NEW LEADERS DIRECT FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS. INFORMALITY WILL MARK FUNCTIONS OF LENTEN DAYS

General Satisfaction Expressed at the Election of Mrs. George Law Smith as President of the State Organization.

BY LAURA BRIDE POWERS.

The convention of the State Federation of Women's Clubs has passed into history—the history of clubdom. Speculations are over, and at the helm stands Mrs. George Law Smith, the president of the California Club. This subversion of a few prearranged plans seems to have met with the enthusiastic commendation of nine-tenths of the 28,000 clubwomen of the State. The fact of a new successor being elected to the presidency of the State body—rather than the re-election of Mrs. L. F. Darling, who, by the way, has made a most capable and efficient officer—stamped the presidency as distinctly a one-term office.

That precedent uppermost in the minds of the delegates, natural accession would bring the honors to Mrs. Smith, who was acting vice president of the State body and a representative from the north—north Tehachapi. There is, let it be said, a verbal or a mental treaty existing between the clubs in the southland and those above the pass that presidential honors be divided evenly between them.

Now, let the fact be cried out from the housetops that the southern delegations stood pluckily by Mrs. Smith, a splendid protagonism coming from them. Whatever of opposition there was to Mrs. Smith's election was not a manifestation of hostility toward her personally, but rather a desire to divert the honor to some northern club other than the California, for it is claimed, and justly, that the California Club is too much in the public eye. But what is a club to do when its popularity emanates from the work it does? Surely it cannot hide its light under a bushel. When the Juvenile Court measure, the Big Trees agitation and the traveling libraries originated in the club, and the work in each is still actively prosecuted, why should the club not talk about it? Likewise, how can the club help being talked about? These things considered, it is apparent that the small meed of antagonism to the election of the California's president to the presidency of the federation is not well founded. And as to her personal fitness—which necessarily includes appearance, personality, judgment, tact and a quick grasp of facts and details—there are but few women in California more adaptable.

The selection of a presiding officer this year was a vital issue, because it is she who will represent the clubs of California at the biennial at St. Louis in May. She, together with representatives from the six districts and two delegates at large, whom the president will appoint.

Among the other State officers elected are the following:

Vice president at large, Mrs. J. E. Cowles, Los Angeles; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Arthur W. Cornwall, San Francisco; recording secretary, Mrs. Charles N. McLouth, San Jose; treasurer, Mrs. Charles M. Beckwith, Sacramento; auditors, Mrs. Oliver C. Bryant, Los Angeles, and Mrs. E. B. Wrenn, Bakersfield; State secretary to the General Federation, Mrs. L. F. Darling; district vice presidents—San Francisco district, Mrs. A. E. Osborne; Los Angeles district, Mrs. Frank E. Prior; San Diego district, Mrs. Victor Montgomery; Alameda district, Mrs. Frank M. Wilson; northern district, Mrs. W. H. Lawson; San Joaquin Valley district, Mrs. E. D. Buss.

Now if precedence be followed—and women are learning to follow it—Mrs. J. C. Cowles of Los Angeles will be Mrs. George Law Smith's successor at the next annual meeting. Mrs. Cowles made a splendid showing at the Sacramento gathering and is looked upon generally as a very strong figure in clubdom.

Mrs. Arthur Cornwall's election to the secretaryship was not unlike the spasmodic nomination of William J. Bryan for the Presidency. The knowledge of her brilliant financial achievements—hardly cold—had swept from tongue to tongue in the legislative hall, and her name became a talisman for enthusiastic outbursts—and her election followed.

Mrs. Cornwall, by the way, is seriously mentioned as among the most available candidates for the presidency of the California Club. (Your pardon for saying "California Club" again, but it is news, hence its presence). Mrs. Orr, the chairman of the education department, is also a prominent candidate—and incidentally a clever woman.

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On Sunday next one of the most vitally important conferences of the year will begin its deliberations. At the First Unitarian Church, on the corner of Geary and Franklin streets, the State conference of charities and corrections will hold a three days' session, at which matters of absorbing interest to sociologists—or to all who are interested in the betterment of the dependent, the deficient and the depraved classes—will be discussed.

While oftimes but little immediate benefit accrues from discussions of this kind, nevertheless the agitation promotes the growth of our knowledge of these ever-present problems. The subjects, as problems to be solved in a systematic manner, are of rather recent origin, and every ray of light is needed from all sources.

The convention will continue for three days, when the following live topics will be discussed (with one possible change):

Sunday evening, February 21, 8 o'clock—Address of welcome, "The Child and the State," Judge Ben B. Lindsey. Monday, February 22, 11 a. m., "Discussion of Associated Charities Problems," by representatives of Associated Charities throughout the State. Monday afternoon—"Modern Methods in the Care and Treatment of the Insane," F. W. Hatch, M. D., general superintendent of State hospitals. "The Needs of the State Home for Feeble-minded Children," William J. G. Dawson, medical superintendent. Monday evening—"The Charities Indorsement Committee and Its Aims," Andrew M. Davis; "What the Associated Charities Stands For," Dr. Samuel G. Smith. Tuesday morning—"The County Hospital." Tuesday afternoon, February 23—"State Boards of Charities and Corrections," W. Almont Gates, secretary of State Board of Charities and Corrections; "The Probation Law for Adult Offenders," Osgood Putnam, president of the Associated Charities of San Francisco; "The County Jail," Dr. E. C. Moore, president of the State Board of Charities and Corrections; "Facts and Figures of Alameda County," Ezra Decoto, probation officer of Alameda County. Tuesday evening—"The Child as a Social Problem," Dr. Smith; "Juvenile Crime, Its Sources and Remedies," Herbert W. Lewis, superintendent of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society; "The State in Relation to the Dependent Child," W. S. Melick, secretary State Board of Examiners.

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The San Jose Women's Club is again prosecuting an active campaign—led by the indefatigable Mrs. E. O. Smith and Mrs. Kennedy — for the civic improvement of the Garden City.

Whatever plans the ladies have in view will materialize — unless something awful happens. Those women in the San Jose Club are terribly in earnest when they get busy, for note the tremendous success of their festival last summer. That Indian congress stands out in club annals as a scintillating example of what women can do—when they will.

From the decisive tenor of the ladies' decision to improve San Jose, the men had better get into line; 'tis so much "gracefuller" to slip in now, at the start, than to be whipped in later, for what politician — or other mere man—could hope to hold out against the organized will of such women as guide the destinies of this club?

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The Wimodausis Club has been making good progress along cultural lines this winter, making analyses of characters in the best modern fiction. Along these lines some really clever papers have been presented.

For the month of March the club will discuss "The Turkish Question," and later "The Parties of Labor," by Wilkins, which will, of course, involve a ventilation of the subject of strikes, labor unions and carrelative topics.

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The following is an encouraging encomium upon the proselyting power of the Outdoor Art League, of which Mrs. Lovell White is president. The excerpt is from the Chicago Herald:

Just now the club women throughout the land are interested in gaining the interest in and "laying the wires" for the passage of the bill urging the preservation of the Calaveras big trees of California, through their purchase by the Government. The former bills, although approved by the public lands committee, have failed to secure a hearing in the House of Representatives. The present bill has been framed and the need of its passage urged by the big tree committee of the Outdoor Art League of California. The plea for interest and membership is set forth in these words:

The Outdoor Art League has resolved to make the preservation of the Calaveras groves a national affair. And to this end a council is being organized of influential men and women in each State, whose purpose is to aid in forming a strong congressional committee, whose duty shall be to act in conjunction with the California representatives in devising ways and means for securing the passage of the big tree bill. The Calaveras groves are the finest and most accessible of all the California groves of big trees, and are therefore the most valuable to scientists and for the enjoyment of the citizens of the world. Will you become a member of your State council and aid in forwarding the interests of the Calaveras big tree bill?

Some of the facts sent out in the summary about the trees, which have caused the crusade against their destruction, are contained in the report of the division of forestry, and are interesting, not only to those who are Californians, but to all Americans who have visited these wonderful groves, and, in fact, to all who feel a national pride in the preservation of any natural gifts to the land:

1. The dimensions of the big tree are unequaled.
2. The age of the big tree makes it the oldest thing living.
3. The majestic beauty of the big tree is unique and world renowned.
4. It now exists only in ten isolated groves on the west slope of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, and nowhere else in the world.
5. The Mariposa Grove is to-day the only one of consequence which is completely protected.
6. Most of the scattered groves of big trees are privately owned and therefore in danger of destruction.
7. Lumbering is rapidly sweeping them off; forty mills and logging companies are now at work wholly of in part upon big tree timber.
8. The southern groves show some reproduction, through which there is hope of perpetuating these groves; in the northern groves the species hardly holds its own.
9. The species represents a surviving prehistoric genus of trees once growing widely over the globe.

Councils have been formed in twenty-two States, and club women in every State are actively engaged in advocating the passage of the bill, as are scientists and prominent men everywhere. Eight State federations and many chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution have indorsed the bill and written letters urging its passage. The California Art League is an affiliated society of the Women's Auxiliary and American Park and Outdoor Art Association. Mrs. Charles F. Millspaugh is the chairman of the Illinois council advocating the passage of the bill, and the present members are:

Mesdames John C. Ames, George T. Banzet, F. E. Bowes, Orville T. Bright, Helen S. Gage, Wilmette; Herman J. Hall, Charles Henrotin, R. H. Kauffman, Oregon; A. E. McCrea, John O'Connor, for the Woman's Club; Matthew Scott, Bloomington; J. R. Webster, Monmouth; Gertrude B. Welty, Bloomington.

Messrs. Edward E. Ayer, Frank C. Bray, C. T. D. Goodspeed, Carter H. Harrison, Jens Jenson, William Kent, H. H. Kohlsaat, Robert R. Peattie, Dwight H. Perkins, E. C. Routzahn, Martin A. Ryerson, J. C. Shaffer, O. S. Simonds, Edwin Erle Sparks, General J. C. Black, Judge H. V. Freeman, Dr. W. R. Harper, Dr. E. J. James, Dr. C. F. Millspaugh, Judge R. Tuthill.

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The Pacific Coast Women's Press Association, Mrs. Pinney president, held a delightful meeting on February 7, when Miss Rose O'Halloran, the famous astronomer, talked to the members and guests of the wonderful mysteries of the heavens. With simple dramatic power, Miss O'Halloran told the story she loves so well, explaining, in layman's language, many of the recent discoveries.

On Monday, February 28, at 8 o'clock, the association will entertain at a "colonial evening."

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The Irving Club held its regular meeting on February 18, when a programme of much interest, likewise much cleverness, was presented by Mrs. Ellis Parrish, Miss Myrtle Lieb and Mrs. John Reed. On March 3 the programme will be in charge of Miss Whittaker.

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The California State Floral Society held its monthly meeting on Friday last. The principal event was the reading of a paper, "My First Visit to the Black Forest," by Mrs. L. O. Hodgkins. Mrs. J. R. Martin, chairman of the exhibition committee, reported an encouraging outlook for the spring flower show, which, by the way, will be given a month earlier than any flower show heretofore given. About forty exhibitors have already applied for space. The tickets are now ready for distribution.

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The Mills Club gave a reception today at its clubrooms, on California street, in honor of its birthday. In a charming bower of greenery and yellow blossoms, Mrs. McGauley, the president, extended greetings, assisted by the following named:

Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Easton, Mrs. Wolff and Mrs. Bates, vice presidents; Miss Casebolt, recording secretary; Miss Hewes, corresponding secretary; Miss Unger, treasurer; Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Litchfield, Miss Dennman, Miss Fischer and Miss Coleman, directors; Mrs. W. Eastman, chairman; Mrs. A. Sutton, Mrs. Harmon, Mrs. W. Spire, Mrs. J. Homer Fritch, Mrs. C. Wetwore, Mrs. A. J. Benjamin, Mrs. John Wallice, Mrs. Charles Youngberg, Miss C. Hawley and Miss Fewsier.

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The California International Sunshine Society, Miss Mabel Adams Ayer president, has been going about on its quiet way, dispensing tangible sunshine in the guise of physical comforts. The following is a list of State officers:

Miss Mabel Adam Ayer, president; Mrs. John F. Merrill, honorary president; Mrs. George W. Caswell, State treasurer; Miss Cecile Rogers, corresponding secretary; Miss Meta Stofen, recording secretary; board of directors, Mrs. George J. Bucknall, Mrs. Isadore Burns, Mrs. Josephine Morris de Greayer, Mrs. J. W. Ruggles, Mrs. Robert J. Burdette, Mrs. John H. Jewett, Mrs. Washington Ayer, Mrs. Florence Collins Porter, Mrs. Ella M. Sexton, Judge R. B. Carpenter, Judge T. B. McFarland, W. A. Worthington and Dr. S. T. Harrison.

That was a red letter day at the Forum Club last Wednesday, when Wadsworth Harris of the James-Warde company entertained the members by giving interpretations from Shakespeare. Yes, they were interpretations worthy of the name—and, let it be known, Mr. Harris knows his Shakespeare. Aside from the plays of the Bard of Avon he read from the works of Eugene Field, Rudyard Kipling, Joaquin Miller and other writers. Mr. Harris won much hearty applause from this appreciative club. Before the readings Mrs. Artemus Fletcher rendered two vocal solos, which were well received. She was accompanied on the piano by Miss Adams.

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The sale of the stock of pianos we purchased from the Zeno Mauvais Music Company will soon terminate. So many of our own makes of pianos have arrived that we are blockaded, and what pianos remain unsold in a very few days of the lot we purchased from the Mauvais Company will be sent to our different branch stores—Sacramento, San Jose, Fresno, Eureka and San Diego. Consequently the time will soon be up when you can get a real good piano for about half what it is worth.

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We have sold a great many of these pianos since we started this sale. We have told the public that we were offering magnificent upright pianos, such as Behr Bros., Baumeister, Wissner, Schubert and others, on easy payments at almost half the price they have been sold for heretofore.

We have a new upright piano, fully guaranteed by us, which we are now offering for $90, one for $115, another and still better one $130 and from this price on up. Simplex Piano-Players, the few that remain unsold, we propose to close out for $175. But there are not many left.

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In a few days all these strange makes of pianos that do not properly belong to our warerooms will be taken off our floor to make room for our regular line—the Everett, Steck, Hardman, Packard, Ludwig, Conover, Price & Teeple, Smith & Barnes, etc.

Along with the Mauvais lot of pianos which we are selling for about half-price we offer a number of second-hand pianos that have accumulated—some standard makes, notably the Knabe, Chickering, Fischer and a lot of squares, from $25 up. Some organs for about half their usual price, and some nickel-in-the-slot Electric Pianos, regular price $750, which we are closing out at half-price to cash buyers.

This sale will terminate very soon now, and in order to accommodate the buying public our warerooms will be open evenings until the termination of this sale.

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RABBI SPEAKS TO UNITARIANS

Dr. J. Voorsanger Occupies the Rev. Mr. Leavitt's Pulpit and Delivers a Powerful Sermon

Rabbi Voorsanger occupied the pulpit at the First Unitarian Church yesterday afternoon in the absence of the Rev. Bradford Leavitt, who preached at Stanford University. There was a large congregation and the subject chosen by Rabbi Voorsanger was "The Protesting Influence of Propheticism." The rabbi said:

It is certainly a remarkable fact that the idealism of the prophets of Israel had been able to maintain itself, despite the denial of its integrity by every successive civilization. However highly the Jew thought of the basic principles of his religion, it is certain that the nations surrounded these principles with suspicion.

Palestine is but one-thirteenth the size of California and is surrounded by nations each of which has played an important role in the history of the world. There were Phoenicia and Syria on the north, Assyria on the northeast, Babylonia on the southeast and mighty Egypt on the southwest.

In later times the handful of Jews in Palestine was fronted by Greece and still later by the world force of Rome.

To say to all these mighty empires, each representing a distinct phase in human civilization, that their culture rested on false premises and that, therefore it would be swallowed up in the evolution of the ages, appears like supererogation, an expression of arrogance for which, I fear, the world has never forgiven the Jew. And yet history is but the story of the decline of those empires and of the vindication of prophetical ideals which is attested by the national records of the Jew to the dignity of an international literature.

In the application of these ideals we come to the conclusion that as long as civilization consists of the mere manifestation of physical and mental energies it cannot endure.

PROPHETICISM'S TEACHING.

Propheticism holds that happiness exists in the harmony of spiritual and physical energy. It preaches the constitutional character of peace as precedent to an acknowledgment of God.

Whenever war exists the world usually cross-examines its own belief in God. War is inconsistent with any belief in God. Peace is not the stagnancy of undeveloped conditions, but the harmony of divinity and humanity. As long, therefore, as war and all other passions continue to exist the world in the prophetic aspect needs the continuance of that manifestation by which God is cognizant in human affairs. In other and briefer words, God is not great enough yet, humanely speaking. When he will be the ideals of the prophets will become the constitution of mankind and civilization will represent the complete harmony of God and man.

WARNS THE ANGLO-SAXON.

And in this respect a word of caution might be addressed to the great Anglo-Saxon race. Barely 4,000,000 in the time of Queen Elizabeth, it now represents 10 per cent of the population of the earth, or 140,000,000, mainly contained within the two countries that stand in history for the maintenance of doctrines by which man has attained to his true dignity—the doctrines of freedom of conscience and government by the people. But is it not natural that in the manifestation of its physical forces this tremendous race should seek to dominate the earth because of the natural manifestation of its inherent strength?

In the inevitable conflicts of the future, the Anglo-Saxon will match and measure his strength with other dominant races, because history proves that only one race can be dominant on the face of the earth at any one time. For that very reason the greatest need of this powerful race at the present time is its gentle subordination to the processes by which it may promote the harmony of its spiritual and physical energies lest in the arrogant assertion of its physical prowess and its mere love of dominancy it undermine its own vitality and so prepare the time when its history, instead of being a witness of God on earth, will be a mere chapter in archaeology spelled in the hieroglyphics of a dead and departed people.

FAVORITISM IS CHECKED IN THE NAVY

Secretary Moody has decided not to assign to duty in Washington, except in a few unusual cases, officers who have within late years had shore details at the capital. He has directed the Bureau of Navigation to refer all applications for such duty to him. This new rule will meet with almost general approval by naval officers and it strikes a blow at the so-called "Washington navy," that will seriously affect its individual members. It was the custom for many years for a few chosen officers to regularly return to Washington after a cruise at sea. Walker, Ramsay, Pythian, Luce, Bradford and Crowninshield thus established and continued an oligarchy, the aims of which was personal comfort and power, and officers who did not belong to this coterie had to take such shore duty as the others did not want. Much of the ill feeling in the navy between the line and staff corps owes its origin to the practice of continuing one particular set of officers on duty in Washington. The agitation for increase of pay, rank and additional power has emanated from the Washington navy, and its latest attempt to usurp the powers of the Secretary of the Navy by the creation of a general staff has probably prompted Mr. Moody to go to the root of the evil by disbanding the shore navy in Washington.

There was only one bid presented at Washington January 30 for the construction of a drydock at the New York navy yard. The offer was $1,082,246, and as the appropriation is only $1,000,000, the bid was rejected. The Navy Department has not yet decided whether it will advertise for further proposal. An appropriation of $200,000 was made for this dock on June 7, 1900, and if the Bureau of Yards and Docks should decide to readvertise for bids, the work, if finally contracted for, would not be under progress until next June, after a delay of five years, notwithstanding the fact that large docks are greatly needed in our navy yards.

TO RELIEVE SHIPBUILDERS.

Senator Lodge has introduced a bill for the relief of eleven shipbuilding firms which, under contracts of 1898, built sixteen destroyers and twelve torpedo-boats for the United States navy at such insufficient prices as to entail great losses to the builders. Senator Hale indorses the bill and has presented a statement of alleged facts relating to these boats, which statement has been prepared by Mr. Bowles, recently chief constructor of the United States navy but now employed by the Fore River Company, and also acting as claim agent for the applicants for relief. As stated in The Call last week, the destroyers were contracted for at an average price of $281,750, and the torpedo boats at $152,921. A naval board convened in February, 1902, to ascertain the actual cost of the boats obtained statements from ten firms giving the requisite information, and on April 2, 1902, recommended that the contractors be paid one-half of the losses incurred, and Secretary Long referred the matter to Congress, with the following explanation: "It appears * * * that the plans and specifications furnished by the department to the contractors for the building of these boats, and which were based upon the most successful local and foreign experience, were not impracticable and admitted of the production by development, with the application of skill and experience, of successful boats, but with a narrow margin." This important contention by Mr. Long refutes the statement of Mr. Bowles that the "evident defects in the department's design rendered them impossible of execution." The chief causes which led to the failure to come up to the required speed, the excess of cost and length of time were the absolute lack of knowledge of building torpedo-boats. Six of the contracting firms had never built such vessels, and only the Union Iron Works, Bath Iron Works, Columbian Iron Works, Gas Engine Company and the Harlan and Hollingsworth firms had had some experience in that line.

CONTRACTORS TO BLAME.

Nevertheless, the inexperienced contractors offered to build faster boats than the department asked for and at a less cost per ton than any previous boats had been built for. Seven of the destroyers and five torpedo boats were built on plans submitted by the contractors, for the failure of which they consequently became solely responsible, and in the sixteen boats built on department plans, where the margin was narrow, the specifications were not followed, and large increases in weight of material were made, with consequent increase in displacement, and where the boats were tried on the designed displacement the majority failed to come up to the speed contracted for and barely reached the modified requirement of a one-hour run at reduced speeds. The failure of the contractors to obtain material and the consequent delay in construction is another argument advanced for obtaining relief, but such an excuse would not be accepted by any private concern for non-fulfillment of contract and should carry no weight with Congress. Nevertheless, the bill of relief, involving a gift of $2,695,450, including $539,600 to the Bath Iron Works, is pretty sure to pass, as the contractors and their suffering bondsmen and financial backers are located in seven States, and are able to bring the requisite influence to bear on their Representatives in Congress. The annexed table shows the financial statement regarding twenty-five of the destroyers and torpedo boats. In order to make it clear it should be explained that the column of cost to the contractors is that presented by the several builders. Thus, while the Columbian Iron Works took a contract for $168,000, it expended, it is said, $264,247, sustaining a loss of $96,247, and Congress is asked to give the concern $66,300, as a partial relief from its losses through inexperience and lack of business capacity. The following is the statement:

CONTRACTORS.	Num. of Boats	Contract Price.	Cost to Contractors.	Loss to Contractors.	Contractors to be Allowed.
Columbian Iron Works	1	$168,000	$264,247	$96,247	$66,300
Fore River Company	2	562,500	864,191	302,191	186,400
Gas Engine Company	2	428,000	671,053	243,053	170,500
Harlan & Hollingsworth	2	582,000	809,595	227,595	166,400
Lawley & Son	2	318,800	502,974	184,174	129,800
Maryland Steel Company	3	838,000	1,240,934	382,934	254,600
Neafie & Levy	3	849,000	1,153,625	304,625	273,600
Nixon, Lewis	2	330,000	557,654	227,654	118,600
Trigg Company	5	969,250	1,551,117	641,867	512,050
Union Iron Works	3	855,000	1,066,601	211,601	267,600
Total	25	$5,860,050	$8,681,391	$2,821,341	$2,155,850

Accused of Stealing Clothes.

George Frederick Brown, 822 Sixth street, was in a saloon at 398 Sixth street early yesterday morning and left his overcoat and two parcels containing clothing and laundry on a chair. Thomas McKenna appropriated the articles and was arrested for petty larceny.

Only Fraction of Week Remains to Social World for Ceremonious Entertainment, but Quiet Recreation Will Dispel Ennui.

At last the lengthening shadows of Lent are upon us—but a fraction of a week remains to the social world for formal functions.

While with the advent of Ash Wednesday formal affairs cease to be, card parties, bowling parties, auto rides and even "telephone" luncheons are entirely within the legitimate limit. These really are necessary to the well-being of the busy hostess, to whom complete cessation would mean discontent. But blessed is Lent for the rest it brings.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Mrs. R. Cohn of 1213 Webster street announces the engagement of her daughter Ella to Harry D. Rosenberg. They will receive Sunday, February 21, from 2 to 5 o'clock.

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The engagement is announced of Miss Tessie Meyer to Joseph Joseph.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Klarnet announce the engagement of their daughter Ray to Henry Cohen, both of this city.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. Charmak of 1936 Post street announce the engagement of their daughter Celia to Allan White of Oakland.

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The engagement is announced of Mrs. R. Abraham to I. Lessman.

WEDDINGS.

Miss A. Adeline Smith and John A. Percy were married Wednesday evening last at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. A. Smith, 1010 Dolores street, the Rev. Father Griffin officiating. Miss May Smith, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor and James Madison Long Jr. attended the groom. The young couple were united in wedlock in an arbor of eucalyptus blossoms hung with numerous pink bells. In the dining-room the color scheme was yellow. At the bride's table the decorations were white and at the end of the table shaded to a deep yellow. A large quantity of yellow acacias were used.

The bride's gown was a white silk applique robe over chiffon and taffeta. She carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley. The bride's attendant wore a pink crepe de chine, with white lace, and carried pink carnations. The only jewel worn by the bride was a diamond brooch, a gift of the groom.

After a trip to the south, Mr. and Mrs. Percy will reside at the Palace.

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Miss Esther Halloran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Halloran, and Percy Louis Peters were quietly married Saturday, January 30. Mr. and Mrs. Peters are residing at 1440 O'Farrell street.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Heinbach of Chico announce the marriage of their eldest daughter, Mae, to Claus Jensen, eldest son of Mrs Franziska Hirsch and the late Fritz Jensen.

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Miss Rose Fischler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Fischler, and Jack Harris were united in wedlock last night at the Synagogue Keneseth Israel on Russ street, between Howard and Folsom. Miss Dora Fischler served as maid of honor, while Miss Minna Harris, Miss Sadie Davis and the Misses Annie and Bessie Cole were bridesmaids. Pete Henschel acted as best man and Robert Barth, Morris Harris, Max Cohen and Julius Fischler were ushers.

This was the first wedding ceremony performed in the Keneseth Israel Synagogue.

CLUB PARTIES.

C. L. A. S. No. 2 is to give a euchre party at St. Charles Hall, 390 Shotwell street, this evening.

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At the last monthly musicale given by Mrs. Isidore Myers, the following contributed to the afternoon's programme: Mandolin solo by Miss Fredericka Ellingworth; vocal solos from "Trovatore" by Miss Stella Samson; pianoforte selections, Miss Eva Stern. The programme was pronounced a highly artistic success and the contributors were the recipients of many hearty encores.

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At the annual meeting of the Ladies' United Hebrew Benevolent Society, held February 3, the following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. P. N. Aronson; vice president, Mrs. M. Davidson; treasurer, Mrs. M. L. Asher; secretary, Mrs. H. Lippman; trustees—Mrs. L. Brenner, Mrs. J. Prescott, Mrs. Sol Getz, Mrs. W. Rosenberg, Mrs. L. Badt; councilmen—P. N. Aronson, Mark Green, B. Sheideman.

This society was established in 1855 and is the oldest organization of Hebrew ladies banded together in the cause of charity. It has expended $3500 during the last year in aiding the sick and needy.

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The ladies of the Deutscher Club will give a leap-year party at Golden Gate Hall Wednesday evening, February 17.

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The El Salero Cotillon Club gave a confetti party to club members on February 5 at Hinman's Hall, Twenty-first and Howard streets. The young gentlemen returned the compliments to the young ladies, who gave a leap-year party a month ago.

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Miss Jeannette Thomas and Fred Belton led the german and Rudolph Ginngg served as floor manager. As it was a confetti party, the usual formalities were laid aside at 11 o'clock and the hall resembled a variegated snow storm.

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The Ladies' Society of the St. Paul's German Evangelical Lutheran Church, corner of Eddy and Gough streets, will celebrate the tenth anniversary of the dedication of their church this afternoon and evening.

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Haven Circle No. 494, Women of Woodcraft, will give a leap year ball in Mission Opera Hall February 20. A good time is expected, as the committee has been working very hard to make it a success, socially as well as financially.

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This evening Young Ladies' Institute No. 7 will give a theater party in Alcazar Theater, in aid of its sick benefit fund. Under the guidance of its able and popular president, Lillian Byrns, the membership is rapidly increasing, and a large representation is anticipated at the next grand institute, which convenes in Vallejo in July.

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Several members of the California Women's Whist League bowled at the Jefferson Square Club last Wednesday and passed an enjoyable afternoon. The party included Mrs. Eugene Duffy, president of the league; Mrs. F. A. Linz, Mrs. W. A. Richardson, Mrs. Francis Young, Mrs. McCartney, Mrs. Christiesen and Mrs. James F. Osborne.

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A match game of bowling will take place at Jefferson Square Club next Thursday evening, February 18, at 8:30 o'clock.

The following high scores have been attained by bowlers at the Jefferson Square Club within the last week:

H. Middleton, 256, 245, 224, 213, 210; F. Mitchell, 232, 210; Mr. Burke, 235; Dr. Lawton, 225; Mr. Jenne, 218, 210, 201.

Among the ladies Miss Ethel Cooper has reached the scores of 176 and 174. Mrs. W. A. Richardson has made 168 in one game.

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The Susan B. Anthony Club has arranged a clever programme to celebrate the eighty-fourth birthday of Miss Anthony, to be held in Golden Gate Hall this afternoon at 2 p. m. Music and personal reminiscence will form part of the entertainment. The public is invited and especially all interested clubwomen.

HOME PARTIES.

Miss Nellie Besby was the guest of honor at the domino party given at her residence recently. The guests appeared in unique and original costumes, causing much merriment. At midnight a sumptuous repast was served, when all unmasked. Dancing was continued thereafter. Among those present were;

Mr. and Mrs. H. Besby, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. M. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. F. Rockstrok, Mr. and Mrs. J. Tracey, Mrs. Machfert, the Misses R. Berdahl, C. Besby, N. Besby, M. Burke, F. Murphy, M. Murphy, E. Healing, A. Sind, N. Malley, N. Suelfoin; the Messrs. O. Berdahl, A. Besby, E. Besby, J. Besby, W. Besby, C. F. Butte, O. Bronson, H. Cantina, L. Conroy, B. Harker, M. Mosley, J. McDonald, W. Radius, A. Skelter, A. Suelfoin, E. Suelfoin, O. Sunbaum, R. Vane.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Stern gave a delightful reception, dinner party and surprise last Tuesday evening, the 9th inst., to their relatives in honor of their elder son, Max Stern, celebrating his twenty-first natal day. Planned several weeks ago by his parents and friends, the affair was in the nature of a complete surprise to the young gentleman. The premises were decorated as a veritable garden of American Beauty roses, carnations and smilax. After the usual hearty felicitations the young people took possession of affairs and dancing and other amusements were kept up until a late hour. Supper was served during the evening, and was made enjoyable by the happy manner in which Samuel Rosenheim, as toast master, voiced the sentiments of those present in good wishes to the young man embarking upon the sea of life. Speeches were made by Mathias Meyer and others. The recipient of these kind attentions made a feeling address in response. Among those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rosenheim, Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Stern, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rothschild, Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Heller, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Boas, Miss Alice L. Kaufman of New Orleans, Max Stern, Miss Hannah Stern of Louisville, Miss Sadie Rothschild, Adolph Stern, Abraham L. Meyer, Miss Helen Stern of Port Costa, Samuel Stern, Isadore Stern, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Strauss, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stern and Robert Heller.

Mrs. John J. McElroy charmingly entertained at her home, 1637 Golden Gate avenue, Thursday evening in honor of Mrs. David Kelly (nee Coleman.) The parlors were beautifully decorated with ferns and flowers. During the early part of the evening the guests were entertained with musical selections, songs and recitations. Those seated at the table besides the hostess and Mr. and Mrs. David Kelly were:

John J. McElroy, Miss Lauretta Murphy, James Coleman, Miss Helen Blake, J. J. Murphy, Miss Gertrude Blake, Donald McKinnon, Miss Catherine Cantwell, Leo Blake, R. D. Blake, Miss Carmel McElroy and J. Leonard McElroy.

Miss Martha Ohlandt was hostess at a very enjoyable Valentine party on Thursday evening, February 11. Miss Ruby Stolz assisted her in receiving. The rooms were artistically decorated with flowers and festoons of hearts. Many excellent musical selections were rendered during the evening. Those present were:

Martha Ohlandt, Ruby Stolz, Bertha Noonerman, Sadie Dorr, Anna Ohlandt, Pearl Stolz, Lettie Dorr, Mabel Craig, Edna Craig, William Dorr, Ben Outsen, Albert Noonaman, Albert Winters, Milton Moenning, Arthur Outsen, Henry Ohlandt, O. T. Palmer and Mrs. Dorr.

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On Saturday evening, February 6, Miss E. Gibson was given a birthday party at the residence of her parents, 610 Tennessee street. Music and games were enjoyed until midnight when the guests repaired to the dining room. The following were present:

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gibson, Mrs. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. J. Baston, Mrs. and Miss Mabel Baston, F. Sabin, Miss E. Gibson, W. Sabin, the Misses S. C., E. and J. Plutt, T. J. Baston, Miss M. Baker, F. McCormick, Mrs. E. Petrie, F. Scoff, Mrs. G. Cheever, F. Cheever, J. Burnett, A. Baker.

PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Repsold, after residing two years in San Mateo, have returned to this city and are now located at 632 Cole street.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Brolly, late of Los Gatos, were passengers on the steamer Ventura, Apia, Samoa, being their destination. They go to join Mrs. Brolly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Dexter, formerly of Fruitvale, who made Apia their home about a year ago.

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A. Van der Naillen Jr., who is convalescing from a long siege of illness, has left for the south, accompanied by Mrs. R. Leo Van der Naillen, Miss Gladys Van der Naillen and Mrs. Loupy. They expect to travel through the south for several months.

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Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Gerber and son of Seattle are here on a visit and were at home yesterday afternoon at 2070 Mission street.

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Mrs. Sigmund Cahen, who recently left for a tour of the Eastern States, to be gone for several months, is at present with friends in New York City.

PLASTERER ACCIDENTALLY DROWNED IN THE BAY

Thomas Murphy Meets His Death While Preparing to Swim Out to Sailboat.

Thomas Murphy, a plasterer, 28 years of age, who lived at 524 Jessie street, was accidentally drowned in the bay at the foot of Webster street yesterday afternoon. Murphy and two friends, Jerry Knowles and Fred Renz, went to the wharf about 1 o'clock, intending to take a sail in a boat which was moored off the wharf.

They could not reach the line to pull the boat to the wharf and Murphy said he would swim out and get hold of the line. He disrobed and when walking down the landing at the end of the wharf to plunge into the water, his feet slipped from under him on the slimy surface and he fell backward, striking heavily on the back of his head. He rolled into the bay and disappeared from view.

His two friends gave an alarm and J. O'Rourke, 2924 Octavia street, and E. Kollinger, Bay and Webster streets, grappled for the body and recovered it in about an hour. The Coroner's office was notified and the body removed to the Morgue. Murphy was a single man.

Seized With Fatal Illness.

Dennis Harvey and two friends entered the restaurant at 1649 Devisadero street early yesterday morning and each ordered a steak. Before Harvey had finished his meal, he complained of feeling sick and went out to the sidewalk. He staggered and fell and was carried back into the restaurant. He was removed to the Park Emergency Hospital in a patrol wagon, but was dead when the vehicle arrived there. The body was taken to the Morgue. Harvey was an asbestos worker and lived at Third and Howard streets. Heart failure is supposed to have been the cause of death.

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