

# IN THE SOCIAL WHIRL :: NEWS OF THE THEATERS

## SOCIETY-ELECT IN CHRISTMAS BALL

Greenway's Second Winter Assembly in Fairmont Gold Room

Many Dinners Precede Glittering Function in Gold and White Ballroom

The second of the Greenway assemblies for this winter will be held tonight in the white and gold ballroom of the Hotel Fairmont, and as usual will prove a drawing card for the great majority of society's elect. It will be a Christmas dance and the ballroom and supper rooms will be decked in holiday attire with masses of holly, red berries and mistletoe and brilliant poinsettias.

Several dinners will be held to precede the affair both at the Fairmont and in the private homes of the city. Miss Metha McMahon is among those who will entertain before the ball, having asked 28 guests to accept her hospitality at her home in Washington street. Among those who will enjoy the affair are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Somers, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. William Hough, Miss Jane Hotelling, Miss Edith Rucker, Arthur Foster and Roy Ryone.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. A. Miller will be hosts to a group at the Fairmont, and other dinner hosts will be Mrs. Charles McCormick and Miss Lillian Van Vorst.

### Miss Phillips Feted

Miss Cali Phillips, fiancée of Lieutenant Ralph C. Harrison, U. S. A., is being constantly entertained in the days preceding her nuptials, which are set for January 3. Miss Phillips and Mr. Harrison will be among the guests at the Greenway Christmas assembly tonight.

### Bride Complimented

Mrs. William Lawlor was the guest of honor at a small tea over which Mrs. Sidney Van Wyck Sr. presided at her home in Webster street yesterday afternoon. About 60 guests, representing for the most part the old southern families which settled in California in early days, were bidden to meet the bride. Mrs. Van Wyck was assisted in receiving by her daughter in law, Mrs. Sidney Van Wyck Jr. and Mrs. George Cabanis, Mrs. Charles F. Pond, Mrs. Robert Lord Cave, Mrs. Charles Sedgwick Aikin and Miss Bradley.

### Drums Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Drum entertained at an elaborate dinner at their home in Broadway Thursday night, which was enjoyed by about 18 guests.

### For Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Otis Johnson, the former Miss Marion Marvin, who with her husband and son has come down from Fort Bragg to spend the Christmas holidays as the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey A. Marvin, was the complimented guest at a bridge tea over which her mother presided at her home in Taylor street this afternoon. Two tables of bridge were entertained, the players being Mrs. Roy Somers, Miss Hilda Van Sicken, Miss Doris Wilshire, Miss Marie Brewer, Miss Elena Brewer, Miss Harriet Stone, Mrs. Earl Shipp, Miss Marion Stone and Miss Helen Stone.

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## GOSSIP OF THE DRAWING ROOM

### Dinner on Shipboard

Lieutenant Hugh Brown, U. S. N., was a dinner host on board the Denver Wednesday night and later his guests attended the hop at Mare Island. Ensign and Mrs. Jesse Olen-dorf chaperoned the guests, among whom were Miss Katherine MacAdam and Mrs. William Robinson of Louisville, Ky., who is enjoying a brief visit to California.

### Return From School

Mrs. Enid Foster, Miss Marie Louise Winslow, Miss Genevieve Bothin and Miss Gertrude Hopkins will be among those to return tomorrow from Santa Barbara, where they have been attending Miss Gamble's school. Several small affairs have been planned in compliment to them by their parents and friends during the Christmas holidays.

### Departure for Honolulu

After a six months' tour of the east and Europe and a brief stay in California Miss Harriet Hatch sailed yesterday for her home in Honolulu. She made the trip on the Wilhelmina. Miss Hatch was extensively entertained by the smart set during her sojourn here.

### Return to Ranch

Miss Janet von Schroeder and Helene von Schroeder have returned to "Eagles Nest," the San Luis Obispo ranch of Baron von Schroeder, after a short visit in San Mateo as the guests of Miss Kathleen and Miss Aileen Fin-negan.

### Purchase Residence

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Kerr have purchased a home in Vallejo street and are having it remodeled. When it is completed they will close the house in California street which they have occupied several years.

### In New York

Mrs. William Henshaw and Mrs. William Whitman are enjoying a sojourn in New York. Mrs. Henshaw will return shortly to California, but Mrs. Whitman will remain in the east throughout the winter.

### Returns From Europe

Mrs. William E. Dargie has arrived in New York, after an extended sojourn abroad, the greater part of which she passed in Paris. Mrs. Dargie has taken apartments at the Hotel Plaza, where she will be domiciled for several weeks.

### Portola Queen in East

Miss Conchita Sepulveda, who recently reigned over San Francisco as queen of the Portola, is in New York, where she is being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. William Randolph Hearst. Mr. and Mrs. Hearst feted her at a theater party the other evening, when, among other guests, were Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Hamilton and Miss Helen Hamilton of this city.

### Sojourning in City

H. L. Titus, an attorney of San Diego, is in the city for a short stay.

## DOLLS ON BLOCK TO AID FIGHT ON VICE

Juvenile Protective Ass'n to Use Fund in Obscene Picture War

An army of dolls, child's first and favorite ally both in grief and joy will march to the aid of the children of San Francisco tomorrow. The dolls will become willing sacrifices to the cause of child protection, when one by one the whole army will mount the auction block in Hotel Turpin to be sold by the Juvenile Protective association.

The money derived from the doll exhibit and sale will go toward the campaign recently launched by the association to purge the city of the obscene pictures and the places where they are sold.

Dressed in silk and satins, dolls of all sizes and classes, all of them dressed for the occasion by private hands, will be at the exhibit and bid for popular approval. Every one is warranted not to break, which is the worst sin of which dolls are capable.

Among the army from toyland are some of unique design, while others are so aristocratic that they must find a home in keeping with their own doll character. At the same time the association, which has charge of the show, has arranged two uniform prices for them, the one being priced at 75 cents and the other at \$1.50.

The slogan of the association is "A City Beautiful with the human buds and blossoms blighted is not possible." Mrs. Bert Schlesinger is the president of the association, Mrs. C. M. Weyman is secretary and Mrs. O. H. Fernbach is vice president.

### Transbay Society

The initial production by the newly organized "MNM" club took place last night at the Claremont clubhouse. The four act comedy, "Seven-Twenty-Eight," was presented under direction of Reginald Travers. Among those who took part in the production were Herman Mattern, Bradford Averill, Matt Dillingham, Maurice Anger, Adolph de Fremery, Randolph Munro, Miss Carol Day, Miss Etta Susman, Miss Jane Torrey and Miss Julia Dillingham.

The meaning of the title of the club was not made public.

The engagement is announced of Miss Grace Norman, daughter of Mrs. Grace Colbert of Oakland, to Charles Bessac of Dixon. Bessac is a brother of Miss Grace Bessac, whose wedding to Rev. Irving Thompson will be an event of the latter part of the month.

A dance will be given at the Claremont Country club January 6. Over 100 invitations have been mailed and the affair promises to be one of the big events of the new year. A series of dances are being given at the clubhouse this winter under direction of Mrs. Harry Manville Wright of Berkeley.

A vaudeville masquerade Christmas night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren S. Palmer in Jackson street, Oakland, promises to be unique in many ways. The guests, numbering over 70, will include only members of the Palmer family and their connections. Many are coming from out of town for the big family reunion. The program will be given entirely by talented members of the family, dancing will follow the vaudeville and a Christmas supper will end the festivities.

Among those who attended the dance at the Presidio this week were Miss Dorothy Capwell, Miss Phyllis Capwell, Miss Phyllis Lovell and Miss Lilla Lovell, all of Oakland.

Invitations have been sent out for a small dancing party at which the Misses Mabel and Allice Johnson will be hostesses for 24 guests tomorrow night.

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## GABY DESLYS TO BRING MENAGERIE OF PETS

May Irwin Has Happy Vehicle in "Widow by Proxy," With Musical Interpolations

Gaby Deslys, who comes to the Cort Sunday with Winter Garden success.

Jolly Actress to Sing Favorite Songs During Action of Play

May Irwin, who plays leading role in "Widow by Proxy."



In "Little Parisienne" Star Will Introduce "Gaby Glide" With Partner

"I give most of my life to the stage and my public," says Gaby Deslys, the famous French actress. "I have little time to myself, and the few hours that are allotted to me out of the theater I devote to my pets. They are two Yorkshire terriers, two marmosets and a Victorian leghorn hen which I carry with me everywhere I go for the purpose of keeping me supplied with fresh eggs, or, I should say, a fresh egg."

"Yes, it is a burden to carry so many living treasures about with you, but I insist upon having my pets and that is all there is to it. My managers understand this, and possibly they may think they are humoring me. They nevertheless provide some one to care for Henriette, Fifi, Mimi, Prince and Queenie. One can learn much from animals and from the hen."

"When I settle down I shall have many more pets around me. At my mother's home in Marseilles I keep a number of cats. They are my favorite pets, but it is so hard to carry them on the road. They always want to run away and look for company. Every one should have some pet of one kind or another upon which to bestow their excess emotion and love. Dogs are more responsive and the most appreciative."

Gaby will bring her entire menagerie with her when she comes to San Francisco Christmas week.

### Woman Member for Commercial Club

The Oakland Commercial club has secured its first and only woman member. She is Mrs. E. Lehnhardt of Oakland, and was one of the applicants on the "insurgent" role. Yesterday the Blue army secured four members, the Reds 6. The campaign closes tomorrow night.

Miss Clara Blandick, who plays the opposite role to May Irwin in "Widow by Proxy," Miss Irwin's latest starring vehicle and to be the attraction at the Columbia theater for two weeks beginning Sunday night, was born in the harbor of Hongkong, China, on board an American ship, the Willard Mudgett, owned and commanded by her father.

It was the custom of her mother to accompany her husband on his voyages, principally to the far east, and it was on the last of these voyages that Miss Blandick was born.

Next to the ship lay another American ship, on which the captain was accompanied by his wife. In commemoration of the event Miss Blandick was named Clara after the captain's wife, whose husband in later years was lost at sea at South America, in the very ship that Miss Blandick was born on, disputing the old nautical superstition that "all ships that have births on board are lucky."

Always having a yearning for the stage, she finally adopted it, making her debut in "The Walking Delegates" at Boston, and by crossing her own country since has completed her tour of the world, so much of which was never remembered. Miss Blandick was leading lady for the late Kyle Bellew when that successful star appeared in "Raffles." It is but a very short time since Miss Blandick was in San Francisco, she having been selected by David Belasco for the title role of the tabloid version of "Madame Butterfly," which made a tour of the Orpheum circuit.



## WISPERINGS in the WINGS

The Sullivan and Considine Road Show, which is making its bow to Empress patrons this week, is positively one of the best all round bills that has ever toured the circuit. "The Bower of Melody" is a beautiful spectacle of music and art combined.

Beginning next Sunday afternoon, "Happiness," an attraction that will appeal to every human being, is to be the headliner. The cast numbers 20 people with four scenes, around which is woven a story that depicts in character form the emotions of men and women. Harry Mayo and Jack Allman, unusual vocalists, will be one of the added features, and "Over the Transom," a screaming comedy, will be offered by Bruce, Duffet and company. Other added features and good motion pictures complete the bill.

"Les Miserables," conceded to be Victor Hugo's masterpiece, is drawing crowded houses to Grauman's Imperial theater, where it will be presented up to and including next Saturday night.

Commencing next Sunday, a big double bill will be offered and will include a big six reel production of "Robin Hood." All the famous characters—The Sheriff of Nottingham, Robin Hood, Maid Marian, Alan-a-Dale, Friar Tuck and Ananias—interpreted by an exceptionally capable company. An augmented orchestra will introduce the popular score for which the opera owes much of its success.

A big added feature will be Daniel Frohman's well known star in the marine detective drama, "The Port of Doom," presented in five filmed acts.

The best evidence that the movies of today have advanced to an enormous degree over the films of only a few months back is found in the pictures of the seven part "David Copperfield," being shown this week at the Portola theater in Market street.

The makers of this film have kept in touch with the atmosphere created in the story by Dickens, and every one of the characters appears as though he or she had stepped from between the leaves of the book. The last presentation will take place next Saturday night.

A great colored feature of many scenes, picturesque in the extreme and called "The Doom of the Ocean," will be part of next week's special holiday program.

## Magnificent Opportunity to Buy Furs

We inaugurate our Annual Reduction Sale of Revillon Furs the Monday before Christmas instead of the Monday afterward.

Our entire fur stock without any exception, representing an actual value of over \$150,000 of the handsomest Fur Sets, Fur Coats and Individual Fur Novelties—all manufactured by either the French or American houses of Revillon Freres, at great price concessions next Monday, December 22nd.

Details of This Sale in All the Sunday Papers

**D. Samuels**  
THE LACE HOUSE  
NW. Cor. Stockton and O'Farrell

Also next Monday, a Sensational Clearance of all Sweaters that show either handling, odd garments or broken sizes, etc.—also all children's sweaters—as follows: All Children's Sweaters, \$1.15; All Misses' Sweaters, \$1.50; All Women's Sweaters, \$2.15. Absolutely \$5.00, \$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.50 and a few individual higher priced sweaters. We feel it is but fair to our patrons to let them know of these two sales in advance, as otherwise, if they bought sweaters or furs tomorrow and then saw our advertisement Sunday, they might feel aggrieved at not being notified.

## Shop Early!

The Six o'Clock Closing Stores

**D. Samuels Co.**  
**The Emporium**  
**I. Magnin Co.**  
Grant Avenue at Geary

The hours between nine and noon are best

Store Opens at 10 A. M. Saturday and Closes at 10 P. M.

# Biggest Coat Values of the Christmas Season

Tomorrow we shall place on sale, when the store opens at 10 o'clock

## 250 Coats

Values to \$20, at \$10

Fancy Boucles, Plaids, Astrachans, etc., with kimono sleeves and set-in sleeves. Some full lined and ornamented with large fancy frogs.

Coats to \$29.75

Black Astrachans, Mixtures, Boucles and other wanted materials. Some with fur collars, others fur collars and cuffs.

**Greater San Francisco Cloak Co.**

Market and Taylor.

## The White House

Shoes and Comfy Slippers for Men, Women and Children

Glove and Merchandise Orders Issued

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