

GERMAN ORDERS TO AVOID POLITICAL TIES Resolution Prohibits Indorsement of Candidates, but Will Fight "Undesirables" Most Important Assemblage of Teutons Held in State This Year Meets in Oakland

[Special Dispatch to The Call] OAKLAND, Sept. 26.—German-Americans from all parts of the state met today at Germania hall on the occasion of the most important assemblage of Teutons gathered in California this year. It was the sixth annual convention of the German-American league of California, an association comprising German societies from all sections of the state. Much important business was transacted. One matter of significance that came up and was disposed of was the question of participation in politics by German societies. A resolution was passed prohibiting active indorsement of candidates, but at the same time permitting German societies to fight candidates they do not like. The resolution, which was introduced by President John Hermann and was adopted without opposition, reads as follows: Resolved, that the German-American league will not enter any more in party politics nor indorse candidates at any primary elections, but they will fight against all candidates who will show themselves opposed to German principles. A project that was strongly indorsed by the convention was the building of a "German house" in San Francisco for the accommodation of German societies and the holding of conventions. The building is intended to be a meeting place for all the German associations of the state, and a place where visiting Germans and German-Americans may call. Recently a corporation with a capital stock of \$500,000 was formed, known as the German House association, which will erect the building. Stock is now selling at \$1 a share. Carl W. Mueller, the corresponding secretary of the league, introduced a resolution, which was approved, to the effect that all German-Americans should support the project. The report was made that the sum of \$12,000 is already on hand in the treasury of the building company. TO MEET IN SAN JOSE Next year's convention will be held in San Jose. Los Angeles was anxious to secure the convention, but was defeated by a large vote. At the instance of Prof. Albin Putzker, a resolution was adopted pledging the support of the league to the German-American teachers' training academy at Milwaukee, Wis. Resolutions were held today at which the business of the convention was accomplished. Organization was effected and the reports of committees were read at the morning session. In the afternoon officers were elected for the ensuing year and resolutions were adopted. The more important officers of the league were re-elected. John Hermann of San Francisco was re-elected president, and Prof. Albin Putzker of Berkeley, first vice president. The others chosen were: Vice presidents—C. J. Rohde, Los Angeles; Carl A. Leppelt, Stockton; E. Krennmerl, Petaluma; Max Elwert, Los Angeles; Hans J. Grotzner, Vallejo; Charles Schmitt, Sacramento. Recording secretary—Henry F. Budde, San Francisco. Corresponding secretary—Carl W. Mueller, San Francisco. Financial secretary—J. H. Veltan, Oakland. Treasurer—Julius R. Hans, San Francisco. Trustees—Rudolph Spote, San Francisco; Mrs. M. Schlesselman, San Francisco; A. Wolmann, Oakland. These officers were installed by Albert Currlin, former president of the league and now president of the German-American league of Alameda county. DELEGATES ARE ENTERTAINED The evening was devoted to amusement. There was a musical and literary program. The women of the Oakland organizations showed much spirit in making preparations for welcoming the visitors and were the recipients of many congratulations. Albert Currlin welcomed the visitors in the name of the local organizations. The program was as follows: Song "Gondellied" ("If I Were Love")... Oakland Maennerchor. Oration... Albert Currlin. Song "Henny Mott"...



John Hermann, Head of German League

Meusdoerfer, Rudolph Bier, J. H. Veltan, E. C. Feiler, Lillenthaler, J. Meierdicks, John D. Felderman, San Francisco—E. A. Otto, John Simmen, Franz M. Goldstein, August Liebold, Badischer Verein—Christ Schneckeburger, G. Malner, Bayernbund—John Mecke, Karl Imiz, Concordia lodge No. 122, I. O. O. F.—Charles Trautner, Christ Soeler, Court German-American No. 7472, A. O. F. Otto Koenig, William Conrad, William J. Claus, E. A. Otto, George W. A. Henry, S. Canaris, Julius Riemer, G. W. Gerhard, Deutscher Krieger Verein—Adolph Becker, John Weil, G. von Helden, Deutscher Metzger Verein—William Steinhauer, Robert Wannenmacher, Mrs. Anna Johannson, Mrs. Amanda Hermand, Eureka lodge No. 224, Order of Hermann's Sons—John Hermann, Carl W. Mueller, Julius R. Hans, August Hansen, George Theuergraben, Freundschaft Saengerbund—Otto Koch, Wilhelm Kuehlein, Germania club—H. F. Budde, Fred Warmbold, J. H. Muenster, John Eblen, Germania lodge No. 7, Order of Hermann's Sons—E. A. Otto, Carl Eidel, Germania lodge No. 1718, Knights of Honor—X. Kuehler, Germania lodge No. 224, U. O. R. M. C.—J. Wedel, George Wolleenschlaeger, Gesang Verein—Alexander Engelhardt, Wilhelm Schroeder, William Wankowski, Gesellschaft Teutonia—William Wertsch, Joseph Straub, E. Schmutzler, Golden Gate Stamm No. 74, U. O. R. M.—Henry Will, Hermann Kahn, Gross lodge Order of Hermann's Sons—Rudolph Spote, John Brendel, Gross Stamm of California, U. O. R. M.—Rudolph Mueller, Wilhelm Giesch, Martin Fentzler, Adam Broehn, Hoffungs lodge No. 1, Order of Hermann's Sons—Mrs. Bertha Krieger, Mrs. Margarethe Voerkel, Mrs. Rosa Kiefer, Mrs. Ida Gottschalk, Herman Stamm No. 224, U. O. R. M.—B. Schoenberg, Joseph Gleichweck, Martha lodge No. 241, Knights and Ladies of Honor—L. Cohn, Charles Hachmeister, A. Naumann, Mission turnschwester Verein—Mrs. Elise Buchner, Mrs. M. Friedmann, Mrs. Sophia Brooks, Norddeutscher Frauen Verein—Mrs. Marie Herting, Mrs. Made Egler, Mrs. Pamina Gieschens, Norddeutscher Verein—Dr. A. E. Brune, Captain L. Siebe, P. F. Rathjens, H. Stelling, Martin Dieckert, Pacific lodge No. 29, Order of Hermann's Sons—Hermann Methmann, Curt A. Greilman, Pacific saengerbund—E. Blauer, A. Bergk, C. de Wit, Robert Loewer, Pacific Stamm No. 98, U. O. R. M.—Dr. L. Zillmer, Rudolph Mueller, Conrad Saltenberger, Pacific turnschwester—Paul Uth, Albert Currlin, San Francisco Baeker Verein—Paul Guderly, Emil Elsohd, Jacob Keller, Joseph Kolberg, San Francisco frauenverein—Mrs. Elizabeth Hoge, Mrs. C. Ubbohf, Mrs. J. Braunbeck, Mrs. A. Diehl, San Francisco Hassen Unterstuetzungs Verein—Wilhelm Schoeppler, J. H. Hans, San Francisco Maennerchor—H. G. Korth, T. W. Duffer, San Francisco schuetzen damenverein—Mrs. C. Stuehrmann, Mrs. William Pompey, San Francisco schuetzen Verein—Captain John D. Helse, George H. Balms, San Francisco Stamm No. 245, U. O. R. M.—William Riedesser, Henry Spiering, Joseph Bentele, San Francisco turnverein—Hans Veronil, H. Clausen, G. A. Trout, Louis Markus, Schiller Stamm No. 278, U. O. R. M.—Jacob Krumholz, John Bauer, Schleswig-Holsteiner Verein—Charles W. Arp, H. Hirschmann, H. Kliver, St. Markus frauenverein—Mrs. C. Albert, Mrs. M. Schlesselman, Verein Concordia—Reinhard Metz, Fred Wagner, Hermann J. Axt, Dr. F. F. Lord, Verein Deutsche Foester—Gustav Franke, W. Ehrlich, Eintracht—Otto Thiele, C. H. Hoge, Prof. W. Zimmermann, Charles Wedemeyer, Paul J. Schneider, Louis Schmidt, Vorwarts Stamm No. 255, U. O. R. M.—Jacob Mehr, F. Schwewler, Germania of San Jose—Max Schmidt, S. C. Hagen, Deutscher frauenverein of San Rafael—Mrs. Clara Hoek, Deutscher Stadtverband of Stockton—Charles A. Leppelt, German-American league of southern California—Robert E. Kaestner, C. Kaestner, F. W. Gerberding, H. F. Sillip, E. Dunker, E. Otto, Vallejo lodge No. 20, Order of Hermann's Sons—Daniel Grotzner, F. Berlin.

DELIVERS SERMON ON THE PASSION PLAY Rev. Father Kraus Relates History of Production

Rev. Josaphat Kraus, author and director of the passion play, which is to be produced at the Coliseum October 11 to 15 under the auspices of the Franciscan fathers, preached to a large congregation at St. Boniface church yesterday morning with the passion play as his text. "The passion play as given abroad and planned here is no amusement enterprise," said Father Josaphat; "on the contrary, it is intended to be looked upon as a act of devotion pure and simple." Father Josaphat discussed the passion play as follows: But of all the religious exercises that may be classed as devotions extraordinary, none occupies a more important position than the sacred plays or passion plays. The church, in her divine wisdom, has at all times fully realized the power of the stage for good or evil and has in various ways exerted herself to make this power her own. The lives of the saints and martyrs were a fertile field for the religious playwright; more so the life of the Savior and the passion play with Christ actually portrayed on the stage is anything but an innovation. Times and conditions arose, however, especially in France, which caused the church to forbid the presentation of religious plays. In 663 A. D. the village of Oberammergau was visited by a plague which played havoc with the population. To appease the divine wrath the people promised to portray the life of the Savior on the stage every 10 years should the malady gather no more victims. Their prayer was heard, for at its height the scourge subsided. Since then the inhabitants of Oberammergau have faithfully kept their pledge and thousands flock there from all parts of the world to witness the wonderful spectacle.

MAY COMBINE COUNTY AND CITY BUILDINGS Vallejo Citizens Launch Campaign for \$100,000 Structure

[Special Dispatch to The Call] VALLEJO, Sept. 26.—A movement is on foot for the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$50,000 to be used to construct a new city hall here. The present hall is an old structure, having been erected in 1872. The county of Solano is to spend \$50,000 to build a branch county jail and administrative building, and it is proposed to combine the buildings and erect a handsome structure, costing \$100,000. The report that ladies' hats are to be two feet tall this winter is probably erroneous. Hats like that would really cost the milliners something.

FATHER CROWLEY'S CONDITION BETTER Prayers Are Offered in Many Catholic Churches for Recovery of the Priest

Much Interest Shown in Irish-Scotch Benefit for the Youth's Directory

Father D. O. Crowley, who was struck down by a taxicab last Monday night, seemed much better yesterday. While it will be impossible to determine for a day or two whether he is out of danger or not, his condition is very encouraging. Prayers for his speedy recovery were said in many of the Catholic churches of the city yesterday. It will be some time before the stricken priest will be able to resume active direction of the campaign for defraying the indebtedness of the Youth's Directory, but the work is progressing satisfactorily. There will be a meeting tonight in Loyola hall at St. Ignatius college, at which the committees handling the recent tag day in behalf of the directory will submit reports. Owing to the injury to Father Crowley, it will be impossible to prepare a final report for several days.

IRISH-SCOTCH BENEFIT

Much interest is being manifested in the Irish-Scotch benefit for the directory, which is to take place next Thursday night in the Auditorium under the joint auspices of the Original Gaelic dancing club and the Caledonian club. The entertainment will open with a grand march, led by James A. Macdonald, chief of the Caledonians. Following is the program: Part I: Overture, Scottish selections, band, "Duncan Gray," Prof. J. W. McKenzie's musical society (100 voices); "Scotts Wha Hae," Dr. J. A. Kleiser, chorus and band; "Will Ye No Come Back Again," Miss Octavine Taylor, chorus and band; Exhibition, Irish dancing, Misses Clara Coyne and Frances Keith and Messrs. R. D. McMurray and Edmond Hall (pipe music); "The Irish Lament" (a), Irish Four in Hand Reel, (b) "Highland Fling," Sallio's Hornpipe—A. Matthews (pipe music by James Lenon). Part II: Overture, Irish airs—band, "O'Donnell's," Prof. J. W. McKenzie's musical society (100 voices); "Cruiskeen Lawn," Miss Octavine Taylor, chorus and band; "Minstrel Boy," chorus and band; Exhibition, Irish dancing, Misses Clara Coyne and Frances Keith and Messrs. P. J. Kelleher and Dan Cottrill (music by Professor McLahan); "Irish Four in Hand Reel," (b) "Irish Jig," Double Irish hornpipe—Messrs. J. Baldwin and J. Hayes (music by Professor McLahan); Irish Jig—Miss Josephine Lenhart. Part III: Overture, American airs, band, "My Own United States," Miss Octavine Taylor, chorus and band; Pianist, Miss Hazel S. McKenzie; music director, Prof. John W. McKenzie. A striking feature of the program will be the great chorus of 100 voices, singing under the direction of Prof. John W. McKenzie. Miss Octavine Taylor, soprano, and Dr. J. A. Kleiser, barytone, will be the soloists, and a large military band under the direction of J. J. Barry will play the overtures. The following will sing in the chorus: Miss Jennie Alvey, Mrs. L. Chibrik, Mrs. J. D. Hibbs, Miss de Bouis, Miss A. Lindsay, Miss G. Coffey, Miss Blanche Allenberg, Mrs. E. P. Pollard, Mrs. M. Foster, Mrs. E. Branding, Miss A. Kenyon, Miss D. Tlach, Mrs. L. Meyer, Miss E. Hewald, Mrs. E. Barthels, Miss Violet McDowell, Miss Florence McDowell, Mrs. G. Lanyon, Mrs. L. Andrews, Mrs. M. P. Noug, Miss Ellen Stone, Miss F. Joseph, Mrs. B. Ridgeway, Miss B. Lind, Mrs. Edith Lewis, Mrs. W. T. Brody, Mrs. N. Calley, Mrs. A. S. Hock, Mrs. Hilda Heimerl, Mrs. Belle Meyers, Mrs. J. de Roco, Mrs. Ruth McKenzie, Miss Ethel McDowell, Miss Lillian Hickox, P. R. Albrecht, Louis Angell, Mrs. A. Scherlich, L. P. Dunne, Dr. S. B. Fontaine, N. S. Gilman, Mrs. M. Douglas, Mrs. F. C. Edmonds, Mrs. F. O. Phelps, Mrs. L. Stanley, Miss Laura Stanley, Mrs. J. Hinckley, Mrs. C. A. Friedman, Mrs. J. McPober, Mrs. Sawtelle, Miss Bertha Wuestford, Miss Marie Lanckman, Mrs. O. Tabor, Mrs. L. Langus, Miss H. Fleishacker, Mrs. M. G. E. A. Kleiser, Mrs. H. Carbonette, Miss M. Yeter, Miss J. Halliday.

SAILORS OF EIGHT NATIONS LEAVE SHIPS

Mingle in Gotham While Sight-seers Go to Vessels NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—The sailors of eight nations—England, Germany, France, Italy, Holland, Mexico, Argentina and the United States—thronged the streets of New York today. The sailors were granted leave from their ships, which are here for the Hudson-Fulton exposition. The Half Moon and the Clermont lay quietly at their anchorage, where they will remain until the naval parade of October 1. Circling about the fleet of battleships here was an almost unbroken line of deep sea excursion steamers, jammed to the rails with spectators. At the same time a scurrying flotilla of motor boats was bobbing about on the roughened waters of the river, carrying visitors to and from those battleships which were receiving for the day.

Italy to Send Squadron

FLORENCE, Italy, Sept. 26.—It is understood the Italian government, in order to compensate in a measure for what Italians consider the inadequate representation of their country at the Hudson-Fulton celebration, will send a squadron of its best ships to New York when the monument of Giovanni da Verrazano, the Florentine navigator, who explored the Hudson river, is erected there.

HENEY INDORSED BY IROQUOIS CLUB Bourbon Organization Pledges Support at Annual Bull's Head Breakfast

Francis J. Heney was the center of enthusiasm at the annual bull's head breakfast of the Iroquois club, the local organization of faithful democrats, held yesterday at La Boheme grove, Fairfax, Marin county. One hundred and fifty democrats and others, many of whom were accompanied by their wives, were present at the woodland feast. The candidacy of Heney for district attorney was loudly applauded by the gathering and Heney's speech was greeted with sincere cheering. William J. Burns was also called upon for a speech and he read, with Heney's permission, a letter written to Heney by Judge Ben E. Lindsey of the juvenile court of Denver, in which the cause for which the graft prosecutor is battling was made a common one with the contest Lindsey is waging in Denver against corruption. After the bull's heads had disappeared, E. B. Zion, president of the club, introduced Max Popper as toastmaster. After paying a tribute to Lawrence Jefferson Welch, one of the founders of the club, Popper said: "I wish to introduce a man imbued with the true spirit of democracy, a man who is the best example of an honest, courageous American citizen—Francis J. Heney." An outburst of applause followed, and Heney was forced to stand upon a bench to satisfy the clamor of the crowd. He said in part: "The Iroquois club was the first to indorse the work which we are doing in San Francisco. After the criticism to which I have been subjected by some newspapers and by certain organizations of men the support which this club accords me is extremely gratifying. I feel certain that San Francisco is going to do the right thing in November. We realized when we began this fight against graft that it would not be a short battle, but a war. We are going to fight until that war is ended, and it will not be ended until we have driven every dishonest wretch from the city."

BACKED BY THE PEOPLE

"I believe that the people of San Francisco as a whole are with us and the results of the jury trials do not mean that the masses are against the prosecution. The law governing such trials is faulty and many of the jurors are predetermined as to what their votes will be even before they are chosen. The public service corporations are responsible for the bad conditions prevailing at present. They will hesitate at nothing to cheat the people, even if it means that they will be even if defeated. I will only commence to fight the harder!" He sat down amid cries of "Good boy, Heney!" and prolonged cheering. Walter MacArthur, editor of the Coast Star, said that he was next called upon to "would state," he said, "that as a general proposition I do not think the Sabbath is the proper day for the discussion of politics in public meetings. But there are politics and politics. And the Heney kind of politics should be spoken from every pulpit every Sunday—for there is a moral issue involved. I want heartily to indorse Francis J. Heney for district attorney."

PRaises JUDGE LINDSEY

Burns referred to the letter Heney had received from Judge Lindsey, which is published in another column of The Call, and, with Heney's permission, read it. "Judge Lindsey," asserted Burns, "is fighting for the same principle in Denver that Heney is fighting for here, and he is opposed by all the vicious interests. They have prevented his nomination on the regular tickets, but he has run independently and has received more votes than all his opponents put together. I am sure that the people of San Francisco will respond in the same way for Heney, and the November election will find that San Francisco has chosen the man who has the strength of Heney that he may continue the great work which he has begun."

Judge Robert Ferral, candidate for police judge, also indorsed Heney with emphatic assurance of his support and sympathy with the Heney prosecution.

Thomas Welch was master of ceremonies. Police Commissioner Swigart was called upon for a speech, but explained that owing to his official position he was not permitted to take part in politics.

Heney had been visiting at Inverness and came to Fairfax with his brother, Ben Heney, mayor of Tucson, Ariz.

Among the candidates present at this gathering of Iroquois democrats was Harry I. Mulcrey, union labor and sometime republican candidate for county clerk. Mulcrey has never affiliated with democracy, but he joined the Iroquois over the burg head.

The outing, which celebrated the twenty-seventh birthday of the club, was in charge of the trustees, whose names follow: H. D. Murphy, James J. Finn, Charles Glendon, McE. Popper, S. V. Meritt, H. C. Hayden, H. C. Boocchoe, E. R. Zion is president and Thomas J. Walsh treasurer of the organization, which is the oldest democratic club on the coast.

BUTTE LABOR TROUBLES NOW PRACTICALLY OVER

Nearness of President's Visit Results in Adjusting Trouble BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 26.—The labor controversy in this city can not possibly have any effect on the proposed visit of President Taft. The differences of the two unions have practically been adjusted, and barring unforeseen complications the men should return to work tomorrow night. The crowds of idle men about the streets during the day were quiet and orderly, every one seeming loath to do anything which might in the least mar the pleasure of the president's visit. Fewer disturbances have occurred and fewer arrests have been made in the last 24 hours than for any similar period of time in many months. The best of feeling prevails throughout the community, and at least for the two hours the city is to be honored by the presence of the nation's chief executive tomorrow all thoughts of the labor controversy and its many ramifications will be forgotten while the citizens turn out en masse to assure their distinguished guest of a hearty welcome. During the fiscal years, 1905, 1906 and 1907, the number of immigrants arriving in the United States averaged more than 1,000,000 per annum.

CAPITALIST INJURED BY FALL DOWN MOUNTAIN

Thrown From Horse and Sustains Broken Arm YOSEMITE, Sept. 26.—Elmer E. Smith, the Merced capitalist who sold the Hetch Hetchy valley to the city of San Francisco several months ago, was injured by being thrown from his horse down a mountainside near here Saturday, according to news that reached here today. The mountainside was not steep at the point where Smith fell or he would have been killed. M. C. Ray of Merced and a guide were the other members of the party. Smith's arm was broken and his wrist sprained. He could get no medical aid until he reached here.

QUARREL OVER WOMAN ENDS IN FATAL STABBING

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 26.—During a quarrel with Aniceto Fuentes following a drinking bout in a cafe in the Sonoratown district tonight C. J. Monterola, a young Mexican, was stabbed in the heart with a pocket knife and killed. Fuentes was arrested. He told the detectives the quarrel started about a woman and that he used the knife in revenge for a slap in the face.

SPOKANE FREIGHT RATE CASE SET FOR HEARING

Interstate Commerce Commission on Its Way to West WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Chairman Martin G. Knapp of the interstate commerce commission left today for the Pacific coast, where the commission is to hear a series of important cases affecting the freight traffic of the entire country from the Atlantic to the Pacific seaboard. Chairman Knapp will go directly to Seattle, where he will join the other commissioners. The first series of cases will be heard at Spokane, beginning September 29. Commissioner Frank K. Lane, who is in Chicago attending a meeting of the demurrage committee of the National Association of Railway Commissioners, will join the commission at Spokane this week.

Texas Rice-California Fruit Day, September 30

September 29 has been set aside for the exploitation of the great rice industry of the State of Texas. Eat rice for health. Southern Pacific agents will tell you all about it. Ticket office: Flood Building, Market Street Ferry Depot, and Thirtieth and Franklin Streets, Oakland. Hereafter Salvador will have an obligatory analysis of all imported alcoholic beverages and canned goods.

Advertisement for Van Ness furniture featuring two leather Turkish rockers. Text includes: 'The air is pure, The sunshine lovely, The street is smooth, The sidewalks are broad and uncrowded and the furniture bargains are wonderful.' 'Out on Van Ness' 'Where that big Breuner furniture store is still doing THE furniture business of the town. Take any Sutter, Polk or California car. You can't miss us—we're the only big thing left on the avenue —"monarchs of all we survey." But gracious! What marvelous bargains are offered here!' 'This is one of 'em' 'This splendid big leather Turkish rocker, pictured above, is just one of the many sensational bargains we are offering prior to our removal "down town." The seat, arms and back of this rocker are covered in REAL LEATHER—the leather in imitation leather. Good casters, excellent springs and luxurious comfort in every inch of it. A rocker really worth three times the money we ask for it now—\$12.50. Really, if you are in the market for furniture now you can not AFFORD to overlook the big Breuner store out on the avenue that, despite its location, is still leading the procession, as it always has. Come out THIS WEEK—you'll not regret it.' 'And about credit?' 'Don't worry about that. We'll make the terms to suit your income. A little down, a little every month—and before you know it you have a home of your own.' 'Exclusive Agents for the World's Best Furniture—"CRAFTSMAN" 1451 Van Ness, San Francisco. 1451 Van Ness, San Francisco. Between Duane and Pine Sts. Between Duane and Pine Sts. SAN FRANCISCO. SAN FRANCISCO.'