CLUBWOMEN ANXIOUS FOR FEDERATION CONVENTION. SOLEMN SEASON APPROACHES TO STAY MERRY WHIRL

Gathering at Sacramento Promises to Develop Some Firm Feminine Views on Varied Topics.

BY LAURA BRIDE POWERS.

The Federation convention is almost upon us. On the 8th Sacramento will see a gathering of the clans—and incidentally the exposition of some rather firm feminine views, for the federation delegate is nothing if not firm. It is on her individuality and strength that she becomes a delegate, these elements overwhelming, in most instances, her social popularity. To be sure, there are a few misfits—as always—that will answer "present" at roll call that were sent because, as the president-makers say, lack of timber.

The expenses of travel and accommodation must be borne by the delegates themselves, and it has not yet become a matter of record that the average clubwoman is o'erwilling to go down into her purse to pay for club honors. However, as an exposition of the leaders of California's women clubs—which means the women that are active agents in the world's work—or play, Sacramento will hold the trump card.

One of the discussions that is bound to cause voluble and voluminous discussion is the primal subject of the uses of the State Federation—if any. The Century Club never came under the banner of the State body, affiliating with the national organization directly—for reasons best known to itself. Conservatism, perhaps.

Then the Sorosis declared its intention of withdrawal from the State body, declaring that as the club was purely a social and cultured body it had nothing of moment to report at the district or State meetings, and further, that its members were nearly all active workers in some of the many philanthropic or civic bodies that flourish throughout the city. Hence the withdrawal. Yes, a few things were said anent the withdrawal, but now comes another club, one of the foremost of the clever and wideawake bodies in the city with a similar intention. Which one? Well, now, that would be telling. But just watch out for a secession in the San Francisco district.

Now for another subject of import—the divorce question, coming up on Thursday evening, the 11th inst. This most "difficult" subject—which is programmed "A Uniform Divorce Law," by Albert H. Elliott of Oakland—is one that will require tongs to handle, inasmuch as many of the best clubwomen in the State have been honorably divorced. We hope Mr. Elliott will prove himself a diplomatic clubwoman and avoid the pitfalls. However, should he trip up some of the delegates being of the male persuasion, he doesn't fear "dishonorable discharge for conduct unbecoming a clubwoman and a lady"—such as happened to our two confreres of the Press Club recently.

The matter of delegates to the biennial convention at St. Louis is still in the air. It is possible—yea, even probable—that State President Mrs. M. E. Darling may be re-elected, as she has been most acceptable to all sections. However, in any case the State president will go on as one of the three delegates-at-large. Besides there will be one delegate from each of the six State districts, and two more delegates-at-large (exclusive of the president); and it will devolve upon each district delegation to decide who shall represent it at the great biennial.

Now ye who think women deficient in intelligent manipulation of politics should have an eye upon the henchwomen of the likeliest delegates. Clever? Why, they can give cards and spades to many of their male contemporaries for finesse—which, by the way, is really not saying over much to their credit.

It is pretty generally conceded that Los Angeles and San Francisco will divide honors as to delegates-at-large—but, alas! there are three. Where can the third come from? Surely not from the south, and surely not from the north. Ah! There is the one chance of a life time of the midland counties getting the honors. If the Ebell of Oakland, the Adelphian of Alameda and the San Jose Woman's Club get busy they may unite upon that one delegate.

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On the 21st of February, beginning on Sunday night, the California State Conference of Charities and Corrections will meet in its third annual session.

This body aided materially in bringing about the legislation in California that created the Juvenile Court, the State Board of Charities and Corrections and a system of probation for older sinners against the law. Specialists will talk upon their special topics.

The sessions of this body should be intensely interesting to all sociologists—or even to the casual observer of the lives of his fellow men. All that are interested are invited to the sessions—the meeting plan to be announced later.

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If the Forum Club has ever had a more interesting day than last Wednesday it has been my misfortune to miss it.

Mrs. Henry Payot presided, introducing the following vocal numbers:

"Haymaking," Miss Alice Needham; "Little One a-Crying," Miss Eugenia Eubanks, accompanied by Miss Effie Merrill.

Being a generous clubwoman, the president induced Henry Payot to address the club upon their travels in India—which he did in splendid style, illustrating his talk by views thrown upon a screen. Step by step the guests wandered over the marvelous structures of the old civilization—stood before the marble tomb of Taj at Agra and the famous pearl mosque at Agra, one of the most exquisite structures in the world. Then a half hour was spent in Bombay, the city of the Parsees, the transplanted Persians, and followers of the great Persian philosopher, Zoroaster. And herewith the epitome of their religious belief was given by Mr. Payot as "Good thoughts, good words, good deeds." Is not that the epitome of all ennobling faiths?

The Parsees worshiping the fire, earth and water refrain from smoking and from polluting the earth or water by interring their dead. On the screen was thrown a picture of a place of sepulchre, which gave forth the most distinctive note of the lecture. It was a circular, unroofed structure of cement, called the Tower of Silence, usually on an eminence, upon whose walls an almost unbroken row of vultures sat—fat from undue gorging—awaiting an approaching funeral.

The funeral party arriving at the gate, the body, naked (for naked we come into the world and naked we must leave it), is deposited in the center of this amphitheater of death, when down swoop the vultures and denude the body of every vestige of flesh. The bones, picked clean, are then gathered up and thrown into a great chasm, from which sewers run fitted up with gigantic filters, that the waters thereabouts be not defiled.

Child-wifery and its resultant sins, likewise the destroyer of the custom, the Pundita Ramabai, were all in turn presented through the camera and the descriptive cleverness of the lecturer. Though the address was of an hour and a half's duration, every moment was of intense interest—and let it be cried from the housetops—only two women found it necessary to go out meanwhile. Why—O, why must women flutter in and out of their club like a covey of quail? Haven't they ballast enough to sit through a number without dodging in and out when a singer or a speaker is seeking to entertain? It is unquestionably the quintessence of rudeness.

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The Forum's delegates to the federation are:

Mrs. Henry Payot, president; Mrs. Charles Goodall, alternate; Miss May Shannon, Mrs. A. L. Hart, alternate; Mrs. A. P. Van Duser, Mrs. Henry Welch, alternate.

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The Press Association on Monday last held a session of exceptional interest, largely because of the originality of the programme and the personality of the speakers. Mrs. Pinney presided with her usual tact, presenting Edward Tillson, who gave two clever piano solos, followed by Mrs. Edith Auffrey, a prominent member of the Press Club of London, who gave a charming talk upon the club life of women in the English capital, dwelling upon many phases and incidents of life with which we are unfamiliar. An analytical sketch of the late Queen caused much discussion later over the tea cups. The trials of journalists and editors—and, incidentally, the compensations—were handled seriously and otherwise by them that should know—Mrs. Frank P. Deering, Mrs. H. Colburn (formerly Mrs. Frona Eunice Waite) and Frank H. Winch, who is still a scribe in active service. The consensus of opinion was that the women that write for the papers are not in the "hot bird and cold bottle" class—that journalistic bohemianism was distinctly not a prerogative of newspaper women. Mrs. Mary E. Hart closed the afternoon with some clever tales of the far north.

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Last week the Mission Literary Club held its monthly meeting at the residence of Mrs. S. Moore, 600 Valencia street, when the following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. E. B. Vreeland; vice president, Mrs. J. Hey; treasurer, Mrs. C. A. Rogers; secretary, Mrs. M. F. Bruker. A social hour was spent over refreshments. Those present were: Mrs. J. Kemp, Mrs. E. B. Vreeland, Mrs. T. Morrin, Mrs. E. McEwen, Mrs. J. S. Bogart, Mrs. W. Armitage, Mrs. T. Farless, Mrs. W. Hewitt, Mrs. J. Hey, Mrs. M. F. Bruker, Mrs. R. Leach, Mrs. S. Moore, Mrs. C. A. Rogers, Dr. E. Wells, Mrs. M. T. Walker, Mrs. A. Laumeister, Mrs. Lehnhart, Mrs. Daisley, Miss Moore, Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Serrine.

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Last Tuesday the California Club presented a musical programme that called forth unlimited praise for the participants—likewise for Mrs. Xavier Rolker, who prepared it. Mrs. Maddern was especially well received in her reading. The following numbers were presented:

Ti Prego, trio (Curschman), Mrs. Ernest Hueter, Miss Gertrude Wheeler and Edw. Xavier Rolker; "An Appreciation of the Poems of George Sterling," Mrs. Will Maddern; Saphische Ode (Brahms), Fidelity (Alliison), Miss Gertrude Wheeler; Schergo a Capriccio (Felix Mendelssohn, Miss Ernestine Goldman; Im Kahn (Grieg), Spring Song (George Henschel), Mrs. Ernest L. Hueter; reading, Miss Lorena E. Hoag; The Merry Lark (Nevin), April Rain (W. Hunt), Miss Mignon Judson; Tuscan Folk Song (L. Caracciolo), Mrs. E. L. Hueter and Miss G. Wheeler.

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The Forum Club has within its ranks a member who has lately distinguished herself by putting forth a book of much excellence, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Birkmaier, whose "Poseidon's Paradise" is now being read with great interest. Mrs. Birkmaier last week gave the club a very clever talk upon "Druids."

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The following bulletin is issued by the California Club for the regular club days in February:

Tuesday, February 2, 1904—Business meeting at 2:30 p. m.; president's meeting, 3 to 5 p. m. On this day the California Club woman's edition of the Bulletin will be issued. Tuesday, February 9—No meeting on account of State Federation. Tuesday, February 16—Programme in charge of department of civics; "The New Movement for a Greater San Francisco," Hon. James D. Phelan; "Some Civic Work in Southern California," Dr. Dorothea Moore. Tuesday, February 23—Social day; programme in charge of Mrs. Louis Hertz; "Social Life of the Ghetto" will be presented by Otto Irving Wise; cello solos, Paul Friedhofer; accompanist, Mrs. David Hirschler.

Next Thursday a musical lecture by Henri F. Salz, pianist, in a recital of "Modern Pianoforte Literature" will be given at the clubrooms under the direction of Mme. Emma Tojetti. The noted pianiste will present the following numbers:

Novellette, op. 21, Shumann; Scherzo, op. 10, D'Albert; valse impromptu, Liszt; fantasie, op. 49, Chopin; Heimwarts, Grieg.

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The Pioneer Women will hold a monthly meeting in Golden Gate Hall on February 5, when a talk upon "The Padres and What They Have Left to Us" will be given. Ladies, the remarks made above about leaving the room during a session may have been prompted somewhat by the fact that I have been asked to make this address. You know how selfishness colors our views.

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The Corona Club once every year opens its doors to its menfolk—to husbands, sons, brothers and friends—that they might imbibe some of the academic air that pervades the intellectual clubrooms. Did the men respond? Indeed they did, en masse. And a delightful time they had as guests "at a woman's club," where they drank club tea and listened to club chat in right brave fashion. We are slowly but inevitably tending toward the ideal club, where both men and women may become members. What will become of the babies then? The same disposition as is made now when parents slip off to the theater.

The Corona Club presented the following programme:

"Song Bird of Night" (Nevin), Cecilian octet—Mrs. G. W. Adderson, Miss Viola Van Orden, Mrs. F. J. Trist, Miss Hettie M. Corlett, Miss Laura Collins, Mrs. F. B. Dickson, Mrs. Frank S. Snell, Mrs. Rader; accompanist, Mrs. Charles W. Chapin. "Quartetto a Penna," tre tempi originali—largo affetuoso, canzonetta, cherzo—(Nicole M. Calace), by the Adelstein Plectrum Quartet; mandolins, Miss Florence Magnin, Samuel Adelstein; lutes, Mrs. H. H. Sherwood, Miss Elvira W. Hobbs. Hermia triangle, Miss Alice Gay, Miss Ethel Murphy, Miss Hettie M. Corlett; accompanist, Miss Mildred Morrison. Soprano solo (selected), Mrs. F. J. Trist. "Serenade Sentimentale," trio for three Italian lutes (Mezzacapo), Mrs. H. H. Sherwood, Miss Elvira W. Hobbs, Samuel Adelstein; reading (selected), Mrs. Charlotte Graeber Hazlett; solo (selected), F. J. Trist; "Sweet and Low" (A. W. Platte), Cecilian octet.

The Papyrus Club held a vitally interesting meeting on Thursday last at Utopia Hall, when Mrs. C. Mason Kinne presided. The programme included the usual clever array of stories—and famous raconteurs the women are getting to be—followed by several delightful musical numbers under the direction of Miss Ella B. McCloskey. These numbers were rendered:

Violin solos (a) "Berceuse" (Caesar Cui), (b) "A Bolero" (Carl Bohm), Miss Anna Hadsell; contralto solos (a) "A Toi" (Remberg), (b) "Geheimnes" (Schubert), (c) "When the Land Is White with Moonlight" (Nevin), Mrs. J. E. Birmingham, accompanist Miss Fanny Danforth; banjo solos, with guitar accompaniment (a) "Manzanillo" (Robyn), (b) "San Francisco News Letter March" (Ashton P. Stevens), Mrs. F. W. Ross; barytone solos (a) "Song of the Sword" (Leighter), (b) "I Dream of Thee" (Trotere), Harry Wood Brown, Mrs. S. P. Blumenberg at the piano.

That march by Ashton Stevens was a very charming skit of music, but it did seem a shame that some of the musical critics hadn't a chance at its composition or its movement or its theory, even as he has had at theirs. They perhaps would have enjoyed a little vivisection themselves.

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The Laurel Hall Club will meet next Wednesday and on the 17th inst. at the Sorosis Club rooms, when the following entertainment will be offered:

Mythological and ancient history day—Ancient Egypt, historical and allegorical, interspersed with gems of poetry—by the members of the mythological and ancient history section. Programme in charge of Mrs. O. V. Thayer. Music, piano solo, sextet from "Lucia di Lammermoor," Miss Helen Desmond.

On February 17, at 3 p. m., the French section will entertain. The programme will be in charge of Mrs. John Martinon. It will include:

Reading, Professor Charles Pratt; paper, "French Literature," Mrs. John Martinon; paper, "French Art," Miss Amelia M. Bliss; paper, "The Lays of the Troubadours," Miss Alma Winn; vocal solo, Mrs. O. K. McMurray.

The regular section meetings will be held as follows:

Historical query box, Mme. Emilia Tojetti; mythological and ancient history—Chairman, Mrs. O. V. Thayer; second and fourth Tuesdays, 2514 Washington street, 2 p. m.; civic—Chairman, Mrs. A. W. Terrill, first and third Wednesdays, clubhouse, 1:30 p. m.; French—Chairman, Mrs. John Martinon, second and fourth Tuesday, 2526 Union street, 2 p. m.; original writers—Chairman, Mrs. Ella M. Sexton, first and third Wednesdays, clubhouse, 1:15 p. m.; Shakespeare—Chairman, Mrs. A. B. Evans, second and fourth Wednesdays, Mrs. W. J. Gray's, 2417 Pacific avenue, 2 p. m.

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The Council of Jewish Women, presided over by Mrs. Louis Hertz, the largest and cleverest club of Jewish women in the city, met last Friday in the Sunday school rooms of Temple Emanu-El to listen to a song recital under the direction of Mrs. Marriner-Campbell, who gave a charming chat of her experiences in the ateliers of Paris. Then followed some excellent vocal numbers by Mrs. Schaffter, Mrs. Rebecca Delvalle, Mrs. Greenleaf Krug and Mrs. Marion E. B. Robinson, accompanied by Mrs. W. J. Batchelder.

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The Irving Club will meet on February 4 in Utopia Hall for a social day under the direction of Miss Ethelynne Marrick. On February 18 a "Modern Fiction Day" will be given, when Miss Myrtle Lieb, Mrs. Ellis Parrish and Mrs. John Reed will contribute to the programme.

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The regular meeting of the Alden Club of the Sunshine Society was held Thursday afternoon, January 28, at the home of the president, Miss Jean Pedlar, 2758 Pine street. The regular reports of officers and visiting committee were heard. Among the business proceedings it was suggested that the club endeavor to purchase an artificial limb for a poor woman who stands in great need of one. The price of such is about $100 and the president appointed a committee to investigate. If outside help can be obtained the club will make up the deficit, but otherwise the members will arrange an entertainment for the benefit of the unfortunate. Those present were:

Miss Jean Pedlar, Misses Abbie Edwards, Elizabeth Edwards, Virginia Dare, Meta Stofen, Florence Benjamin, Elsie Young, Cecile Rogers, Margaret Rogers, Mabel Ayer, Marie Denervaud and Mrs. W. H. Jardine.

Miss Florence Birce of Auburn was guest of the club during the afternoon.

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And thus politics, social problems, music, art, literature and the deeper and more practical things that concern the lives of our fellows are absorbing the leisure hours of our clever—and therefore interesting—clubwomen.

PERSONAL.

William Pierce, a capitalist of Suisun, is at the Palace.

B. F. Hartley, a mining man of Auburn, is at the Grand.

R. W. Hoffman, a tobacconist of New York, is at the Grand.

E. L. Finley, a newspaper man of Santa Rosa, is at the California.

H. Hauser, a prominent business man of Los Angeles, is at the Grand.

Douglas S. Cone, a fruit grower of Red Bluff, is registered at the Palace.

Thomas W. Patterson, president of the Fresno National Bank, is at the Palace.

Fish Commissioner W. E. Gerber is down from Sacramento and registered at the Palace.

H. S. King and J. W. Milburn of the United States Coast Goedetic Survey are at the Occidental.

Charles R. Bishop, the well known local banker, departed for Honolulu yesterday by way of Seattle.

Harry Maitland, a business man of Shanghai, who has been visiting London, arrived at the Palace yesterday, en route to the Orient.

Emanu-El Sisterhood Lecture.

The free course of lectures given by the Emanu-El Sisterhood is meeting with marked success. The third lecture will take place next Wednesday evening and will be delivered by Dr. Louis C. Deane, whose subject will be "Liquid Air." A number of interesting demonstrations will also be given to illustrate the power of the scientific discovery. The lecture will take place at the Emanu-El Sisterhood Hall, 1248 Folsom street, between Eighth and Ninth streets.

Cars Collide at Crossing.

An east-bound Geary-street car, while crossing Devisadero street between 9 and 10 o'clock Saturday night, was struck by a north-bound Devisadero-street electric car and knocked off the track. Miss S. Driscoll, a vestmaker, living at 520½ Turk street, who was a passenger on the electric car, was thrown violently against the side of the car, sustaining a wound over the right eye and a sprain of the right hand. She was taken to her home by Policeman Jenkins.

MAHONEY CITY, Pa., Jan. 31.—Five rock men were killed in the Maple Hill colliery of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company by an explosion of powder in a steel cage in which they were being hoisted. The explosion ripped the cage apart and the mangled men fell 300 feet to the bottom of the shaft.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 31.—Work was practically suspended to-day at the Harwick mine, the scene of lasts week's explosion, and the day was given up to memorial services and funerals.

Embroidered goods are rapidly succeeding the drawn work formerly so popular, but the latest fad is a combination of drawn and embroidery work, which is particularly fascinating. Buy a gas range from S. F. Gas and Electric Co., 415 Post street.

SINGERS TO GIVE CONCERT

VOCALISTS WHO WILL SING TO-MORROW NIGHT AT STEINWAY HALL.

Grace Davis Northrup and Mrs. C. Nicholson to Take Part.

An evening song recital of unusual interest is to be given to-morrow evening at Steinway Hall by Mrs. Grace Davis Northrup, soprano, and Mrs. Carroll Nicholson, contralto, with Fred Maurer at the piano.

Mrs. Northrup and Mrs. Nicholson are both well known in this city and around the bay and are ranked among our best soloists, their singing in concert, oratorio and church being of the first order.

Mrs. Northrup's voice is of the dramatic order, clear and strong, yet very sweet and under perfect control in the lighter florid music. Mrs. Nicholson has a rich, velvety voice, of great compass, and she sings with marked shading and intelligence. The fact that Mr. Maurer will be at the piano is sufficient evidence that the accompaniments will be handled in a masterly manner and proper support be given the soloists.

Mrs. Northrup's success in the "Stabat Mater," presented under Mascagni's direction during his recent visit here, her many appearances as soloist at the Loring Club concerts, the Grand Army Encampment receptions, Mechanics' Pavilion concerts and oratorio and concert in all of the cities around the bay have placed her among the favored sopranos of the vicinity. Mrs. Nicholson's marked successes in the presentation of Handel's "Messiah" and other leading oratorios in Oakland, her splendid rendition of solos at the recent Bankers' convention reception at the Art Institute and other large receptions and concerts have caused her to be regarded among the best equipped contraltos in our local society.

A rather novel feature of the entertainment will be the fact that several society young ladies are to officiate in the capacity of ushers during the evening.

The splendid blending of the soprano and contralto voices during the evening's recital will certainly be noted, as it has been in the past, when Mrs. Northrup and Mrs. Nicholson have appeared together on the same programme.

The programme will be as follows:

(a) "A Toi" ..... Bemberg
(b) "Rest Thee, My Spirit!" .. Richard Strauss
(c) "Cecily" ..... Richard Strauss
Mrs. Northrup.
Duet ..... Brahms
(a) "The Path of Love."
Part I—"Over the Mountains."
Part II—"Can Skill Disentangle?"
(b) "The Sea."
Mrs. Northrup and Mrs. Nicholson.
(a) "Love" ..... Godard
(b) "Expectation" ..... Saint Saens
(c) "Spirit Song" (1732-1809) ..... Haydn
(d) "The Woodpecker" ..... Nevin
(e) "Shouggie Shou" ..... Henschel
Mrs. Nicholson.
Scene and Duet (Aida and Amneris), "Aida" ..... Verdi
Mrs. Northrup and Mrs. Nicholson.
(a) "Thine Eyes So Blue and Tender" .. Lassen
(b) "Serenade" ..... Saint Saens
(c) "The First Meeting" (1870) ..... Grieg
(d) "Now Joan Ardently" (from "Death of Joan of Arc") ..... Bemberg
Mrs. Northrup.
(a) "Erinnerung" ..... Max Spicker
(b) "Sonnet d'Amour" ..... Frances Thome
(c) "My Heart Is Weary" (Nadeschda) ..... Goring Thomas
Mrs. Nicholson.
Duet, "In Shady Retreat," "Lakme" .. Delibes
Mrs. Northrup and Mrs. Nicholson.

New Language Methods.

French schools have adopted a code for modern language teaching based on the direct method and providing for a six years' course. For the first two years the teaching is essentially oral, for the next two more theoretical, and in the final two composition and style predominate. Word for word translations are not required. In grammar the rule always follows the example.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Hospitable Hosts Hasten to Entertain, for It Is Bad Form to Disturb the Lenten Quiet.

With the Lenten season only two weeks away, many are the announcements of betrothals and nuptials that come to our willing ears. And then six weeks of passive rest. But when Easter comes, with its glad revival, then will the wedding bells ring merrily once more. As for house parties, the hospitable host is hastening to entertain her friends during these few weeks, for it is essentially bad form—to say nothing of the religious phase of it—to entertain or be entertained during Lent.

Wedded.

The wedding of David Kelly and Agnes C. Coleman took place in St. Patrick's Church on Wednesday morning, January 20. The bride was attended at the altar by Miss Catherine Cantwell and the groom by Richard Blake. The ushers were Donald McKinnon and Leo Blake. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. P. J. Cummings and was followed by a nuptial mass. The altar was decorated for the occasion. The young couple will reside in this city.

Engaged.

Mrs. Pauline d'Ennery announces the engagement of her daughter Rosine to Philip J. Schmidt. The young people will receive on Sunday, February 14, at 1396 Post street, from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Club Parties.

Forty-five employes of the firm of Baker & Hamilton attended their second annual banquet on Saturday evening, January 23, in the banquet hall of a down-town restaurant. The banquet was given in honor of their champion football team. J. K. Burke occupied the center of the board and made a very clever toastmaster. During the evening Manager A. C. Rulfson gave an interesting toast on "Ambition," J. C. Beatty ably responding with a toast to the firm of Baker & Hamilton. C. Jeffress, captain of the football team, thanked his men for their good playing; James Keller gave a toast to "Women," Henry Lark gave a witty sketch on "Why I Live in Oakland." The banquet hall was artistically decorated. Among those present were the following:

N. F. Andruss, Charles Bekeart, Roy Boyd, A. L. Bowley, Harry Bultman, J. K. Burke, J. C. Beatty, George L. Baker, Henry Baumgarten, W. J. Carlisle, Al Crozier, H. P. Crozier, Charles Crawford, W. Cortelyou, Leslie Childs, Alven H. Ebbinhauser, J. W. Egan, Louis Frahm, Albert E. Fisk, L. Eberline, James Griswold, Harry Groves, J. Oliver Greenwell, Edward Harris, Percy F. Hannigan, Clark Huckill, Edward Johnson, Charles R. Johnson, Clarence Jeffress, James L. Keller, M. J. Kenny, William Lee, Evert Ludden, H. E. Lark, Frank McCoy, H. Morley, George Moore, W. E. Orr, Earnest Price, Minor Richardson, Charles Rohrbacher, Wilfred K. Slater, Clyde Thompson, A. Van Dyck and Claude Wagner.

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The ladies of the Commandery Euchre Club will give a dinner and card party at the Occidental Hotel on February 12, at which they will entertain their husbands and a few other guests. The affair is in charge of Mrs. E. O. Rieser, president of the club, who will be assisted in receiving by Mrs. C. L. Haskell, Mrs. A. P. Woodward, Mrs. A. McFadyen, Mrs. John Bennett and Mrs. A. W. Scott.

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The California Women's Whist League held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday morning, January 28, to elect new members and transact business of importance. The league finds its financial condition very flourishing and is preparing to hold its much talked of evening meeting in the near future, when the members may invite their gentlemen friends and relatives. A delicious luncheon was served by Miss Nellie King, who supplied many dainty dishes. The Monday prize on January 25 was won by Mrs. James Gallagher. The fifth game of the duplicate series was played in the afternoon and the following ladies made high plusses:

Mesdames Cline, Olliver, Ryan, Averill, Weldon, Redell, McCartney, Andrews, Jones, O'Brien, Morrill, Shetterly, Costello, M. Miller, Grissim, Duffey.

Several of the ladies belong to one of the Jefferson Square bowling clubs and spent a delightful afternoon on Wednesday, afterward enjoying an auto ride to the Presidio. Mrs. Frances Young and her sister, Mrs. Richardson, are skillful bowlers, the latter having been presented with a stickpin for the highest ladies' score made since the opening of the club.

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The El Alma Cotillon held its leap year party on Friday evening. It was the last dance of the season. The dance was successfully conducted by six very popular young ladies, each wearing a colored ribbon with an inscription. A new figure in the german was danced, led on one side by Miss E. M. Thomsen and Berry E. Drown and on the other by Miss M. Frey and Aldace Walker. Miss Thomsen and Miss Mirskey have proved themselves to be very competent floor managers. The committee in general consisted of Miss E. Thomsen, Miss M. Mirskey, Miss H. Mohr, Miss McCloskey, Miss D. Upham and Miss Hussey.

Home Parties.

An informal affair was given at the home of Miss Maybelle Ayres on the evening of January 24. Progressive whist was played, and a few of the guests who did not participate in that amusement were entertained with vocal and instrumental music. Prizes were won by Miss Esther Herbst and A. D. Lobree. Refreshments were served in the library, which was beautifully decorated with palms, lilies of the valley and violets. Among those present were:

Misses Hazel Caro, Laura Levy, Belle Urt, Etta Goodday, Harriet Herbst, Juliet Levy, Esther Herbst, Maybelle Ayres, Messrs. Ben Schier, Abe Koskie, Jack Herbst, William Boyle, E. T. Ayres, A. D. Lobree, Herman Herbst, Newton Cohn, Morris Schneider, I. F. Goodday and Dave Kozminsky.

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Miss Laura Todd entertained a number of friends at dinner at her home at the Argyle, 234 McAllister street, January 22, in honor of Mrs. Mary E. Hart of Nome, Alaska. Music and descriptive stories of the far north were the order of the evening. Among those present were:

Mrs. Mary E. Hart, Mrs. Madge Morris Wagner, Miss Winchel, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Norman, Miss Laura Todd, B. F. Welch, A. E. Norman and F. G. Todd.

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A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dennery, 2930 Webster street, on Saturday evening, January 23. A programme was given consisting of a barytone solo by Fred Gianini, songs by Messrs. Cheney, Clayton, Vaughn, Newman and Anderson and the Golden City Minstrel Quartet. Dancing followed, after which the guests repaired to the dining-room. Among those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dennery, Edward Dennery, Mr. and Mrs. Low, Mr. and Mrs. J. Black, Mr. and Mrs. W. Vaughn, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rosenberg, Mrs. P. P. McDonough, Mrs. M. Clark, Mrs. L. Meyer, Miss S. Meyer, Miss F. Berg, and Messrs. B. Hawks, S. A. Newman, Guy Clayton, F. Gianini, A. Anderson, Harvey, Grey, Souffling, Schloss, Ambrose, Collette, Ed Hogan, S. Rosenberg, A. Rosenberg and M. Rosenberg.

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Personals.

Mrs. Julia Sedkin is spending a few weeks with her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Aron Silver, in Los Angeles.

The Misses Rosenblatts, who have been spending the winter in this city, have left for the East via Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Manasse have moved from 865 Post street to 2410 Washington.

Miss Amy O'Neil will leave to-day for Los Angeles, where she will remain for two weeks, after which she will proceed to San Diego to remain indefinitely.

Mrs. Rose Harris of La Grande, Or., is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. Davis, and will be pleased to see her friends Sunday, February 7, at 1260 Ninth avenue, Sunset District, south of Golden Gate Park.

Miss Hattie Mooser of 1125 Geary street will sail on the steamship Korea for Shanghai, China, on February 20.

CHINESE HAVE STRANGE IDEA OF ANATOMY

Believe the Human Body Contains Fire, Water, Earth and Some Metals.

No Chinese representative of the healing art has ever dissected any portion of the human frame. Accordingly their ideas of anatomy and physiology are matters of faith — confirmed by images which have been reproduced during untold centuries, says American Medicine. Their osteology teaches that the skull is formed of one bone; so is the pelvis; the number of ribs varies with the individual, and at the junction of the arm with the forearm is placed a cubital patella. According to Chinese splanchology, the small intestine communicates with the cavity of the heart, while the colon, after describing sixteen circumvolutions, terminates by opening into the lung. The heart governs the vital processes — in co-operation with the cavity of the stomach it supplies all ideas and all pleasurable sensations. The liver is the habitat of the soul, and it is from this gland that all noble and generous sentiments emanate.

The gall bladder is a receptacle of courage; its ascent in the body is the cause of a fit of anger. They have an idea of the continuous motion of the blood, but it seems to be the product of an imagination more riotously Oriental than even that which created the other items of their physiologic knowledge. They do not know the pulmonary circulation; they, naturally, know nothing of the valves in the veins; they do not even appear to have quite grasped the motor function of the heart itself; but they nevertheless profess to differentiate no less than seventy-four varieties of pulse—simultaneously recognizable on the person of a single individual! In its ultimate structure the body is composed of five elements—fire, water, earth, wood and metal. Each of these elements is in a harmonious rapport with the corresponding members of the series of five planets, five metals, five solid viscera, five colors and five tastes. All diseases originate from disturbances of the primary and essential quintic harmonies of these correlations.—Exchange.

The New Medal of Honor.

The Congressional medal of honor has so many points of resemblance to the medal of the Grand Army of the Republic that one is frequently mistaken for the other. For that reason a new design has been made for the medal of honor, with a view of making it more distinctive. It is a five-pointed star, like the old medal, but differs from it in many essential features. The design was prepared by a committee selected by Secretary Root, composed of General Gillespie, chief of engineers, and General Horace Porter, United States Embassador to France. It has received the approval of the Legion of the Medal of Honor and many Medal of Honor men. Congress has been asked to appropriate $12,000 to provide for the manufacture of 3000 medals of the new design.—Washington Post.

Getting Even.

Pew-opener (confidentially)—"That woman I just seated is Mrs. Stuckup. She had me sent round to the back door one day when I called at her house on a business errand. Made me transact the business through a servant, too. But I've got even with her."

Friend—"Why, you have given her one of the best pews in thee hurch."

Pew-opener—"Wait half an hour. She's just where a stained glass window will throw a red light on her nose."—Pick-Me-Up.

GARRISON REPULSES ATTACK BY NATIVES

German Force Defending Omarurru Holds Out Against Besieging Rebels.

BERLIN, Jan. 31.—A despatch received here from Swakopmund, German Southwest Africa, says that, since January 21, three men have been killed in sorties from Okahanja against the besieging rebel natives. The garrison at Omarurru repulsed a severe attack on January 27, and it is assumed that Otimbingwe also is besieged. Repairs to the railroad beyond Karikib have been commenced.

Okahanja is a mission station eighty miles from Walfisch Bay. It was reported recently that the Kaffirs had effected a junction with the Hereros, who were besieging that place, which was being defended by Lieutenant Seulew with 200 men.

Clerks Install Officers.

The Grocery Clerks' Union held its annual installation of officers on Saturday night. After the installation a varied programme was rendered. The following were installed: President, Elery D. Montrose; first vice president, E. H. Kahl; second vice president, J. H. Johnson; financial secretary, E. N. Reilinger; recording secretary, Eugene M. Levy; treasurer, Ad Muegge; trustees, William Stautz, T. Joost, August Johnson; guide, W. H. Welby; inside guard, J. H. McCormick.

To-day women are admitted to the bar on equal terms with men in thirty-four States of the Union.

GILLETT SAYS HE WILL SETTLE WITH CREDITORS

Former Kansas Cattle Man, Now in Mexico, Makes Definite Proposition to Pay His Debts.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 31.—Grant C. Gillett, the former Kansas cattle plunger, who fled to Mexico three years ago, has made a definite move to settle with his creditors, to whom he owes an aggregate sum estimated at $1,500,000. Local creditors have received a draft from Gillett for a sum sufficient to pay the expenses of a committee to go to Mexico and inspect the ex-Kansan's mining holdings, from the development of which he hopes to pay his debts. The committee will start for Mexico about February 15. A month ago Gillett, who had returned to the United States to visit relatives, offered, from Fostoria, Ohio, to meet his creditors in Kansas City, but failed to appear on the date set.

Want Better Streets.

The executive committee of the Federation of Mission Improvement Clubs has forwarded a petition to Mayor Schmitz and the Board of Public Works requesting that they take immediate action to have the streets in the Mission and south of Market street districts cleaned and repaired.

Tries to End Her Life.

Mrs. Mary Sheridan, a domestic, 60 years old, turned on the gas in her room at 1540 Polk street last night. She was discovered about midnight and taken to the Emergency Hospital. The doctors say she will probably die.

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