

PRETTY GIRLS WILL HELP AT CALIFORNIA CLUB PARTY

Whist Section Getting Things in Shape for the Big Card Tournament on Monday Evening.



THE ladies of the whist section of the California Club are working like beavers putting things in shape for the great benefit progressive whist and euchre tournament to be held at the Palace Hotel on Monday evening.

The great card party is not to be an invitational affair. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Seventy-five society girls have generously volunteered their services to the club for the great night, and they will do the scoring.

MISS... DOLORES WILKINS. MISS... HELEN WRIGHT. MISS... JOSEPHINE LINDLEY.

MISS LUCY M. HAWTHORNE, MISS ZENNE LONG, MISS BERNICE SCOVILLE, MISS ELIA COX, MISS MABEL COX, MISS BESSIE CALLENDER, MISS SARAH VAN WINKLE, MISS BELLE VAN WINKLE, MISS JULIA MAU, MISS AGNES RADLER, MISS CLARA DUBROW, MISS ELISE CLARK, MISS EDITH HENRIET, MISS FLORENCE EWING, MISS JESSIE EWING, MISS HALLE MOUTIN, MISS LILLA WENZELBURGER, MISS RAY HOVEY, MISS NETTIE FORBES, MISS MILA LALLY, MISS MARLA MARBURG, MISS IVY BOWER, MISS EDITH NELSON, MISS ELIA THOMPSON, MISS FLORENCE BAILEY, MISS EULALIE JESSUP, MISS GUNN, MISS MILLIE FLYNN, MISS BESSIE BATES, MISS BERGON, MISS COTTON, MISS VONONICA KENNEDY, MISS ALICE WATSON, MISS CAROLINE SNOOK, MISS RUBY SESSON, MISS EDITH MCCABE, MISS GRACE WOOL, MISS EMILY COY, MISS EDITH MCKAY, MISS CLARA SHARP, MISS CLARISSE EBY, MISS BESSIE ELY, MISS YALE, MISS GERTRUDE CAMPBELL, MISS DALY BARNETT, MISS MARY AVER, MISS EMMA C. EATON, MISS ALICE DAY, MISS COTTON, MISS QUEEN MONTGOMERY, MISS ALICE CHIPMAN, MISS FANNIE CHIPMAN, MISS HELEN WRIGHT, MISS ANNETT EDWARDS, MISS EDITH MANNING, MISS LAURA DEWITT, MISS DELORA WILKINS, MISS JANE BARRY, MISS KATE STACK, MISS HATTIE CURRIER, MISS ALLEEN TOWLE, MISS MARY MELICK, MISS MARIET WEMPLE, MISS LAURA TAYLOR, MISS BESSIE TAYLOR, MISS STONE, MISS RUTH GEDNEY, MISS MAUD BLACKMAN, MISS JOSEPHINE LINDLEY, MISS EMILY FISH, MISS HELEN DAVIS, MISS FLORENCE DENING, MISS ELIAS MORZAN, MISS CLARA SHARP, MISS CLARISSE EBY, MISS BESSIE ELY, MISS YALE, MISS GERTRUDE CAMPBELL, MISS DALY BARNETT, MISS MARY AVER, MISS EMMA C. EATON, MISS ALICE DAY, MISS COTTON, MISS QUEEN MONTGOMERY, MISS ALICE CHIPMAN, MISS FANNIE CHIPMAN, MISS HELEN WRIGHT, MISS ANNETT EDWARDS, MISS EDITH MANNING, MISS LAURA DEWITT, MISS DELORA WILKINS, MISS JANE BARRY, MISS KATE STACK, MISS HATTIE CURRIER, MISS ALLEEN TOWLE, MISS MARY MELICK, MISS MARIET WEMPLE, MISS LAURA TAYLOR, MISS BESSIE TAYLOR, MISS STONE, MISS RUTH GEDNEY, MISS MAUD BLACKMAN, MISS JOSEPHINE LINDLEY, MISS EMILY FISH, MISS HELEN DAVIS, MISS FLORENCE DENING, MISS ELIAS MORZAN.

LADIES WHO ARE ACTIVE IN PREPARATIONS FOR WHIST PARTY.

LEGAL BATTLE FOR LINE RAILWAY

Washington and Oregon Road Wants Right of Way of the P. and P. S.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 14.—The legal battle for the possession of the railroad right of way from this city to Seattle, now owned by the Portland and Puget Sound Railroad Company, began in the Superior Court here to-day.

The Washington and Oregon Company petition was opposed by the Portland and Puget Sound Company and the Columbia Valley Railway Company, but each on different grounds.

The former, represented by Burke, Shepherd & McGilvray, attorneys for the Great Northern Railroad Company at Seattle, based its contest on the plea that the property sought to be condemned is already appropriated for public use and the mere fact that the company has so far failed to actually construct its lines does not give another the right to appropriate the property for a similar use.

The court to-day, after hearing the matter to-day, and the injured parties were amputated by the company's surgeon. He died a few hours later. Southernland is one of a number of men who were ordered out of Truckee several days ago for selling liquor to Indians. His home is at Carson City.

THE ART EVENT OF SAN FRANCISCO. A SUPERB COLLECTION OF ORIENTAL RUGS. AT AUCTION TO-DAY, TO-MORROW AND NEXT WEEK. 230 POST STREET. Between Grant Ave. and Stockton St. GEORGE H. WEIGERT, Art Auctioneer. By order of HAGOPIAN & CO. of 119-121 West Twenty-third street, New York. We exhibited and sold in this city a large collection of Oriental Rugs last year about this time, which was pronounced by connoisseurs the finest ever shown in San Francisco, and our present collection is of surpassing beauty.

MRS. CLARA KLUGE PLAN A COURSE IN IRRIGATION

Attorney for Sutro Heirs Denies Her Claim to Estate.

Reuben H. Lloyd, attorney for the heirs of the Sutro estate, denies that either he or his clients have in any way recognized the claims of Mrs. Clara Kluge, who has contested the Adolph Sutro will on the part of her two children, whom she alleges to be the offspring of the dead millionaire. The conclusion that Mrs. Merritt, executrix of the estate, together with the other heirs, had been indirectly forced by the Hibernia Bank to acknowledge the claim of Mrs. Kluge was arrived at because her name had been affixed to a mortgage on property belonging to the estate.

"To suppose that the participation of Mrs. Kluge in this mortgage or any mortgage of her claims by the Sutro heirs is, of course, absurd," said Reuben Lloyd in discussing the matter yesterday. "It was the Hibernia Bank that mortgaged the estate that desired the signature of Mrs. Kluge, and that for reasons known to every one familiar with the attitude of banks toward contestants. The bank, in the abundance of its caution, simply desired to be protected in the event of there being any recognition by the courts of Mrs. Kluge's claim."

"The application for a renewal of the mortgage incurred by Mr. Sutro was made to the court only the other day, but at no time were Mrs. Kluge or her attorneys consulted in regard to the matter. The first intimation I had that I had consulted with Van E. Paterson, her attorney, was when I read of it. I can understand that Mrs. Kluge was not averse to affixing her signature to the mortgage. While such a proceeding might give her a certain standing in the community, it could have no weight in the case now before the court. I emphatically repeat that Mrs. Kluge has not received the slightest recognition by either the heirs or myself and without our knowledge. The mortgage covers an old loan, and even if Mrs. Kluge would ultimately be acknowledged as one of the heirs by the court she would only be entitled to her share of the residue after the loan had been paid out of the proceeds of the sale of the property."

SENT TO SAN QUENTIN—John A. Moore, alias John Muir, pleaded guilty to a charge of petty larceny, second offense, for stealing articles from the schooner, in Judge Cook's court yesterday and was sentenced to two years in San Quentin.

Claim as Sewer Commissioner. Commissioner Mendell of the Board of Public Works presented a claim to the Board of Supervisors yesterday for compensation as Sewer Commissioner under appointment by the Supervisors in 1896, covering a period extending from August, 1892, to January 31, 1893. The claim aggregates \$145.32.

THE EMPORIUM. Special Sale. Children's Hose. Boys' \$7.50 Suits, Long Pants, To-Day \$4.95. Men's \$12.50 and \$15 Suits, To-Day \$9.95. Boys' \$4.00 Suits, Knee Pants, To-Day \$2.48. Three Big Clothing Specials. For Friday and Saturday Only.

Congressional Committee on Rivers and Harbors Also Invited to Visit the State in the Spring.

The question of a direct line of steamers from San Francisco to Manila was discussed yesterday by a special meeting of prominent business men called together by the Board of Trade.

The meeting was a representative one in every respect and those who were present at the gathering are determined that the vital question of securing aid for the Manila trade be promptly solved. The various commercial organizations were represented as follows:

Board of Trade—President A. A. Watkins, T. J. Parsons, Isaac Upham, Sanford Bennett, F. Frenschwar, William Cuff, S. Nickolsburg, Martin Priest and H. M. Holbrook. Chamber of Commerce—W. E. Meghill and A. C. Cheselbrough. Manufacturers and Producers Association—A. C. Rulison, Associate—Hugo Rothschild, B. S. Benedict, F. P. Cole, A. M. Davis and Frank J. Symmes. Merchants Association—W. A. Meghill, A. Cheselbrough and J. Rosenfeld. San Francisco Produce Exchange—W. Babcock, H. C. Wheeler and Horace Davis. By special invitation, G. Towne, H. D. Loveland, W. R. Wheeler and Congressman S. D. Woods were also present.

The Ship Owners' Association of the Pacific Coast was requested to send a delegation, but did not do so. President Watkins in calling the meeting to order stated that it was for the purpose of securing a direct steamship connection between this port and Manila, which is being damaged in transshipment from Hongkong to Manila and considerably pilfered en route. This resulted in a serious loss to San Francisco merchants.

President Watkins then told how a letter had been written to the Pacific Steamship Company early last December, calling the attention of the company to the matter, but that the only reply received was that Mr. Schwerin of the company was in New York and on his return he would give the subject his attention. Mr. Schwerin had returned to the end of December, no statement had been received from him.

A. C. Rulison said he had recently seen and spoken to Mr. Schwerin and that gentleman had informed him that the Pacific Steamship Company would attend the meeting, not having received an invitation to do so. Regarding pilfering of goods sent to Manila, Mr. Schwerin had informed him that the Pacific Steamship Company was not responsible for it and that the goods must have been tampered with on the docks at Manila. Rulison said in an instance where 200 cases of beer had been shipped from San Francisco to Manila, via Hongkong, and on arrival at Manila it was found that only 10 per cent of the beer was missing. The speaker had the assurance of Mr. Schwerin that the merchants of San Francisco had the right amount of Manila trade the steamship company would not on direct steamers, but not otherwise.

T. J. Parsons of the Del Monte Mills said that if Tacoma, Seattle and New York would support a direct line of steamers to Manila, certainly San Francisco could do so. "We are suffering heavily," said Mr. Parsons, "because we have no direct line and if we had one it would promptly put an end to the pilfering on the docks at Manila and to the loss of revenue at Hongkong. The trouble is that San Francisco has not taken as much interest in the matter as other cities have. Los Angeles has established a direct coast line and Seattle has the Skagway trade, using steamers from Seattle. Goods shipped to Skagway come from San Francisco."

Sanford Bennett read a number of letters received from the Portland and Puget Sound Railroad Company of Portland, Oregon, offering to put on two steamers from San Francisco to Manila if freight was guaranteed. The company quoted a direct rate of \$8 per ton, as compared to \$12 per ton for the route via San Francisco to Hongkong, which added to \$5 per ton for reshipment from Hongkong to Manila, made the through rate \$13 per ton.

A general discussion of how to accept the offer made was then participated in by W. R. Wheeler, Harry Davis, Isaac Upham, Hugo Rothschild and H. D. Loveland. The last named gentleman said that the Orient crowded with Eastern freight and not a pound of San Francisco freight could be sent to Manila. This he said, was a constant occurrence. "There is a necessity for the line," said Mr. Loveland, "and we will have no trouble in getting it. An American merchant don't let us sit down and see other cities secure the trade which belongs to us."

On motion of Mr. Parsons, a resolution was carried that a committee be appointed to consist of five large exporters, to find out the amount of freight which can be secured from San Francisco for Manila and that the committee confer with the various steamship companies in the matter of securing direct shipment between the two ports.

"Congressman S. D. Woods was then introduced to the meeting by President Watkins and after a hearty welcome, Congressman Woods stated that he was present to speak on a matter in which Congress would be interested, namely, the needs of California. The appropriations asked for from Congress for river and harbor improvements in California had been turned down and the Representatives and Senators from California had thought that the Congress on Rivers and Harbors should be invited to visit the State and see for itself the needs for the appropriations asked for. An amendment was now before the committee on appropriation bill and the California delegation had thought it important enough for the speaker to come back to California and secure invitations for the Committee on Rivers and Harbors to visit the State. Congressman Woods hoped that the meeting would take some action in the matter and, if the committee was invited, that the California delegation in Washington should be asked to present the invitation to the members of the River and Harbor Committee."

A resolution that the invitation be extended by the various commercial bodies represented at the meeting was then passed and an adjournment was taken.

PRINCE OF CARNIVAL SELECTS HIS COURT One Thousand Palms and Myrtles Received and Twenty Men at Work. Charles J. Dickman will be the Prince and Mrs. A. H. Bennett the Queen at the Mardi Gras ball in the Hopkins Institute of Art next Tuesday evening. This was announced last evening. The Prince's court is also selected and will consist of T. W. Bakewell, Harry Haight, Clarence Wendell, Burbank Somers, Charles P. Edwards, Vincent W. B. Hopkins, Charles E. Lambertson, William Irving Shannon, E. E. Simmons and H. P. Veeder. Thomas Rickard will be the herald.

The pages and ladies of the court have not been named. Yesterday 1000 palms and myrtles were received at the institute, where twenty men are busy arranging the decorations of the rooms. The applications for tickets have been about the same as last year, and the expectation is that about six hundred will be issued.

Held for Burglary. Fred Wilson, alias George Woods, was held to answer before the Superior Court by Judge Conlan yesterday on a charge of burglary in 1900 bonds. Woods and a companion, William Irving Shannon, broke into the room of Ed H. Hall, 122 Taylor street, January 29, and Shannon was shot and killed by Hall.

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Children's extra heavy 3-thread bicycle ribbed cotton hose; guaranteed fast; black; double knee, heel and sole, full seamless, no superior for wear, sold usually as a leader at 25c a pair; on special sale Friday only, 17c 3 pairs \$50c or pair 17c. Another Sale of Embroideries. 2000 yards of very good quality of Embroidery in a fine assortment of patterns, which if bought in the regular way would sell for 30c, 25c and 30c per yard; will be placed on sale in main aisle to-day only; all at the uniform price, per yard 14c. Special To-Day \$1.00 Tafteta 67c. We have secured a few hundred yards of this fine black 2 1/2-inch Swiss Tafteta; very heavy quality with brilliant luster and absolutely pure dye; manufactured especially for underskirt and grenadine linings; regularly \$1.00 a yard, which we will place on sale on Friday only at 67c.

Three Big Clothing Specials. For Friday and Saturday Only. If you can buy the same kind of garments for a lower price elsewhere or for anything near these special prices for Friday and Saturday, bring our goods back and get your money. This is the way that the big store guarantees its goods at all times.

Boys' \$7.50 Suits, Long Pants, To-Day \$4.95. Men's \$12.50 and \$15 Suits, To-Day \$9.95. Boys' \$4.00 Suits, Knee Pants, To-Day \$2.48. Made of All-Wool Cheviots, Tweeds and Cassimeres, in new, stylish patterns; also Vicuna, Oxford and Blue and Black Serges and Fancy Worsteds; round-cornered Sack Coats, single or double breasted vest, stylishly designed, well fitting; regularly \$12.50 and \$15.00; Friday and Saturday only \$9.95. \$2.48. All-wool fabrics in new greys, tans and other color mixtures, both dark and light shading for Spring wear. These admirable school suits consist of double-breasted coats and knee pants, and are extra well made, all sizes, for boys 8 to 15 years of age; worth regularly \$4.00; Friday and Saturday only \$2.48.

50c Pictures 22c. An exceptionally choice line of 16x20 inch Carbonets; 20 carefully selected subjects of landscapes, fancy heads, figures and child studies, each mounted and finished with 1-inch cotton mat; regular 50c each; special Friday only 22c. 50c Belts 27c. A jobber closed out to us at about half their regular price the balance of three different lines of men's new style belts, 2 1/2 in. all. They are made of patent leather and ottoman silk with gold trimmings, and plain gold being leather lined; bought in the regular way would have to be sold for 50c each; our price to-day only 27c. Photos \$2.50 Doz. The last two days that we will take the elegant new style \$5.00 per dozen Bernhard Panel Photos for exactly half price. Until closing time Saturday night (we take pictures as well by electric light as by daylight) Bernhard Panels, per dozen \$2.50. Twilled Flannelette & Kirt Patterns. On sale to-day only, a fine lot of specially manufactured patterns for Ladies' Summer Under-skirts, fine twilled flannelette, woven corded borders, embroidered bottoms, in assorted colorings. These skittings are a wide width, a real 50c value; price for Friday, 29c each.

Corset Sale. 75c Corsets 25c, \$1.00 Corsets 39c, \$1.50 Corsets 75c. We bought several big lots of Corsets to once more fill up the missing sizes, and once more everybody can find her size. Lot 1—Tan Corset, heavily boned and strapped, all sizes; a regular 75c Corset of finest shape; on sale 25c. Lot 2—Two styles; one new Empire style, straight front Corset, lace trimmed, white only, and a dab with fancy effect; all sizes, 18 to 20; regular \$2.00; on sale 39c. Lot 3—Assorted lot of new R. & G. Empire Straight Front Corsets, in black only, sizes 18 to 30, and several other styles in C. B., J. B., Warner's, etc. All sizes up to 36; black, drab and white; regularly \$1.50 and \$2.00; on sale at 75c. Butter Sale To-Day. Best Creamery Butter, the regular size squares—you know the quality—35c to-day (Friday) only, per square 35c. Six Plates 31c. English decorated plates; pink, green or blue border; a specially purchased lot of 250 dozen of these pretty plates, the regular price of which is \$1.00 per dozen; on sale Friday only, set of six 31c.

Last Two Days of Shoe Sale. Hundreds of pairs Ladies' and Misses' Shoes reduced for quick clearance to make room for new stocks now on the way. Saving fully one-third. Ladies' \$1.98 Vic K 4 Shoes... \$1.43 Ladies' \$2.50 Vic K 4 Shoes... \$1.78 Misses' \$1.50 Vic Kid Shoes... \$1.30 Children's \$1.40 Vic Kid Shoes... \$1.00. Liquors Friday. Yellowstone Whiskey—Rye or Bourbon, regularly \$1.25 a bottle, to-day, per gallon \$1.08. Brandy—Full quart demijohns to-day, each 75c. Reising—Quality perfect; to-day, per gallon 60c.

PAINTER NUTT FALLS INTO PILE OF MORTAR AND THE LIME DESTROYS ONE OF HIS EYES

The staging on which Harry M. Nutt and another painter named Perry were standing while painting the residence of R. Westwater yesterday broke and the two men fell to the ground. Perry was fortunate. He landed on his feet in a pile of sand, receiving only slight bruises, but Nutt was so severely injured that it is thought he will not recover. The men were at work on the second story of the building when the accident occurred. They had hoisted themselves up from the ground after partaking of their lunches, and had made all fast and were at work when the center of the staging commenced to give, breaking with a snap and throwing the unfortunate men into space. Nutt landed on his head near the side of the building on which they were working, bounded off, and struck on his head in a pile of mixed mortar. His head was completely buried in the material. He was extricated as soon as possible and hurried to the Receiving Hospital, where it was found by Dr. Murphy that the burning lime had entered his right eye, completely destroying the sight. In addition to the loss of his eye, Nutt suffered a fracture of the spinal column, numerous lacerations of the scalp and a fracture of the skull. Self Confessed Young Thief. Ignatius Nabel, a boy 15 years of age, was arrested about 2 o'clock yesterday morning after he had stolen two bottles of milk from a milk wagon at Broadway and Kearny street. When searched in the City Prison a lot of articles were found in his pockets. In Judge Mogan's court yesterday he admitted having stolen them from different places. He was discharged from the orphan asylum at San Rafael about a week ago and ran away from home with the intention of stealing. He will be sent to an institution to-day. A Defaulting Drummer. John Loeffler of the Sonoma Preserving Company, 425 Fifth street, secured a warrant from Judge Cabanis yesterday for the arrest of J. L. Thal, 1201 Golden Gate avenue, on a charge of felony embezzlement. Thal had been engaged as a drummer for the company for two weeks and during that time, it is alleged, he collected and embezzled \$400. The amount in the complaint is \$75. It is also alleged that he is short in his accounts with the Fisher Packing Company.

EDUCATE YOUR BOWELS. Don't neglect the slightest sign of irregularity but see that you have at least one natural, easy movement a day. Pills, salts and black draughts are dangerous because they strain and weaken the bowels. What you want is a mild but sure tonic laxative, that tones and strengthens the bowels and stimulates their movements. Such a laxative is CASCARETS, and when you try them, you will find that it is the easiest thing in the world to make and keep your bowels clean and regular, strong and healthy. Sample box 10c. Month's treatment 50c. By keeping the bowels clean, all serious disorders are PREVENTED BY CASCARETS. LIVER TONIC. BEST FOR THE BOWELS. NEVER SOLD IN BULK. TO CURE: Five years ago the first box of CASCARETS was sold. Now it is over six million boxes a year. This is absolute proof of its value. It is the only medicine in the world. It is simple, safe and will sell CASCARETS absolutely guaranteed to cure or money refunded. Go by today, two 50c boxes, give them a fair, honest trial, as per simple directions, and if you are not satisfied, after using one 50c box, return the unused 50c box and the empty box to us by mail, or the druggist from whom you purchased it, and get your money back for both boxes. Take our advice—no matter what the cause of your trouble, you put your bowels right. Take our advice; start with CASCARETS to-day, under an absolute guarantee to cure or money refunded.