

"BLESSED IS POWER TO FORGET," GRES CALIFORNIA CLUB.

Drops Cares of Work for Dainty Luncheons

Will Serve Breakfast at the New Clubhouse.

Mrs. Lovell White to Act as Toast-Mistress.

BY LAURA BRIDE POWERS.

The California Club, like its sisters of lesser seriousness of purpose, purposes to get gay on Wednesday and to let the Consumers' League, the Juvenile Court, the jails and the Alms-house "go" for a day and to simply forget.

Blessed is the power to forget—not permanently, but occasionally. Permanent forgetfulness prevents growth. They are giving breakfasts and luncheons where women are learning to regard each other as God would have us—each as a sister. That is the blossom of the tree of good-fellowship, from which men have plucked the fruit these many years—the sweetest, most soul-satisfying fruit that grows.

On Wednesday the California Club hosts at breakfast at the new clubhouse, 1750 Clay street, with Mrs. Lovell White toastmistress.

As abettors to the fun—or gloom—are the following toasts and their sponsors:

Opening, Mrs. Aylett E. Cotton: "To the Founders, Mrs. E. L. Baldwin, 'From the Founders,' Mrs. Hayward, 'Sensitive Souls,' Mrs. James Orr, 'Uniformity or Diversity in Taste and Temper,' Mrs. Louis H. Loomis, 'Man's Fallure as a Poem,' Mrs. George Bates, 'Two View Points—Which is Yours,' Mrs. W. A. Madden, 'Illustrations,' Mrs. Aaron Seneca, 'Club Reports,' Mrs. Emil Fitch, 'The Press,' Mrs. Laura Bride Powers, 'Love or Last,' Miss Bird Wilson, 'Charge of the Five Hundred,' Jennie Morrow, 'To the President,' Mrs. John Russ, 'Don't—Do,' Amy Bowen, Miss Susie Patch, Mrs. Slater, Mrs. Thomas Morfrew; orators.

An occasional forgetfulness—an occasional loosening up—is essential to him, or to her, who would remain a man or a woman.

That's what the women's clubs—just like the men's clubs, barring highballs—are doing at luncheons. To Mrs. James C. Crawford is the credit due for the capable management of the annual feast. As chairman of the breakfast committee she has shouldered a lot of responsibility without grumbling.

The Sonoma Valley Woman's Club, Mrs. R. P. Hill president, sends a Christmas greeting to the editor of club gossip upon a very smart postal picturing the stone fountain the enterprising club had placed in the historic old Sonoma plaza—just over the way from Sonoma Mission, now the property of the State, and opposite the old garrión of General Vallejo. Herein lies a suggestion for enterprising country town clubs—it tells what's doing in their town.

The fourth regular meeting of the Council of Jewish Women was held on Thursday, December 21, in the Sunday-school room of the Temple Emanuel.

The address of the day was delivered by Dr. David Starr Jordan upon "The Stereotype Views," and was voted by the members to be quite the trump card of the year.

Mrs. Prosper P. Reiter gave two beautiful vocal solos, bringing the guests down to tea time.

The circular of the day contains a little soft about overdue dues.

Come up, ladies, with your dues.

In all clubs the same cry goes forth—"dues due."

Congressman Julius Kahn, like all good San Franciscans, is greatly interested in the work of the Outdoor Art League department of the California Club, whose primary purpose is to beautify the exterior beauty of our city—this at the risk of being obvious. From the Congressman the following communication has been received:

In many parts of the city there are vacant lots which are an eyesore to the residents in the neighborhood where they are found. I have often thought that these might be made more presentable by planting nasturtium seeds during the winter months. This plan grows rapidly and the adorning is beautiful. Could you arrange through the club to ask the people of San Francisco to gather their nasturtium seeds, send them to my headquarters, and on a certain day have the school children plant them?

The league considers this an excellent suggestion and will in the near future take up the work. If the people who cultivate nasturtiums will kindly collect the seeds and forward them to Miss Ida M. Kervan, chairman planting committee.



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PROMINENT MEMBER OF CALIFORNIA CLUB, WHO IS MANAGING NEXT WEDNESDAY'S BREAKFAST.

1750 Clay street, the league will be grateful for them.

On December 15 the following communication was received in regard to the threatening destruction—or extermination—of Niagara Falls from destruction by the power companies. President Roosevelt declared himself most unmistakably on the side of the officers of the association when he visited them November 11. He believes that "as California has given a great grove of big trees to the nation, so New York should give Niagara to the nation; but if New York does not do so, then the American people must step in and preserve Niagara."

We ask your prompt and earnest co-operation, as a member of the American Civic Association, in the work that is being done to preserve Niagara Falls from destruction by the power companies. President Roosevelt declared himself most unmistakably on the side of the officers of the association when he visited them November 11. He believes that "as California has given a great grove of big trees to the nation; but if New York does not do so, then the American people must step in and preserve Niagara."

When the President asked what we could do to help he said earnestly, "Get as many intelligent persons and organizations as possible to write to their Senators and Congressmen, urging international action to save Niagara." We ask you, therefore, as an individual to write at once to your two Senators and to your Congressman, asking each of them to become interested in this matter. If possible secure similar action on the part of your friends and neighbors, and also on the part of various business bodies. Very truly yours, THE AMERICAN CIVIC ASSOCIATION.

The Susan B. Anthony Club met Monday, December 13, at 2 p. m., at the Hotel Berkshire, at Mrs. Rosetta Baker's invitation.

The principal business of the meeting was the election of officers for the ensuing year. Mrs. Austin Sperry nominated Mrs. Isabel Baldwin. Mrs. Baldwin has occupied the position of president for the last year. It is a time she has shown herself a woman of capability, and was re-elected. Mrs. Ellen A. Sargent was chosen first vice president and Mrs. L. W. McCann second vice president.

Dr. Avery was nominated for recording secretary. She has proved a most efficient secretary during the last year and her election was unanimous. Mrs. Cowlett was made corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. J. Milton treasurer, Miss Atkinson and Miss Bida Sperry auditors. Mrs. C. F. McLean, from the Susan B. Anthony Club of Cincinnati, gave a synopsis of the Ohio suffrage convention.

The next meeting will be held at the Hotel Berkshire at 2 p. m., Monday, January 11.

Among those present were Mrs. A. L. Stephens, Mrs. C. F. McLean of Cincinnati, Miss Bede Sperry, Miss Janet Wade, Miss L. Atkinson, Mrs. E. Cameron, Mrs. Austin Sperry, Mrs. G. W. Pringle, Mrs. E. H. Washburn, Mrs. H. Washburn, Mrs. L. J. McCann, Mrs. Isabel Baldwin, Mrs. E. J. Milton, Mrs. Elizabeth Wade, Staal Muller, Miss McDonell.

PERSONALS.

W. H. McKenna, member of the Metropolitan Bookmakers' Association of New York, is at the St. Francis.

Arthur L. Pearce of New York, prominent in mining circles, is at the St. Francis.

Ex-Congressman E. F. Loud arrived from the East yesterday to spend the holidays with his family. He is at the St. Francis.

Dr. S. D. Harvey of Minonome, the Wisconsin delegate to the National Educational Association, which is to meet here in July, is at the St. Francis. He has come to select headquarters for the delegates he represents.

Thief Takes an Automobile.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 24.—It is believed that the first record of the theft of an automobile was made this evening. A big passenger touring car was taken from its street station by the thief, and up to this hour no trace of it has been found.

HOLIDAYS DO NOT ABATE THE NUMBER OF PARTIES

Society Revels in Dances, Dinners Receptions and Affairs at Clubs.

CUPID HAS A FAIR RECORD FOR WEEK

The past week has held the usual amount of pleasure, in which small abatement has been noticeable by the proximity of holidays. Club parties are particularly energetic with their dances, dinners and receptions, though the home circles have also offered much entertainment and Cupid shows a fair record.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Mrs. Winifred E. Rossiter announces the engagement of her daughter, Alice C., to Adolph Lope Dieckman. The news was first made public by Mrs. Rossiter at a card party given recently at her home in Alameda. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson entertained on December 16 at their home, 233 California avenue, in honor of their son's birthday. Dancing and games passed a pleasant evening, those in attendance being Mr. Goldberg, Mr. Mitchell, Frank May, C. Wells, William Logeman, Mr. Doran, Mr. Cope, H. Brockstead, Mr. Axel, Mr. Holland, M. Brockstead, Paul Spot, L. Kitter, A. McDevitt, H. Bloom, Joseph McDonald, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Ruth, Miss Agnes Gram, Mrs. Hunt, Miss Ida Johnson, Miss Theal and Miss Anna Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Grimes announce the engagement of their daughter, Rose to P. Gross. The wedding will be an event of the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Newman announce the engagement of their daughter, Bernice to Bernard J. Hirsch. A reception will be held in the evening next Sunday, December 31, at 2480 Broadway from 3 to 6.

WEDDINGS.

Charles F. Mielenz of this city was married in Buffalo, N. Y., December 20, to Miss Florence Edna Brush of that place, a daughter of Hazard Perry Brush. Mr. and Mrs. Mielenz will soon arrive in California and make their home in Oakland. The wedding of Miss Grace Lillian Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Robinson, and George T. Beck, third son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Beck, took place Saturday evening, December 18, at the home of the bride's parents, 1751 Eighth avenue. The young couple stood in a lovely bower of evergreens and were united by the Rev. L. J. Sawyer, pastor of Hamilton Square Baptist Church. The bride was prettily attired in white organdy and the maid of honor, Miss Emma Robinson, was gowned in pink organdy. Henry Beck attended the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Beck will reside in their own home on Eleventh avenue. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George Beck, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Beck Sr., Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Beck Jr., Mrs. Mary Castell, Miss Emma Robinson, Henry Beck, Miss Minnie Beck, Lawrence Stodolski, Mr. and Mrs. Barclay and daughters, Miss Minnie Laurance, Miss Mary H. Harper, Charles H. White, Charles H. Harper, Henry N. Clift, Will Robinson, Tom Robinson, Fred Pickfield, Miss Etta Beck, Miss Bella Beck and Mrs. Laurance.

HOME PARTIES.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mosbacher of Oakland will entertain at a large reception and dinner next Sunday at their home, 222 Tenth street, in honor of Rabbi and Mrs. M. Friedlander, whose wedding has been a recent event of Denver society. Guests will be received from 12 to 5. On Wednesday, December 13, the little Misses Myrdred and Myrtle Roland, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Roland, celebrated their first birthday at their residence, 2229 Sixth street, West Berkeley. The afternoon was very enjoyably spent in games and merry making, after which a feast of dainties was enjoyed. Those present were: Stella Laurance, Carl Beulah, Marie, Penelope and Will James, Maude, Harry, Anna, Earle and Roland Laddish, Myrdred, Myrtle and Herbert Roland, Lawrence, Georgia and Dorothy Tubb, Dorothy Pascoe, Irene Mitchell, Irene Olson, Lila Ball, Lila and Nella Jardine, Lillian Kellner, Lillian, Vernon and Emmet Luttrell, Herbert and Wilhelm Kellner, Otto Sunderman, Viola Swanson, Hazel Murphy, Alice Williams, May and Loretta Sloan, Pearl, Marion and Lily Low, Inez Gentry, Adelaide Middleton, Isabel Holstein, Tessie Meringo, Eda Meringo, Helen and Dwinell Crowther and Mrs. Pasco. Miss Inez Boyne was hostess at a most enjoyable dinner given Monday Saturday night at her home, 1000 Irving street. Her guests included Captain and Mrs. Joseph Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Holland, Miss Bessie Jarvis, Miss Mildred Boyne, Miss Estella Kleeman, Miss Nina Boyle, Rufus Smith, Will Jarvis, Jack Mathew, Lionel Sherwood and Eugen Farnham.

CLUB PARTIES.

The Deutscher Club reception and dance will take place at Golden Gate Hall, Wednesday evening, January 10. The pupils of Snell Seminary, Berkeley, held an interesting programme in the gymnasium of their school on the afternoon of December 19, to mark the closing of the fall term. Exercises of varied character were most pleasingly given. The "V. V." Social Club gave its first dance, December 16, in Bay Shore Hall, 37 Leland avenue, the hall being tastefully decorated for the occasion in holly berries and greens. Interspersed with the dances were vocal solos by William Brandt,

whose numbers were very pleasing. The guest list included the following: Mr. and Mrs. E. Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. A. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. H. Diehl, Mr. and Mrs. L. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. William Brandt, Mr. and Mrs. W. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Getz, Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. George James, Mr. and Mrs. Steven, Mr. and Mrs. J. Boege, Mr. and Mrs. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Delano, Mrs. R. B. Hutchison, Misses Mabel Hopper, Vena Taber, Etta Tesmar, Lizzie McQuade, Mabel Penn, Annie and Minnie Anderson, Olga Wenzel, May and Don Allsgood, Myrtle Porter, Alice Daniels, Messrs. J. Perry, I. Young, J. Thuse, H. Lampert, E. Jensen, C. Staehle, J. Russi, A. Griev, W. French, L. Allsgood, W. Stevenson, L. Hine, W. Wilson, A. Martel, J. Hart and S. Southworth. The Suburbanites, a social club of Ross Valley, gave a very delightful cotillon and dance in Army Hall, San Rafael, on December 15, the affair being attended by happy contingents from all the principal bay towns.

Greens, tastefully mingled with bunting, were used in decoration.

The pupils of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music will give a concert in Lyric Hall next Friday evening, December 24. The Mission Club, of which Mrs. J. W. Felt is president, Mrs. Charles Pierce vice president, Mrs. G. C. Cole secretary and Mrs. H. A. McCall treasurer, gave a very enjoyable entertainment, followed by a banquet and dance, at Pendo Hall on the evening of December 5. Following was the program: Recitation, Mrs. Lurline Beebe; soprano solo, Mrs. Everett Kennedy; tenor solo, Arthur Crusie; piano solo, Miss Rita Sprague; recitation, Mrs. H. A. McCall; contralto solo, Miss Viola Brown.

A trolley party was given Saturday night, December 16, in the car "Her-mosa" by the members of the "K. K. Club," the following being present: Miss E. Wonderlich, Miss E. Luke, Miss E. Lily, Miss E. Webb, Miss C. Jensen, Miss V. Burris, Miss E. Walsh, Miss M. Engle, Miss L. Quinn, Miss A. O'Reilly, Miss A. Connel, recitation, Tod, Justin McCarthy, William Peck, Craig Owens, Dr. Schoenwald, Howard Engle, Harold Wabblar, William Grant, Andrew Theusen and Walter Beran.

PERSONAL. Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Walter with their niece, Miss Ruth Mitchell, left Tuesday evening for Los Angeles to spend the winter. As Mr. Walter will return upon occasional business trips, the home at 1136 Haight street will not be closed. Mrs. A. Meyer of Los Angeles, who has just arrived in town, will receive on Tuesday at 1883 Geary street.

Mrs. Lily O. Reichling Dyer, founder of the order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, has returned from a five weeks' trip to Arizona and Old Mexico. Mrs. Dyer was accompanied by James and Rosabelle Conrad, children of the late past grand president of the order, Belle A. Conrad, and she brought home some beautiful Indian baskets to add to her already large collection.

Miss Lucy T. Heard of Sacramento is stopping at the Nordhoff. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wolf will receive to-day at their home, 227 Steiner street, in honor of the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. B. Aronstein will receive on the remaining Wednesdays and Sundays of this month at 1529 Vallejo street. General West, who returned from Europe on an Eastern trip and are located at 822 Eddy street.

Miss Tessie Brownstein of Los Angeles is visiting at 1786 O'Farrell street, where she will be at home to callers. Mr. and Mrs. T. Solomon announce the confirmation of their son, Newton, to take place next Saturday, December 30, at Geary Street Temple. A reception will be held at the family residence, 1886 Eddy street, January 1, from 2 to 5 o'clock.

ROSES COST \$30 A DOZEN IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK. Dealers Report Christmas Demand for Flowers Greater Than Ever Before.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—Blanche orchid plants were sold for \$50 and \$100, according to the number of flowers, and American Beauties for \$50 a dozen more potted plants and cut flowers have been ordered for Christmas this year than ever before. The increase in sales over other seasons has been more than 10 per cent, say leading florists, and they have been unable to supply the demand for roses. This increase, they say, is owing to the greater population and the good business conditions.

ANTIQUE JEWELRY STOLEN FROM A SHOW WINDOW. Glass Smashed and Four Thousand Dollars' Worth of Gems Taken in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Four thousand dollars' worth of antique jewelry, including diamonds, emeralds, rubies, topazes and pearls, was stolen early to-day from the show window of a firm of dealers in antiques at 252 Fifth avenue. This thief smashed the window and seized a jewel box in which the gems were exhibited.

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All our other suits—from the least expensive to the most costly—will also be offered at greatly reduced prices this week. So will all the Covert Coats, Evening Garments, Jackets, Cravenette Coats and Separate Skirts. It's the final clearance before inventory—the time when profit cuts no figure.



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SAN FRANCISCO LAD IS MISSING

Disappearance of Clarence E. Close Prompts Inquiry as to Present Whereabouts

SEATTLE, Dec. 24.—F. M. Gray, local agent for the Bowers Rubber Company, with offices at 72 West Washington street, has been asked to make a search for Clarence E. Close, a seventeen-year-old San Francisco boy, who disappeared at Everett December 2 and is believed by many persons to have been shanghaied and taken aboard some foreign vessel. According to information received by Mr. Gray, the lad is from a well-known San Francisco family. Through the manager for W. R. Grace & Co., San Francisco shipbuilders, a place was secured for young Close on board the steamship Caticue. He was to act as the captain's cabin boy and be given a chance to work himself up to a better position later. The voyage constituted first a trip to Puget Sound, then a voyage to South America and possibly around Cape Horn to New York. It was an opportunity for the boy to see the world and after some hesitancy the consent of his parents was secured.

The steamship went from San Francisco to Seattle and later to Everett, where it remained for three days loading lumber. On the night of December 2 the boy went ashore at Everett with the first assistant steward, who prevailed upon him to attend a dance. The boy remained until 11 o'clock and announced that he would return to the vessel. From that hour all trace of him was lost.

The boy had written to his mother saying he was well satisfied with his position, he was having a good time and being treated nicely. His clothing was all aboard the ship and there seems to be no ground for believing that he deserted. Close's parents have concluded that their son was either shanghaied, fell overboard and was drowned or was injured and taken away by strangers.

The police and Everett were notified, but they reported that no trace of the lad could be found. Mr. Gray will go to Everett to make additional search.

POLICEMEN IN ST. LOUIS RAID THE CLUBROOMS. Folk Continues to Resist Every Effort to Lift the Lid in Missouri.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—Nearly 100 clubrooms were raided by the police to-day and persons found selling liquor were arrested and charged with violating the Sunday saloon closing law. Since the strict enforcement of the Sunday closing statute clubs have sprung up like mushrooms in all parts of the city, and the raids were made under the direct orders of Governor Folk, who has declared that he will suppress all of the so-called "lid-lifting" organizations.

In many instances the clubs were raided two or three times. Upon the first arrest the proprietors, after being released on bonds, would return immediately to the clubrooms and reopen. In several instances three different persons were arrested in as many raids on the same clubroom. As soon as one was arrested another would take his place selling drinks.

Mine Shaft Building Burned. SPRING VALLEY, Ill., Dec. 24.—The shaft building of the Marquette Third Vein Coal Company, three miles from here, was destroyed by fire to-day. The loss is estimated at \$250,000 and there is no insurance. One hundred mules were suffocated. The shaft is thirty-five years old and had a capacity of more than 1,000 tons of coal per day. The 500 miners will be given work by the Spring Valley Coal Company. The shaft was owned by the late Charles Devlin of Topeka.

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