ASSEMBLY BALL GOES WITH ZEST THAT MAKES HOLIDAY FUNCTIONS A JOY.

BEVIES OF DEBUTANTES IN SMART FROCKS DANCE MERRILY TO THE STRAINS OF EXQUISITE MELODY

BY SALLY SHARP.

'Tis officially decided—10 o'clock's the correct hour to put in appearance at a ball. Ten, remember—dinner or no dinner. That's not the question.

That was the hour most of the smart maids and matrons of the Assembly stepped from their carriages last night into the warmth of the Palace court.

At half after the ball was in full sway.

Loads of nice men were available early, and "all was gay as a marriage-bell"—all save the vulnerable collars of the dancing men, which, alas! and alack! behaved shockingly. But most of the men of forethought had a relay of linen in their top coats' caverns. This saved the honor of the hour, and the men were not outshone by the maids in sweet and crisp attire. And such are the rewards of forethought!

The ballroom was fair to look upon last night, with its pungent pines and firs standing sentinels at every pillar.

The music came from a latticed bower, palm-hidden, and was alluring enough to tempt the chaperones to tap their dear little toes on the maple.

The following is the list of patronesses: Mrs. A. H. Voorhies, Mrs. Eleanor Martin, Mrs. W. A. McKittrick, Mrs. James Porter Langhorne, Mrs. William F. Herrin, Mrs. John D. Spreckels, Mrs. Bowman McCalla and Mrs. Frank Sullivan.

The absence from the receiving party of Mrs. Alfred Hunter Voorhies and Mrs. Bowman McCalla was much regretted, though Mrs. Coolidge graciously consented to assist in Mrs. Voorhies' absence.

At the midnight hour supper was served in the Maple room, where some mighty clever toasts were drunk in bumpers deep to the "glad new year."

Among the attractively gowned women were:

Miss Elsie Sperry, white chiffon, gold spangled, with medallions of blue forget-me-nots. Wreath of forget-me-nots.

Miss Helen Davis, pink flowered net over white silk.

Miss Maye Colburn, gown of black lace and jet.

Miss Alice Borel, white chiffon, embroidered in pansies over white satin.

Miss Sophie Borel, embroidered white Swiss over satin.

Miss Beatrice Fife, black-beaded lace.

Miss Maylita Pease, flowered chiffon over white satin, with point lace shoulder flounce.

Miss Alice Dray, black-spangled lace.

Miss Aileen Robinson, pale blue point d'esprit over blue silk.

Mrs. William Ede, white-spangled chiffon over white satin; ornaments of rubies and pearls.

Miss Cutter, white point d'esprit over white chiffon, with streamers and trimming of white daisies.

Miss Jessie McNab was most becomingly gowned in a pink embroidered chiffon over pink crepe, with ornaments of pearls.

Miss Edna Middleton was in pink chiffon.

Miss Elsie Clifford wore her dainty debutante gown of white point d'esprit over white silk and looked very sweet and girlish.

Miss Florence Cole wore a pink flowered grenadine, with ornaments of diamonds and pearls.

Mrs. Redmond Payne was attractively gowned in black lace, most becoming.

Miss Pearl Sabin wore a pompadour chiffon and Miss Irene Sabin was very dainty in a white embroidered chiffon with serpentine bands of white shirred satin.

Miss Turner, white chiffon satin, with necklace of rubies and pearls.

Mrs. Coolidge wore a handsome imported gown of white point d'esprit and lace, with medallions of forget-me-nots; ornaments, diamonds.

Miss Dorothy Dustan, a dotted silk mull, spangled with silver rose leaves.

Mrs. E. B. Grace was becomingly gowned in a violet point d'esprit over a violet silk with embroidered yoke of violets.

Miss Alice Treanor, pink flowered chiffon over silk.

Mrs. William Lemman (Helen Pettigrew) was strikingly handsome in a richly spangled black lace gown and a wide collar of pearls and ornaments of diamonds.

Miss Baggett, pink chiffon with imported applique design.

Miss Moss Rose wore a unique and beautiful robe of pale green point d'esprit over yellow chiffon, with medallions of pale green velvet.

Miss Blanche Southack was prettily dressed in white tulle over pink satin.

Mrs. Gaston Ashe was in a most becoming frock of white point d'esprit over white satin, with flounce of duchesse lace and wreath of red roses.

Mrs. Baggett, black velvet of duchesse lace.

Miss Violet Buckley wore a beautiful imported gown of pink chiffon embroidered in pink roses.

Mrs. Eleanor Martin, heavily jetted black lace over chiffon, and handsome diamond ornaments.

Miss Georgie Spieker was lovely in an imported Viennese gown.

Miss Maisie Langhorne was very pretty in finely tucked white satin chiffon.

Mrs. Krauthoff looked very handsome in pink chiffon with bands of white embroidered lace and girdle of Dresden silk. Diamonds and pearls.

Miss Elsa Draper was in a becoming white satin gown with lace flounces and strings of yellow roses. Mrs. Draper wore black chiffon and point lace and an exquisite pearl necklace.

THREE CHARMING MAIDS WHO DANCED AT THE ASSEMBLY AT THE PALACE HOTEL LAST NIGHT, TWO OF WHOM BELONG TO THE FASCINATING COTERIE OF THE WINTER'S DEBUTANTES.

LONDON SUBWAY NOT ABANDONED

Pierpont Morgan to Make Another Attempt to Put His Plans Into Effect

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—J. Pierpont Morgan's sixteen-mile electric underground railway scheme, which is to connect London with the counties of Essex and Herts, is not going to be abandoned, as it was supposed. Parliamentary notices will be served at the beginning of the new year and Parliament, when it meets in February, will be asked to grant the necessary powers to construct the proposed line.

The scheme will meet with the most determined opposition from existing railway companies whose train service touches the particular districts which the new "tube"—as they always call such railways here—would cover, but as most of the region is inhabited by the working classes it is believed that the government will agree that such a railway is a public necessity.

The promoters of the scheme fear the opposition of the London County Council most. This body, which governs municipal London, proposes to construct a system of electric street car lines through the same region, and it does not want Morgan's competition. But the views of the different public men in the districts affected have been canvassed by the Morgan people, who claim to have indications that the "tube" would be welcomed. All the material collected in this way will be placed before the Parliamentary committee, with which rests the fate of the scheme.

The plan was thrown out before chiefly on the ground that it was overcapitalized, so the capital is to be reduced this time to $35,000,000. There is a rumor that Sir Thomas Lipton is interested in the deal, but this cannot be confirmed.

SENATE OF COLORADO MAY BE EVENLY DIVIDED

Make-Up of the Upper House Depends Upon Supreme Court Decision.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 27.—The Supreme Court to-day heard an argument on the application of Dr. Michael Beshoar, Las Animas' Senatorial candidate, for leave to file an application for a writ of mandamus compelling the State Canvassing Board to count the returns as sent in, which show that Beshoar was elected. The Republicans have asked the State Canvassing Board to go behind the returns and give the certificate to Barrela, on the ground of alleged frauds in Trinidad in the interest of Beshoar. The decision of this case will apply also to the Boulder County Senatorial contest, which is of a similar nature.

If certificates be issued to the Democratic candidates shown to be elected on the face of the returns there will be a tie in the Senate, which will consist of seventeen Republicans and seventeen Democrats, one seat being vacant owing to the failure of Governor Peabody to call a special election for the choosing of a successor to the late Senator Buckley. Although the time for canvassing the returns expires to-morrow, the court did not announce its decision to-day on the mandamus proceedings.

Emmet May Acquitted.

HONOLULU, Dec. 21.—Emmet May, who came here from San Francisco two weeks ago to stand trial on a charge of embezzlement, was acquitted by a jury in Judge Robinson's court. May was accused of converting to his own use the sum of $1000, which came into his possession as trustee for Mrs. Bettencourt on an insurance policy.

PERSONAL.

J. Craig of Woodland is at the Grand.

William Shaw of Sacramento is staying at the Grand.

Governor and Mrs. Pardee are registered at the Palace.

Warren Crocker, a business man of Placerville, is at the Grand.

John McDonald and wife of Dawson arrived at the Palace yesterday.

Franklyn Leonard Sr., a mining man of Sutro, Nev., is at the Palace.

J. R. Prince, one of Tuolumne County's well known mining men, is at the Palace.

John Finnell, one of Tehama County's wealthiest ranchers, is registered at the Palace.

Harry H. Dryer and wife of New York are among the latest arrivals at the St. Francis.

H. Z. Osborne, United States Marshal for the Southern District of California, is at the Palace.

Among yesterday's arrivals at the Palace was Comte G. Vennutelle of Rome, who has been making a tour of this coast.

James R. McCracken, who is prominently identified with various big enterprises in Portland, and his wife are at the St. Francis.

Among the guests at the St. Francis are Mr. and Mrs. Gay Lombard of Portland, who were married in the latter city last Saturday.

L. Krause, a well known merchant of Portland, and his wife are in this city for a visit of several weeks and are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Adler at 527 Octavia street.

E. W. Gillett, general freight and passenger agent of the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake road, is at the Palace on his way to New York after spending Christmas with his family in Los Angeles.

Julius Kruttschnitt, director of maintenance and operations of the Harriman lines, is now in New Orleans and from there he will journey to this city, inspecting en route the lines of the Southern Pacific.

Jay Adams, Pacific Coast agent of the Nickel Plate road, who was one of the delegates to the recent annual meeting of the American Association of Traveling Passenger Agents in the City of Mexico, where he was elected president of the organization, returned to San Francisco yesterday.

Woman Shoplifter Caught.

Ione Morse, a young woman, was arrested yesterday by Special Policeman Allen and charged with petty larceny. The woman was caught in the act of stealing articles in the Emporium. Allen watched her take the goods, and when searched several articles were found in her possession. The woman wore a coat which had a large pocket, into which she would place her stealings. She says she is a dressmaker and gives her residence as Hinckley place.

We are told that a burned child dreads the fire, yet lots of widowers marry again.

RECORDS FILED IN FRUIT CASE

Appeal of Railroads From Wellborn's Decision to Be Heard by Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Voluminous records in the case of the Interstate Commerce Commission against the Southern Pacific, the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, the Santa Fe-Pacific Railway Company and the Southern California Railway were filed in the Supreme Court of the United States to-day. The litigation is known as the citrus fruit case, which was decided against the railroads by Judge Wellborn of the Ninth Circuit last September. The companies then appealed to the Supreme Court.

Shippers of fruit from Southern California complained to the Interstate Commerce Commission that the railroads insisted they had the right to route fruit shipments over Eastern roads of their own selection. The commission decided that the shippers had the right to select the routes over which their shipments should be made. The railroads also were ordered to display to the public their rates for the transportation of fruits. The Circuit Court sustained these orders.

PRESCOTT PROBABLY WILL BE SPEAKER OF ASSEMBLY

Stanton Withdraws From Contest. Senator Wolfe Has Support of the Southern Solons.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27. — Unless there is a stronger candidate in the north, and that is not considered likely, Frank C. Prescott will be Speaker of the Assembly at the coming session of the Legislature. Phil A. Stanton, who had practically the entire Southern California members lined up for him, has virtually withdrawn from the contest and with Stanton out of it the southern members will support Prescott.

Stanton expects to be chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and the party leader upon the floor of the lower house.

The Southern California Senators will almost to a man support Senator Wolfe of San Francisco for president pro tem. of the Senate.

Fairbanks Initiated by Masons.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 27.—Senator Charles W. Fairbanks, Vice President-elect, was initiated into the secrets of Masonry to-day. The initiation was made the occasion of one of the most notable gatherings of Masons ever held in Indiana.

BARD AND FLINT ARE FOREMOST

Statesmen From Los Angeles Claim Forty-Six Votes for Their Candidate

ADVANCE GUARD IS HERE

Organization Has Given No Sign of Interference in the Senatorial Contest

Governor George C. Pardee came in from Sacramento last evening and will leave the city to-day for San Jose to attend the educational convention.

Frank P. Flint of Los Angeles, one of the leading candidates for United States Senator, arrived from the south yesterday and will remain here to exchange views with statesmen and others until next Saturday or Sunday, when he will leave for Sacramento. Leo Youngwood and Dr. Balch are with Mr. Flint. Eight or ten progressive citizens of the southland will arrive in San Francisco to-morrow and proceed immediately to the agreeable duty of sounding the praises of the Los Angeles aspirant for Senatorial honors.

All signs point to a remarkably active campaign in Sacramento in behalf of Mr. Flint. The aspirant himself seems confident of success. When asked last evening for an estimate of his strength he replied:

I expect forty-six votes on the first ballot, independent of any support from the organization. If the strength of the organization comes to me on the first ballot I will be elected. If it goes to some other candidate the contest will be prolonged.

In the Bard camp there seems to be growing confidence that the Senator will be re-elected. The claim is advanced that Bard will get at least forty-two votes on the first ballot. E. O. Gerberding, who is paying attention to the political interests of Senator Bard, will be here to-morrow. There is an impression that the Senator will be in Sacramento early next week, but at last accounts Mr. Gerberding had not received definite information on this point.

Estimates as to the strength of Henry T. Oxnard and George A. Knight vary. There is gossip to the effect that Oxnard will get twenty votes at the outset. It is said that George Knight will register a voting strength of at least eight on the first ballot. Politicians would not be surprised if the figure reached fourteen.

The sentiment is widespread in Republican camps that the Senatorship belongs to the south, not on geographical grounds, but on the basis of good party politics. The stalwart adhesion of southern Republicans to the party ticket in the State campaign of 1902 elected Governor Pardee. It is remarked that the other United States Senator, George C. Perkins, the Cabinet Minister, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Controller and Attorney General hail from Northern California, hence it is fair and just that Senator Bard's successor should be named by the Southern California Republicans.

The organization is supposed to derive its strength from the desires of the Senators and Representatives in Congress, and from the Governor of the State and other Republican leaders. The Southern Pacific's political bureau wields more or less power in affairs connected with the organization and gives expression to its desires through agents appointed to confer with legislators. Local leaders, such as Ruef, Riordan, Ach, Lynch and Postmaster Fisk, affiliate with the organization and accept the programme.

The organization has not yet announced its candidate for Senator, and the opinion is expressed that no programme will be issued. A well-posted, old-time programmer says:

The Senatorship is in the air so far as the railroad people and others of the organization are concerned. The rumor that the railroad has decided against Bard is not plausible. Such a decision would provoke the hostility of Bard's supporters without giving strength to any other candidate. It is my impression that the contest is between Bard and Flint. If the fight is prolonged Oxnard may develop considerable strength. The organization may decide to keep hands off.

TEACHERS OF CALIFORNIA.

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the High School," Professor Hermann Kower, University of California; "Some Drawing Problems," Miss Shirley Charles, Palo Alto; "What Monterey Is Doing," C. H. Meeker, Monterey; "The Relative Worth of the Manual Arts in Education," D. R. Augsburg, Oakland; "Manual Training in the San Jose Normal School," E. R. Snyder, San Jose; "Map Making," Walter J. Kenyon, San Francisco Normal; "The Drawing Course Approved by the State of Massachusetts" (illustrated by a set of drawings), Professor A. B. Clark; "The Conditions of Developing Special Teachers of Drawing and Manual Training in Every School," Professor David S. Snedden, Stanford University.

MUSIC SECTIONS.

The Music Section was a great attraction for the teachers. Besides the papers a fine musical programme was given. Mrs. L. V. Sweesy of Berkeley was chairman and Miss Emily Dodge of Stockton secretary. The programme was as follows:

Chorus, "Our Jack" (Trotre), Boys' Glee Club, Palo Alto High School; solo, "The Swallows" (Cowen), Miss Ethel Sherman Jones, Berkeley; address, "What Loss Do Students Sustain Who Do Not Have Music in Their Schools?" Mrs. Kate C. Wood, Elko, Nev.; chorus, "Up Sailor Boy" (Bullard), Girls' Glee Club, Palo Alto High School; chorus, "The Nights" (Roberti), Girls' Glee Club, Palo Alto High School; address, "Rhythm From the Child's Point of View," Mrs. Gertrude Parsons, Los Angeles High School; solo, "Because" (D'Hardelot), C. G. Maturda, San Francisco; violin solo; a round table was led by F. F. Jeffers, Palo Alto, assisted by Mr. Schemmell, San Jose Normal; Mrs. Lester, Supervisor of Music, Sacramento; Miss Emily Dodge, Supervisor of Music, Stockton; Miss Ida Fisher, Supervisor of Music, Alameda.

LOOSE LEGISLATION.

The County Board of Education Organization had an interesting session this morning. P. M. Fisher of Oakland was chairman and A. A. Bailey of Martinez secretary. "The Certification of Teachers" was the title of an instructive paper read by Mark Keppel, County Superintendent of Schools of Los Angeles County. He referred to the loose legislation by which both county and State boards of education were organized and said that any bright lawyer could close them out—the county board in about thirty days and the State board in thirty minutes. He held that the State board should be required to show the basis upon which it granted special credentials for high school certificates. This should be for the information of county boards. He recommended that superintendents should have as much power in granting temporary certificates as has the State board. He also recommended that power to examine for high school certificates be restored to county boards, for the opportunity ought to be given every teacher to get a high school certificate if he or she wants it without being compelled to attend a university. He also favored the restoration of the power of county boards to issue special certificates in the languages and other subjects.

The other questions considered were:

"Composition of County Boards," James B. Davidson, San Rafael; "Relation of County Boards to High Schools," E. H. Walker, Hanford; "Promotion and Graduation of Pupils," W. A. Kirkwood, Martinez; "Compensation, Mileage, Expenses, etc.," E. B. Wright, Stockton; "Legislation," W. L. Willis, Sacramento.

ETHICS DISCUSSED.

The California Council of Education met this afternoon. President E. C. Moore presiding. The committee on professional ethics reported. Chairman Van Liew was absent and Professor Miller of the Chico Normal School read the report. A committee, with Professor Miller as chairman, was appointed to draw up a set of resolutions embodying the recommendations of the report.

The teaching of reading was reported on orally by T. L. Heaton, the chairman. He showed the great improvement made in reading in the last fifteen years and explained the plan of teaching. Professor Jenkins of Stanford and City Superintendent Wells took part in the discussion.

The committee on county institutes, of which E. M. Cox is chairman, reported. The report recommends that the institute be continued, as it is a great benefit to teachers.

H. M. Bland, chairman of a committee appointed by the Schoolmen's Club of this city to investigate the new high school law, reported, recommending that the Legislature change the law so as to lift the burden of taxation from high school districts. The report was adopted.

The election of officers went over until to-morrow morning.

The teachers' institutes of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Mateo and San Benito counties and Berkeley met to-day and organized and then adjourned to attend the sessions of the organization's meeting.

WOMEN SLAVES BROUGHT HERE FROM HONOLULU

Regular Company of Japanese Said to Be Operating Between Islands and San Francisco.

HONOLULU, Dec. 21.—Hawaii Shinpo, a local Japanese paper, says that there is a regular company of Japanese operating between here and San Francisco, which sends women from here to San Francisco to hold them there in virtual slavery. According to the Japanese paper the passports required here by the steamship companies by departing passengers are used over and over again and command regular prices. The Shinpo says that there has been an unusual movement of women to San Francisco lately.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 27.—John Guy, foreman of bricklayers, was burned to death and five others seriously injured in an explosion to-day in furnace J of the Edgar Thomson plant of the Carnegie Steel Company at Braddock.

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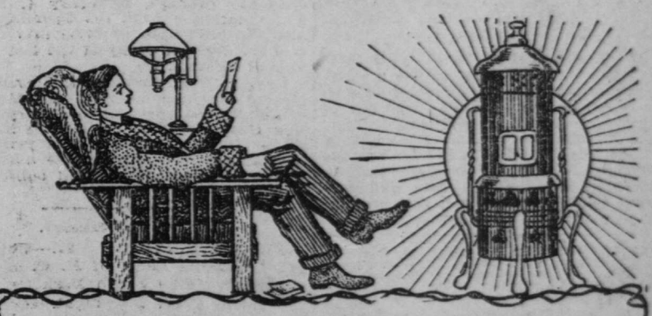

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