FRATERNAL NEWS.

VISITED THE HOME.

A genial party of prominent Masons and their wives having membership in Harmony Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star recently paid a visit to the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home in Decoto. During the Masonic Fair in aid of the home, Harmony Chapter achieved a signal success at its booth, clearing more than $1600, which was given to the fund. Mrs. John Tonningsen, who was at the head of the booth committee, knowing that many of the ladies and gentlemen who were associated with her in the management of the booth were not present at the time of the dedication of the home, they being at the time in the city where the conclave of the Knights Templar was in session, suggested that a trip to the home would make a pleasant outing, and the suggestion was indorsed. Permission to visit the home was obtained from Charles L. Patton, the chairman of the board of trustees. The visitors, who were accompanied by the chairman, were shown over the house and grounds, and were delighted with what they saw. During their stay there the party had a fine collation and at its close a vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Tonningsen for her thoughtfulness. There were present Mr. and Mrs. John Tonningsen, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bone, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carson, Dr. A. and Mrs. Millberry, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Kreig, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Garratt, Mr. and Mrs. W. Lucas, Mrs. Elizabeth D. Wetjen, Mrs. Annie Johnson, Mrs. Isadora Horton, Mrs. Juliet Morghan, Mrs. John Edmondson, Mrs. Emma Carter, Mrs. Louise O'Neil, Miss Adela Nelson, Miss Lillie Bronson, Misses Wetjen, Misses Morghan, Miss Minnie Stebbins, Dr. E. R. Bryant, Dr. F. J. Fraser, M. J. Savage, Edward Whipple, E. Borg and Mr. Stone.

THE ODD FELLOWS.

Golden West Lodge No. 322 had a most enjoyable Christmas jinks in its lodge room last Thursday night. There was a pleasant gathering of the members of the lodge and friends and the entertainment furnished was up to date and in keeping with the well-known hospitality of the members of Golden West.

The grand patriarch will visit the encampment at Menlo Park on the 5th of January. A delegation for the San Jose Encampment will attend on that night.

Golden Gate Encampment conferred the Royal Purple degree on three candidates last night.

THE REBEKAHS.

Mission Rebekah Lodge No. 225, I. O. O. F., gave a lady minstrel show in the Mission Opera Hall on the 15th inst. under the direction of Professors Minnery and Sweeney which was decided a hit and a great success. The participants were mostly all members of the lodge and they surprised their brothers and sisters by appearing with faces covered with burnt cork and attired in colored finery. The young amateurs were greatly encouraged by the crowded house and the warm applause with which they were welcomed. Misses Rena J. Crawford and Maud Timbrell were bones, and Misses Gertrude Wimmer and Frances Hawkins were tambos. Miss Parthenia Burkhart was the interlocutor and Mrs. Susie A. Pracy accompanist. There were up-to-date songs and jokes; they were catchy and well received. The interlocutor was unusually quick and she made it lively for those she held converse with. After the programme, which included a number of vaudeville numbers, there was dancing till midnight. The success of the affair was due to the committee of arrangements, consisting of Gertrude E. Wimmer, Rena J. Crawfors, vice grand; Maud Timbrell and Parthenia Burkhart. Miss Gertrude Wimmer, the noble grand, was the floor manager.

Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works as presented by the members of Loyal Rebekah Lodge on last Monday night was one of the most enjoyable functions that this wide-awake lodge has ever got up for the entertainment of its many friends. The hall was crowded and as a prelude there was given a vocal solo by Mrs. Alice M. Armstrong, mandolin trio by the Leghse sisters and Mr. Jewett, fancy dance by Miss Edith Wall and Miss Edith Potter, solo by Miss Leona Breslau and fancy dance by Miss Alice Mason. Mrs. H. E. Cyrus, the noble grand of the lodge, was Mrs. Jarley, and in the exhibition of her wax works she was ably assisted by Dr. A. N. Copsey and C. W. Smith as Peter and John. All the characters were appropriately attired to carry out the ideas presented. There were a dozen figures on exhibition and each was applauded to the echo. Among the most attractive ones were "Little Nell," represented by Irene Cyrus; "The Nurse" by Mrs. J. H. Simpson, "The Private Secretary" by C. F. O'Neil and the "Girston Graduate" by Miss Tillie Brauer. George Simpson as Sambo was an added attraction. After the entertainment there was dancing until midnight. To-morrow being a legal holiday there will not be a meeting of the lodge. Its officers will be publicly installed on the 9th of January.

Oriental Rebekah Lodge gave its last social event of the year last Wednesday night. It was in the nature of a candy-pull and a programme of varied numbers which were rendered before a large and enthusiastic as well as delighted audience of members and friends. The function was superintended by Noble Grand Mrs. Lena E. Jarvis, assisted by Miss M. Morgan, Mrs. K. Pierce, Miss Abbie Ewing and Mrs. L. A. Pinkham. The programme was followed by a candy-pull, one of the old-fashioned kind, and in a short time there were hundreds of faces smeared with molasses candy. There was dancing till midnight.

ORIENTAL'S OFFICERS.

Mrs. Lena E. Jarvis, noble grand of Oriental Rebekah Lodge, realizing the valuable assistance rendered her during her term, which is about to close, by the officers of the lodge, decided to show her appreciation of their work by inviting them all to her home on Iowa street last Sunday, where they were treated to an excellent collation, served by the hostess. A very pleasant afternoon was spent, and as the guests were leaving each was presented with a handsome souvenir of the occasion. There were present: Mary Morgan, Amy Webb Annie Forbes, M. Myerdinks, Josephine Hutton, Isabella Ewing, Mary Ewing, Mrs. L. S. Pinkham, M. Derby, Alice Walsh, Miss Comtallade, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Narman, Mrs. Peck, Mrs. Dare and Mrs. Seymour. The dining room and the table were decorated with exquisite taste.

ANCIENT ORDER WORKMEN.

District 5 of this city will have a grand meeting in Potrero Opera Hall on the 7th of January.

District 1 will hold a meeting on the 29th inst. in Mission Opera Hall.

Past Grand Master W. H. Barnes has been asked to address El Dorado Lodge in Placerville on the 27th inst.

Past Grand Master M. T. Brewer, the second grand master of California, passed away at his home in Campbells last Monday, and his funeral was held in this city on Thursday under the auspices of Abou Ben Adham Lodge, I. O. O. F., of which he was a member. At the Odd Fellows' Cemetery the service of the A. O. U. W. was conducted by Past Supreme Master Workman W. H. Jordan and Past Grand Master Barnes. The services in the hall were attended by Grand Master Bahrs, Deputy Grand Master Danforth, Grand Recorder Poland, Grand Receiver Booth and other prominent members of the order.

The past masters' meeting to be held on the 9th of January in Shiels building will be a very interesting one, and there will be presented a novelty in the line of pictures thrown upon a screen.

DEGREE OF HONOR, A. O. U. W.

Ivy Lodge paid a surprise visit to Dawn of Hope Lodge last week and the visitors were warmly welcomed. The officers of Ivy Lodge will be installed at the first meeting in January.

The officers of Dawn of Hope Lodge will be installed at the same time that the officers of California Lodge No. 1 of the A. O. U. W. are to be installed in their hall in West Oakland.

THE NATIVE SONS.

Recently W. A. Clinch, the retiring president of Quartz Parlor of Grass Valley, tendered a banquet to the members of his parlor and those of Manzanita Parlor of the Native Daughters. The presence of the ladies was in the nature of a surprise, but it was one that was gratifying to all, and a most enjoyable time was had. After a most excellent menu had been disposed of there was an hour or two devoted to toasts and responses, and the greatest good cheer prevailed.

NATIVE SONS' INSTALLATIONS.

For the purpose of installing the officers of the various circles of the order of Native Sons of the Golden West during January for the next term Grand President Conley has made an exchange of district deputies. After the officers shall have been installed the deputies will return to their respective jurisdictions. The following are the changes for San Francisco:

District No. 46—California No. 1, Pacific No. 10, William R. Milton, Sea Point No. 158, 1804 Sutter street, San Francisco, vice J. J. Allen, exchanged to district No. 53.

District No. 47—Yerba Buena No. 84, Sequoia No. 160, Frank Barnet, Piedmont No. 120, Oakland, vice Thomas Monahan, exchanged to district No. 56.

District No. 48—Hesperian No. 137, National No. 118, Arthur C. Huston, Woodland No. 30, Woodland, vice James T. O'Keefe, exchanged to district No. 54.

District No. 49—Mission No. 38, Alcatraz No. 145, Henry C. Hall, Menlo No. 185, Menlo, vice G. E. Reynolds, exchanged to district No. 51.

District No. 50—Niantic No. 105, Golden Gate No. 29, J. F. Deininger, Vallejo No. 77, Vallejo, vice William R. Milton, exchanged to district No. 46.

District No. 51—Alcalde No. 154, El Dorado No. 52, G. E. Reynolds, Eden No. 113, Haywards, vice Arthur C. Huston, exchanged to District No. 48.

District No. 52—Rincon No. 72, Stanford No. 76, L. M. Cobbledick, Brooklyn No. 15, 401 Twelfth street, Oakland, vice F. G. Ostrander, resigned.

District No. 53—San Francisco No. 49, Precita No. 187, J. J. Allen, Oakland No. 50, City Hall, Oakland, vice Henry C. Hall, exchanged to district No. 49.

District No. 54—Bay City No. 104, South San Francisco No. 157, James T. O'Keefe, Redwood No. 66, Redwood City, vice L. M. Cobbledick, exchanged to district No. 52.

District No. 55—Olympus No. 189, Marshall No. 202, Max Glas, Alameda No. 47, Thirty-sixth street and Telegraph avenue, Oakland, vice Frank Barnet, exchanged to district No. 47.

District No. 56—Presidio No. 194, Columbia No. 121, Thomas Monahan, San Jose No. 22, San Jose, vice J. F. Deininger, exchanged to district No. 50.

THE NATIVE DAUGHTERS.

Manzanita Parlor of Grass Valley has elected the following named as officers for the ensuing term: Lillie Luke, P.; Agnes Smith, Teresa Fahey, Hattie Martel, V. Ps.; Mrs Allison F. Watt, R. S.; Mrs. W. Provis, F. S.; Clara Uphoff, M.; Mesdames James Wales, C. T. Rouner and John Hockling, trustees.

The ladies of Manzanita Parlor will during Christmas week produce a cantata entitled "Brownies in Fairy Land," with about fifty little ones in the cast, the boys to represent the Brownies and the girls faries. The proceeds will be donated to the Native Daughters' Home, which was recently opened in this city.

The members of Manzanita Parlor and those of Quartz Parlor of the Native Sons, also of Grass Valley, have accepted an invitation to attend a ball to be given on the 28th inst. in the dryhouse of the Empire Mills, at the Empire mine, the invitation having been extended by G. W. Starr, superintendent of the mine, in celebration of the new buildings at the mine.

Last Tuesday night the banquet hall of the Native Sons' building had the appearance of a kindergarten, there were so many little ones there, to be on hand to receive Christmas presents from Miss Johanna Meyer, the Santa Claus of Golden State Parlor of the Native Daughters. In addition to the numerous little ones there were present a very large number of adults who were on hand to exercise parental care over the youngsters. It was a jolly crowd, and the sight of the little ones in procession marching to the big tree, loaded with presents for them, was one that delighted the onlookers. During the evening the children of older growth amused themselves snowballing each other. At the close of the present-giving there was dancing, and the life of the parlor, Miss Meyer, having changed her Santa Claus attire, appeared in a beautiful evening dress and acted as floor manager. The genial lady was assisted in her duties by the following named: Misses Rosa Day, L. Meyer, M. Teitjen, A. Akmann, L. Uhlig, M. Maguire, L. Hayessen, F. Fahrenkrug and F. von Staden, and Mrs. C. Day and Mrs. A. Thiel. This parlor will install its officers on the 4th of January.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD.

Tamalpais Camp gave a very pleasant entertainment in the social hall of the Red Men's building on the night of the 16th inst. The programme included overture by Tickner's band; recitation, Miss Alice Parrin; vocal solo, W. Cruse; banjo solo, Prof. A. J. Tickner; address on the value of fraternal insurance, by Dr. Estey; one-man orchestra, F. L. Miller; soprano solo, Miss Hill; piano trio, Master and Misses Clark; and violin solo, Dr. Hill. The several numbers were all of exceptionally high merit and well deserved the generous applause that was given. After the programme there was dancing until midnight.

Redwood Camp is increasing rapidly, taking new members at every meeting. It has organized the Redwood degree team and it is being drilled to give the work in the amplified form. The latest death claim in this camp was paid in forty-five days from the filing of proofs.

B'NE B'RITH.

Grand President Gutstadt and Grand Secretary Aschheim have returned from the official visits in the southern part of the State. While in Los Angeles the grand secretary issued a circular letter in which had: "I am surprised that a very large portion of the Jewish young men of Los Angeles manifest an attitude of indifference toward a fraternity that elsewhere and everywhere embraces the pith and flower of the people." He closed his letter with a request that the Jewish young men attend a meeting at a time and place named. There were a number who responded to the call, with the result that at the close of the meeting there was presented a petition with twenty-five names to it to organize a new lodge in that city.

The grand officers paid a visit to Orange and Semi-Tropic lodges in joint session, and in their address called attention to the necessity of more activity in Los Angeles.

The grand president also visited the lodge in San Diego and the one in San Bernardino.

INDEPENDENT ORDER FORESTERS.

Court Golden Gate Park was instituted last Tuesday night by General Organizer S. J. Duckworth, assisted by Deputy Bickford, in Devisadero Hall, with twenty-seven charter members. The charter will remain open until Tuesday next, when it is expected more than twenty names will be added to the roll. The officers installed are: J. F. Tyler, P. C. R.; Andrew Mocker, C. R.; O. C. Pratt, V. C. R.; Hy Marquardt, C. D.; J. J. Dow, R. S.; Rudolph Marcy, F. S.; Thomas A. Munro, T.; W. D. Quinn, O.; Hy Zalinsky, S. W.; A. W. Jackson, J. W.; S. A. Parly Jr., S. B.; Alex J. Garden, J. B.; J. Stierlan and William Cane, trustees. The new court will meet on Stanyan street, near Haight.

At the meeting of deputies held at headquarters in the Phelan building last Wednesday there were fourteen out of eighteen present. By-laws were adopted to govern the board for the year. It was arranged to hold the installation of the officers of Court Noe Valley on the 10th of January, instead of on the date previously announced. The board will meet again on the 4th inst. in the hall of Court Sunset.

The officers of Courts Apollo and Madrone will be jointly installed in public in the hall of Court Apollo on the 19th of January.

The following deputies have been named: Scofield for Court Point Lobos, Wiley for Accasia, Howell for Friar Tuck, Sivers for San Francisco, Jolly for Diana and Jarvis for Seal Rock.

General Organizer Duckworth has been made a member of the board of deputies.

During the installation ceremonies in this city Deputy Cameron will be the marshal and Deputy Moore will be the conductor.

The order is arranging for a grand public meeting in Odd Fellows' Hall within the next sixty days.

KNIGHTS OF THE MACCABEES.

San Francisco Tent No. 18, at a recent well attended meeting, elected its officers for the ensuing term. A few of the tried and hard working officers were re-elected and the others were promoted in recognition of meritorious work during the term.

The tent has appointed a committee to arrange for a Christmas festival to be known as the Maccabee Christmas tree. It will be given in the social hall of the Alcazar on the 30th inst., and the members look to a good time that night.

The tent, with a membership of nearly 300, has again formed two sides, called the Hustlers and the Rustlers. Each team is composed of an equal number of members, and it will be the aim of each to secure the greatest number of members during the next three months. The losing team will pay part of the expenses of a banquet, the tent defraying the balance. The motto of the Rustlers is "We are after new blood," and that of the Hustlers is "We are after live candidates."

LADIES OF THE MACCABEES.

San Francisco Hive No. 8, Mrs. Mary E. Salmond lady commander, and a number of friends spent a most enjoyable evening in the social hall of the Alcazar building on the 15th inst., as the committee on entertainment had arranged a good programme. There was a recitation by Mrs. George Bar, a banjo trio by Messrs. Burton, Rothermehl and Emerlon, and then a cake walk, which was headed by F. Wastier as leader. The participants were Mr. and Mrs. George W. Barr, Mr. and Mrs. George Leroi; Mary E. Hilmer, who was dressed as a darky swell, and Miss Gertie Wastier, and Fred Hilmer and Florence Moffat. The several couples gave a fine exhibition of walking and fancy steps, and more than one couple did so well that under their disguises and before their names were announced it was supposed they were professionals. This was particularly true of Mr. and Mrs. Leroi and Misses Wastier and Hilmer. The last named carried away the cake. After the programme there was dancing and a good collation.

Arrangements are being made for a joint initiation of members for San Francisco, California and Phebe Hearst hives on the 30th inst.

California Circle at its last held meeting received two applications and had among visitors Ladies Nystick and Davis of Los Angeles Hive and Lady Ruby of the hive in Portland.

THE DRUIDS.

On the 17th inst. F. Lewis, N. G. A.; J. M. Graves, G. S., and G. W. Heason, D. Hetzel and William Tresher of Guerneville and F. A. Radatz, P. A., of Hesperian Grove officially visited Santa Rosa Grove and conferred the degrees on four candidates. A banquet followed the business of the evening. Subsequently the grand officers, in company with Past Arches H. Grams and John Olseon of Santa Rosa, visited Fitch Grove at Healdsburg, where the degrees were conferred on two candidates and the officers were installed. There was a grand banquet in honor of the visitors at the Union Hotel.

The officers also visited Cypress and Petaluma Groves in joint session at Petaluma, where O. H. Hoag of Santa Rosa conferred the degrees on three candidates. A pleasant social time followed the work.

Twenty-five names have been signed to a petition for a new grove at Novato. It will be instituted after the holidays.

During the past week Templar Grove conferred the degrees on several candidates, Hesperian received an application and Vasco da Gama added several names to its roll.

COMPANIONS OF THE F. OF A.

The membership of Excelsior Circle is a merry one and it never has a meeting of a social character that is not one of pleasure to all present. Such was particularly the case last Tuesday night in the Social Hall of the Alcazar when the circle had its Christmas festival. There was a good attendance and a handsomely decorated tree occupied a prominent position in the hall. It was laden with many presents which were during the evening distributed to those entitled to receive them. Before the tree was stripped the committee of arrangements, composed of Mrs. Clorinda Clothilde Tucker, Mrs. J. Wishman, Mrs. Humbert, Mrs. Berg, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Bowles, John J. Cordy, Mrs. John J. Cordy, Mrs. Shumacher and Mr. Larsen, assembled around it and had their pictures taken by flash light. Thomas Sewell acted the part of Santa Claus and Mrs. Humbert was the floor manager during the dance that followed the presentations.

Last Monday Rose Circle was instituted at Santa Rosa by Grand Chief Companion Ira W. Coburn, assisted by Grand Financial Secretary Miss Agnes D. Bremer and Mrs. K. A. Haughey, grand treasurer. The circle, which was organized by Mrs. Carrie O. Musselman, Mrs. Rosa Reeder and Jesse A. Musselman, started out with a charter list of thirty-eight. Court Santa Rosa, F. of A., of which the circle is an auxiliary, surprised the circle members after the institution by inviting them and visitors to a banquet prepared for them, and during the evening announced that the circle could hold its meetings in the court's room twice a month without cost. The chief companion of the new circle is Mrs. Rosa Reeder and John G. Dont is the financial secretary.

Independence Circle, the institution of which has already been noticed, has for past chief companion T. F. Blake, for chief companion E. Laederick and for financial secretary M. Portley. There were present at that institution Past Grand Chief Companions Mrs. E. A. Carah, Mrs. Lizzie Atwood and Mrs. M. A. Duke, Grand Sub-Chief Companion Mrs. Flora Jacobs, Grand Financial Secretary Miss A. D. Bremer, Mrs. K. A. Haughey, grand treasurer, and Mrs. A. Davis, grand trustee.

Last Wednesday night Inter Nos Circle completed arrangements for its Christmas festival for members only, to be given in its hall on next Wednesday.

Palo Alto Circle on last Wednesday night had a very pleasant meeting, and after the transaction of routine business spent a social hour, to the great enjoyment of all present.

THE NATIONAL UNION.

California Council on last Tuesday night did not have time to have any entertainment under good and welfare, the greater portion of the time of the evening being taken up in the initiation of a class of ten candidates. The work was in the amplified form. On the night of the 3d of January there will be an open meeting for members and their wives, lady relatives and friends.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

A new lodge called Fremont No. 215 was instituted recently at French Gulch with a good charter list. Frank L. Fowler is the chancellor commander and George R. Simons keeper of records and seals. Last Monday Eagle Lodge No. 216 was instituted at Chinese Camp, with thirty-eight charter members.

A company of the uniform rank has been established at Redding, Shasta County.

J. E. Haskell has been appointed special deputy grand chancellor. He will reorganize the lodge at Oakdale.

The following changes in deputies have taken place on account of those previously appointed having resigned: A. A. Paul for district 18, vice R. B. Frizell; D. K. Frank for 35, vice G. N. Stockwell; A. E. Lucas for No. 1, vice H. Beaver, and John Lee for 37, vice Julius Gopper.

Benicia Lodge had a grand time at Benicia recently. It gave a fine entertainment that was well attended. Herman Shaffner, G. K. of R. and S., was present.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

Last Monday night Liberty Lodge was visited by Anchor Lodge in a body; also by several grand officers and members of Yerba Buena Lodge. Under good and welfare Professor Cellarius gave several piano recitals and addresses were made by Grand Dictator Archibald, Grand Vice Dictator W. J. Thompson, Deputy Macpherson and Recorder Ben I. Solomon.

Ivy Lodge was visited last week by M. L. Crowe, D. G. D., and Thomas Johnstone, G. R. The meeting was an interesting one and entertaining addresses were made by Past Dictators Hansen and Corbett. This lodge will hold open house on the night of the installation of its officers in January.

Last Tuesday night there was a large attendance at the session of Saxon Lodge. Among the visitors were the grand dictator, and the grand vice dictator, who were accorded a warm welcome.

ROYAL ARCANUM.

A large attendance of members enjoyed an interesting meeting of Argonaut Council of the Royal Arcanum last week. Two candidates were elected to membership and two applications were received. The committee on by-laws presented a report which will be acted upon at a future meeting.

The regent reported the loss by death of James S. McGinnis and Past Regent George A. Wigney, who died in this city. He also reported that the remains of the late H. A. Prior, who lost his life in the Baldwin Hotel fire, had been forwarded to Mound City Council of St. Louis, Mo.

BRITANNIA LODGE, D. S. G.

The failure of a lower case "s" to show up in the recent notice of the installation of the officers of this lodge of the Daughters of St. George made it appear that the installing officer was Mr. instead of Mrs. E. Witts. It was the retiring junior past president, Miss Etta Meadows, who was the recipient of the gold badge from the lodge.

THE JUNIORS.

Abraham Lincoln Council has appointed a committee to confer with the joint committee of all the local councils to arrange for the acceptance of the invitation of the Rev. Dr. Locke to attend the special service to be held in Metropolitan Temple on the 12th of next February to commemorate the anniversary of the birth of the patriot, Abraham Lincoln.

There is a movement to establish an official organ for the order in this State.

CHOSEN FRIENDS.

During the past week America Council initiated a candidate for Golden Gate. Grand Councilor Boehm visited Pacific, Washington, America and Crystal councils, and found the membership alive to the interests of the order. While he was at Washington Council several applications were presented.

The Progressive Council will meet in the hall of Samaritan Council next month.

Samaritan Council has removed to 102 O'Farrell street. Golden Gate Council will take up headquarters in the same building next month.

Grand Councilor Boehm will on the 19th of next month leave for Humboldt County, and while there will visit the council of the county.

FRIENDS OF THE FOREST.

Lincoln and Pioneer lodges each had a number of applications at their respective meetings last week. Pioneer Lodge will give its domino party to-morrow night.

Richmond Lodge was officially visited last Wednesday by the supreme president and other supreme officers.

America Lodge is arranging for a party next month.

All the lodges in the city will on the 14th of next February give a joint valentine party.

ANCIENT ORDER FORESTERS.

Excelsior will be consolidated with Court Lincoln on the 5th of January. On the 17th of the month High Chief Ranger Boehm will visit Court Magnolia, when there will be an initiation of a class of twelve. On the 19th the high chief ranger will go to Humboldt County to visit the courts there.

The court at Murray, Utah, in the past term doubled its membership and now has one hundred members. Under the auspices of the court a new circle of Companions of the Forest was recently organized in that place.

A new court has been instituted at Seattle by Deputy Clark.

COMPANIONS OF THE FOREST.

The snowballing party that was recently given by Franklin Circle was a very enjoyable affair that was attended by a large number of fun loving people. A beautiful hand-painted sofa pillow was by lot awarded to Mrs. J. Zabriskie.

Liberty Circle will hold a Christmas tree festival in Mission Opera Hall next Wednesday.

The supreme grand officers visited Justice Circle last Friday.

Sherwood Circle will give a party on the 5th of next month.

THE CORONA CLUB.

The evening at home that was recently given in Mission Masonic Hall by the Corona Club, the swell organization of the Mission district, was the first one at which the ladies who compose the club ever invited gentlemen relatives and gentlemen friends. The programme that was presented was one of the highest merit in musical and literary numbers, and was perfection as to rendition. One of the many choice numbers and listened to with an attention that must have been exceedingly flattering to the lady was "A Review of the Effects of the Civil War Upon the United States," by Miss Kathryn Fenton. The vocal selections by Miss Isella von Pelt were also a most pleasant feature of the entertainment. After the programme there was an adjournment to the banquet hall, where there was an excellent collation, and after that there was dancing. Mrs. Frank Dalton, the president of the club, presided. This club, which was organized last March, now has a membership of 178.

AS SEEN IN CHICAGO.

"What do you think of the proposition to sell the government of the Philippines to a corporation?" asked the junior Alderman.

"It would never do," said the senior Alderman.

"Why not? Isn't that pretty near what you've been hammering into me right along?"

"Why, naw. What would it grab its franchises from? Itself? How long would that sort of work pay? No, my boy; there's a limit even to a good thing."—Chicago Chronicle.

COMMERCIAL WORLD.

SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS

No business to-morrow.
Produce Exchange not in session.
Bank clearings gain again.
Shipment of $476,748 to China.
Potatoes and Onions unchanged.
Vegetables declined.
Butter easy and Cheese steady.
Slight improvement in Eggs.
Turkeys did better again.
Hens and Roosters sold higher.
Game advanced.
Apples and Oranges in free supply.
Dried Fruits stagnant. Nuts firm.
No change in Provisions.
Meat market as before.

TO-MORROW A HOLIDAY.

To-morrow will be observed as the Christmas holiday and business will be suspended throughout the United States.

BANK CLEARINGS.

Local bank clearings last week were $14,893,289, against $12,447,948 for the same week in 1897.

TREASURE SHIPMENT.

The Gaelic took out a treasure list of $476,748, consisting of $417,953 in Mexican dollars, $3795 in gold coin and $55,000 in silver bullion.

WEATHER REPORT.

(120th Meridian—Pacific Time.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24, 5 p. m.

The following are the seasonal rainfalls to date as compared with those of same date last season and rainfalls in 24 hours:

Stations—	24 Hours.	Last Season.	This Season.	Last Season.
Eureka	0.00	9.87	15.37	
Red Bluff	0.00	3.81	6.03	
Sacramento	0.00	3.92	4.38	
San Francisco	0.00	3.89	4.07	
Fresno	0.00	1.92	1.89	
San Luis Obispo	0.00	1.34	1.58	
Los Angeles	0.00	0.24	2.53	
San Diego	0.00	1.09	1.41	
Yuma	0.00	1.32	0.81	

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND GENERAL FORECAST.

San Francisco data—Maximum temperature, 54; minimum temperature, 41; mean temperature, 48.

An area of high pressure is central this evening in Southern Idaho and Northern Utah. Throughout the entire region west of the Rocky Mountains the pressure continues unusually high; however, it has commenced to fall along the Washington coast. Fair weather continues in Southern California and Arizona, but it has become partly cloudy in Northern California and the region to the northward. Partly cloudy weather will continue in Northern California Sunday with slowly rising temperature.

Forecast made at San Francisco for 30 hours ending midnight December 25, 1898:

Northern California—Partly cloudy Sunday; warmer; light easterly wind.

Southern California—Generaly fair Sunday; warmer; light northerly winds.

For Nevada—Partly cloudy Sunday; warmer.

Fort Utah—Partly cloudy Sunday.

For Arizona—Partly cloudy Sunday.

For San Francisco and vicinity—Partly cloudy Sunday; warmer; light easterly winds.

Special report from Mount Tamalpais—Cloudy; wind northwest; 8 miles; temperature, 50; maximum temperature, 54.

W. H. HAMMON, Forecast Official.

EASTERN MARKETS.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK MARKET.

CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—CATTLE—Receipts of cattle to-day were even smaller than usual on Saturday and the market was almost entirely a nominal one. Yesterday's prices prevailed in the new transactions recorded. Traders are looking for liberal receipts and lower prices on Monday. Buyers of hogs took hold briskly at advances of 5@10c.

HOGS—Sold at an extreme range of $3 25@3 65 for the poorest to the best, largely at $3 45@3 60. The late market was weak and lower and some hogs for which $3 60 was bid early sold at $3 52½. Packers are counting on liberal receipts next Monday.

SHEEP—Too few sheep and lambs continued to make a market and prices were pretty much nominal. Sheep sold at $2@2 50 for the poorest to $4@4 25 for the best. Yearling sheep were quoted at $4@4 50 and lambs sold at $3 50@4 for common up to $5@5 10 for choice.

Receipts—Cattle, 100; hogs, 17,000; sheep, 1000.

OMAHA.

OMAHA, Dec. 24.—CATTLE—Receipts, 900. Market steady, active. Native beef steers, $4 25@5 50; Western steers, $3 80@4 40; Texas steers, $3 60@4 10; cows and heifers, $3@4 10; canners, $2@2 90; stockers and feeders, $3 40@4 40; calves, $4@6 75; bulls and stags, $2@3 80.

HOGS—Receipts, 8500. Market 10c higher, closed easy; heavy, $3 42½@3 47½; mixed, $3 45@3 47½; light, $3 41@3 50; pigs, $3@3 40; bulk of sales, $3 45@3 47½.

SHEEP—Receipts, 10,000. Market steady. Native muttons, $3 60@4 35; Western muttons, $3 40@4; stock sheep, $2 50@3 50; lambs, $4@5 25.

KANSAS CITY.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—CATTLE—Receipts, 700; market strong, unchanged.

HOGS—Receipts, 5000; market strong to 10c higher. Bulk of sales, $3 35@3 45; heavies, $3 40@3 55; packers, $3 30@3 52½; mixed, $3 20@3 45; lights, $3 10@3 35; pigs, $3@3 20.

SHEEP—Receipts, 1000; market firm. Lambs, $3 75@5 25; muttons, $2 50@4.

DENVER.

DENVER, Dec. 24.—CATTLE—Receipts, 100; market firmer, strong. Beef steers, $3 75@4 25; cows, $2 75@3 50; feeders, freight paid to river, $3 25@4; stockers, freight paid, $3 50@4 15; bulls, stags, etc., $1 75@2 50.

HOGS—Receipts, 100; market steady to shade higher. Light packers, $3 35@3 40; mixed, $3 30@3 35; heavy, $3 25@3 30.

SHEEP—Receipts, none.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Financier says: The statement of the clearing house banks of New York for the week ending December 24 shows for the first time in some weeks the banks have not been able to make use of the surplus funds which are flowing to this city. The result is that excess reserves are increased by over $2,000,000 and now stand at $19,500,000, the highest figure reported since the last of October. In the period mentioned, however, the loans of the banks have expanded $45,000,000 and deposits almost $52,000,000. Facts like these do not seem to indicate anything approaching firmness in money rates. The increase in loans for the past week was $3,657,300, which is smaller than had been anticipated. A detailed analysis seems to show that special operations by one or two large banks interfered with the logical features of the week's operations. As results prove, the net receipts of cash, almost exclusively in the form of specie, were $4,655,600. It is known that gold is being received in large amounts from San Francisco as a result of Australian imports and larger interior remittances were in favor of New York, as were also operations with the sub-treasury. The call loan, therefore, is easily explained, but since use has not been made for the money the tendency is toward idle accumulations and a maintenance of minimum rates for funds. After the first of the year there may be a change in this condition, but it is difficult to see how it can be more than temporary. The immense volume of trade reported by the country at large certainly implies a demand for money, but despite this fact and the equally important revelations afforded by the operations with Europe, which have resulted in heavy loans of American balances to nearly every important Continental center, the plethora of money is clearly established.

The treasury has called for the payment of $8,000,000 of Pacific Railway funds in banks, but this will be returned in stallments and will not equal the disbursements which the redemption of the currency 6s will necessitate next month. If there was no balance due the United States from Europe the situation might be regarded with caution, owing to the enormous expansion which has taken place, but as it is there seems to be nothing that could create serious complications in the money market.

PORTLAND'S BUSINESS.

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—Exchanges, $223,945; balances, $75,789.

NORTHERN WHEAT MARKET.

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—WHEAT — Active; Walla Walla, 59½c; valley, 62c; bluestem, 63c.

Cleared—Bark Balasore, with 152,320 bushels wheat; ship Emin Pasha, with 27,958 barrels flour; both for Queenstown.

WASHINGTON.

TACOMA, Dec. 24.—WHEAT—Club, 59c; bluestem, 62@63c.

LOCAL MARKETS.

EXCHANGE AND BULLION.

Sterling Exchange, 60 days	—	$4 82¾
Sterling Exchange, sight	—	4 85½
Sterling Cables	—	4 86½
New York Exchange, sight	—	15
New York Exchange, telegraphic	—	17½
Fine Silver, per ounce	—	55⅝
Mexican Dollars	—	47½

(Note—The Produce Exchange stands adjourned to next Tuesday, hence quotations for grain, feedstuffs, millstuffs, etc., are omitted.)

POTATOES, ONIONS AND VEGETABLES.

Receipts of Vegetables were more liberal and quotations were lower in consequence. No change in Potatoes and Onions.

POTATOES — 50@65c per ctl for Early Rose; 65@90c per sack for River Burbanks; Salinas Burbanks, 75c@$1 25; Oregon, 75c@$1 10; Sweet Potatoes, $1 60 for Merced; New Potatoes, 2@2½c per lb.

ONIONS—50@75c per ctl.

VEGETABLES — Green Peas, 8@10c; String Beans, 10@12½c; Cabbage, 40@50c; Tomatoes, 75c@$1 25 for Los Angeles; Egg Plant, 15c per lb; Garlic, 7@8c per lb; Dried Okra, 15c per lb; Green Peppers, 4@5c per lb; Dried Peppers, 10@15c; Marrowfat Squash, $8@10 per ton; Carrots, 25@35c per sack.

POULTRY AND GAME.

Turkeys did better again yesterday and the moderate receipts cleaned up well at full figures. There was just about enough to go around. Early in the day fine large gobblers brought 19c readily, and a few sales even higher were reported, but the day's market was about as quoted below. Other Poultry was firm and Hens and Roosters sold higher.

Game was firm at an advance.

POULTRY—Dressed Turkeys, 15@19c; live Turkeys, 15c for Gobblers and 15c for Hens; Geese, per pair, $1 50@1 75; Ducks, $4@6; Hens, $3@5; young Roosters, $4@5; old Roosters, $4; Fryers, $4; Broilers, $4 for large, $3@3 50 for small; Pigeons, $1@1 25 per dozen for old and $1 50@2 for Squabs.

GAME—Quail, $1 25@1 50; Mallard, $3@5; Canvasback, $4@7; Sprig, $2@3; Teal, $1 25@1 50; Widgeon, $1 50@1 75; Small Duck, $1@1 25; English Snipe, $2@2 50; Jack Snipe, $1@1 25; Gray Geese, $2 50@3; White Geese, $1 25@1 50; Brant, $1 25@1 75; Honkers, $3@5; Hare, $1; Rabbits, $1 50 for Cottontails and $1 for small.

BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS.

There was a temporary scarcity in Eggs yesterday and sales were made at a small advance, but dealers expect the market to drop back again when business is resumed this week.

Butter is not quotably lower, but the feeling is weak. Cheese keeps steady.

BUTTER—

Creamery — Fancy creameries, 29@30c; seconds, 28c.

Dairy — Choice to fancy, 25@27c; common grades, 18@24c.

Pickled Goods—Firkin, 17@18c; pickled roll, 17@18c for dairy and 19@20c for creamery squares; creamery tub, 22@22½c.

Eastern Butter—Ladle packed, 16@16½c per lb; Elgin, 22@22½c.

CHEESE—Choice mild new, 12@12½c; old, 10@11c; Cream Cheddar, 12@12½c; Young America, 12@13c; Eastern, 10@12c.

EGGS—Ranch Eggs, 35@38c per dozen; seconds, 30@33c; Eastern, 22½@25c for ordinary and 28@30c for fancy.

DECIDUOUS AND CITRUS FRUITS.

A few Grapes sent in for the Christmas trade sold at 85c@$1 per box, but there was not much call for them.

Apples and Oranges continue in heavy supply. Persimmons are making more show.

DECIDUOUS FRUITS—

Cranberries, $7 50@10 per barrel for Eastern and $1@1 50 per box for Coos Bay.

Apples, 35@60c for common