THE MIMIC WORLD.

Midweek Notes of Business at the Different Theaters.

"The Lady of Lyons" To-Night—"Hamlet" Again—Go of the "Gondoliers"—Blatchford Kavanagh—General Mention.

Mr. Wilson Barrett's original "Silver King" brought a great number of people to the Baldwin on Tuesday and last evening. It is, without doubt, among the most compact and best playing melodramas we have on the stage at present, but while the present cast is deserving of commendation, particularly Mr. Barrett himself as Wilfred Denver, we have seen the piece handled in better shape, and this was when Mr. Osmond Tearle played Wilfred; Miss Rose Coghlan, Nellie, his wife; John Jennings, Dan'l Jaikes; Gerald Eyre, "the Spider," and Dan Lobeson, old Eliah Coombe. The play was better in its stage-setting, too, and richer in its mounting at the old California. Of course comparison is not consistent with the canons of criticism, in speaking of a theatrical performance, but in this case, as in the case of many other pieces produced in this city of late years, where the earlier work of other parties has been so much better, it is a waste of words to bestow critical commendation, more richly deserved by those who, several years ago, presented a version of "The Silver King," other than the original. One of the most artistic features in Mr. Barrett's treatment of the part of Wilfred is the flexibility of his manner and the ease with which, when the occasion demands, he can lose his identity. This was particularly observable in the last act, when he was on a still hunt after the murderer of Geoffrey Ware.

The War Drama.

At the New California, is nearly as great a success as its predecessor of the same tik. It fills the auditorium every night, and the people seem greatly pleased with the performance, especially with Miss Minnie Dupree as Susan. Of late attention, and eventually affection, in a mild way, is fastened by theater-goers on some particular person in a combination aggregated to present these plays, and then the fortune of that individual, in a dramatic way, is made. This seems to be Miss Dupree's good luck. The next attraction to be offered here is "The Old Homestead," one of Mr. Denman Thompson's workings in the mine of New England domestic drama that have made him comfortably rich.

"Hamlet" Again.

Mr. Wilson Barrett has consented to present "Hamlet" again next Friday evening instead of "Now-a-Days"—a good piece of its kind, which is of the horse, horsey. This will be the last performance of the Shakespearean play, which has elicited so much adverse criticism not only here but elsewhere; the remarks of many of them, it may be added, being not so much critical in their nature as merely dissentient without any reason offered for differing from the player, excepting that his stage business is at variance with preconceived ideas. It is a curious fact that Mr. Barrett's presentation of the Danish Prince has drawn the largest audiences of his engagement. The "special" performance to-night will be "The Lady of Lyons," with Mr. Barrett as Claude and Miss Eastlake as Pauline.

Bush-Street—"The Senator."

Mr. Crane's piece is in its last nights at the Bush and the reports from all parties interested are to the effect that the month, so far, has been one of the most satisfactory to Mr. W. H. Crane, the owner of the play and principal character in the cast, since his Senatorial term commenced. Leaving here the company will play two nights in Sacramento, a week at Portland, Oregon, and three eastward, but as fast as the locomotives of the Northern Pacific Railroad can carry them. Sedy Brown's "A Long Lane, or Pine Meadow," will take the place of "The Senator," on Monday, June 16th. The theme of this drama is said to be an old but attractive one; like the revival of an ancient melody, the strains of which awaken the tenderest, the saddest, but the sweetest memories, such as are better to learn from the experience of others than from your own. Meantime, on Sunday evening, the 15th, Manager Gottlob will take his annual benefit, and offer for the occasion an excellent bill full of rich variety, which the best talent in the city will join in presenting.

The London Gaiety Company.

That ubiquitous globe-trotter in a professional way, Marcus R. Mayer, is here again, this time in advance of the much-talked-of Gaiety people—a speculation of his own. Miss Florence St. John (pronounced, according to the London mode, Sinjin) is the leading lady, and Mr. Lonnen, a clever comedian, the leading man. Miss St. John is described as possessing exceptional beauty of face and form, with laughing eyes that in themselves are captivating, and moreover possessed of a voice that shows capabilities quite beyond the simple requirements of her present position. Mr. Lonnen's talent in the comic way has made him decidedly a favorite everywhere. The piece upon which the burlesquers depend for public favor is a two-act travesty by George R. Sims and Henry Pettitt, the music by Meyer Lutz, called

"FAUST UP TO DATE,"

Originally produced at the Gaiety Theater, London, in 1888, and run in New York about thirteen months afterward. Marguerite, in this latest travesty of the old story, is a barmaid at the Italian Exhibition, where she meets, loves and finally marries Faust. The second act rises on Nuremburg Square, the young couple being there. Marguerite is a ward in chancery, and is therefore compelled to keep her marriage a secret, the young couple having managed to outwit Mephistopheles and get united. The truth leaks out and Marguerite is cast into prison by the Lord Chancellor. Matters are wound up by the unexpected appearance of Old Faust, who releases young Faust from his bond, and the young couple are happily united, ascending to the sky in a balloon.

IN THE CAST.

Miss St. John is, of course, the Marguerite. She played Mme. Favant five hundred nights without any falling off in the interest, and also made her own the principal roles in "The Mascot," "Olivette," "Nell Gwynn," "Erminie," and other light operas. The character of Faust is portrayed by Miss Abbie Conyers, Miss Marie Jones is the Martha and Miss Kate Lee has the part of Siebel. Mr. E. J. Lonnen appears as Mephistopheles and Charles Danby as Valentine. The ghost of Gounod smiles serenely at the introduction of Mr. E. H. Hasleim as Lord Chancellor, and E. Vascotti as Old Faust. The minor characters are maintained by other members of the company. The first scene in the first act is laid in the grounds of the Exposition at Paris, with a view of the Eiffel Tower, and as this is the first appearance of the Eiffel in this city its appearance will be hailed with delight. The entire opera is a succession of catchy music and local hits. It will be presented at the Baldwin June 16th and continue for three weeks, and leaving here the company will go direct to London.

The tickets for the season will be on sale at the Baldwin box-office this morning.

Mr. Brady's Production

Of "An Irish Arab" at the Alcazar is chiefly remarkable for the very pretty and characteristic scenery with which Mr. Harley Merry has invested it. The third, fourth and fifth acts are beautiful examples of the skill with which he wields his brush. The music of the production, under the leadership of Mr. Louis Homeier, is also worthy of more than a passing notice. Selections are made, and brilliantly executed, from Ellenberg, E. Rey, Ketten, Sellenick, Sir Arthur Sullivan and E. Audibert. Mr. Brady, who seems to be one of the most energetic managers we have afoot in the theatrical world, is a master detail man. He attends to the development of his play, so far as the cast is concerned, he falls not in what are usually considered the minor features. He desires to make every particular of the performance the best. Sometimes an individual or two, on whom he has calculated in the distribution, may slip his estimate of their ability, but he soon supplies their place by better material. "An Irish Arab" will play a good engagement at the Alcazar.

Blatchford Kavanagh.

The wonderful boy soprano, sings to-night at Metropolitan Hall, assisted by Master Harry Dimond, a remarkable boy violinist and mandolin soloist. The bulk of critical opinion in regard to this juvenile singer is that he has the "voice of an angel with the soul of an artist," and his organ is like the chimes of a silver bell. There is a freshness and a depth of sweetness about it that is lacking in the singing of the most talented and highly trained prima donnas. Such voices are described by travelers as having been occasionally heard in the boy choirs of the leading churches in Rome, and sometimes in the antiphonal chanting as practiced in the greater English Protestant cathedrals. They are indescribable, and the effect on the ear is almost magical. These voices are a dream of delight till the inevitable break comes, and then its owner generally finds himself with a commonplace bass or tenor, or, perhaps, no singing voice at all.

A REHEARSAL.

A select party of gentlemen and ladies attended by invitation a rehearsal of these wonderful boys, Masters Kavanagh and Dimond, at Sherman & Clay's music-rooms last evening. The lads were confined to two numbers, but at the request of a gentleman present Master Kavanagh sang three, "Angels Ever Bright and Fair," "Within a Mile of Edinbro' Town" and "Robin Adair." No representation from abroad made of his vocal ability has been exaggerated. He is simply phenomenal as regards natural power, and he shows culture and intelligence in the execution of his numbers that one may only look for after years of instruction in the best European schools. His enunciation is clear and distinct without invading the integrity of his tonal strength and sweetness, and his phrasing would put to the blush many experienced operatic singers who claim to know it all. Master Dimond is also a youth of extraordinary parts in a musical way, as his rendering of De Beriot's ninth concerto on the violin, and a number by Cristofero on the mandolin showed. These marvelous boys are as handsome a pair of youngsters as ever delighted the eyes of admirers of perfect human beauty. As Patti remarked of young Blatchford's voice when she heard it in Chicago, it is "nothing short of marvelous." In order to strengthen the programme at the Metropolitan Hall concert to-night Signor Enrico Campobello has been engaged, and will sing "Bella Siccoma un Angelo" (Donizetti), "Leaving Yet Loving" (Marziale), "Sorgete" (Rossini) and "The Heart Bowed Down" (Balfe).

The Go of "The Gondoliers."

It is to be regretted that the stage area of the Tivoli has not spaciousness sufficient to do justice to the pictures and ensembles with which Gilbert and Sullivan's new opera "The Gondoliers" abounds; but, in despite of the contraction, the various spectacular effects presented are charming. The theater is crowded nightly, and the principal people give great satisfaction, particularly the alternate Contadini, the Misses Tellula Evans and Alice Gaillard. The second act, at the Court of Barataria, is a jolly one, and the chorus explains the order of government, where Marco and Giuseppe, the two gondoliers, are ruling:

Of happiness the very pith
In Barataria you may see:
A monarchy that's tempered with
Republican equality.
This form of government we find
The base ideal of its kind—
A despotism strict, combined
With absolute equality!

Marco and Giuseppe,
Two kings, of undue pride bereft,
Who act in perfect unity,
Whom you can order right and left
With absolute impunity.
Who put their subjects at their ease
By doing all they can to please;
And thus, to earn their bread and cheese,
Seize every opportunity.

General Mention.

Mr. W. H. Bray, a well-known professional, arrived from the East on Tuesday last.

Mr. L. R. Stockwell, manager of the Tivoli, now in the East, has re-engaged Miss Fanny Bowman, at present with Ed Harrigan's party in Boston, to play the stock business next season at the Tivoli. The Harrigan Company is playing to packed houses.

Somebody has written that Boucicault is about to die. Boucy smiles grimly and says, "Not yet."

Gus Frohman is going to try a lawn performance of "As You Like It" at his residence near Stamford, Conn.

Miss Adelaide Moore, now playing in England, will probably visit this part of the world soon. We judge so from the fact that her agents or business men are making the California mailbags heavy with the chronicles of her success in the Old World.

TAKING THE CENSUS.

The Trouble One Has With a Female Decorative Artiste.

Scene—A cottage at the Mission. Enter an emissary of the census ordinance, addressing a lady of uncertain age:

"Madame, I am engaged in taking the census. I desire to speak with the head of the family."

"I am the head of that institution."

"Are you a widow or single."

"I am single."

"Have you always been single?"

"Yes. Never doubled in my life. Don't know what I may do in that way after death."

"What country-woman are you?"

"I am from Frankfort, Germany,"

"Were you born in Frankfort?"

"Not having a clear recollection of the circumstance, really cannot say."

"Were your parents German?"

"Guess so."

"Where was your father born?"

"He died when I was six months old and I do not remember hearing him say."

"What is your mother's place of birth?"

"Not having been present on the occasion, cannot swear to the exact locality."

"Can I see the certificate of your grandmother's marriage?"

"Yes; everything is possible to those who can wait. You have only to wait till it comes from the fatherland."

"How many children had she?"

"To give that information I should refer to the registry page of my great-grandmother's Bible, and that is an instrument I forgot to bring to this country."

"How long have you been in this country?"

"A year and more."

The census-taker glanced at a sign on which the lettering indicated decorative art, and asked: "Have you any occupation?"

"Yes; can't you see, I am an artist?"

"What is your specialty in your profession?"

"Whitewashing; that is the tendency of the practice of art nowadays."

"Have you any acute or chronic disease?"

"Yes, the complaint to which artists are mostly subjected is a chronic pain in the pocket, and it takes its annual benefit, and offer for the occasion an excellent bill full of rich variety, which the best talent in the city will join in presenting.

ACROSS THE BAY.

Litigation in the Burnham, Standeford Company.

No Theater on Washington Street—Census of School Children—Elizabeth M. Jessup's Last Testament Filed.

O. H. Burnham yesterday had a temporary injunction issued restraining the members of the Burnham, Standeford Company from deposing him from the presidency of the company, to which position he was elected last January for the period of one year. His petition to make the order permanent will be heard by Judge Greene next Monday. For a number of years Mr. Burnham, D. W. Standeford and L. G. Cole conducted the Oakland Planing Mill, at First and Washington streets, each owning one-third. About six months ago Mr. Cole sold his interest to A. F. Buswell and E. R. Hundley, and a company was formed with the four gentlemen named and J. C. Martin as stockholders and Directors. Mr. Burnham was made President, Mr. Standeford, Vice-President, and Hundley and Buswell, Treasurer and Secretary, Mr. Martin being the legal adviser of the owners. At present he is in the East with J. C. S. Stubbs on Southern Pacific business. Exceptions have been taken to Mr. Burnham's management by the new members, and some unpleasant criticisms have been made by them. At a meeting of the Directors, on Tuesday, Mr. Burnham's resignation was suggested by them. He asked that the meeting be adjourned for one day, and by advice commenced the proceeding above mentioned.

GUILTY AS CHARGED.

After having been out all night, the jury in the case of George and Maria King, husband and wife, tried on a charge of grand larceny for enticing Gian Maschi into their house on Second street while intoxicated, and robbing him while asleep of $23, brought in a verdict of guilty as charged yesterday morning. Judge Greene announced sentence for Monday next, and from his remarks to the jury in concurring in the verdict it is pretty certain he will give them the benefit of the law. He discharged the jury for the remainder of the term.

Judge Greene yesterday made an order permitting the trustees of the estate of Isaac Lohman to sell three unimproved and unproductive lots for $15,000, so that the money from the sale may be invested in productive property or placed at interest.

A meeting will be held to-morrow evening to discuss the holding of some sort of a Fourth of July celebration in Oakland next month.

ALAMEDA'S SCHOOL CHILDREN.

There are, according to the reports of the school census, 23,004 children in Alameda County between the ages of 5 and 17. Under the age of 5 there are 9167. The corresponding figures of last year were 21,994 and 8419. This makes a total gain of 1758 under the age of 17. The largest gains were made in Berkeley, Alameda, Oakland, Lorrin, San Leandro and Alvarado. Many of the other districts showed small losses.

Frank Kirsch yesterday sued J. S. Derby, as the executor of the estate of his deceased wife, Julia, to recover $3725, which he alleges Derby drew from the German Savings and Loan Society on the 31st of May as executor, and has since refused to pay over to him as the legatee.

Rev. Dr. C. C. Stratton has been elected Chancellor of the Willamette University at Salem, Oregon, and will accept the position.

NO THEATER WILL BE BUILT.

The project of John Drum and others to place a theater in the new building under construction on Washington street, near Tenth, has been abandoned, and the building will be constructed for stores and offices instead. It is regretted by many that Mr. Drum and his associates did not carry out their original intention, as a good theater is very much needed in Oakland.

Chief of Police Tompkins has filed charges of incompetency against Special Officer Batchelder. The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners will investigate the charge and those against Firemen McGuire and Ennis, charged by the Chief Engineer with non-compliance with the rules. The session will be held to-morrow.

Mayor Glascock is out of the city on his annual vacation. President Collins of the City Council is by virtue of his office acting Mayor.

Ah Chung, another of the Chinese lottery-dealers, forfeited $150 bail in the Police Court yesterday.

ELIZABETH M. JESSUP'S WILL.

The will of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Jessup, who died on the 3d inst. at Haywards, was filed for probate yesterday afternoon. The estate is valued at $20,250, of which $20,000 is in real property near Haywards. The estate must be kept intact for eight years after the death of the testator by J. G. Jessup, one of the sons, and by G. S. Langan, as trustees, and at the end of that period is to be divided among the five children.

At an early hour yesterday morning six Italian market gardeners were arrested on Eleventh street on complaints of the merchants doing business there and charged with obstructing the street. The merchants claim that the peddlers should go to the free market at Fourth and Clay streets to sell their truck. Complaints will be filed this morning charging them with misdemeanor.

Deputy Surveyor of the Port Varney W. Gaskill, has commenced the erection of a $3000 residence on Hobart street, near Telegraph avenue.

Rev. C. W. Wendt of the Oakland Unitarian Church and Colonel J. P. Irish and family have returned from a trip to the Yosemite Valley.

Alameda.

The twenty non-interfering boxes which constitute a portion of the new telegraphic fire-alarm system will be placed throughout the city at convenient corners, and will be ready for use in about four months. The total cost of the system will be $6830.

The Board of Education has decided to recommend to the City Trustees the purchase of the lot, 280x150 feet, at the northwest corner of Everett street and Eagle avenue, for the site of a school-house to be erected in the northeastern portion of the city.

The laying of the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple, now in course of erection at the corner of Park street and Alameda avenue, will take place on Tuesday, June 24th. Many of the grand officers will be present, including Grand Master M. M. Estee, who will deliver an address.

The people of Alameda do not like the idea of having the appropriation by Congress for the improvement of Oakland Harbor divided, so that one-half will be used in deepening the entrance to the harbor. They wish the whole amount to be expended on the tidal-canal excavation, as originally intended.

Claus Mengels and Phillip Heuer, two large property-owners on St. Charles street, have no artificial-stone sidewalks in front of their premises while the other property-owners have. The City Trustees recently adopted a resolution of intention to have a walk laid in front of Mengels' and Heuer's property. They were opposed to it and filed a protest, but the protest was one day too late, and the walk will now go down.

Peter Benoit and his young son had a narrow escape from a serious mishap yesterday afternoon. They were riding in a buggy from Oakland to Alameda, and had turned from Webster street into Washington avenue, which leads to Prospect street. As the buggy reached the broad-gauge railroad track the train came along. Although the view is not obstructed, yet for some reason neither Benoit nor his son saw the train, and Engineer Pinkerton, noticing the danger ahead, whistled and then put on the brakes; but the train was under too much headway, and the pilot struck the horse, throwing him to one side and causing the buggy to tip, throwing the occupants out. The horse's side was so badly hurt as to render him valueless, and he was afterward shot. The buggy was badly wrecked, but fortunately for the occupants they escaped with a few bruises.

Berkeley.

Professor Bernard Moses left yesterday for the East and Europe, where he will join his wife. He expects to be gone about a year and a half.

J. P. McElroy of Oakland attempted to get out of his buggy to quiet his restive horse in front of Sisterna Hall, West Berkeley, on Tuesday afternoon, and fell against the curbing, fracturing one of his legs in three places.

Pacific Rescue Home.

The Pacific Rescue Home Association for Erring Women, founded recently, is progressing satisfactorily, its object being the redemption of fallen women. A small sheet, called the Rescue Home, is published monthly, through which the association addresses itself to the public, calling on the latter to aid in the good work. Rev. H. K. Sheriff has been appointed to solicit subscriptions for the cause.

The Assistant Bishop.

Assistant Bishop W. F. Nichols of the Episcopal Diocese will leave his home in Philadelphia for this city on the 28th inst., arriving here about the 1st of July. His consecration will take place in the former city on the 24th, two days before his departure. The clergy and laity here had intended to arrange a formal reception upon his arrival here, but the idea has been abandoned. He will simply be met by a number of the clergy and escorted to his residence, which will be in readiness. He will preach his first sermon at Grace Church on Sunday, July 6th, and upon that occasion will hold a confirmation.

FRATERNAL NOTES.

Young Ladies' Institute Reception—K. and L. of H. Social.

Unity Encampment, No. 26, I. O. O. F., at its regular session on Tuesday evening had work in the Royal Purple degree.

Oak Leaf Lodge, No. 35, Oakland, A. O. U. W. celebrated its twelfth anniversary on Monday evening.

Apollo Lodge, No. 123, I. O. O. F., will have an initiation at its meeting to-morrow evening.

A reception will be tendered the delegates to the Grand Council Young Ladies' Institute next Thursday evening at Odd Fellows' Hall.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 745, Knights and Ladies of Honor, will hold its regular monthly social on Friday evening, 20th inst., in St. George's Hall.

Young Ladies' Institute No. 3 will give a reception to the delegates attending the Grand Council session next Monday evening at Washington Hall.

Golden Gate Encampment, No. 1, I. O. O. F., will confer the Patriarch degree at its meeting to-morrow evening.

M. Cooney, G. C. of the United Endowment Associates, is in receipt of a letter from E. P. Bert, G. V. C., in which the latter tenders his resignation of the office held by him on account of private business matters which require his undivided attention.

The third annual excursion of the Rebekah Degree Lodges, I. O. O. F., of Alameda County, takes place to-day at Forest Grove, Santa Cruz Mountains.

Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 44, F. and A. M., at a called meeting last evening had work in the Master Mason's degree.

The quarterly entertainment of Unity Lodge, No. 27, A. O. U. W., on Tuesday evening was a most gratifying success alike to visitors and members of the lodge. There was a splendid programme of exercises, and the large number in attendance heartily enjoyed themselves.

The Grand Council of the Journeymen Butchers' Protective and Benevolent Association met in regular session last Sunday at Washington Hall, F. W. Sanderson of San Rafael, G. P., presiding. Many resolutions for the improvement of the order were introduced and adopted. All the branches show by their reports that they are prospering numerically as well as in finances. After transacting routine business the council adjourned to meet on Sunday, July 13th, at the same place.

A MASONIC PILGRIMAGE.

Many European Cities and the Holy Land to Be Visited.

Dr. C. F. Thomas, D.D., K. T. and Kt. of St. Andrew of Philippia, has arranged for a Masonic pilgrimage to Jerusalem, the party to leave New York by the steamer City of Rome on Saturday, August 23d, next. The pilgrims will consist exclusively of Master Masons and ladies under their personal charge, and the cost of the trip will be $750 for each person. In Rome the party will be under the instruction of a skilled archeologist, and in Palestine Rollo Floyd, a frater of Jerusalem Lodge, No. 1, Palestine, and an honorary member of St. John's Commandery, No. 4, stationed at Philadelphia, and who has resided in Palestine for twenty-four years, will take personal charge of the party. In the holy land the programme has been conscientiously arranged to follow the footsteps of the Crusaders in their efforts to wrest the tomb of the Savior from Islamic power, culminating in Jerusalem, the ever memorable site of King Solomon's temple, of lasting interest to every Freemason. Special interest will also center around the grand tower of the Crusader Cathedral at Ramleh, the magnificent remains of the church of St. John in Jerusalem, the tower of David, as perfect as when first erected, the stables of King Solomon, where are still seen the rings in the columns placed there to hold the Crusaders' horses, and the foundations of the temple, those huge stones placed by the fellow crafts without sound of hammer, chisel or any tool of iron. The corner-stone of the temple has lately been discovered, and it is in shape and finish unlike any of its fellows, and when rejected by the builders "became the head of the corner." Under the authority of the R. W. Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania it is expected that a Grand Lodge of Emergency will be opened and held by him in the sublime chamber of the temple. As appropriate to the signal importance of this occasion it is expected that the three principal stations will be filled by present Grand Masters of the party. These quarries are immense in size and remain as they were left by the builders of the temple. The "rough" and "perfect ashlers" lie side by side, the marks of the workmen still clearly discernable. There, in the most interesting spot in the whole world to Masons of every degree, a lawful emergent communication will be held. The pilgrimage will also include a tour of England, France, Switzerland, Italy, Greece, Egypt, Belgium and a journey up the Nile. The return date for the party is to arrive in New York about Tuesday, November 11th.

TOUR OF SHRINERS.

Mecca Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Trip to California Next Month.

We are in receipt from Mecca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of New York City, a circular relative to its intended pilgrimage to this city to attend the session of the Imperial Council, beginning on Thursday, August 7th. The special train of Pullman palace cars, with dining and commissary coaches attached, will leave New York on Monday, July 21st., via Canada; thence to Chicago, where Medinah Temple will be visited. St. Paul and Minneapolis will be the next cities en route, at which are located Osmaln and Zurah temples. A tour through the Yellowstone Park is next in order, after which Helena (Mont.) Aleppo Temple's oasis will be the resting-place. Thence to Spokane Falls and Tacoma, Wash., at the latter city where is located Afifi Temple. Portland, Oregon, the home of Al Kadar Temple will be the next stopping-place, after which our own charming city will be reached and the fested pilgrims accorded a genuine California welcome by the nobles of Islam Temple. During their stay in this city the party will be taken on excursions to San Jose, Santa Cruz, the Big Trees and other interesting spots. The homeward journey will be via the Central Pacific Railroad to Salt Lake City, and thence through the Colorado Canyon to Denver, where El Jebel Temple will be in waiting to receive the travelers with open arms. After leaving Denver a quick run will be made to Chicago and from there home via Niagara Falls, the pilgrims expecting to arrive in New York on Wednesday, August 20th, one month after starting. The party will be allowed to remain in this city one week, and during that time Islam's members propose to entertain them lavishly and only as can be done by Californians. It is expected that early Monday morning, August 11th, some of Mecca's shriners are noted for their sociability there will not be a dull moment from the time of starting until the engine blows its whistle to notify the pilgrims that they are "home again."

PACIFIC ENDOWMENT LEAGUE.

Receipts in the Endowment Fund—Open Meetings to Be Soon Held.

The receipts in the Endowment Fund from January 1st to May 31st of this year are officially stated to have been $55,254 95, and at the present writing amount to about $60,000, of which there has been invested as interest bearing term deposits the following amounts: $25,000 with the German Savings and Loan Society, $15,000 with the San Francisco Savings Union, $10,000 in the Mutual Savings Bank of San Francisco, $4000 in the Hibernia Savings and Loan Society, the balance of the funds being on deposit with the Anglo-Californian Bank. The membership is continually increasing, twenty-five new applications having been filed during the first week of this month. J. Alfred Lueders, Secretary, is on his way South in the interest of the league, to be absent about two weeks, and upon his return other portions of the country North and East will be visited by competent representatives and arrangements made to hold public meetings in several interior places. A grand open meeting will be held in the city probably in September, this being the month in which coupon payments will commence to be made. An amendment to the laws has been adopted by which members will not be required any longer to pay the admission fee on a second or third, etc., certificate. The first of the open meetings in the interior will probably be held shortly in Napa City.

A. O. U. W. RELIEF LAW.

The Supreme Lodge Worsted in the Hamilton County (Ohio) Case.

The Hon. S. N. Maxwell, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Hamilton County, Ohio, has reversed a decision in the case of Henry Steuve vs. the Grand Lodge of Ohio, A. O. U. W., sustaining the plaintiff's action and making the temporary injunction granted against the Grand Lodge perpetual. The facts of the case are as follows: The Supreme Lodge Relief Board subdivided the grand jurisdiction of Ohio into two districts, No. 1 to consist of the lodges and members of Hamilton County, Ohio, and No. 2 of the remainder of the jurisdiction of the State of Ohio. The maximum of the rate of assessments for District No. 1 was fixed at fifty-five for a year and No. 2 at twenty-eight. Thus, if a person was a member of the order in Ohio and belonged to a lodge in District No. 1, if there were enough losses to warrant it, fifty-five assessments could be called for payment in one year before the Supreme Lodge would come to their rescue by paying all additional assessments required over fifty-five, and in District No. 2 twenty-eight assessments would be called before the same relief would be extended by the Supreme Lodge. The plaintiff, Henry Steuve, is a member of the order, having taken out his certificate in 1879, and objected to being assessed to such a great extent, especially when his neighbor in an adjoining county and belonging to the same jurisdiction would only have to pay about one-half that he would if necessarily called for it. The Judge, in his opinion, says: "It is commonly stated in cases of this character and in cases affecting benevolent associations that courts of equity will not interfere with benevolent associations or social organizations where no rights of property are involved. In other words, as to all matters relating to admission of members, discipline or expulsion the courts will leave these organizations to govern themselves, provided that their regulations be fairly reasonable, and will decline to interfere with them or with the control of their governing officers or their members. The rule with reference to what a court will take jurisdiction of is different where property rights are involved, and it is held generally that whenever property rights are involved courts will interfere to protect members of voluntary associations and prevent any infringement of their rights, that is to say their property rights. As to all questions of policy, discipline and internal government, they must be submitted to the decision of the regular constitutional jurisdiction of the fraternity. But the rule is different when a property right is involved. In such cases courts are strict in asserting their powers. * * One of the principal objects of the defendant association is to provide for the payment of a fund to the designated beneficiaries of deceased members, which is neither more nor less than a species of life insurance, and as such involves a construction of contract relations and the determination of the rights of property. It cannot be disputed that there may be and is in the order a clear distinction in its objects as between what might be called benevolent or fraternal objects and what might be called business objects, that is to say the provision of a life insurance fund, and if the consideration is simply confined to what the court will do with reference to that life insurance fund, it is equally clear that the same principles are to be applied to them as would be applied to any case of life insurance, for the rules governing mutual insurance companies do not differ from those governing life insurance companies which are organized for the profit of stockholders. I do not undertake to say that the A. O. U. W. had no fraternal objects or that if it had it has abandoned them. I believe it was organized for benevolent and fraternal purposes and that it is still carrying out these purposes; but I am equally well satisfied that the so-called beneficiary or insurance features is an important feature of the association and that it can be dealt with separately and apart from the other purposes of the association, and I am equally satisfied that the courts should and will apply to the beneficiary feature of this organization the same rules as it would apply to the business of ordinary life insurance, for the interest which a member has in its beneficiary feature is as much property as his interest in an ordinary life insurance policy. I have no doubt those in the Supreme Lodge who were active in devising and carrying out the legislation in reference to the division of this State into two jurisdictions considered it expedient; in other words, it was, to use a common phrase, the greatest good for the greatest number. The rate of liability is changing all the time in different districts. It is greater one year in one district and less in another, and so, even as a question of expediency, the effort to determine the maximum number of assessments for any one place for any one year is always going to create trouble. * * * When it is sought by an order of this character or by legislation of this kind to impose on one man, because he lives in Hamilton County, to pay twice or three times as much as the man who lives within a stone's throw of him or a man who lives in another State, I take it that it cannot be disputed that it is taking away his property rights to a certain extent. It is compelling him to bear a burden which never was in contemplation when he entered into the organization."

IMPROVEMENT CLUBS.

A Wrangle Over Politics—Installation of Officers.

The Federation of San Francisco Improvement Clubs assembled in Justice Hebbard's courtroom last evening, many outlying vicinities of the city being represented at the meeting.

The following-named officers for the ensuing term were installed: T. G. Parker, President; Joseph Figel, First Vice-President; Martin O'Brien, Second Vice-President; J. Winans, Secretary; Donald Bruce, Financial Secretary; Adolph Grantz, Treasurer.

T. G. Parker, the newly elected President, addressed the meeting, thanking it for honoring him with the office and advising the delegates to work in harmony and energetically during the coming year for the accomplishment of the work in hand.

The Executive Committee reported that it had waited on Superintendent of Streets Ashworth and had learned from him that the residents of Cortland avenue had recently petitioned to improve the avenue, but should a permit be desired no one would object to giving one.

The report also recommended the appointment of a committee to divide the City into at least 200 improvement districts, with power to appoint three representative property-owners from each district, who shall have full power to organize clubs if necessary; to examine and report on the manner in which all public work is done in each district; to appoint a committee to solicit subscriptions for a fund to be used in enforcing the performance of all public and street work by contractors and others according to law, and for the furtherance of all property interests and the protection of all water-rate payers from extortions of all kinds, as the committee has credibly informed that the present rates collected by the Spring Valley Water Company in very many cases are greatly in excess of the amount duly allowed by law.

The following Executive Committee was elected from the various clubs to serve for the next three months: P. A. Dolan, South Side Club; L. A. Hayward, San Bruno Club; J. H. Richards, Fobit Lobos Club; M. O'Brien, Golden Gate Club; R. E. Doran, Howard-street Extension Club; D. McDevitt, Cortland-avenue Club; J. H. Bartlett, Market-street Extension Club; F. L. Barrington, Folsom-street Club.

A discussion about districting the city and supervising public work created a heated argument, in which Dolan stated that nothing is so important as necessary as the committee to inspect public improvements, as even now the building in which the meeting was held is found to be rotten in many places, and the structure, which as the speaker stated, "we thought would cost only a million, will not be built for fifteen millions."

A motion was made to district the city according to political precincts, with an improvement club in each. Another member arose excitedly and exclaimed that he could foresee trouble for the federation, as politics was cropping up too often and this seemed a political move.

This idea was pooh-poohed by the meeting, but the matter was laid on the table, and the original suggestion to appoint committees to divide the city into 200 districts was acted on, and the President will appoint sub-committees for the work.

The San Bernardino Times-Index says: A rabbit-drive on the Rialto plains would be a good thing just now as there are thousands of them nibbling everything that is green. Ranchers in that section have all been compelled to build rabbit-proof fences about their vineyards and orange groves to keep these pests out.

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