Items of Interest Concerning the Fraternal World

THE officers of Golden West Lodge No. 222, I O. O. F., were installed by District Deputy Grand Master J. Atkins, assisted by Past Grand Frank D. Macbeth, in the presence of many members and the Past Grands' Association.

The new officers are:

H. C. Kellum, J. P. G.; M. A. McClain, N. G.; G. W. Morse, V. G.; L. W. Clarke, R. S.; C. E. Mathers, W.; W. H. Bedell, C.; John Walker, O. G.; W. C. McClain, I. G.; E. C. Andrews, P. G., R. S. N. G.; G. A. Blackaller, L. S. N. G.; Alfred Brooks, R. S. V. G.; C. R. Asplund, L. S. V. G.; D. A. Hemphill, R. S. S.; J. T. Blackaller, L. S. S.; E. E. Rountree, chaplain.

After the installation the lodge was visited by a delegation from Oriental Rebekah Lodge that came to pay a fraternal visit and present H. C. Kellum, the retiring noble grand of Golden West, a beautiful scarfpin in token of esteem of him. The presentation was by Past Noble Grand Miss Josephine Walworth, who expressed the kindly feeling of the members of Oriental Rebekah for Mr. Kellum. Then all proceeded to an adjoining hall, where a banquet was served and speeches followed the dessert.

The following officers of Golden Gate Lodge No. 294, I. O. O. F., were installed for the current term by District Deputy Grand Master Frank E. Smith and his staff with Past Grand W. T. Webb as grand marshal:

M. H. Ludlow, N. G.; R. N. Weiss, V. G.; C. R. MacLaughlan, R. S.; I. E. Jarrett, F. S.; W. H. Leitch, T.; William Pullen, W.; G. L. Blackwell, C.; S. M. Gruman, O. G.; F. N. Holmes, I. G.; L. C. Mershon, R. S. to N. G.; C. M. Quintero, L. S. to N. G.; F. J. Weiss, R. S. to V. G.; W. Burke, L. S. to V. G.; F. S. Cleland, R. S. S.; C. M. Alley, L. S. S.; W. T. Webb, organist.

After the installation Past Grand L. C. Mershon on behalf of the lodge presented a fine gold ring to R. A. Wheeler, the retiring noble grand. The ceremonies were followed by a banquet, speeches and songs.

The following named have been installed as the officers of Germania Lodge of the I. O. O. F. for the current term:

Eugene Landbeck, N. G.; Richard Nitsch, V. G.; Ludwig Schultz, J. P. G.; C. H. Holling, R. S.; F. Marks, F. S.; H. F. Maass, T.; H. Joost, W.; F. Gudebus, C.; M. Belau, R. S. to N. G.; William Renner, L. S. to N. G.; C. Holtum, R. S. to V. G.; P. Fischer, L. S. to V. G.; J. A. Schroeder, I. G.; J. H. Koeboom, R. S. S. H.; C. Waller, L. S. S. H.

THE REBEKAHS.

The new officers of Walhalla Rebekah Lodge were installed by District Deputy Mrs. Dora von Oesen, assisted by Past Grand Georgina Hencken as marshal. The work in the German language was exceedingly well done and the officers at the close of the ceremony were highly complimented. The officers who were inducted into office are:

Emma Greninger, noble grand; Pauline Hertling, vice grand; Frieda Petersen, recording secretary; Georgina Hencken, financial secretary; Otilla Egging, treasurer; Bertha Proll, chaplain; Bettie Joost and Anna Goetz, supporters of the noble grand; Anna Suhr and Anna Riegers, supporters to the vice grand; Helena Roeber, conductor; Rebecca Gerbes, warden; Anna Iburg, inside guard; Anna Bock, Tillie Lorentz, Sophie Schultz and Mary Hocking, banner bearers.

At the termination of the ceremony Christine Ackmann, the retiring past grand, was presented a valuable jewel, also many flowers. There was also the presentation of beautiful flowers to other officers. After the meeting refreshments were served and there were many wishes for the prosperity of the lodge under the new administration.

The officers of Jubilee Rebekah Lodge were installed by District Deputy President Gabrielle Gress and her very competent staff of officers in excellent form in the lodgeroom, which was tastefully decorated in green and pink and which was crowded with members and visitors. The new officers are:

Addie L. Ballou, noble grand; Marie H. Ludlow, vice grand; Charlotte Gibson, recording secretary; Lucy Morrison, financial secretary; Clara Gunsaul, treasurer; Lizzie Stanton, chaplain; Pearl Quintero, warden; Lucetta Perry, conductor; Elizabeth Burge, inside guardian; W. H. Vance, outside guardian; Priscella Munro and Mary Grant, supporters to the noble grand; Marie L. Lowe and Gabrielle Gress, supporters to the vice grand; Nettie Howell, organist.

Erne Happ Jacobs, the retiring past noble grand, was presented a beautiful diamond studded jewel of the rank of past grand, and Priscilla Munro, the retiring noble grand, was presented an embroidered collar. The lodge also presented beautiful flowers to the district deputy and to Mrs. Minnie F. Dobbin, a past noble grand. Then followed vocal and instrumental music and an address by Grand Master Gill, after which dancing was enjoyed by the members and visitors. This lodge during the past term made the greatest gain in membership, having initiated thirty strangers.

DEGREE OF THE AMARANTH.

On the evening of the 9th inst. the officers of Crescent Court of the Royal and Exalted Degree of the Amaranth were installed in public in the Golden Gate Asylum, in the presence of a large and very interested audience. George L. Darling, the retiring royal patron, was the installing officer, and Jennie A. Graves the marshal. The new officers are:

Royal matron, Ida B. Spence; royal patron, M. J. Kelly; honored associate matron, Annie Irene Simpson; secretary, Mary E. Oatman; treasurer, Josephine Leach; conductress, Mary E. Donohoe; associate conductress, Josephine M. Cleve; prelate, W. C. Ordway; herald, Olive A. Wood; marshal in the east, Dr. A. Florence Temple; marshal in the west, Nellie Hendricks; warder, M. M. Ordway; sentinel, Wilkes C. Madden; lady truth, Emily Williams; lady faith, Elizabeth Coleman; lady wisdom, Ada Starrett; lady charity, Maude W. Terwilliger.

The following was the programme of music incidental to the induction of the officers:

"Lord's Prayer," Knickerbocker Quartet; soprano solo, "Knowest Thou the Land," from "Mignon," Mme. Carrington-Lewis; tenor solo, "Hear Us," Herbert Williams; tenor solo, "Vesper Prayer," Dr. R. W. Smith; "I Cannot Always Trace the Way," quartet; barytone solo, "Holy Father," D. B. Crane; "God," quartet; bass solo, "Judge Me, O God," L. A. Larsen; "Sweetest Story Ever Told" and "Fading Day Waltz," quartet; "America," by the audience.

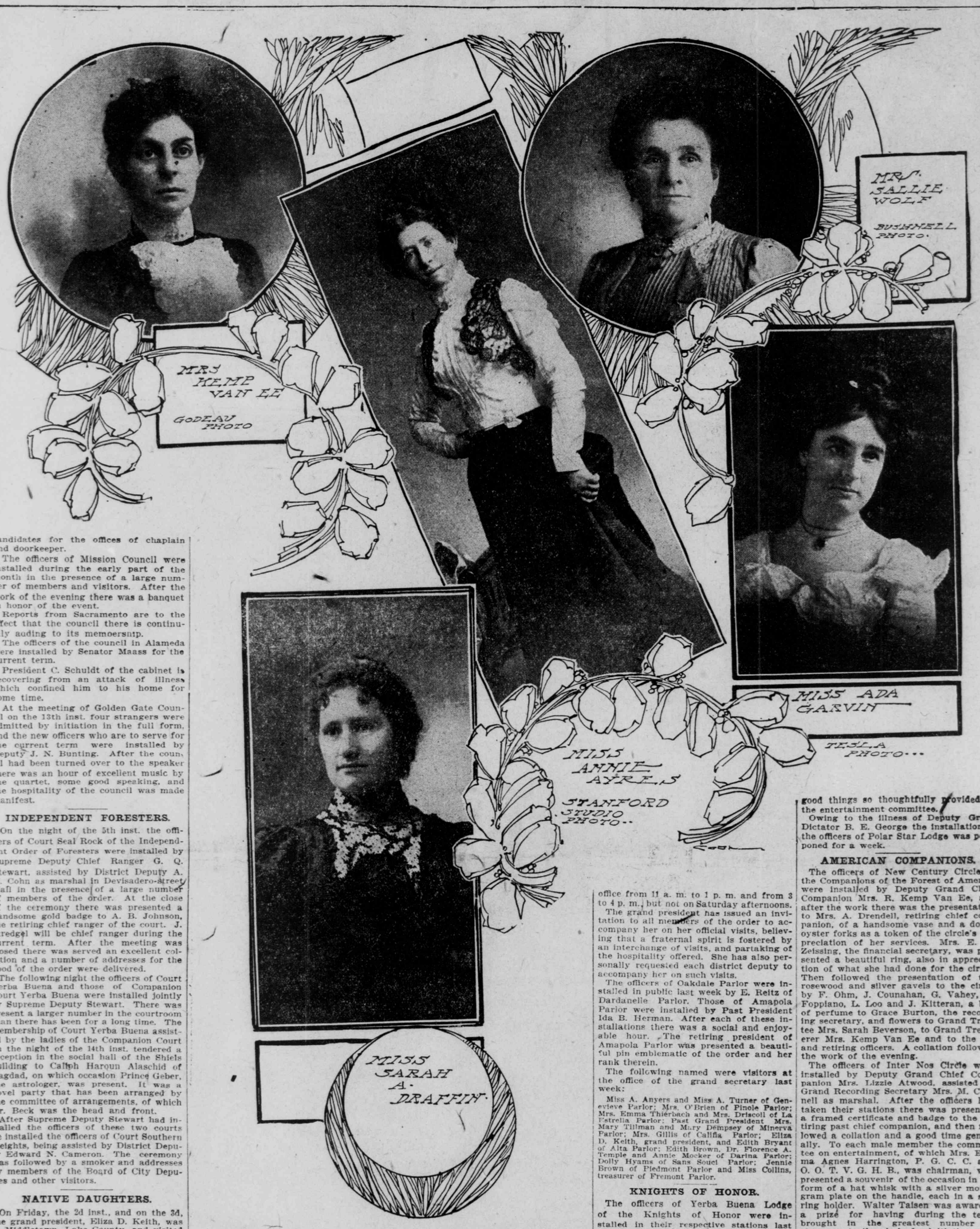
The ceremony, beautiful and very impressive, was followed by the presentation of a signet ring to George L. Darling, the retiring patron. The announcement was made that Mrs. Barbara Somers, the royal matron, who a short time since left for Manila, had been presented with a beautiful jewel of the rank of past royal matron. After the meeting there was an adjournment to the lower hall, where there was dancing until midnight.

THE NATIONAL UNION.

The National Union in San Francisco starts well with the new year. Deputy J. N. Bunting has assurance that eight of the nine councils will initiate strangers into the order before the close of the month.

California Council at its last meeting initiated two strangers and received several applications. The installation of the officers of the council was postponed until the 21st inst. During the evening the council presented Presidents Thomas J. Harris and P. A. Doane each a beautiful diamond-set emblematic button of the order.

The San Francisco Cabinet will be reorganized for the ensuing term at the meeting to be held on the 22d inst. It is probable that Vice President E. H. Hills will be selected to succeed President C. Schuldt; that H. W. Maass, the speaker, will be advanced to vice president; that W. W. Healey will be retained as treasurer; that Fred H. Hastings can retain the secretaryship, and that J. R. McGuffick, the well-known usher of California Council, will be chosen as usher. There may be several candidates for the offices of chaplain and doorkeeper.



The officers of Mission Council were installed during the early part of the month in the presence of a large number of members and visitors. After the work of the evening there was a banquet in honor of the event.

Reports from Sacramento are to the effect that the council there is continually adding to its membership.

The officers of the council in Alameda were installed by Senator Maass for the current term.

President C. Schuldt of the cabinet is recovering from an attack of illness which confined him to his home for some time.

At the meeting of Golden Gate Council on the 13th inst. four strangers were admitted by initiation in the full form, and the new officers who are to serve for the current term were installed by Deputy J. N. Bunting. After the council had been turned over to the speaker there was an hour of excellent music by the quartet, some good speaking, and the hospitality of the council was made manifest.

INDEPENDENT FORESTERS.

On the night of the 5th inst. the officers of Court Seal Rock of the Independent Order of Foresters were installed by Supreme Deputy Chief Ranger G. Q. Stewart, assisted by District Deputy A. E. Cohn as marshal in Devisadero-street Hall in the presence of a large number of members of the order. At the close of the ceremony there was presented a handsome gold badge to A. B. Johnson, the retiring chief ranger of the court. J. Stredgel will be chief ranger during the current term. After the meeting was closed there was served an excellent collation and a number of addresses for the good of the order were delivered.

The following night the officers of Court Yerba Buena and those of Companion Court Yerba Buena were installed jointly by Supreme Deputy Stewart. There was present a larger number in the courtroom than there has been for a long time. The membership of Court Yerba Buena assisted by the ladies of the Companion Court on the night of the 14th inst. tendered a reception in the social hall of the Shiels building to Caliph Haroun Alaschid of Bagdad, on which occasion Prince Geber, the astrologer, was present. It was a novel party that has been arranged by the committee of arrangements, of which Dr. Beck was the head and front.

After Supreme Deputy Stewart had installed the officers of these two courts he installed the officers of Court Southern Heights, being assisted by District Deputy Edward N. Cameron. The ceremony was followed by a smoker and addresses by members of the Board of City Deputies and other visitors.

NATIVE DAUGHTERS.

On Friday, the 2d inst., and on the 3d, the grand president, Eliza D. Keith, was in Middletown, Lake County, and visited the parlor there located. This parlor, organized by Past Grand President Mrs. Gett, is doing remarkably well. The members are most enthusiastic. At a meeting held on Friday, the visiting official instructed the officers and members in parlor bookkeeping, parliamentary law and rulings, floor work and all that would tend to make the parlor move along straight lines without devoting time during sessions to discussing side issues. During that session it was given out that the parlor has purchased and paid for all its regalia and has a good surplus in the treasury. The members expressed their gratitude to the grand president for the vast amount of information imparted. The letter of instructions to district deputy grand presidents was also favorably spoken of. On the following night the officers of the parlor were installed for the current term.

The officers of the parlor are: Ella Fraser, past president; Annie Tripp, president; Addie Pennie, first; M. McKinley, second, and A. Nelson, third vice president; Ruby Cassen, marshal; Josie Sample, financial, and Cora M. Brooks, recording secretary; Mary Colton, Bertha Kunze and Mattie Donnovan, trustees; G. Baker, inside, and R. Stenway, outside sentinel; Grace Graham, organist, and Dr. Gunn, physician.

The officers of Aleli Parlor, N. D. G. W., and those of Santa Lucia Parlor, N. S. G. W., were inducted into office at a joint installation held in Salinas on the 6th inst. The ladies were installed by District Deputy Grand President Lizzie E. Black, assisted by Nathalie Clark as marshal, and the gentlemen by Frank W. Sargent, D. D. G. P., and E. Y. Harris as marshal. Josephine Hebbron was installed as the president of the Daughters' parlor and Frank Griffin of the Sons' parlor.

The officers of San Souci Parlor were installed on the evening of the 12th inst. This parlor will give "a hop" in Golden Gate Hall on the night of the 21st inst.

The visit of Grand President Eliza D. Keith and of Grand Secretary Laura J. Frakes to Genevieve Parlor was a very pleasant one, notwithstanding the fact that there were antagonistic factions of the order present. The sisterly love, which at all times should prevail in this order was noticed in a greater degree than at any previous official visit. The work, the instruction by the grand president and excellent speeches for the good of the parlor were in order. The welcome to the visiting grand officers was a most cordial one and flowers were presented to all such; also to Mrs. Baker, the past grand president, who during her term granted the charter to this parlor. Miss Frakes, who had been absent on va- a visit to her parents in Sutter Creek, rode sixty miles to atend the meeting.

Grand President Eliza D. Keith and Grand Secretary Laura J. Frakes, unannounced, visited La Estrella Parlor to witness the installation of the new officers for the current term. The visiting officers were accorded a warm welcome, and after the work of the evening the grand president praised the efficiency of the district deputy grand president, Genevieve Carroll, and paid a glowing tribute to the late Lillian Carlie, who was the founder of the parlor. During the evening the retiring president was presented a fine pair of opera glasses and the district deputy a silver cased perfumery flask. There were a number of speeches for the good of the order, and the greatest goodfellowship prevailed.

Hereafter, for the accommodation of visitors, the grand secretary will be in her office from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m. and from 3 to 4 p. m., but not on Saturday afternoons.

The grand president has issued an invitation to all members of the order to accompany her on her official visits, believing that a fraternal spirit is fostered by an interchange of visits, and partaking of the hospitality offered. She has also personally requested each district deputy to accompany her on such visits.

The officers of Oakdale Parlor were installed in public last week by E. Reitz of Dardanelle Parlor. Those of Amapola Parlor were installed by Past President Ida B. Herman. After each of these installations there was a social and enjoyable hour. The retiring president of Amapola Parlor was presented a beautiful pin emblematic of the order and her rank therein.

The following named were visitors at the office of the grand secretary last week:

Miss A. Anyers and Miss A. Turner of Genevieve Parlor; Mrs. O'Brien of Pinole Parlor; Mrs. Emma Thierbach and Mrs. Driscoll of La Estrella Parlor; Past Grand President Mrs. Mary Tillman and Mary Dempsey of Minerva Parlor; Mrs. Gillis of Califia Parlor; Eliza D. Keith, grand president, and Edith Bryant of Alta Parlor; Edith Brown, Dr. Florence A. Temple and Annie Mocker of Darina Parlor; Dolly Hyams of Sans Souci Parlor; Jennie Brown of Piedmont Parlor and Miss Collins, treasurer of Fremont Parlor.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

The officers of Yerba Buena Lodge of the Knights of Honor were installed in their respective stations last Monday night and after the installation the members accompanied the new officers to a Powell-street rotisserie, where all partook of an installation banquet. A good time followed the supper.

Saxon Lodge on the night of the 5th inst. admitted two strangers to membership by initiation.

The officers of Ivy Lodge were installed last week by Deputy Grand Dictator Thomas Learned, assisted by Supreme Representative Crowe. The new officers are:

Past dictator, John Cronin; dictator, William H. Warnholz; vice dictator, Richard S. Davis; assistant dictator, Nelson R. Norton; reporter, Isaac Onyon; financial reporter, George C. Berg; treasurer, Henry Schwarz; chaplain, James Hanson; guide, Fred E. Warnholz; guardian, Thomas Corbett; sentinel, Albert Salto; trustees—Louis Zeiss, James Hansen and Nelson R. Norton.

After the ceremony of installation pleasant and entertaining remarks were made by Supreme Representative Crowe, followed by a piano solo by Miss Warnholz, recitation by Miss Corbett, song by Miss Rogers, accompanied on the piano by Miss Warnholz; remarks on the great good accomplished by the order by Deputy Grand Dictator Learned and a song by Supreme Representative Crowe. Then all retired to the banquet hall and partook of the good things so thoughtfully provided by the entertainment committee.

Owing to the illness of Deputy Grand Dictator B. E. George the installation of the officers of Polar Star Lodge was postponed for a week.

AMERICAN COMPANIONS.

The officers of New Century Circle of the Companions of the Forest of America were installed by Deputy Grand Chief Companion Mrs. R. Kemp Van Ee, and after the work there was the presentation to Mrs. A. Drendell, retiring chief companion, of a handsome vase and a dozen oyster forks as a token of the circle's appreciation of her services. Mrs. E. H. Zeissing, the financial secretary, was presented a beautiful ring, also in appreciation of what she had done for the circle. Then followed the presentation of two rosewood and silver gavels to the circle by F. Ohm, J. Counahan, G. Vahey, R. Foppiano, L. Loo and J. Kitteran, a box of perfume to Grace Burton, the recording secretary, and flowers to Grand Trustee Mrs. Sarah Beverson, to Grand Treasurer Mrs. Kemp Van Ee and to the old and retiring officers. A collation followed the work of the evening.

The officers of Inter Nos Circle were installed by Deputy Grand Chief Companion Mrs. Lizzie Atwood, assisted by Grand Recording Secretary Mrs. M. Connell as marshal. After the officers had taken their stations there was presented a framed certificate and badge to the retiring past chief companion, and then followed a collation and a good time generally. To each male member the committee on entertainment, of which Mrs. Emma Agnes Harrington, P. G. C. C. and O. O. T. V. G. H. B., was chairman, was presented a souvenir of the occasion in the form of a hat whisk with a silver monogram plate on the handle, each in a silk ring holder. Walter Taisen was awarded a prize for having during the term brought in the greatest number of strangers to the circle for initiation, and Mrs. L. Meyer was also awarded a prize for having brought in the second greatest number.

Mrs. Cora Kurreger, a past chief companion of Inter Nos Circle, who was married a few weeks since, was visited in the early part of the month at her home, 934 York street, by about forty members of the circle and congratulated. At the same time she was presented a handsome badge of her rank in the organization. After that there was a social hour.

Grand Trustee Mrs. Sarah Beverson paid a visit last week to Buena Vista Circle at Tiburon and was accorded a very cordial welcome. She gave the officers and members instruction and advice.

Bonita Circle No. 104, Companions of the Forest of America, has made arrangements for a valentine party to be given in Mangel's Hall, Folsom and Twenty-fourth streets, on the night of Saturday, the 14th of February.

KNIGHTS OF GOLDEN EAGLE.

California Castle No. 1 of the Knights of the Golden Eagle recently gave a Christmas tree entertainment for the benefit of the members and their friends at their castle in the Native Sons' building and the attendance filled the hall to its utmost capacity. George A. McGown, deputy supreme chief of the order for this jurisdiction, made a few appropriate remarks about the order which were well received, after which a splendid entertainment was provided. To Miss Dona Benrimo of the Grand Opera-house stock company belong first honors. Her imitation of Mme. Sarah Bernhardt in "L'Aiglon" carried her hearers by storm as also did all of the other contributions the audience compelled her to render. Miss Steigler sang a selection from "Il Trovatore," accompanied by the piano and violin, which was very well received, as also was a recitation by George B. Peterson and a song by Mrs. Thomas L. Campbell. The others on the programme acquitted themselves most creditably and their efforts were highly appreciated. The Christmas tree, resplendent with brilliant decorations and numberless candles, spoke volumes for the work of the ladies who decorated it. The appearance of Santa Claus caused a joyous outburst from the children, each of whom stood in line to receive gifts and a kindly word from Santa Claus, after which presents were distributed to all those present and a great deal of merriment was manifested at some of the gifts. Refreshments were then served, after which dancing was in order.

REDWOOD CIRCLE INSTALLS.

The following named have been installed as the officers of Redwood Circle of the Women of Woodcraft by Past Guardian Neighbor Mrs. A. D. Stanearts:

Mrs. A. D. Forster, past guardian neighbor; Mrs. Jennie Scott, guardian neighbor; Mrs. Louie A. Derrick, adviser; Mrs. Ellen Blangy, banker; Mrs. Effie L. Seavy, clerk; Mrs. Marjorie Doyle, magician; Miss Pearl de Ganna, captain of the guards; Miss Christina Wehr, attendant; Mrs. Margaret Houser, inner and Mrs. Lavina R. Cope, outer sentinel; Drs. F. A. McMahon and M. E. Van Meter, physicians; Mrs. Margaret Wilder, manager.

After the proclamation of installation Mrs. Foster, the retiring guardian neighbor, and Mrs. Ellen Blangy, who for four years held the office of banker, thereby winning honors, were each presented an emblematic pin of the rank of past guardian neighbor. After the closing of the circle there was served to all present a collation.

FORESTERS OF AMERICA.

The officers of Court Seal Rock of the Foresters of America have been installed for the current term, and they are:

Joseph Gallagher, junior past chief ranger; Henry Lange, chief ranger; Gust A. Anderson, sub-chief ranger; Ed J. Coffaney, treasurer; Ben Johnson, financial secretary; H. J. Willis, recording secretary; A. C. Biedenbach, senior woodward; A. B. Swenson, junior woodward; F. Radelfinger, senior beadle; J. Taisen, junior beadle; Ed Burrows, lecturer; Walter Taisen, trustee.

The installing officer was A. C. Sewell, district deputy grand chief ranger, assisted by Charles S. Johnstone, past chief ranger. During the evening the court initiated two strangers and received seven applications. The court now has 329 members, having made a net gain of fifty-one during the past term. The court also has $3363 in its treasury. Charles S. Johnstone was presented, on behalf of the court, by Ernest Jakobs a valuable prize for having during the past term brought in the greatest number of strangers to be initiated, the number being thirty-three. This court gave a social on the evening of the 15th inst., and it is arranging for a grand excursion to Stockton by the Santa Fe on the 14th of June.

On the 20th inst. the members of Court Alisal of Pleasanton will assemble in McKinley Park in that town, and with appropriate ceremonies plant there a tree obtained from Sherwood Forest, England, the first that has ever been removed from there for transplantation.

After the installation of the officers of Court United States of America a handsomely framed certificate and a valuable badge were presented to the retiring past chief ranger, R. J. Silva.

Court Barbarossa of the Foresters of America will give a social in the Assembly Hall of the Alcazar Building on the evening of the 17th inst.

NATIVE SONS.

Richmond Parlor No. 217 of the Native Sons of the Golden West was instituted at Point Richmond on the 6th inst. by Grand President L. F. Byington, assisted by J. Emmet Hayden, L. U. Grand, Henry Lichenstein, J. Moitoza, Henry Lunstedt, C. D. Growell, Andrew Mocker, Edward Dolan, Alfred E. Clark and A. C. Trautvetter. The new parlor starts with a charter list of 21 members. C. F. Grant is the president and J. D. Grant the recording secretary.

Grand Organizer Andrew Mocker was recently at work in Willows and when finished his work there he went to Colusa.

District Deputy Grand President John J. Greeley installed the officers of Alcalde Parlor and at the conclusion of the work Emilio Lastreto, the retiring junior past president of the parlor, was, on behalf of the parlor, presented a diamond-set badge of his rank in the order, the presentation being by Herbert O. Rodgers, first vice president. After a response by the recipient, Henry Lunstedt, grand secretary, Mr. Roach of Pacific Parlor and others, there was a banquet and a programme of first-class talent. L. E. Derre, D. D. G. P., was the toastmaster and the entertainment was provided by Past Presidents Alfred Rahwyler, L. J. Hurley and J. H. Desmond.

The members of Pacific Parlor enjoyed a smoker on the evening of the 6th inst., and the excellent programme offered kept the audience together until midnight. W. J. Locke was the master of ceremonies. The programme included the following numbers:

Piano solo, C. F. Quast; song, A. F. Williams; remarks, District Deputy Squires of South San Francisco Parlor; song, Daniel C. Deasy; recitation, William Dahl; "A Short Talk," Daniel A. Ryan; song, John Connors; remarks, Judge W. H. Cabaniss; "A Heart-to-Heart Talk," W. H. Hazell; song, Dr. Rottanzi; remarks, W. H. Langdon; "Suggestions," James O'Gara; "Auld Lang Syne," by the members.

During the evening there was a liberal supply of smoking supplies, a collation and refreshments.

St. Helena Parlor will have a grand installation on the 19th inst. It is expected that Grand President Byington, Grand Secretary Lunstedt and other grand officers will be present.

Grand Third Vice President J. L. Gallagher started on the 13th inst. on a tour of official visitations to the parlors in the southern part of the State. He will go as far as San Diego.

"Great Uncle McCarthy."

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shout of "Gone to ground!" Tremendous horn blowings followed; then, all in the same moment, I saw the hounds break in full cry from the wood and come stringing over the grass and up the back avenue toward the yard gate. Were they running a fresh fox into the stables?

I am an Irishman, and so, it is perhaps superfluous to state, is Peter. We forgot the sweep, as if he had never existed, and precipitated ourselves down the ladder, down the stairs and out into the yard. One side of the yard is formed by the coachhouse and a long stable, with a range of lofts above them, planned on the heroic scale in such matters that obtained in Ireland formerly. These join the house at the corner by the back door. A long flight of stone steps leads to the lofts, and up these, as Peter and I emerged from the back door, the hounds were struggling helter-skelter. Almost simultaneously there was a confused clatter of hoofs in the back avenue, and Flurry Knox came stooping at a gallop under the archway, followed by three or four other riders. They flung themselves from their horses and made for the steps of the loft; more hounds pressed, yelling, on their heels; the din was indescribable.

I jostled in the wake of the party and found myself in the loft, wading in hay and nearly deafened by the clamor that was bandied about the high roof and walls. At the farther end of the loft the hounds were raging in the hay, encouraged thereto by the whoops and screeches of Flurry and his friends. High up in the gable of the loft, where it joined the main wall of the house, there was a small door, and I noted, with a transient surprise, that there was a long ladder leading up to it. Even as it caught my eye a hound fought his way out of a drift of hay and began to jump at the ladder.

"There's the way he's gone!" roared Flurry. "Trumpeter has him! What's up there, back of the door, Major? I don't remember it at all."

My crime had evidently been forgotten in the supremacy of the moment. While I was futilely asserting that had the fox gone up the ladder he could not possibly have opened the door and shut it after him, even if the door led anywhere, which, to the best of my belief, it did not, the door in question opened and to my amazement the sweep appeared at it. He gesticulated violently, and over the tumult was heard to asseverate that there was nothing above there, only a way into the flue, and any one would be destroyed with the soot.

"Ah, go to blazes with your soot!" interrupted Flurry, already half way up the ladder.

I followed him, the ather men pressing up behind me. That Trumpeter had made no mistake was instantly brought home to our noses by the reek of fox that met us at the door. Instead of a chimney we found ourselves in a dilapidated bedroom, full of people. Tim Connor was there, the sweep was there, and a squalid elderly man and woman on whom I had never set eyes before. In one corner of the room was a pile of broken packing cases, and beside these on the floor lay a bag in which something kicked.

Flurry, looking more uncomfortable and nonplused than I could have believed possible, listened in silence to the ceaseless harangue of the elderly woman. The hounds were yelling like lost spirits in the loft below, but her voice pierced the uproar like a bagpipe. It was an unspeakably vulgar voice, yet it was not the voice of a countrywoman, and there were frowzy remnants of respectability about her general aspect.

"And is it you, Flurry Knox, that's calling me a disgrace! Disgrace, indeed, am I? Me that was your poor mother's own uncle's daughter, and as good a McCarthy as ever stood in Shreelane!"

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Never, as long as Flurry Knox lives to blow a horn will he hear the last of the day that he ran his mother's first cousin to ground in the attic. Never, while Mrs. Cadogan can hold a basting spoon, will she cease to recount how, on the same occasion, she plucked and roasted ten couple of woodcock in one torrid hour to provide luncheon for the hunt. In the glory of this achievement her confederacy with the stowaways in the attic is wholly slurred over, in much the same manner as the startling outburst of summons for trespass, brought by Tim Connor during the remainder of the shooting season, obscured the unfortunate episode of the bagged fox. It was, of course, zeal for my shooting that induced him to assist Mr. Knox's disreputable relations in the deportation of my foxes: and I have allowed it to remain at that.

In fact, the only things not allowed to remain were Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy Gannon. They, as my landlord informed me, in the midst of vast apologies, had been permitted to squat at Shreelane until my tenancy began, and then having ostentatiously and abusively left the house, they had, with the connivance of the Cadogans, secretly returned to roost in the corner attic, to sell foxes under the aegis of my name, and to make inroads on my belongings. They retained connection with the outer world by means of the ladder and the loft, and with the house in general and my whisky in particular, by a door into the other attics—a door concealed by the wardrobe in which reposed Great-Uncle McCarthy's tall hat.

WINNERS IN PRIZE GAME CONTEST OF DECEMBER 28

Here are the clever winners of the Prize Game Contest published in The Sunday Call of December 28, 1902: Harold Trask, 1409 Scott street, San Francisco, "Visit of Santa Claus"; Philip Filmer, 310 East avenue, Oak Park, Sacramento (game), Captive Princess; Helen Dornback, San Leandro, "Opening of a Chestnut Burr"; May Dollings, 215 Sierra street, Reno (game), Red Riding Hood; Irene Weil, 1602 Vallejo street, San Francisco, "The Princess and the Goblin"; Ella Wall, 1738 Alcatraz avenue, Lorin, "Six Little Princesses"; Mary Nickerson, Altamont, Alameda County, Cal. (game), Red Riding Hood; Louis Loubet, 716 Fifth street, San Rafael, "Princess and the Goblin"; Ella Carleton, 1217 Franklin street, Oakland (game), Visit of Santa Claus; May Peterson, 1402 1-2 Pacific street, San Francisco, "Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp."