# FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB'S LAST ASSEMBLY OF THE SEASON PROVES BRILLIANT AFFAIR AND CLOSES MERRY SERIES AUSPICIOUSLY

## THRILL TO BATON OF THE MAESTRO

### Local Musicians Answer to the Inspiration of Mascagni.

### Audience Sits Spell-Bound During the Entire Recital.

Like a young Siegfried, Mascagni yesterday picked up the baton of Scheel, that has lain since his going, too heavy for the hands that would have lifted it.

The Mascagni idolatry is upon us. The Italian maestro simply did what he pleased with the audience at the Alhambra from the first potent, electric notes of the "William Tell" overture to the last triumphant phrase of "The Hymn to the Sun." With a temperament that fairly blazes, a regnant musicianship, an incomparable aplomb of bearing, Mascagni is the very pith and heart of his trade.

Four rehearsals only, two pitiful hours apiece, went to the building of yesterday's programme, and with men gathered in from every orchestra in town. Yet such was the dominant spell of the leader that the heterogeneous orchestra became one splendid instrument, responsive to the last vibrant wave of the Mascagni will. It was an orchestra to be exceedingly proud of. That San Francisco can furnish such a company of musicians for Mascagni's conducting is no little matter of astonishment and encouraging in the highest degree. Mascagni's ardent little speech of thanks to the men as they went off—"for playing with their hearts"—was no more graceful than it was well deserved.

The ripe, bold genius of the conductor made itself immediately felt in the vigorous and sparkling reading of the "William Tell" overture, that opened the programme. It was a rendering to rouse Rossini from his long peace to bestow a smile of gratitude upon players and conductor, and it immediately enslaved the audience. Second came the Tschaikowsky "Pathetique Symphony," and with it overwhelming testimony of the superb equipment of the gifted Italian. It was conducted without score to begin with, as was the whole programme! and there wasn't an atom of the fascinating flavor of this Slavic classic lost. Possibly the second movement, with its mesmeric rhythms and luxurious, barbaric glow, was best interpreted. At any rate it could hardly have been felt with keener sympathy. Intellectually and temperamentally, both, it was magnificently conceived.

Hardly less strikingly so was the luminous reading of the dramatic first movement, with its rich color, and deep undertow of pathos, that finds its climax in the strange closing movement. Then the brilliant, adventurous splendors of the third movement were given with a laughing, pungent authority that seemed to make of that the central beauty of the work. Only in the last, the "suicide" movement, was the merest shade of gravity, passion, somberness, felt to be wanting. But how it throbs with the cosmic pain that drove its composer to cast his life away soon after its writing!

It was hardly fair to Mascagni to programme his "Suite to the Eternal City" without the explanation that it was written as incidental music to a play. Coming directly after the symphony it suffered sufficiently by the juxtaposition, without the natural assumption that it was intended for the usual orchestral suite. The third and last movements, however, lively in fancy, musicianly in build, and in the "Carnival," picturesque to a degree, need no apology for their introduction to a symphony programme. The opening numbers were comparatively weak, though distinctly pleasing. The "Suite" encore elicited the "Intermezzo," that went adorably.

The "Traumerei" and the delicate "Dance of the Dolls" followed and the "Hymn to the Sun," introduced to us by Cavaliere Rivela, closed the programme. The "Hymn" is stunningly effective, though perhaps because Mascagni has not forgotten his Wagner in its writing. One can almost see the sun lifting through the cool, morning mist, and their gradual thinning and tinted dispersion as it goes. Then as it comes clearly into sight a chorus of voices sing "hail!" to its loveliness, and with a flaming climax the "Hymn" and programme ends. A chorus under Mr. Steindorff's direction competently assisted.

They presented Mascagni with a wreath, showered him with bravos long and loud, and the concert ended in a maze of general congratulation. The next comes tomorrow, and he is a fool or unfortunate who misses it.

BLANCHE PARTINGTON.

### Youthful Purse Snatcher.

A youthful purse snatcher attempted to obtain possession of the purse in the hands of a young woman in front of 1216 Washington street early last evening. The intended victim of the thief was walking up the stairs at the residence of Frank L. Hunter, special agent for the London Assurance Corporation, when she was accosted by a lad about 15 years of age. The boy handed her a piece of paper asking her to decipher some writing thereon. While she was complying with his request he seized her purse and tried to force it from her. Being unsuccessful in this he grasped her dress and dragged her to the pavement. Her cries alarmed the neighborhood and the would-be thief took to his heels.

### Says Christian Slandered Him.

Nils A. Hayden filed a suit for $10,000 damages for slander against James A. Christian yesterday. He alleges that Christian called him a liar and a thief in the presence of numerous persons.

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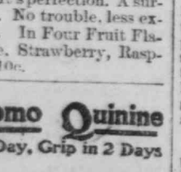


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SOME OF SOCIETY BELLES WHO ATTENDED THE GREENWAY BALL.

## INDIANS FIGHT FOR HER LOVE

### Rivals for Hand of Redskin Belle Have a Fatal Duel.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

REDDING, Feb. 17.—Word reached Redding this evening of a fatal duel that was fought last Thursday in Modoc County by two Klamath Indians.

According to the report Johnny Pete and Indian Charley had been vying with each other for the hand of an Indian maid of the same tribe. Pete, it appears, was the favored suitor and Charley straightway laid plans to send his successful rival to the happy hunting grounds.

After several futile attempts to draw Pete into a quarrel, he deliberately walked up to him Thursday afternoon while Pete was talking to the Indian girl, and without further notice knocked Pete down. Then the trouble began, which ended in the successful rival coming out victorious, but not unscathed. Knives were drawn in the presence of the girl over whom the enmity had been created, the two Indians fought fast and furiously until one fell dead from the knife thrusts of his opponent.

When the affair was ended the maid and Johnny Pete walked away together and the body of Indian Charley was laid at rest by his friends near where the duel took place. During the fight the Indian girl is said to have loudly urged on her lover and cheered each time he succeeded in striking a telling blow against his antagonist.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL FOLK MEET AT A BANQUET

#### Prominent Clergymen Hear Addresses From Religious Workers Among Children of City.

The San Francisco Sunday-school Association Home Department Conference gave a banquet last evening at the Puritan restaurant, where there was present a large number of those intimately associated with the progress of the Sunday-schools of the city under the control of the association. After the repast there were speeches, in which various superintendents spoke of the great advancement and growing strength and usefulness of the Sunday-schools.

The following was the programme of the evening: Prayer; violin and piano duet, Miss Ella Prankard and Miss Mildred Brogi; address, Milton D. Buck; cornet solo, Miss Mildred Brogi; address, Rev. F. D. Bovard, D.D.; song, Miss Lottie Murdock; address, I. N. Halliday; song, Mrs. Adelaide Turney; piano and violin duet, Miss Prankard and Miss Brogi; reports from home departments and questions concerning the work; song, Dr. R. W. Smith; song, Trinity Methodist Church Male Quartet—A. B. Weeks, John Nute Jr., A. C. Anderson and R. E. Kelly; benediction.

Among those at the banquet were the Rev. John A. B. Wilson, D. D., Rev. Dr. Rader, Rev. Dr. Bovard, Rev. Huber Burr, Rev. F. W. Fischer, Rev. E. Nelander, Rev. S. M. Woodward, Rev. Milton D. Muck, Rev. Thomas M. Boyd, Rev. H. H. Bell, I. N. Halliday, Mrs. Dr. Bovard and Mrs. H. W. Lamont.

### BACK NUMBERS OF THE SUNDAY CALL

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### Asks to Be Made Guardian.

Mrs. Mary M. Hildreth filed a petition yesterday to be appointed guardian of her daughter's two children, Frances Macondray, aged 4 years, and her little brother, Frederick, who is but 2 years of age. Both the mother and father, who is Henry A. Macondray of the Pacific Packing and Navigation Company, have given their consent to the granting of the petition.

### In the Divorce Court.

Suits for divorce were filed yesterday by John W. Engle against Emma Engle for desertion, James E. Ryan against Annie Ryan for desertion and Dolores Smith against Louis W. Smith for cruelty. Divorces were granted to Ivy Woodbury from George Woodbury for desertion and John Bryngelson from Ingeborg Bryngelson for neglect.

### Fees for Electrical Wiring.

The Supervisors' joint committee on Fire and Police yesterday recommended the passage of the proposed ordinance providing for the collection of fees for the inspection of electrical wiring of buildings. The ordinance was prepared by the Department of Electricity and imposes a graduated scale of fees according to the amount of the installation.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 17.—A conference was held to-day between General Superintendent Coughlin and Master Mechanic Mertzheimer of the Denver & Rio Grande, and the grievance committee of the firemen on that system, at which all differences were adjusted.

## Dancers in Elaborate Evening Dress Fill Hall.

THE last assembly this season of the Friday Night Club under the management of E. M. Greenway, given last night at Native Sons' Hall, closed the series auspiciously. The greater majority of the members made a point of being present and a number of friends were invited, adding interest to the enjoyable affair. The guests numbered 275 and the ballroom was well filled with merry dancers and onlookers in elaborate evening dress and flashing jewels. A few military uniforms dotted the array of conventional broadcloth and the daintiest of gowns were chosen by the feminine portion.

The decorations were in white bunting combined with the most delicate tints and, with the floor canvased, the effect was essentially white. The walls were covered with white burlap, dotted with silver stars and edged with rows of ferns. About the balcony, lined with foliage, were festoons of white bunting with blue centers and silver fringe. White bunting was draped from balcony to walls and fastened with clusters of foliage with touches of pink, which also subdued the lights from the chandeliers. A canopy in the center was formed of colored bunting, lanterns and ferns, while an umbrella of ferns was suspended from each of the four corners of the ceiling. The stage was a mass of foliage, with a large acacia tree in the center and climbing rose trees on either side, above which was draped silver fringed bunting of pale blue.

Owing to the dinners before the dance, guests were late in arriving and dancing was not fairly started before 11 o'clock. At 12:30 supper was served downstairs, where the decorations were simply foliage with touches of red. Carriages were ordered for 3 o'clock and informal dancing continued until that hour, when the guests departed.

A list of the members of the club and their guests follows:

Miss Elizabeth Allen, Miss Ruth Allen, Miss Elizabeth G. Ames, Mr. and Mrs. Worthington Ames, Lieutenant and Mrs. Adams, U. S. N., John Rush Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield Baker, Philip S. Baker, F. R. S. Balfour, Miss Florence Bally, Captain L. H. Bach, Everett N. Bee, Thomas C. Berry, W. F. Berry, Gordon Blanding, Miss Ella Bender, Miss Leontine S. Blakeman, Leon Bocqueraz, Miss Sophie Borel, Miss Alice Borel, Miss Bourn, Mr. and Mrs. George Davis Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bourn, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer C. Buckbee, Dr. and Mrs. Philip King Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Buckbee, Miss Agnes Buckley, Miss Grace A. Buckley, James W. Byrne.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Carolan, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Casey, Miss Linda Cadwalader, Miss Genevieve Carolan, Miss Elizabeth M. Center, Miss Ellen H. Chabot, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Chenery, Miss Church, Mr. and Mrs. Horace B. Chase, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Warren D. Clark, Captain H. E. Cloke, A. B. Costigan, Du Pont Coleman, Angelo Conte, Ethel Cooper, F. H. Coon, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Collier, Miss Sara B. Collier, Miss L. L. Collier, William B. Collier Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Crocker, Wallace M. Craigie (U. S. A.), Mr. and Mrs. William H. Crocker, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lake Crimmins, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Cushing, Miss Edith Currey.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Dean, Miss Dean, Mr. and Mrs. de la Tour, Miss de Young, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Dimond, Miss Katherine Dillon, Miss Bernie R. Drown, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Drysdale, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Drum, Miss Sara Drum, R. McKee Duperu, H. S. Dutton.

John Shephard Eells, Miss Gertrude Eells, R. M. Eyre, Mr. and Mrs. Perry P. Eyre, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Eyre.

George R. Field, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Folger, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Follis, C. G. Follis, Mr. and Mrs. T. Carr Friedlander, Christian Fruelich, Mrs. F. A. Frank.

Mrs. George W. Gibbs, Frank A. Glass (U. S. N.), W. F. Goad, Captain T. A. Goodin, Robert P. Greer, F. A. Greenwood, Frank J. Grace, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Grant, J. B. Grimwood, Miss Emma P. Grimwood, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Griffin.

Albert Hanford, Miss Alice Hager, Ralph W. Hart, Lieutenant W. G. Haan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Downey Harvey, Miss Frances L. Harris, Miss Mary A. Harrington, Mrs. Phebe A. Hearst, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Herrin, Miss Katherine Herrin, Charles W. Howard Jr., J. R. Howell, Henry M. Holbrook, Miss Holbrook, E. W. Hopkins, Miss Julia Tyler Howell, Miss Adah Delphine Howell, Lieutenant H. S. Howland, Mr. and Mrs. Willard V. Huntington.

Miss Florence Ives.

Mrs. Charles Josselyn, Miss Mary Josselyn, Miss Gertrude Josselyn, Captain F. E. Johnston, Miss Virginia Jolliffe, Miss Gertrude Jolliffe.

Mrs. Homer S. King, Miss King, Miss Hazel King, Frank B. King, Percy L. King, Miss Lucie King, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Knight, C. Frederick Kohl.

Gaillard Thomas Lapsley, Milton S. Latham, John Lawson, Miss Pearl Landers, Mr. and

## Gay Military Uniforms Dot the Array of Broadcloth.

Mrs. Eugene Lent, John M. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Lent, Lieutenant R. F. Lopez, Mrs. Longstreet of Los Angeles, Norman B. Livermore, Miss Livermore.

Miss Maillard, Miss Rena Maillard, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Martin, Knox Maddox, Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Martin, Mrs. Eleanor Martin, George F. Marye, Miss Sallie Maynard, Charles B. Marks, Athole McBean, Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. McCutchen, Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. Latham McMullin, S. B. McNear, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. McNear, Edwin McAfee, J. C. McKinstry, Miss McKinstry, Miss M. Frances McKinstry, Dr. and Mrs. W. F. McNutt Jr., Miss McNutt, Miss McNear, William Laughlin McLaline, John Hubert Mee, Margaret I. Mee, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Mendell, Miss Mills, Edgar D. Mizner, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. A. Miller, Miss Elizabeth Mills, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Murphy, Eugene B. Murphy, Lieutenant John B. Murphy, Miss Stella McCalla.

George A. Newhall, W. Mayo Newhall, Miss Virginia Nokes.

Mr. and Mrs. James Otis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oxnard, Frank L. Owen.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Page, William D. Page, Edgar D. Peixotto, Roy M. Pike, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Pillsbury, J. H. Polhemus, Prince and Princess Poniatowski, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Pope, Mrs. Ashton Potter, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Pomeroy, Henry W. Poett.

G. L. Rathbone, James W. Reid, F. Reis, C. C. V. Reeve, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson Riley, Miss Rithet, Gaston E. Roussy, Miss Elena Robinson, Mrs. J. A. Robinson.

John A. Sanborn, Mrs. Monroe Salisbury, W. B. Sanborn, Miss Laura Sanborn, Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Scott, Prescott Scott, Harry Scott, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Schmiedell, Dennis Searles, Dr. and Mrs. Grant Selfridge, Mrs. A. M. Simpson, Miss Edith Simpson, Grey Skipworthy, B. G. Somers, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Spreckels, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Spreckels, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Spreckels Jr., Miss Grace Spreckels, Miss Lillie Spreckels, Miss Elsie Sperry, Mrs. C. August Spreckels, Miss Lurline Spreckels, M. D. Spencer, Harry N. Stetson, Lieutenant George W. Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Sprague of New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor, H. B. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor Jr., Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Tallant, Mr. and Mrs. C. August Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Tevis, Dr. Henry L. Tevis, Captain Edward W. Terry, W. W. Thurston, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Tobin, Edward Tobin, J. O. Tobin, Miss Mabelle Toy, Mrs. Annie Tallant Tubbs, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tubbs.

Carey Van Fleet, Judge and Mrs. Van Fleet, H. P. Veeder, Mrs. A. H. Voorhis, Miss Marie Voorhis, Mr. and Mrs. Willie K. Vanderbilt of New York.

Mrs. Cyrus Walker, Miss Helen Wagner, George H. Whipple, Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey R. Winslow, E. A. Wiltsee, Alfred K. Wilcox, J. C. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Russell J. Wilson, Miss Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Woods, Lieutenant Wynn, U. S. A.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Zeile, Dr. Eugene Zeile, John Zeile.

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The artillery hop at the Presidio last night was an enjoyable affair. Captain Johnston and Lieutenant Kuznik had the arrangements in hand. Flags, palms and flowers adorned the clubhouse, where the guests danced informally until 11:30. Mrs. Rawles and Mrs. Grimes received. Among those present were:

Dr. Brigham and the Misses Brigham, Mrs. McClung and the Misses McClung, Miss M. Toy, Miss Frances Harris, Miss Virginia Rogers Nokes, Miss Rogers, Miss Gertrude Eells, Miss Edna Middleton, Miss Maylita Pease, Mrs. H. E. Huntington, Mrs. Nokes, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Margaret Wilson, Mrs. Charles Lyman Bent, Miss Queen Ruffell, Miss Johnston of Alameda, Miss Anthony, Miss Rudolph, Miss J. Wright, Miss Wright and Miss Hobbs.

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The last dance of the Tuesday Night Assembly Club at Cotillion Hall last evening was well attended. The guests were chiefly of the younger set and a number of chaperones were among those present. The following committee received the guests:

## Decorations in White Bunting Are Very Effective.

Miss Jeannette Glass, Roberta Deal, the Misses Isabelle and Ethel Birkmaier, Miss Edith Manning, Miss Norma Castle, Miss Ethel Prentiss Smith, Mrs. W. F. Deal, Mrs. W. Manning, Mrs. S. Castle, Mrs. G. Birkmaier and Mrs. S. Prentiss Smith.

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The California Club met yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the civic department. The first part of the meeting was devoted to the hearing of reports of delegates at Fresno. Miss Catharine Hittell spoke on the work that has been done to save Telegraph Hill. Miss Kate Atkinson detailed her travels through Japan and the Orient. Mrs. George Law Smith presided at the meeting and Miss Jessie Peixotto was chairman of the day.

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The formal announcement was made last night of the engagement of Miss Grace Gregory to Homer Astley Boushey, and hardly had the news been circulated than invitations were issued for the wedding celebration to-morrow evening at 9 o'clock at the residence of the bride, 2311 Van Ness avenue. Miss Gregory is the daughter of H. K. Gregory, assistant general passenger agent of the Santa Fe road, and is well known among the younger members of San Francisco society. She is a graduate of a Los Angeles school and completed her education at Wells Seminary, in New York. Mr. Boushey is a young newspaper man and a former student of Berkeley. After the marriage the young couple will start on a tour of the Eastern States.

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Society was well represented at the recital given by Miss Alexander at Century Hall yesterday afternoon. The room was well filled with friends of the young reader, the patronesses and young ladies invited to assist. Miss Alexander gave darky dialect selections entirely, as this is the line of work in which her talent lies. Her negro impersonations were natural and strikingly characteristic and given with magnetism, life, pathos, humor and spontaniety which won the sympathy and applause of the audience. During the intermission violin numbers were excellently rendered by Miss Daisy Polk, accompanied by Miss Wheeler. During this time refreshments were served by a number of the young ladies assisting and a pleasant informality pervaded the entire affair. Those invited to assist were:

Miss Herrin, Miss Alice Herrin, Miss McClung, Miss Gladys McClung, Miss Thornton, Miss Van Wyck, Miss Ruth Weston, Miss Roberta Clay, Miss Mae Robinson, Miss Ethel Shorb, Miss Virginia White, Miss Josephine Jones, Miss Hazel Shandon, Miss Gertrude Van Wyck, Miss Gertrude Wheeler, Miss Daisy Polk, Miss Mary Maus and Mrs. S. M. Van Wyck Jr.

The patronesses were Mrs. Monroe Salisbury, Mrs. William Alvord, Mrs. William Herrin, Mrs. Lovell White, Mrs. Selden S. Wright, Mrs. F. C. Sanborn, Mrs. Sidney M. Van Wyck, Mrs. William Wheeler.

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Mrs. Eleanor Martin gave a dinner last evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Willie K. Vanderbilt. The artistic decorations were American Beauties and orchids effectively arranged. After dinner the guests, with two or three exceptions, proceeded to the ball. Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt, Baron and Baroness von Schroeder, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carolan, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Spreckels, Mr. James D. Phelan, Mrs. Longstreet of Los Angeles, Captain Faison, Miss Howell and Mr. Milton Latham.

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Hostesses at dinner last evening preceding the ball were:

Mrs. Walter Martin, Mrs. Homer King, Mrs. Pillsbury, Mrs. H. M. A. Miller, Mrs. Sam Buckbee and Miss McKinstry.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Irwin were to have given a dinner last evening in honor of Prince and Princess Poniatowski, but the affair was postponed owing to the indisposition of the hostess.

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Trinity Church was the scene of a pretty wedding last evening at 8:30 o'clock, when Miss Adelaide Berthler of Sausalito became the bride of William Klink. Rev. Dr. Clampett officiated. The bride was charming in an exquisite creation of white tucked crepe de chine and chiffon, with long tulle veil fastened with orange blossoms. Her bouquet was a shower affair of lilies of the valley. Miss Belle Harmes acted as maid of honor, becomingly gowned in pink chiffon over silk. She carried bridesmaid roses. The bridesmaids were Miss Mabel Hogg, Miss Mollie Dutton, Miss Marjorie Moore and Miss Etelka Williar, comprising an unusually attractive party of attendants. The ushers were Jack Polhemus, Paul Hutchins, Ralph Hart and Charles Anderson.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the California Hotel, where the happy couple received congratulations and best wishes for a long life of happiness. The decorations were palms and La France roses, intermingled with smilax. At the close of the supper which followed Mr. and Mrs. Klink departed on their wedding trip to Coronado.

## NEW ROADS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED

### Lawyer Bartnett Says His Clients Are Sincere.

W. J. Bartnett, who as a member of the law firm of Gunnison, Booth & Bartnett, has been attending to the legal work of the interests behind the project to build a road from Sacramento and Oroville eastward through the Beckwith Pass, returned last night from the East after an absence of three months.

Attorney Bartnett is also a director of the San Francisco Terminal Railway and Ferry Company, which has secured valuable rights of way in Oakland.

The latter company purposes to build a road between Oakland, Stockton, Tesla and some eastern point, presumably the Western terminal of a transcontinental road. Shortly after Mr. Bartnett's departure for the East, telegraph reports stated that the purpose of his trip was to interest George Gould and Eastern banking firms in a plan to finance his two companies.

When asked last night concerning these reports Mr. Bartnett at first declined to talk, but finally said:

"I will neither deny or affirm these stories. All I will say is that both the companies I represent are acting in good faith and will build the roads they have mapped out."

### Credit Men Hold Meeting.

Seventy-five members were present at the regular meeting and dinner held last evening by the San Francisco Credit Men's Association at the Commercial restaurant, 213 Pine street. The opening address was made by the president of the association, Gustave Brenner. J. J. Schutz delivered an address on the achievements of the Credit Men's Association. H. D. Loveland also spoke on what credit men are and what they can do. The closing address was made by C. A. Hawkins. The principal topic of the meeting was the bulk law, which has lately successfully passed the Senate. It was moved that the Credit Men's Association do all in their power to further the success of the necessary law, which is at present before the Legislature.

### Artistic Picture Frames.

The appropriate framing of pictures has, within a few years, become an art in itself. Only recently the styles of framing materials have been made in such harmonious designs as to suit all tints and colors of pictures. The very latest moldings in styles and widths, also tinted, colored and gilt mat board at the most reasonable prices. Sanborn, Vail & Co., 741 Market st.

## ZIEGFELD PLANS FOR GREAT PLAY

### Engages De Koven and Klein to Arrange New Opera.

### Secures Services of William Castleman, the Noted Tenor.

A one hundred thousand dollar combination for the production of light opera has been conceived by F. Ziegfeld Jr., husband of Anna Held, and he is rapidly putting his ideas into shape. As a first means of insuring the success of the new venture, Mr. Ziegfeld has bought off the contract held by the Royal Grand Opera of Dresden with William Castleman and he will be the leading tenor of the combination, which will be known as the Ziegfeld Opera Company. Mr. Castleman is without question the greatest English speaking tenor. As leading tenor of the Ziegfeld Opera Company, he will, it is announced, receive the largest salary ever paid for light opera, and gathered around him will be what Mr. Ziegfeld promises to make the greatest singing comic opera company ever organized. In his brilliant career, Mr. Castleman has sung the following operas with great success:

"Les Huguenots," "L'Africaine," "Le Prophete," "Lohengrin," "Tannhauser," "Gotterdammerung," "Guillaume Tell," "La Juive," "Le Trouvere," "Aida," "Rigoletto," "La Favorita," "Romeo and Juliet," "Faust," "Carmen," "Le Cid," "Herodiade," "Cavalleria," "Fedora," "Samson and Delila," and "Sigurd."

In keeping with his reputation for original productions, Mr. Ziegfeld has engaged Charles Klein to write the book for a new opera to be called "The Red Feather," for which Reginald de Koven is writing the music. Both will join Mr. Ziegfeld in his private car, "Olympia," to consult regarding the opera, and the reputation of all insures a production that is certain to meet with great success. A feature of the new opera will be girls representing the different nationalities. The girls are now being engaged by Mr. Ziegfeld, who will rehearse them and secure costumes for them in Paris during the coming summer.

A charm will be lent to the production of the opera by the presence of Miss Grace Van Studdiford, who has been engaged by Mr. Ziegfeld, and the well known beauty, Elise de Vere, will not be less prominent in the cast.

Mr. Ziegfeld's announcement doubtless will be hailed with delight by the theater going public, for original and rich productions are widely separated and the proposed production of "The Red Feather" is full of bright promise.

### FUNERAL OF PIONEER WOMAN TO OCCUR TO-DAY

#### Remains of Mrs. Annie R. Molony Will Be Laid to Rest in Holy Cross Cemetery.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Annie R. Molony, the wife of Jeremiah D. Molony, the well known capitalist and pioneer citizen, will take place to-day from her late residence, 432 Eddy street. The funeral cortege will move first to St. Mary's Cathedral, where a solemn high mass will be celebrated for the repose of her soul. At the conclusion of the services, the remains will be conveyed to Holy Cross Cemetery, where the interment will take place. The friends and relatives of the deceased will accompany the remains in carriages down to the cemetery.

Mrs. Annie R. Molony will long be remembered for her many charitable acts. She was a woman of great piety and strength of mind. She was widely known for her numerous good deeds and for her faithful devotion to her religion. She was the mother of Edward J. Molony, president of the Retail Drug Clerks' Association, and of Dr. James J. Molony, who for many years was the physician on board the Coptic, and who is now practicing medicine in the employ of the Hawaiian Government. She was also the mother of Mrs. George Crowley, Mrs. Timothy R. Sullivan, Mrs. William Slattery, Mrs. William J. Barry and John Molony. She was a native of Macroon, County Cork, Ireland, and had attained the advanced age of seventy years.

### Complete Arrangements for Election.

At the regular meeting held last evening at the Mechanics' Library building, 31 Post street, the trustees of the Mechanics' Institute completed arrangements for the Institute's annual election next Tuesday. Henry Root, David Kerr and J. M. Collier were appointed judges of election. E. A. Denicke, Charles M. Plum and Asa R. Wells were appointed to install the trustees-elect. There are seven trustees to be elected. The candidates are Alpheus Bull, Leo Cooper, J. M. Curtis, George F. Day, Tirey L. Ford, Byron Mauzy, Robert W. Neal, James G. Spaulding, Richard Valentine, Otto von Geldern and Luther Wagoner. Messrs. Bull, Day, Neal, Spaulding, Von Geldern and Wagoner are trustees at present.

### Will Discuss Argentina.

A meeting of the Geographical Society of the Pacific will be held at the Academy of Sciences Hall on Friday evening. The subject to be discussed will be "Two Years in Argentina as Consulting Engineer of National Public Works," by Elmer Lawrence Corthell, member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 17.—The House Appropriation Committee has reported an amendment to the beet sugar bounty bill, reducing the bounty to be paid on beet sugar from one cent to one-half cent a pound.

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