EVENTS IN THE SOCIAL WORLD.

Marriage of Miss Blanche Figel and Mr. H. S. Kohn Last Night.

SOME PLEASANT HOME PARTIES.

Wedding of Mr. Lux and Miss Faulkner at San Jose — The Waller Surprise — Party on Second Street—A Green-street Gathering — Banquet of Dante Lodge — Olympus Circle Party. Notes.

A pleasant party from Phelan Park visited the Big Trees on Saturday last. At the lunch table spread in the circle of the "Fremont" group were Mr. James Phelan, Mr. J. D. Phelan and Miss Phelan, Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. and Miss Duval of New York and Miss Dunne of San Felipe.

The marriage of Miss Nellie J. Noyes and Mr. M. Boswell will take place to-day.

James A. Garfield Lodge, No. 36, U. E. A., gave its regular monthly social last evening at Washington Hall. There was a pleasant informal programme, concluding with dancing.

The employes of the firm of Louis Sarvin & Co. gave a private picnic at Tamalpais Villa, Sunday last. After the pleasures of singing, swimming and dancing till late in the afternoon, the little party of forty prepared for home, with a unanimous vote that all had spent a pleasant and enjoyable afternoon.

A surprise party was given to Mrs. Kilroy Saturday evening, at her residence, 22 Dore street. Those present were: Mrs. Kilroy, Mr. J. Walsh, Miss Kate Quinan, Mr. P. O. Connell, Mr. P. Gilleran, Miss O'Brien, Mr. John O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Daly, Mr. D. Roach, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. David Roach, Mr. E. Kilroy, Mr. Joseph Kelley, Miss Bella Barry, Mr. M. Mohr, Mr. and Mrs. Jager. Dancing was kept up to a late hour, when all left highly pleased with their evening's amusement.

A pleasant presentation ceremony took place last Sunday evening on the occasion of the installation of officers of Chebra Bray Israel, at B'nai B'rith Hall. Mr. S. Levy, the retiring President, was made the recipient of a handsome case of silverware, comprising silver knives, spoons and forks, suitably engraved. Mr. Levy was agreeably surprised, and responded to the eulogisms of Mr. N. Friedberg, the spokesman, with a few appropriate words of thanks. The officers elected were: N. Friedberg, President; J. Sterling, Vice-President; J. Simon, Treasurer; L. J. Livingston, Recording Secretary; M. L. Bliss, Financial Secretary.

The opening reception of the San Francisco School of Oratory, at 1605 Polk street, takes place this evening.

Mrs. F. F. Russell gave an agreeable progressive euchre party last Thursday evening at her residence in San Jose in honor of her guests, Mrs. Vliet of Cleveland, Miss Clark of this city and Miss Janvier of Oakland.

A pleasant party was given recently at the residence of Mr. H. J. Nolle, Kapiolani Park, Honolulu, in honor of the Misses Medau of this city, who had been visiting Miss Nolle for a couple of months. About seventy-five guests attended, going out from Honolulu in wagonettes and private carriages, and were delightfully entertained, dancing to the music of the Hawaiian Band being the chief feature of the affair. The Misses Medau, who made many friends on the Island, have returned to this city.

The Kohn-Figel Wedding.

An auspicious wedding took place last evening at the residence of Mr. S. Figel, 2415 Washington street, a highly esteemed resident in this city of over thirty years. The contracting parties were his daughter, Miss Blanche Figel, and Mr. Harry S. Kohn of Montgomery, Ala.

Rev. Dr. Voorsanger performed the ceremony, shortly after 8 o'clock, in the presence of the near relatives of the bride. The parlors were prettily decorated, the bridal pair standing beneath a handsome floral bell of pink and white roses interspersed with maidenhair, suspended in the bay window. Another feature was the monogram K F at the intersecting arch, swaying amid fastenings of ribbons. Other ribbons caught up numberless vari-colored balls beneath the chandeliers, making a magic effect. The bride was led by her father and surrounded by her brothers and sisters as the binding words were pronounced.

Congratulations were followed by dancing, all the young folks being engaged. The many presents had to be inspected, and it was 11 o'clock, as it seemed, in a short time. The guests then repaired downstairs to the supper-room, which was laden with delicacies and other choice flowers wreathed about the central supports. A sumptuous menu was enjoyed, and the festivities were duly protracted. Congratulatory telegrams were read from Alabama, New York, Chicago, Folsom and different parts of the State.

Mr. and Mrs. Kohn leave to-day for a trip in the South. They will make their home in this city.

Surprise Party on Gough Street.

A surprise party was given to Miss Tillie Waller daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Waller, on Friday evening last, at the family residence, 131 Gough street. The affair was a complete surprise to the young lady, and a most delightful evening was spent by all present. During the early part of the evening dancing, songs and other amusements were indulged in, after which an elaborate supper was enjoyed by all the guests. The following were present: Miss Agnes Hinckins, Miss Lulu Fietcher, Miss Lulu Clawson, Miss Emma Clawson, Miss Maud Clawson, Miss Alie Choyski, Miss Georgie McGuire, Miss Maud Thomason, Miss Maggie Bergland, Miss Maggie Reily, Miss Sophie Wheeler, Miss Bertha Winter, Miss Bertha Berstein, Miss Leah Berstein, Miss Amy Stover, Miss Carrie Schiel, Miss Emily Herzer; Messrs. William Stulting, Forest Lowry, Martin Bolton, Jos. Hinckins, Lutz, H. Rourke, Y. Hennessy, Theodore Waller, Miss Florence Bernard, Miss Fannie Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. C. Waller.

Lux-Faulkner Wedding at San Jose.

One of the interesting events at San Jose lately was the wedding of Miss Maggie Faulkner to Mr. Charles H. Lux last Wednesday at St. Joseph's Church. The bride and groom and their attendants stood till the close of the opening march, and then knelt while Rev. Father Cazia performed the short marriage service. The bride was given away by her brother-in-law, Hon. James H. Campbell, and was attended during the ceremony by Miss Lizzie Lux as bridesmaid. The groom was accompanied by his best man, George Newman of San Francisco. The ceremony was followed by a nuptial mass, which was celebrated by Rev. Father Cazia.

A pleasant reception was afterward held at the residence of the bride's mother, which was handsomely decorated. The presents received by Mr. and Mrs. Lux were of unusual elegance, comprising gold and silver plate, rich jewels, choice articles of furniture, complete set of Haveriand china, check for $250, bric-a-brac and a beautiful set of diamonds.

The happy pair came to this city and will also visit Del Monte and Santa Cruz.

Party on Green Street.

Last Sunday evening a party in honor of a birthday anniversary was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Julius J. Loeser, at their residence, 521 Green street. The happy couple received many congratulations and wishes for many more years of wedded life. To the sweet strains of music all were entertained until a late hour. Among the merry throng present were: Miss Lola Lacampe, Mr. H. M. Garcia, Miss Ferjan, Miss M. Gairbray, Miss A. Lecuenire, Miss I. Kelly, Miss L. Kelly, Miss Mary Kelly, Mrs. A. Kelly, Mrs. L. Lecuenire, Mrs. Bocca, Mrs. Judd, Miss Lolita Pengunt, Mrs. F. Kelly; Messrs. J. Loeser, P. Vasquez, P. Alvarado, O. Cuisro, S. Tunez, T. Kean, V. Renterais, M. Cortes, F. Espiquend, I de Santa Coloma, Myles F. O'Donnell, M. Esquela, I. Larra, L. Oliver and Auton Aguilar.

The Olympus Circle Party.

The newly elected officers of Olympus Circle, No. 42, C. of F., were publicly installed last Friday evening at Rohweder's Farm, by District Deputy, Mrs. E. Carabi: J. P., C. C., Mrs. E. Koppen; C. C., Mrs. Chandler; S. C. C., Mrs. Wilson; Financial Secretary, Mr. O. Watters; Recording Secretary, Miss L. Mackey; Treasurer, Mrs. O. Rouke; R. G., Miss L. O. Rouke; I. G., Mr. J. H. Carab; O. G., Mrs. J. Mackey; J. C. G., Mr. H. A. Bilay; Trustees—J. H. Carab, D. P. H. Maas, H. A. Bilay; Physician, Dr. P. H. Maas. Mrs. Koppen was presented with an elegant gold Gleeset and a lace pin from the Circle. After the installation the floor was cleared for dancing, during which ice cream and cakes were served. The invitations were limited, but the hall was filled.

Surprise Party on Second Street.

A highly enjoyable surprise party was given to Mrs. James McDermott and family recently on her return from a visit to her uncle, Senator Orr of Auburn, Placer County. Mrs. McDermott was met upon her arrival at the depot and escorted to her residence, 614½ Second street, where the festivities were held.

The parlors were handsomely decorated. Late in the evening supper was served, twenty-four guests sitting down to the table. Afterward all returned to the parlors where a short programme was presented, as follows: Recitation, "Casey's Dream," by John Farrell; mandolin selections, by John and Miss Eliza Jarvis; vocal selections, by Katie O'Neil; recitation, "Fire! Fire!" Miss Sallie Gash; violin and banjo solos by John and J. O'Neil. Dancing was then indulged in until a late hour. The pleasant affair will long be remembered by those present, as follows: Mr. and Mrs. McDermott, Mr. and Mrs. Hartford, Mrs. O'Neil, Miss Sallie Gash, Mr. J. and Miss Eliza Jarvis, Miss McDermott, Miss Katie O'Neil, Miss Maggie Hartford, Miss Annie Bell, Miss McDermott, Mrs. Richmond, Mrs. McDermott, Miss Julia Dunphy, Miss Kitty Hartford, Miss Jennie Clark, Messrs. John O'Neil, John Farrell, T. J. Hartford, J. O'Neil, Master James McDermott, T. Grimes, J. Gambs, George Richmond, Master John Hartford.

Party on Market Street.

Miss Florence Cerini gave a pleasant party last Tuesday evening at her residence, 1803 Market street. Singing, recitations and dancing, with a bounteous supper, made the time pass most enjoyably. Those present were: Miss F. Cerini, Mr. Frank M. Cerini, Dr. E. S. Creeley, Mr. James H. Creeley, Professor Richard D. Barton, Dr. J. Milton, Mr. John Silby, Miss M. Silby, Miss Shanon, Miss S. McFeeley, Miss O. McFeeley, Miss B. Flynn, the Misses O'Brien, Mr. D. Geary, Miss A. Telfer, Miss M. Telfer, Miss S. Sweney, Mr. I. Koch, Miss R. Nolan, Mr. E. Finn, Dr. Sullivan, Mr. O'Brien, Miss P. Sweeney.

Party on Natoma Street.

A very pleasant birthday party was recently given by Miss Minnie Johnson at her mother's residence, 26 Natoma street, in honor of her birthday anniversary. The parlor was handsomely decorated. Singing, dancing and games were the enjoyment of the evening till a late hour, when a fine supper was served. The following were present: Mrs. Armand Johnson, Miss Emilie Johnson, Miss Alma Johnson, the Misses Frida and Annie Johnson and Mr. J. A. Johnson of Boston, Captain A. W. Ellman, Kingston, Canada, Mr. and Mrs. Kilbaru, Mr. William Kilbaru, Miss Carrie Kilbarn, Mr. R. Brown, Mr. Charles Schmaling, Mr. Alexander Lynn, Mr. C. Bengton, Miss Fisher, Mr. J. Kempe, Mr. Schulte.

The Dante Lodge Banquet.

The officers-elect of Dante Lodge gave a pleasant banquet, in honor of their installation, to the grand officers and members of Dante Lodge, No. 21, U. E. A. Among those present were the following: Grand Commander Judi M. Cooney, Deputy Grand Commander T. Riding and wife, Grand District Deputy Dr. E. Lichau and wife, Grand Guide Mrs. Streckmeyer, Mrs. L. A. Cassel, Commander A. Petriand wife, Mrs. V. Cervilli, Mr. and Mrs. I. Raynaud, Mrs. L. Schwo, Miss K. Pescia, Mr. A. Baileu, Mr. Chichetini, Mrs. R. Samuels, Mr. and Mrs. Chellini, Mr. L. Monti, Mrs. M. Beralli, Mr. R. Petri, Mr. Stockmeyer, Mr. Uni, Mr. T. Theil, Mrs. Schwo, Mrs. L. Poppiano, Miss L. Woolf, Mr. E. Caboni, Mrs. Quirolo, Mrs. H. Sagliardi.

Pacific Coast Weddings.

Miss Emma C. Johnston, daughter of Mrs. M. J. Johnston, and Mr. George H. Bentley, son of Dr. and Mrs. Bentley, both of San Jose, were married last Wednesday at San Jose by the Rev. F. F. Jewell.

At the residence of Major C. W. Long, at Humboldt, the wedding of his daughter, Miss Mary E. Long, and Mr. William J. Pierce took place last Tuesday evening.

The wedding of Mr. C. L. Storck Jr. and Miss Belle Stubbs took place on Thursday at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Stubbs, on University avenue, West Berkeley.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schueler on Junction City was the scene of a very pleasant event last Wednesday evening, the occasion being the marriage of their daughter, Miss Kate Schueler, to Mr. John Q. Adams.

Society Personals.

Mrs. Samuel Blair and Miss Jennie Blair have returned to this city from Del Monte.

Mr. William Dunphy went down to Santa Cruz last Saturday.

Mr. Adolph B. Spreckels is expected in Santa Cruz this week.

Hon. and Mrs. Niles Searls arrived in San Francisco from Nevada City yesterday. They are contemplating a trip to Alaska and Yellowstone Park before returning home.

Miss Lulu Saxtorph of East Oakland, with her room-mate at Mills College, Miss Josie Feusier, have left for several weeks' sojourn at Coronado Hotel, in company with Mrs. E. Feusier of San Francisco.

The Misses McCormack of Turk street have returned from Napa Valley.

Miss Mamie Raud of this city leaves for Oregon to-morrow, accompanied by Miss Blanche Bates and Mr. J. A. Kronholm of this city.

Mr. Robert McMillan and the Misses McMillan expect to spend a fortnight at Santa Cruz next month.

Mrs. E. B. Zalriskie returned yesterday to the city after an absence of seven months in search of health somewhat improved. She is at present located at 2728 Broderick street.

Mr. Russell J. Wilson returned Saturday from his Eastern trip, and is now at the Hotel Rafael for the summer.

General R. P. Hammond is at the Hotel Rafael. He will go to Del Monte at the end of the week for a visit.

Mrs. Chandler Howard (nee Hopps) has returned from her visit to China and Japan.

Miss Alvina Heuer and Miss Etta Herriman of San Jose left yesterday for Lake Tahoe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Blackburn of San Jose have returned from a visit to Victoria, B. C.

Mrs. Charles W. Silent and family, Mrs. I. N. Van Nuys and Mrs. A. L. Lankershim of Los Angeles will pass the month of August in San Francisco.

Mrs. Brooks and Miss Mattie Brooks have returned from Capitola.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Selby are guests at the Palace Hotel.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

Debut of a Society Couple in the Divorce Court.

The divorce suit of May Montealegre was on hearing before Judge Hunt yesterday, outbehind closed doors. The contestants are well-known members of upper circles of society. They were married in 1887, and after a short period of marital relationship, they both sued for a divorce, he charging intemperance and unfaithfulness, and she cruelty and infidelity.

Mrs. Montealegre was the first to be examined. She stated that her husband persue jealousy while they were spending a vacation at Santa Cruz in 1888, and wreaked his vengeance by calling her vile names, choking her, blacking her eyes and locking her in a room. He agreed to take her to her father, but instead drove her to the Home for the Care of Inebriates, where he proceeded to become an inmate. She denied ever having been intoxicated. Harry Dibbern, a friend of her husband, accompanied them to the home, and assisted in securing her incarceration there.

Mrs. Montealegre then related how her husband proceeded to gone to Lake Tahoe for a couple of weeks, and on his return had visited the home and tried to bribe Dr. Jewell. She overheard the doctor say that "money could not compensate him for the insult that had been offered," and the money was flung on the floor. The doctor then ordered Mrs. Montealegre out of the institution, and when he refused to go, had him forcibly ejected.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

A Year's Work of the Humane Society in This City.

The annual meeting of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was held yesterday afternoon at the society's rooms, on Merchant street. Jacob Z. Davis presided.

The Treasurer reported receipts for the year of $17,462 32; disbursements, $14,287 47; balance on hand, $3303. A year ago only $128 17 was the balance. There is now to the credit of the society in the San Francisco Savings Union $7481 13.

The Secretary's report showed the following amount of work done during the past year: Number cases of cruelty to animals reported 793, investigated 777, prosecutions 145, remedied without prosecution 575, animals killed 26, convictions 101, horses taken from work 516.

Angelo Foppiani's Deed.

Francisco Foppiani was granted letters of guardianship yesterday by Judge Van Reynegom of the estate of his brother, Angelo, who is an inmate of Agnews Asylum for Insane. The three brothers were left over $4000 each by their mother, who died about two years ago. Angelo was addicted to drink, and it has been alleged that Giaccomo Ferretto, a liquor-dealer in the Latin quarter, induced him to deed him his property in consideration of $1000 and caring for him during his life. Angelo's brothers are now seeking to annul the deed.

Casey Went Back to Jail.

The habeas corpus case of James Casey was argued before the Supreme Court yesterday. The petitioner was convicted of petty larceny and malicious mischief, and sentenced to pay a fine of $500, with the alternative of one day's imprisonment for every dollar of the fine. His attorney made the point that, inasmuch as the limit of imprisonment provided by the statute for the offense is six months, and as Casey had already served that long, he should be released. The Supreme Court thought otherwise, and sent him back to jail.

Mrs. Bell's Alimony.

Charles Jost and H. Clay Miller were sureties for the payment of alimony to Mrs. Bell by her divorced husband, Francis V. Bell. Recently Jost sued to recover one half of $1461 from Miller, complaining that Bell had failed to meet the monthly installments and that he had to pay them. Miller has filed an answer, alleging that his fellow-bondsman had agreed to assume all liability in the matter if he (Miller) would give him $100, and that this amount had been paid over on that understanding.

For Injuries Received.

Mrs. Annie Beith was alighting from a cable car on February 16th last, but owing to the haste of the conductor in starting the car, as she alleges, she was flung violently to the ground, sustaining injuries, which have disabled her from continuing her business of keeping a private boarding and lodging-house. She has sued to recover $10,000 damages from the Omnibus Cable Company.

Widow's Claim for Damages.

David Jenkins was "fire-boss" for the Carbon Hill Coal Company, near Carbonado, Pierre county, Wash., on September 21, 1888. Owing to a means of escape being blocked by coal and earth, he was unable to get out of the way of a large quantity of coal that caught him in the chute, and he was smothered. His widow has sued to recover $25,000 damages from the company.

At the Girls' Directory.

The following-named abandoned children are at the Girls' Directory on Van Ness avenue: Gertie White aged 11 years, Sarah White 5 years, Francis White 4 years, Josie O'Neill 7 years, and Catherine O'Neill 4 years.

Shark Meat Seized.

Market Inspector Jacob Wray yesterday seized at a market in Chinatown 500 pounds of shark meat, which had been exposed for sale. It is not fit for human food.

935 was the daily average of want ads in the CALL last week. It is the only want medium.

IN TO STAY.

Edwards and Mahoney Will Not Give Up Their Seats.

Issue Is at Last Joined by the Filing of an Answer in the Fire Commissioners' Test Case.

In the action by Thomas J. Parsons and Z. P. Clark to oust F. G. Edwards and D. J. Mahoney from their positions as Fire Commissioners, voluminous answers have been filed by the latter denying that there was created on or about March 28, 1878, a Board of Fire Commissioners, but admitting that on that day there was in existence a Board of Fire Commissioners for this city and county, holding office in pursuance of the provisions of an act of the Legislature of this State entitled "An act providing for a paid Fire Department in this city, which was approved on March 30, 1874."

The terms of three of the members of said commission expired on the first Monday of December, 1879, and the terms of the other two on the first Monday in December, 1881. On March 28, 1878, another act providing for the reorganization of the paid Fire Department was passed by the Legislature, and on the first Monday of December, 1879, Frank G. Edwards was appointed a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners by Hon. Selden S. Wright, who was then the Judge of the County Court of this city and county. The other Commissioner was appointed by Judge M. C. Blake of the Municipal Criminal Court. The Commissioners were duly confirmed by the Board of Supervisors, and subsequently John Mason and F. C. Siebe were appointed Commissioners under the act referred to, filling the places of others whose terms had expired on the first Monday of December, 1881.

The denial that Governor Waterman appointed Clark or Parsons as successors of Mahoney and Edwards, respectively, is based on the ground that the defendants have no information or belief upon the subject to enable them to answer those allegations. It is also denied that Clark or Parsons filed any official bond or ever qualified as members of the Fire Commission, or that the defendants have ever usurped or now usurp the offices of Fire Commissioners, maintaining on the contrary that their terms of office have never expired, and that their positions have never been vacant. The answers further set forth that the defendants were duly and lawfully appointed to fill vacancies in the commission by the proper authority.

A recital of the complaint and proceedings of P. F. Dunne and others, who were appointed members of the Fire commission by an ordinance passed by the Board of Supervisors, and who began suit to obtain their seats but failed, is also contained in the answer. Dunne's suit was against D. J. Mahoney, one of the defendants in the present action, and the Superior Court rendered judgment in favor of Mahoney.

It will be remembered that Clark and Parsons were appointed by Governor Waterman to succeed Mahoney and Edwards, but the latter refused to yield their seats, claiming that the Governor had no power to oust them from office. Suits were then instituted by Clark and Parsons, and the cases were assigned to Judge Shafter, who held that the expiration of the term of an office created a vacancy, and if no other means for filling the vacancy is so created the Governor of the State is the proper person to make the appointments. Following upon this over ruling the above answers have been filed.

UNDER ADVISEMENT.

The Arizona-Mexican Chinese Are Still in the County Jail.

The cases of the fourteen Chinese captured in Arizona and taken off the steamer Gaelic on habeas corpus just before she sailed on Saturday came up yesterday before Judge Sawyer for hearing.

The United States Government evidently takes a deep interest in these coolies for, besides District Attorney Carey, the court room held Collector Phelps, Marshal Paul of Arizona, Interpreter Rickards, Inspector Samuel J. Ruddell, Special Agents Evans, Irvine and McCoy, and the mysterious "Nemo" who went South with the much advertised Mongolians, when they traveled hence on the steamer Newbern. "Nemo" occupied a modest seat on one side, but, like the rest, was absorbed in hearing the arguments of counsel.

Smith and O'Keefe, attorneys for the Chinese, first made application for a writ of certiorari reviewing the decision of Commissioner Hughes of Arizona, who remanded his clients to China.

District Attorney Carey opposed the application, contending that the Circuit Court had no power to review the finding of the commission. The Exclusion Act of 1888 created a special tribunal for the trying of these cases and in that act the Justices, the Judges and the Commissioners of the United States courts are invested with equal powers. For the purposes of these cases, the Commissioner of Arizona had equal power with a Justice of the Supreme Court, and his decision could not be questioned. Mr. Carey cited numerous cases showing the creation of these special tribunals for special purposes, and how the decisions of the courts had uniformly sustained their sovereign powers within the limits of their jurisdiction.

Judge Sawyer immediately sustained this position and then Attorney Smith made an argument on the merits of the habeas corpus application, claiming that the sending of these men to China is not sending them to the country from whence they came, for, incontestably, they came from Mexico, and should be sent there again.

Mr. Carey did not reply and the Court took the matter under advisement, saying that a decision would be given to-morrow.

NEITHER WOULD APPEAR.

The City Without Counsel to Argue the Bingham Case.

Ah Fong, the Chinaman who was arrested to make a test of the so-called Bingham ordinance for the removal of the Chinese beyond the city limits, appears to be the occasion of trouble to the city legal officials, and has involved the City and County Attorney and the District Attorney in a legal tangle.

Yesterday, when the case came up before Judge Sawyer in the United States Circuit Court, J. T. Humphreys, Assistant City and County Attorney, announced that the city was unrepresented by counsel. The Assistant thought that the District Attorney was the proper party to argue the case, and the latter was of the same opinion as regards the City and County Attorney. They were two souls with but a single thought, and the thought of both was to keep out of it.

Attorney T. D. Riordan, counsel for Ah Fong, grew wroth over the delay which kept his client languishing in the vile City Prison tanks, and he made some uncomplimentary allusions to the two legal gentlemen, but the Court calmed him and set the case peremptorily for next Monday, ordering, at the same time, that a formal notice be sent to the District Attorney.

CONTESTING A WILL.

Relatives Fighting Over Charles McDevitt's Wealth.

Charles McDevitt died in this city on February 28th last, leaving an estate valued at $40,000. He had never married, and was childless, but the children of his deceased brother, Michael McDevitt, have contested the will, and the trial is now in progress before Judge Garber and a jury.

The contestants allege that the will was made while the testator was under an undue influence exerted by his brother, Andrew McDevitt, in whose house he resided for several years previous to his death; and moreover, that he was aged and also enfeebled in mind.

It is claimed that he was dominated by his brother, who kept him from seeing the rest of his relatives; and that while so urged and importuned he made his mark to a will leaving all his estate, except $1000 to a distant relative, to said Andrew McDevitt and his family.

New Incorporation.

The Verner Wrench, Car-mover and Power Manufacturing Company has filed articles of incorporation in the office of the County Clerk. Directors—Nathaniel J. Brittan of San Mateo County, Theodore E. Payne of Santa Clara County, Clarence V. Greenamayer of Los Angeles County, George W. Fletcher of Berkeley, James L. Crittenden of Oakland, and Alexander S. Ferguson and Isaac H. Cory of San Francisco. Capital stock $1,000,000, divided into 100,000 shares; $350 subscribed.

Bib Was Returned to Jail.

The habeas corpus case of Lew Jim Bib was before Judge Levy yesterday. Chief Crowley made the return that he detained the prisoner on a commitment issued by Police Judge Joachimsen, Bib having been convicted of carrying a weapon concealed and sent to jail for 300 days. His attorneys asserted that Judge Joachimsen had refused a $500 bail bond, although it was signed by Chinese merchants worth $25,000. As Judge Levy would not approve the bond either, the writ was dismissed and the prisoner remanded.

ALONG THE RAIL.

The Proposed Line From Mojave to Antioch.

In railroad circles A. Wilber of Stockton is considered and spoken of as "the dark horse." For several years he has been trying to do something in the way of railroad building between Mojave and Antioch. He is the projector of the San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley Railroad, and organized this company for the purpose of building a road between the two points named. Soon after the company was incorporated surveys were made and grading commenced. About this time the Santa Fe found itself in financial difficulties and work on Mr. Wilbur's road suddenly ceased, and has only recently been resumed. It is announced on good authority tha t he has completed all arrangements for right of way for the whole line and has a large crew of graders at work. Twenty miles of the line have already been graded in Fresno County and work is being rapidly pushed toward Antioch.

It is not known whether Wilbur is in the employ of the Santa Fe or not, though shutting down work when the latter road was short of funds is considered as a significant fact. The gentleman himself will not talk of the proposed road and time and again efforts to interview him have proved futile. One day he is looking after his grading, the next day buying supplies in this city and then off to New York for a few days. He pays his bills, asks no favors and tells no tales, and it is safe to conclude that he is not an imitator of the much mourned Rye. The survey of this line through Tehachapi Pass is just five miles west of where the Southern Pacific makes its famous loop, and it is said the new line through the pass will be built much cheaper than the same number of miles on the Southern Pacific.

The annual report of the Arcata and Mad River Railroad was filed yesterday with Secretary Kelly of the Railroad Commission. The road runs from Arcata, Humboldt County, to North Fork, a distance of twelve miles. The company was organized in December, 1881, and its Directors are F. Korbel, A. Korbel, T. Korbel, Ann Korbel and S. Korbel. The capital stock amounts to $187,740; the total cost of construction and equipments has been $143,379; the gross earnings for the year $101,425, and the operating expenses $81,465.

Commencing with Sunday a new time schedule went into effect on the Union Pacific. The daily second-class passenger train from this city is changed to arrive in Chicago twenty-nine hours earlier than by the old time card. This train now makes the run between here and Chicago in 3 days 16½ hours—better time than is made by any first-class train. The schedule was changed to meet the Atlantic and Pacific's fast time and it is hoped the latter will cease boasting of its flier and "fastest time to Chicago."

The Chautauqua Society of the Pacific Coast will meet at Glenbrook, near Lake Tahoe, August 11th to 20th. The Southern Pacific Company will make special rates for those desiring to attend.

The G. A. R. excursion, leaving this city on July 29th for Chicago, will be run over the Union Pacific. About 120 Grand Army men will take advantage of the unusually low rates offered for the trip.

Solon Pattee and R. Wilson, also of the San Francisco and North Pacific, arrived here Sunday from New York, where they have been engaged in adjusting the "Donahue bonds" affair.

J. F. Burgin Jr. and Peter McGlynn of the San Francisco and North Pacific are expected home from New York during the latter part of the week.

W. G. Wagganman, "inward cashier" of the Southern Pacific at New Orleans, is in town.

T. H. McCormick, General Freight Agent of the Rock Island, left yesterday for Chicago.

STREET COMMITTEE.

The Proposed Extension of Market Street. An Anti-Buckley Banner.

A meeting of the Street Committee of the Board of Supervisors was held yesterday afternoon, and George Faylor and Peter Roberts, representing the anti-Buckley Democrats, were present to urge the committee to recommend that they be granted permission to stretch a banner across Market street, near Fourth, with the legend "Regular Democratic County Committee" thereon. It was held by the members of the Committee that as permission had already been given to a Democratic County Committee to stretch a banner across the street, the present petitioners should change the title of their organization. On this account it was resolved not to grant a permit under the name given, although Messrs. Fay lor and Roberts made strong speeches in favor of their petition.

Herman Schussler, Chief Engineer of the Spring Valley Water Works, appeared before the committee with plans for constructing a sewer in Seventh avenue, between L and K streets, designed to carry the sewage from the Almshouse away from Lake Honda. The plans have been indorsed by Surveyor Smith, and after having them explained it was agreed by the committee to report in favor of granting the water company permission to construct a sewer to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets and City Engineer in Seventh avenue, between L and K streets; also to make the necessary excavations and construct a tunnel of masonry on the same block for the purpose of laying the water mains of the company to convey water from Lake Honda. The sewer is to be constructed at the expense of the water company, and will be large enough to take the water from the Ocean House road, Almshouse and surface drainage along its line. At the point where the sewer ends the sewage is to be provided for by the city—that is, if the water company will grant a right of way sixty feet wide from Serpentine to Seventh avenue, in front of the school-house lot.

It was also agreed to establish the grade in the center of the block on Seventh avenue, between K and L streets, at 365 feet above base, and to order a sewer built for about 300 feet from the Almshouse to the sewer around Lake Honda.

A discussion took place in regard to a resolution for the opening of Market street, from its present terminus at Seventeenth and Castro, in a straight line to the ocean. Mr. Schussler pointed out on a map the line which the proposed extension would take, and said he thought the water company would consent to the matter of running a bridge over Lake Merced. It was decided to lay the matter over until Thursday, and then receive a report from the Directors of the water company as to what concession it will make as regards the Laguna de la Merced.

HYDRAULIC MINING.

The Omega Company Fined for Disobeying an Injunction of Court.

Judge Sawyer of the United States Circuit Court yesterday imposed a fine of $3000 on the Omega Mining Company for contempt in disobeying an injunction of the court. This fine—the largest in the records of the court—was imposed in the case of Edward Woodruff against the North Bloomfield Mining Company and others.

The Omega Company, which is one of the defendants, was enjoined by the court from operating its hydraulic mine and dumping debris in the tributaries of the Sacramento River. The mining company paid no attention to the order but went on washing off the face of Placer County. It expected, perhaps, to be fined $500, the usual sum in such cases, but if the court would delay imposing the fine for a sufficient length of time it could make enough to pay the fine and still be way ahead.

The case had been referred to Commissioner Houghton to ascertain, from the testimony, if the Omega Company had been guilty of contempt. The report of the Commissioner was to that effect and exceptions were taken to the report, which were overruled by Judge Sawyer.

For Loss to Shareholders.

John Chetwood Jr. has sued to recover $400,000 from Richard J. and Robert R. Thomas and Robert A. Wilson, alleging that they are responsible for the loss of that amount to the shareholders of the California National Bank of San Francisco, owing to negligence and irregularities in the manner in which they conducted the business of the concern.

For Threats and Ejectment.

George H. Baker and S. B. Leavitt complain that G. F. Mayre and others ejected them from certain premises on Lyon street and Pacific avenue on July 22, 1889, by threats, menaces, firearms and tearing down the fence. They have brought suit against the ejectors for restitution of said premises and for $800 damages.

935 was the daily average of want ads in the CALL last week. It is the only want medium.

FRATERNAL NOTES.

Increase of Membership Supreme Jurisdiction K. of H.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 260, at its called meeting last evening had a "raising."

At date of June 14th last in the Royal Arcanum there were 105,543 members of the order in good standing, and 1281 subordinate councils.

At the meeting of San Francisco Chapter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons last evening, the Royal Arch degree was worked.

Bay City Parlor, No. 104, N. S. G. W., will hold a "high jinks" and open meeting at Odd Fellows' Hall on Wednesday evening, August 6th.

Confidence Lodge, No. 2282, Knights of Honor, meets this evening in regular session, when there will be an initiation.

Frederick Fillmore, the prominent and well-known Odd Fellow, P. G. of Unity Lodge, No. 131, P. C. P. of Oriental Encampment, No. 57, and President of the Library Association, is lying very sick at his residence in this city. His many friends will regret to hear this, but by their good wishes it is hoped he may speedily recover and soon be once again among them.

B. F. Nelson, Supreme Reporter, announces the following gain of membership in the jurisdictions named of the Knights of Honor for the week ending 12th inst.: Alabama 3, Arkansas 7, California 3, Connecticut 18, Colorado 1, Georgia 5, Illinois 35, Indiana 44, Kansas 6, Kentucky 5, Louisiana 14, Maryland 3, Massachusetts 6, Michigan 2, Mississippi 7, Missouri 8, New Hampshire 1, New Jersey 5, New York 24, North Carolina 1, Ohio 4, Pennsylvania 12, Rhode Island 1, South Carolina 5, Tennessee 6, Texas 28, Wisconsin 2, North Dakota 2. Total, 257.

District No. 2 of the A. O. U. W. of this city will hold a union meeting with Valley Lodge, No. 30, on Wednesday evening, the 13th inst.

Notices of suspension have been sent to the following subordinate lodges of the Knights of Honor for failing to forward to the Supreme Treasurer assessments 279, 280 and 281 within the time provided by law: Arkansas, No. 2002; Georgia, No. 2472; Kentucky, No. 2802; Michigan, Nos. 202 and 772; New Hampshire, No. 2450; New York, No. 1109; North Corolina, No. 2360; Pennsylvania, No. 551; South Carolina, No. 3633; Tennessee, No. 2131; Texas, Nos. 1498, 2772 and 3561. The following lodges suspended on former assessments have been reinstated since last report: On assessments 277 and 278: Nos. 1189, 1237, 1329, 1493, 1645, 1708, 2131, 2325, 2370, 2385, 2417, 2428, 2452, 2506, 2772, 2818, 2924, 2970, 3171, 3445, 3504 and 3522.

I. O. O. F.

Official Visitations to Be Made by the Grand Master.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 222, at its meeting last evening, had work in the initiatory.

At the regular meeting of Alta Lodge, No. 205, held last evening, a candidate was initiated.

Six subordinate lodges have already been instituted since the adjournment of the last Grand Lodge session in the jurisdiction.

A movement is on foot to establish a Relief Committee composed of the Rebekah Degree lodges of this city.

John Glasson, G. M., accompanied by C. T. Pidwell, J. G. S., will make the following official visitations to subordinates in the northern portion of the State: Marysville, July 29th; Brownsville, 30th; La Porte, 31st; Howland Flat, August 1st; Johnsville, 2d; Quincy, 4th; Greenville, 5th; Taylorville, 6th; Susanville, 7th; Alturas, 9th; Fort Bidwell, 11th; Cedarville, 12th; Adin, 14th; Bieber, 15th; Fall River Mills, 16th; Millville, 18th; Ione, 19th; Redding, 20th; Weaverville, 21st and 22d; French Gulch, 23d; Shasta, 25th.

The Royal Argosy.

A set of supplies was shipped to Toledo, Ohio, last week for a new lodge. Charles A. Sawkins of Empire Lodge, No. 29, Binghamton, N. Y., having the matter in charge.

J. G. Florence, D. D. S. P., assisted by Mrs. Kohn, installed the officers of Anchor Lodge, No. 7, on Thursday evening last.

Unity Lodge, No. 3, celebrated its second anniversary on Thursday evening last.

Golden Fleece, No. 11; Grace Lodge, No. 6; Reliance, No. 8, and Unity, No. 3, had initiations at their last meetings.

Division No. 1 of the Purple Ribbon Brigade was organized at Lagunitas Grove on Sunday, 13 ½ inst., and elected Julia M. Schull, Captain; Mesdames Dibblee and Furlong, First and Second Lieutenants; Frank Sidur, Adjutant; Messrs. Jones, Dibblee, Deyon and Mesdames Johnson, Bullith and others, with L. Vincent, S. T., D. D. Moore, S., high representative.

Grace Lodge, No. 6, celebrated its second anniversary on Thursday evening last with an open meeting, at which an excellent programme of musical and literary exercises was given, followed by dancing. During the evening refreshments were served and an enjoyable time was had.

NEW CITY HALL.

Bids Opened by the Commission—County Clerk's Fees.

At the meeting of the New City Hall Commissioners yesterday Mayor Pond presided and Commissioner Strother called attention to the necessity of appointing