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Form New Improvement Club.
The Golden Gate Valley Improvement Club was formed on Monday night and the following officers were elected: President, S. Wray; vice president, A. E. Kilnert; secretary, H. F. Zecher; treasurer, L. M. Zimmerman; sergeant at arms, Charles Fernmuth; executive board—F. M. Koch, M. Mulcahy, P. F. Chell, C. A. Mohaupt, P. F. Sieburg, Herbert Schmitz and P. N. Murphy.

READY TO BUY DREDGE MINES

R. D. Evans, Boston's multi-millionaire, who furnished the bulk of the capital for developing the vast dredging properties in the Oroville mining district, arrived here yesterday from the East and is registered at the St. Francis Hotel. Evans has come to San Francisco in connection with one of the biggest mining deals that has ever been undertaken in California. It concerns the consolidation of what is commonly known as the W. P. Hammon properties at Oroville and the probable sale of them to an English syndicate, representatives of which have been on the ground for several weeks.

When W. P. Hammon first undertook the development of the dredging interests near Oroville he readily appreciated the value of the lands and the need of large sums of money to carry on the work. From Evans, who proposed great faith in Hammon's judgment, the necessary financial assistance was quickly obtained, and in a very few years there has been created at Oroville a mining industry that now includes the enterprises of a dozen companies, representing, as a whole, the third largest interest in California, the greater ones being the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe railroads systems.

Recently representatives of several big British syndicates journeyed to California for the purpose of looking over the dredging properties, and within a few weeks after their arrival it became known to a few that these mining experts were quietly negotiating for options on not only the Hammon properties but those of other and smaller companies. They were working in the interest of different syndicates and finally succeeded in getting options on the majority of the properties. In view of the fact that no one of them had been able to secure a majority of the lands, negotiations were begun between these foreign representatives with a view of settling who should get all the options granted. Matters were finally adjusted and the work of consolidation proceeded.

According to the present plans, it is proposed to group the properties and then sell them as one concern to the Britishers. This work, it is learned from a reliable source, has progressed most satisfactorily and the ultimate consummation of the well-planned big deal, involving millions of dollars, is said to be now assured. Among the properties that are said to be sought by the British syndicate's representatives are the Boston and Oroville, the El Oro and the Central, the Butte, the Indiana, the Pennsylvania, the American and a number of smaller dredger companies' lands. Hammon and Evans are interested in the majority of these and this fact is responsible for the present visit of Evans to this city. He will hold a conference later in the week with experts who have been examining the lands.

It is also reported that Evans, who practically controls the Yuba Consolidated Goldfield Company's big property on the Yuba, has received an offer for this property from an English source, but has been advised by John Hays Hammond, the famous mining engineer, not to sell. The Yuba property is capitalized for \$12,000,000 and is regarded as one of the richest dredging properties in the world. It is believed that the English syndicates will renew their offers for it and that in a few months it will be following the other dredger properties near Oroville into the control of foreign concerns.

YOSEMITE VALLEY.
Yosemite waterfalls are finest in the first part of the season, and those who desire to see them at their best should go early. The Southern Pacific route via the famous Mariposa Big Trees is now open, with sleeping-car service to Raymond, leaving San Francisco daily at 10:30 p. m. The route is believed to be the best. Folder and full particulars at 613 Market street, San Francisco.

BURGERS GET SMALL RETURNS.—Burgers broke into the Gamsoni glove house at 12 o'clock on Monday morning, but the only things missing were an umbrella and a hammer. Entrance was effected by breaking a pane in the rear door leading into the repair shop. Mrs. Annie Curran's residence, 31 Erie street, was entered and \$1 stolen from a bureau drawer in one of the bedrooms.

CIVIC DUTY 'RED FEATHER'

So Says Fairfax H. Wheelan in an Address Delivered Before the Local Y. M. C. A.

DUTY OF THE ELECTORS

Sees Danger to the Nation in Growth of Great Monster Urban Corruption

Fairfax H. Wheelan spoke last night before the Young Men's Christian Association on "The Making of a City." Many gray-haired men sat amid the throng of younger ones, and the approval of Mr. Wheelan's denunciation of the monster, graft, and his declaration that the only weapon for the extermination of that monster is civic activity on the part of the better class of citizens. Applause came frequently during the address.

Secretary McCoy of the association introduced Mr. Wheelan as "the terror of hoodlums and graft, whose name was honored in every decent home in San Francisco," and said that the fact that he was a classmate of President Roosevelt was enough to commend him and his utterances to any body of American citizens.

"One of the forces that help make cities is this very Y. M. C. A.," said the speaker. "No city can stand without law and order. The reason the Y. M. C. A. can help is that it makes good citizens." Mr. Wheelan spoke in part as follows:

No city is better than its people. Some are a good deal worse. I might mention one not far away, but that would not be modest, and we people of San Francisco are noted for our modesty.

In a democracy, if the rulers of a city are below the average virtue and intelligence of the whole people, there is one cause and that is that the people are not alive to their duty. This is a truth of the sort that all good people should pin in their hearts.

CITIES A MODERN GROWTH.
Our cities are a modern growth—the latest product of civilization, the triumph of genius and the work of humanity. We can't get any better ideas of the elevation of man than by a comparison of the ancient and the modern cities. In those of ancient times the streets were narrow, unpaved and unweeded, and there was no sewerage. The houses had no ventilation. In Berlin, in 1841—and London and Paris were little better—there were pigsties on the streets. If they had been born in those days he would have rented out the privilege of maintaining these sties and obtaining good rents. There was no gas in the failure to sweep the streets, though, as there was no cleaning fund then.

Improvement came late. In London it was not till 1831 that they had an underground sewer. In 1855 there was not a good pavement nor a broad, convenient street there.

The modern city is our production and our problem. Every age has its problem and this is ours. To use the street phrase, we must "make good" or be disgraced—acknowledge that we are unable to help in the progress we must admit that our forefathers led us up to the point where we could not continue the march; that we have no genius and no capacity to make life better with the living.

The importance of the problem is increasing every day. The population of cities is rising and threatening ruin to free institutions. This increase has been the most rapid in the last century, and it continues. By the present ratio until 1920 there will be 10,000,000 people in the world. In the United States Jefferson and other great men feared the effect of the growth of the large cities. Were they to see the present ratio, they would be appalled. You are at the danger point now. The steam is up to the full, and some of the worst characters in the nation are sitting squat on the safety valve.

Self-government is a success in the rural districts and a failure in the cities. When we go to do when city politics holds domination? What kind of administration will that be for a government which is given by the people, that maintains dilapidated schoolhouses and fosters debt, discomfit and disgrace—that will do when the time comes to rule over the land?

When we are going to make America free, we will have to make our cities free. If you would keep the nation worthy you must make your cities worthy—make them righteous temples of self-government. The children of today are the citizens of tomorrow. What will you do with them in cities where there is no place for them to grow?

You can make the city over, but only by making yourself over. Enter the battle and don't stop until you are the proper place for you and for your children. You can make over San Francisco, redeem her and make her a worthy Queen of the Pacific.

Parties said, "Men, not walls, make a city." His saying is true to-day. It is always men make cities and make nations.

The speaker compared democracies and despotisms. He said that under the latter about all the citizens have to do is to avoid little differences that bring his head under the ax and let those vested with government by divine right look after affairs. It is a perfect snare for the citizen. Under a democracy there are many disadvantages. That form of government is not beautifully automatic and does not provide its own chauffeur. It exists only through and by the active virtues of its citizens. There is work to do to keep it perfect.

CONSCIENCE AWAKENING.
"Government of democracy is an institution of battle, not a state of being," said the speaker. "Every citizen must be a sentinel on guard." Continuing, he said:

If such a government is to endure it must be established on the hearthstones of the people and written on their hearts. There are burdens to bear, and to refuse to assume those burdens is like earning and depending on volunteer crops—the weeds soon choke out the grain. There is no substitute in a democracy for civic duty.

Under all human progress must lie the power of society to construct character. Neglect your duties, lower the national standard and nothing will save your nation. Can you expect to have a "wide open" town and high moral standards at the same time? There is a good deal of growing, but the worthy person who grows puts on his smoking jacket, dines and takes his good-bye salutes. Go to political meetings? No. He has touched elbows with those who are there; it would be vulgar. He says we have no interests. Haven't we? I think we have. All over the land is awakening a political conscience. The people will not rest upon a despotism built upon graft and frauds at the ballot-box. I believe the American people have won too many and strong enough to preserve the nation and throw the incompetent from office—the incompetent from command. They have won too many victories to be beaten now by crooks and grafters. The wrath of decency is arising as the sound of a storm in the distance.

WILL PLAY LEADING PART AT COLUMBIA IN "RED FEATHER"



GRACE VAN STUDDIFORD
TALENTED VOCALIST WHO SINGS THE LEADING ROLE IN "THE RED FEATHER."

"Red Feather," the new De Koven-Klein-Cook comic opera in which Grace Van Studdiford has scored so signally, is voted by all who have witnessed it during its long run in New York as a superb production and a triumph for all concerned in its staging. It comes to the Columbia Theater for two weeks, beginning next Monday evening, with the complete cast, its beautiful women and its splendid chorus and ballet.

In the role of "the mysterious personage to the country folk far and wide," Miss Van Studdiford is said to have an excellent part. Reginald de Koven's acquaintance with Miss Van Studdiford's splendid work as the prima donna of the Bostonians in his previous operas of "Robin Hood" and "Maid Marian" must have served him well while writing "The Merry Cavalier."

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State Commission to Close Offices in This City on Saturday of This Week

ASSEMBLING EXHIBITS

California Building Nears Completeness and Will Be Tenanted Next Month

The headquarters of the California commission to the Portland Exposition will be closed on Saturday next. The commissioners are preparing to go to Portland, to remain during the big show. Commissioner Filcher, and possibly Robert Furlong, the head of the department of education, will go to Portland next week. Secretary George Dennison will remain in this city until early in May, making headquarters with the California State Board of Trade, to attend to some final arrangements. Commissioner Wiggins has just returned from Portland. He reports that work is going on well at the California State building on the exposition grounds and that it will be ready for use in May.

The final work of assembling exhibits that are needed to complete the California display at Portland is progressing. Commissioner Filcher says that practically everything that is required has been obtained, but everything that is particularly good may yet be provided with space. The large amount of material that was left over from the St. Louis Exposition made it possible to prepare for Portland with comparative ease. The general plan of displaying exhibits and of allotting space has caused more discussion than anything else. Commissioner Wiggins will remain in Los Angeles for a short time attending to matters relating to the Southern California part of the show.

PEOPLE'S PLACE IS TO OPEN NEW HOUSE FRIDAY

Large Number of Patrons Take Interest in Great Philanthropic Work.
The People's Place will celebrate the opening of its new settlement house, 900 Lombard street, corner of Jones, on Friday afternoon and evening. The settlement has been doing large philanthropic work for some years, and it had been found necessary to get more commodious quarters. The following patronesses of the settlement have taken keen interest in the work:

- Dr. A. C. Avery, Miss Adams, Mrs. F. W. Baker, Mrs. Bauerheim, Mrs. F. S. Brittain, Mrs. A. M. Burns, Mrs. Berlich, Mrs. H. Carlson, Mrs. A. K. Durbrow, Mrs. F. P. Deering, Mrs. A. M. Edson, Mrs. N. W. French, Mrs. Mabelle Foster, Mrs. E. J. Foster, Mrs. A. E. Graupner, Mrs. W. A. Grainer, Miss H. S. Greenfelder, Mrs. F. W. Howland, Mrs. A. E. Kelly, Mrs. H. E. Law, Mrs. Long, Mrs. S. C. Lillis, Mrs. H. P. Livermore, Miss Laffer, Dr. Dorothy Moore, Mrs. A. A. Macurdy, Mrs. Jane Powers, Mrs. G. W. Prescott, Mrs. A. L. Park, Mrs. W. P. Plummer, Mrs. Frank Rockwell, Mrs. Thomas Richardson, Mrs. L. N. Robertson, Mrs. W. W. Sanderson, Dr. B. W. Stark, Mrs. Stadel, Mrs. J. C. Sims, Mrs. Charles Stallman, Dr. S. E. Wise, Miss M. L. Williams, Mrs. J. F. White.

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BASKET SOCIAL.—Court Golden Gate of the Independent Order of Foresters, assisted by Companion Court of the same order, will give a basket social in Foresters' Hall, on Eddy street, April 13, in celebration of moving into that new lodge building. There will be a pleasing programme of entertainment, to be followed by the sale of auction of the baskets containing lunch for two, and then dancing.

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Grand Opera
By the Entire Company from the New York Metropolitan Opera-House.
Under the Direction of MR. HEINRICH CONRIED
To-night, April 12, Mmes. Nordica, Homer, Jacoby, MM. Caruso, Scotti, Journet, Durfries, Begus, LA GIOCONDA
Thursday, April 13, Mmes. Olive Fremstad, Jacoby, MM. Burgstaller, Van Rooy, Blasa, Gorilla, M. U. S. m. n. n. Rudolf, Greder, Flower, Scotti, Chorus by Pupils selected from the Metropolitan School of Opera. Conductor, Mr. Hertz. N.B.—Between acts 1 and 2, Intermission from 1:15 P. M. until 2:30 P. M.
Thursday, April 13, Mmes. Sembrich, Altan, Weed, Elliott, MM. Dippe, Reis, Goritz, Greder, LA GIOCONDA
Friday, April 14, Mmes. de Macchi, Jacoby, Bauermeister, MM. Bars Begus, Conductor, Mr. Franko
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Saturday, April 15, Mmes. Nordica, Homer, M. U. S. m. n. n. Rudolf, Greder, Flower, Scotti, Journet, Durfries, Begus, LA GIOCONDA
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