three citizens who were determined to secure relief from the hordes of peddlers that work in the residence portions of the city. Another theory is that some storekeeper having a lot of peddler signs on hand thought this would be a good way to get rid of them, but President Heitman declares that no such ruse was worked off on the unsuspecting Councilmen.

About two months ago a police officer in East Oakland was aroused from his slumbers after being out all night by two peddlers, who ignored the sign on his gatepost. He took summary vengeance on the disturber and later had him arrested for disturbing his peace. A jury in the Police Court convicted the peddler and declared that the officer had behaved very properly. The ordinance will become a law in about two weeks.

Located a Chinese Leper.

OAKLAND, Oct. 4.—A Chinese who has been camping under the old band stand at Badger's Park, near a shed roof which some boys had constructed for him, has attracted the attention of the health authorities, and a careful examination of the man by Health Officer Dunn and Dr. Kitchings disclosed the startling revelation that he is suffering from leprosy. Mrs. Sam Cloxton, who lives near Badger's, says the Chinese came there last Monday. A guard has been placed over him.

The Sentence Staggered Hodges.

OAKLAND, Oct. 4.—Bert Hodges, originally charged with assaulting little Gertrude Will, which charge was subsequently reduced to simple battery, to which he had pleaded not guilty and demanded a jury trial yesterday, changed his mind today and pleaded guilty in Police Judge Allen's court, evidently expecting to get the minimum sentence. He was staggered when Judge Allen pronounced a sentence of six months.

Lady Yarde-Buller Objects.

OAKLAND, Oct. 4.—Lady Yarde-Buller has written to Mayor Thomas declaring that she "has not dedicated one foot of her property to the city of Oakland." The letter presumably refers to the opening of Fallon street, which street runs through the property of the late General Kirkham, of whom the protestant is a daughter.

The Water Front Trial.

OAKLAND, Oct. 4.—The trial of the water front case was resumed before Judge Ogden to-day. About one hundred exhibits were introduced in evidence, and the attorneys for the city rested their case. Barring further delays the case will be submitted within two weeks.

TAX LEVY IS DEPENDENT ON THE MAYOR

Reading Rooms Are Ordered Closed.

WOODWARD IS ELOQUENT

GIRARD SAYS THE MEASURE IS A GREAT OUTRAGE.

Pringle Declares That the City Government Cannot Be Run if Money Is Sunk in Lake Merritt.

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The first effect of the tax levy passed by the Council last night is already felt. The Board of Free Library Trustees has sent orders to Librarian Peterson to close all the reading rooms and to run the free library only from 1 to 6 p. m., and to reduce the salaries of all the employes 25 per cent. This action is declared to be necessary on account of the small allowance in the tax levy for the free library.

The ordinance was signed this morning by President Heitman, and is now in the hands of the Mayor, on whom it depends to become a law or to be vetoed. Public opinion has been very freely expressed that the tax levy as constituted is opposed to the city's best interests. It provides enormous sums of money for improvements on Lake Merritt and vicinity and cuts down about 25 per cent the amounts for the various departments of the city government.

Councilman Girard declares that the High School will have to close four months in the year, and that the streets cannot be cleaned or the city lighted if the ordinance be signed by the Mayor. Councilman Pringle declares it to be impossible to run the city on the proposed levy.

Councilman Woodward, who once furnished a long typewritten report in defense of his vote on the water-rate ordinance, which, by the way, has never yet been adopted, treated the Council to another typewritten speech in which he makes all kinds of defenses for the ordinance. Mr. Woodward even assumed the role of dictator to the newspapers, and one of his typewritten paragraphs read:

"If the newspapers should make an attack upon these gentlemen (the Lake Merritt Improvement Club) and call them schemers to rake the city treasury when they apply to the city authorities for relief from the outrageous state of affairs which exists in and around Lake Merritt—the city's water park—such newspapers would be silenced forever."

Just how the "silencing" would be done or just what Woodward meant is not apparent in his speech.

"If the Mayor signs that ordinance," said Mr. Girard to-day, "it will be an outrage. The people of Temescal have as much right to expect the city to build their sewers as have the millionaires residing around Lake Merritt. It is said that the men who compose the Lake Merritt Club own one-third of all the wealth of this city. If this be so, they can well afford to pay for building their own sewers. Show me a case in which the Council has spent in ten years $38,500 as many cents for building sewers for poor taxpayers. Lake Merritt is in need of attention, but it is absurd to provide $80,000 for dredging it and $38,500 for building sewers "as a sanitary measure." The work should be spread over at least two years, and the sewers should be paid for by those who will benefit by them.

"The taxpayers of this city do not fully realize what this means, or if they did they would at once take such steps as will prevent such a waste of public money. If these millionaires who live around the lake want their property improved let them pay for it. I can call to mind that twenty years were consumed in trying to influence the Oakland Council to spend $6000 in West Oakland, eradicating a nuisance that sent many of our children into their graves. No one will contend that Lake Merritt in fifty years' time will be as foul as was the West Oakland marsh, but then poor people live in West Oakland.

CIGARETTES CANNOT BE BOUGHT IN OAKLAND

TOBACCO AND RICE PAPER NO DETRIMENT TO MORALS.

A Puzzle That Is Causing Many to Wonder What Purpose Is Served by the New Law.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Oct. 4.

The law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes is in force, and Oakland is now setting the same example to the State that Alameda has held up for several months. For four days it has been impossible to purchase cigarettes in this city, but there are as many of the seductive little things being puffed away as heretofore, and dealers are wondering what inspired Mr. Henneberry's ordinance.

The new law makes it a misdemeanor to buy cigarettes to smoke them in public places, or to give them away, but it says nothing whatever about the sale of cigarette papers or the sale of cigarette tobacco. Consequently everybody is becoming expert at rolling the cigarettes, at the same time wondering why it is more sinful to smoke a home made cigarette than one purchased at a store.

However, the cigar dealers have no desire to disobey the new law, for a careful canvass of the leading cigar merchants in the center of the city failed to produce one who would sell a package of cigarettes. This is something unusual, but no one has yet been able to see wherein morality has been served by the Henneberry ordinance.

The Prohibition county convention paid Mr. Henneberry a high compliment for his efforts to abolish the deadly cigarette, and there are those cruel enough to say that Mr. Henneberry had some such indorsement in view when he framed the ordinance.

There are some cigar dealers who believe that they see a way of getting around the law. Some time ago it was declared that the nickel-in-the-slot machines were legal and not gambling devices if the person who put the nickel in the slot received a cigar that was fairly worth 5 cents. Now it is argued that if the machine pays its debts to the speculator in packages of cigarettes the law's spirit is not violated while cigarettes are disposed of. This question will sooner or later have to be decided in the police courts.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CONFERENCE

Eighteenth Annual Session Opened in Oakland Yesterday.

OAKLAND, Oct. 4.—The eighteenth annual conference of the Central Baptist Association opened in the Tenth avenue Baptist Church this afternoon, with about 100 ministers from all parts of the State in attendance. Hon. L. W. Leavitt of Stockton presided. B. C. Wright of the First Baptist Church, San Francisco, acted as secretary, and G. W. Fraser of Golden Gate treasurer. The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. D. J. Pierce, D.D., of Berkeley, followed by the reading of church letters. At 5:30 the delegates were given a warm dinner furnished by the ladies of the church.

A young people's session was held this evening, at which Rev. Robert Whitaker delivered an address on "Gospel Wagon Work." The chief address of the evening was by Rev. E. A. Woods on "Why Four Gospels?"

Horses Destroyed by Fire.

OAKLAND, Oct. 4.—An early blaze this morning in the barn on the premises of William Walsh, Seventeenth street, near Peralta, resulted in $1000 damages. Two horses, two wagons and a large quantity of hay were destroyed. The place was insured for $700.

ALAMEDA TAX LEVY.

It Is Fixed at $1 05 on the $100. One of the Trustees Talks Plainly.

ALAMEDA, Oct. 4.—At the session of the Board of City Trustees last evening the tax rate for the coming year was fixed at $1 05 on the $100 of assessed valuation. The various departments of the city government had submitted estimates based on careful and economical management, as claimed by them, which would have made a rate of $1 10 necessary.

When the matter came up at last night's meeting Trustee Fletter moved that the rate be made $1 10. Trustee Brick moved that it be made $1 05. In support of his motion to make the rate $1 10 Mr. Fletter said that he would be glad if the rate could be made 75 cents, but he did not see how the city government could be run on the $1 05 basis without creating a deficiency. He believed that the city would run $6000 behind by the end of the year with the rate proposed. He did not want to see the library forced to be closed all but two hours a day, as was the case in Oakland owing to the reduction in the estimates for carrying on city government. Brick favored the $1 05 rate in a speech that was applauded by the lobby, and when the motion was put it was carried by a vote of four to one, Trustee Fletter in the negative.

Last year the tax rate was $1 12, while this year there are over $10,000 more of bonds to be paid off.

The Crematory Wreckers.

ALAMEDA, Oct. 4.—Blodgett and Dillarocco, two of the youths charged with wrecking the garbage crematory on the marshes, were examined to-day before Justice Morris. The latter, who is the son of an Oakland scavenger, was held to answer a charge of burglary, with bonds set at $500. Blodgett will have his case further considered on Friday. Nothing was elicited which tended to confirm the suspicion that the scavengers were behind the matter and were desirous of crippling the crematory so as to protect their own business.

Company G in Bad Luck.

ALAMEDA, Oct. 4.—A number of letters have been received from members of Company G of the Eighth Regiment, now at Vancouver Barracks, Wash., saying that sickness is greatly prevalent among the soldiers and that there are many down with typhoid fever, while the food is so bad that it can hardly be eaten. Those who have money eat at restaurants outside of the barracks, while the others have to get along the best they can. The letters say that only those who have to eat the barracks food are on the sick list.

Cohen Charged With Felony.

ALAMEDA, Oct. 4.—A. H. Cohen, the well known attorney, has been charged with a felony by Ivy L. Borden, Superintendent of the Artesian Water Works. The charge is that Cohen committed an assault upon the person of Borden by means and force calculated to produce great bodily injury. The charge grows out of the occurrence of last summer when Cohen drove into Borden's cart, upsetting it, throwing Borden out and breaking his leg.

Did Not Hear the Train.

ALAMEDA, Oct. 4.—Jiro Hirata, a Japanese, was run over by the 7:45 broad gauge train which goes around the horn to East Oakland, and was seriously injured. He was visiting relatives at 1640 Everett street, and had just left the house for night school. He was walking down the track and did not see the approaching train. His right foot was crushed to a jelly. The toes on his left foot were crushed and amputation is necessary. His nose was broken and the fingers of his left hand were mashed. He was taken to the Receiving Hospital, Oakland, on the 9 a. m. train. His recovery is somewhat doubtful.

Alameda News Items.

ALAMEDA, Oct. 4.—Last evening the opening game of the Recreation Club's handball tournament was played before a good attendance. The second series will be played to-morrow night.

James Jollymour, a teamster, was knocked senseless last evening by a piece of timber which he was unloading from a wagon. He was picked up by friends and taken home, where his wounds were dressed. They are not serious.

Mrs. Jennie Shannon of this city and Martin Welch of Oakland were married in Reno, Nev., last week Monday.

David Hirschfield, the owner of property in the eastern part of the city, complains to the police that some one has been ruining his cement sidewalks by smashing them with a sledgehammer.

FEARS HIS WIFE HAS COMMITTED SUICIDE

Mrs. Reisenweber of Temescal in a Huff Left Her Husband and Cannot Be Found.

OAKLAND, Oct. 4.—Charles Reisenweber of Temescal has lost his wife, and up to midnight the police had found no trace of her. He believes she has committed suicide.

"I was out in the yard this morning when I heard our boy crying," said Mr. Reisenweber to Captain Wilson. "I went in and told my wife that she ought not to strike the boy, as he is very sensitive. She became very angry, and finally struck me in the face. I lost my temper for a moment and slapped her. Then she tried to get the bottle of carbolic acid, and I had a hard struggle to prevent her from drinking it. Next she locked herself in a room, and I had to break the door in and held her until she promised not to do away with herself.

"After this she changed her clothes and put on her hat. She kissed our boy goodby and told him he would never see his mother again. I knew that it would be useless for me to try to stop her, as she would have scratched and bitten me and would have raised a big disturbance. When she gets very angry she seems to become insane. She has gone off before in this way, but what frightened me this time was her kissing the boy and saying that he would not see her again.

"I have had trouble with my wife before when she has had spells of anger. On one occasion she tried to get my razor to cut her throat, and at another time she tried to get my revolver. She is a good wife when she does not allow her temper to get away with her, but when she has these spells she hardly knows what she is about. She may come home all right when she cools off."

The missing woman is described as being 27 years of age, about five feet two inches tall. She has light brown hair and was dressed in a dark skirt and plaid waist.

Gage to Speak to Students.

BERKELEY, Oct. 4.—Henry T. Gage, the Republican nominee for Governor, is to be a visitor at the University of California to-morrow afternoon. He will come to Berkeley as the guest of the Gage Club, recently formed among the college students, and will be their guest for the afternoon. The Gage men will take their candidate over the university grounds and buildings. He will address a mass meeting of the students in Stiles Hall at 3:45 o'clock. President A. M. Magee of the Gage Club has appointed a special committee of students to meet the distinguished visitor at the train and to escort him over the university during the afternoon.

Berkeley News Notes.

BERKELEY, Oct. 4.—The finance committee of the Board of Regents of the University of California will hold a meeting to-morrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Mark Hopkins Institute of Art, San Francisco.

The Ladies' Social Club of Berkeley will give a dance next Friday evening, October 7, in Castle Hall, corner of Berkeley way and Shattuck avenue. The dance will be given for the purpose of forming an order of the Rathbone Sisters.

The freshman class of the University of California will hold a reception in Stiles Hall next Friday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock.

The ladies of the Berkeley branch of the Red Cross Society will meet in the parlors of the First Congregational Church, on Dana street, to-day for the purpose of making bandages and other necessaries in preparation for the soldiers who are to go on the next Manila expedition. The church will be open to-morrow from morning till evening for the same kind of work. The president of the local branch requests all members who can conveniently do so to lend their assistance.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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The State Medical Institute Discovers a Remarkable Remedy for Lost Vigor.

ARE SENDING FREE A TRIAL PACKAGE TO ALL WHO WRITE.

Free samples of a most remarkable remedy are being distributed by the State Medical Institute, Fort Wayne, Ind. It cured so many men who had battled for years against the mental and physical suffering of lost manhood that the institute has decided to distribute free trial packages to all who write. It is a home treatment and all men who suffer with any form of sexual weakness resulting from youthful folly, premature loss of strength and memory, weak back, varicocele, or emaciation of parts can now cure themselves at home.

The remedy has a peculiarly grateful effect of warmth and seems to act direct to the desired location, giving strength and development just where it is needed. It cures all the ills and troubles that come from years of misuse of the natural functions and has been an absolute success in all cases. A request to the State Medical Institute, 193 First National Bank Building, Fort Wayne, Ind., stating that you desire one of their free trial packages will be complied with. The institute is desirous of reaching that great class of men who are unable to leave home to be treated and the free sample will enable them to see how easy it is to be cured of sexual weakness when the proper remedies are employed. The institute makes no restrictions. Any man who writes will be sent a free sample, carefully sealed in a plain package so that its recipient need have no fear of embarrassment or publicity. Readers are requested to write without delay.

OCEAN TRAVEL.

Pacific Coast Steamship Co.

Steamers leave Broadway wharf, San Francisco:
For Alaskan ports, 10 a. m., Oct. 3, 8, 13, 18, 23, 28, Nov. 2, transfer at Seattle.
For Victoria, Vancouver (B. C.), Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, Anacortes and New Whatcom (Wash.), 10 a. m., Oct. 3, 13, 18, 23, 28, Nov. 2, and every fifth day thereafter, transfer at Seattle to this company's steamers for Alaska and G. N. Ry., at Tacoma to N. P. Ry., at Vancouver to C. P. Ry.
For Eureka (Humboldt Bay), 2 p. m., Oct. 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, 26, 31, Nov. 5, and every fifth day thereafter.
For Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Simeon, Cayucos, Port Harford (San Luis Obispo), Gaviota, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Hueneme, San Pedro, East San Pedro (Los Angeles) and Newport, 9 a. m., Oct. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, Nov. 1, and every fourth day thereafter.
For San Diego, stopping only at Port Harford (San Luis Obispo), Santa Barbara, Port Los Angeles and Redondo (Los Angeles), 11 a. m., Oct. 2, 6, 10, 14, 18, 22, 26, 30, Nov. 3, and every fourth day thereafter.
For Ensenada, Magdalena Bay, San Jose del Cabo, Mazatlan, Altata, La Paz, Santa Rosalia and Guaymas (Mex.), 10 a. m., 18th of every month.
For further information obtain folder.
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LA TOURAINE.....Oct. 8, 10 a. m.
LA CHAMPAGNE.....Oct 15, 10 a. m.
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PROCLAMATION.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.
SACRAMENTO, July 30th, 1898.

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of California, at its thirty-second session beginning on the fourth day of January, A. D. 1897, two-thirds of all the members elected to each of the two houses of said Legislature voting in favor thereof, proposed the following described amendments to the Constitution of the State of California, to-wit:

AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE.
(Being Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 41.)

A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to section eighteen of article eleven of the Constitution, in relation to revenue and taxation, by which it is proposed to amend said section to read as follows:

Section 18. No county, city, town, township, board of education or school district shall incur any indebtedness or liability in any manner or for any purpose exceeding in any year the income and revenue provided for it for such year, without the assent of two-thirds of the qualified electors thereof, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, nor unless they, on the time of incurring such indebtedness, provision shall be made for the collection of an annual tax sufficient to pay the interest on such indebtedness as it falls due, and also provision to constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof on or before maturity, which shall not exceed forty years from the time of contracting the same; provided, however, that the City and County of San Francisco may at any time pay the unpaid claims with interest thereon for materials furnished to and work done for said city and county during the forty-third and forty-fourth fiscal years, out of the income and revenue of any succeeding year or years; provided, that any and all claims for making, repairing, altering or for any work done upon or for any material furnished for any street, lane, alley, court, place or sidewalk, or for the construction of any sewer or sewers in said city and county are hereby excepted from the provisions of this section; and in determining any claim permitted to be paid by this section, no statute of limitations shall apply in any manner; and provided further, that the City of Vallejo, in Solano County, may pay its existing indebtedness incurred in the construction of its water works, whenever two-thirds of the electors thereof voting at an election held for that purpose shall so decide. Any indebtedness or liability incurred contrary to this provision, with the exception hereinbefore recited, shall be void.

AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO.
(Being Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 10.)

A resolution proposing to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by adding a new section, to be known and designated as section seven and one-half, article eleven thereof, providing for the framing by the inhabitants of counties of local county government acts for their own government. The said proposed new section to read as follows:

Section 7½. The inhabitants of any county may frame a county government act for their own government, relating to the matters hereinafter specified, and consistent with and subject to the Constitution and laws of this State, by causing a board of fifteen freeholders, who have been, for at least five years, qualified electors of such county, to be elected by the qualified electors of such county, at any general or special election, whose duty it shall be within ninety days after such election, to prepare and propose a county government act for such county, which shall be signed in duplicate by the members of such board, or a majority of them, and returned, one copy thereof to the Board of Supervisors or other legislative body of such county, and the other copy to be sent to the Recorder of Deeds of the county. Such proposed county government act shall then be published in two papers of general circulation in such county, or if there be not two such papers, then in one only, for at least twenty days, and within not less than thirty days after such publication it shall be submitted to the qualified electors of such county, at a general or special election, and if a majority of such qualified electors voting thereon shall ratify the same, it shall thereafter be submitted to the Legislature for its rejection or approval, as a whole, without power of alteration or amendment, and if approved by a majority of the members elected to each house, it shall be the county government act of such county, and shall in such case become the organic law thereof and supersede any existing county government act, and all amendments thereof, and all special laws inconsistent with such county government act.

A copy of such county government act, certified by the President of the Board of Supervisors or other legislative body of such county, and authenticated by the seal of such county, setting forth the submission of such county government act to the electors, and its ratification by them, shall be made in duplicate and deposited, one in the office of the Secretary of State, the other, after being recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in the county, among the archives of the county.

All courts shall take judicial notice thereof. The county government act so ratified may be amended, at intervals of not less than two years, by proposals therefor, submitted by the legislative authority of the county, to the qualified electors thereof, at a general or special election held at least forty days after the publication of such proposals for twenty days in a newspaper of general circulation in such county, and ratified by at least three-fifths of the qualified electors voting thereon, and approved by the Legislature as herein provided for the approval of the county government act. In submitting any such county government act or any alternative article or proposition may be presented for the choice of the voters, and may be voted on separately without prejudice to others.

It shall be competent in all county government acts framed under the authority given by this section, to provide for the manner in which, the times at which, and the terms for which the several township and county officers other than Judges of the Superior Court, shall be elected or appointed; for their compensation; for the number of such officers, for the consolidation or segregation of offices, for the number of deputies that each officer shall have, and for the compensation payable to each of such deputies, for the manner in which, the times in which, and the terms for which the members of all boards of election shall be elected or appointed and for the constitution, regulation, compensation and government of such boards, and of their clerks and attaches; also, to prescribe the manner and method by which all elections by the people shall be conducted; and may in addition determine the tests and conditions upon which electors, political parties and organizations may participate in any primary election.

Whenever any county has, in the manner and method herein pointed out, adopted any county government act, and the same shall have been approved by the Legislature as aforesaid, the direction of sections four and five of this article providing for the uniformity of a system of county governments throughout the State, and likewise providing for the election and appointment of officers, and the regulation of their compensation, shall not apply. Said county government act shall, as to any of the matters hereinabove provided for and declared by such county government act, not be subject to any law or amendment enacted by the Legislature, except by amendment first submitted to the electors and ratified in the manner hereinabove set forth.

AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE.
(Being Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 44.)

A resolution proposing to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by adding a new section, to be known and designated as section five and