EVENTS IN THE SOCIAL WORLD.

The Monthly Entertainment and Dance of the Sons of Vermont.

SOME HONOLULU HAPPENINGS.

The Harris-Moore Wedding at Gold Hill—The Lowell Concert—A Mission Social Across the Bay. The Vigilantes' Party.

Miss Yorke will give a reading this evening in the parlors of the Hotel Rafael. Her subject, by request, will be "The Life of Marie Bashkirtseff Reviewed," the autobiography of the world-famous young genius being taken as the groundwork of an interesting study. The guests at the hotel are anticipating the affair with considerable interest.

Mrs. Minthorne M. Thompkins will give a tea this afternoon at her residence at San Anselmo, near San Rafael.

Mrs. Mary Carter of San Bernardino gave an enjoyable lawn tennis dinner party on Sunday at her residence to a large number of friends.

The Donegal Social Club held its monthly meeting last night, when the Committee on Picnic announced that all arrangements had been perfected for that event. After music and dancing the club adjourned to meet on Sunday at Wildwood Glen, Sausalito.

The Jollities will give their regular weekly social this evening at Mission Turner Hall.

A family social will be given this evening by Bunnay Lodge, No. 194, Order Sons of St. George, in Shiels Building.

At the latter part of last week a farewell party was given at the residence of his Excellency Hon. John A. Cummins, Minister of Foreign Affairs at Honolulu, in honor of his daughter, Miss May Cummins, who took her departure for the States on the Australia, arriving in this city yesterday.

Mr. W. B. Bourn has succeeded in arranging a base-ball game to be played this afternoon at San Rafael. The affair is exciting considerable interest. Mr. Bourn will have as opposing captain Mr. George D. Boyd.

The Harris-Moore Wedding at Gold Hill.

A quiet but very happy wedding took place at Gold Hill on Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. S. Moore. The contracting parties were Miss Nellie Moore and Mr. W. Harvey Harris, son of Mr. H. Harris, Danish Consul at Gold Hill. Mr. J. H. Kennedy acted as best man and Miss Cora Moore, sister of the bride, as bridesmaid. The impressive ceremony was performed by Rev. Lawrence B. Ridgely. Only the relatives and most intimate friends of the bride and groom were present. After hearty congratulations, and amid the good wishes of all, the happy couple took the train for San Francisco, where they will make their future home.

The Sons of Vermont Entertainment.

The usual large audience graced the monthly entertainment of the Pacific Coast Association, Native Sons of Vermont, which took place last evening at Odd Fellows' Hall.

The following programme was presented: Overture, Blum's Orchestra; recitation, "Tending the Baby," Miss Laura Crews; bass solo, "Who Treads the Path of Duty?" Mr. S. J. Daly; piano solo, (a) "Aus dem Carneval" (Grieg), (b) "Homeward" (A. C. Elmer), Mrs. Ernestine Gray; recitation, "Katrina's First Visit to New York," Mr. Paul Davis; ballad, "The Garden of Sleep" (L de Lara), Miss Lotta T. Bulmer; "The Silent System," (husband) Mr. Leo Cooper, (wife) Miss Ethel Brandon. Mr. Daly sang admirably and his rank is evidently above amateur classing. The "Silent System" was very amusing, Mr. Cooper, as the taciturn husband, employing gesticulations as an excellent substitute to the great perturbance of Miss Brandon. The latter, by the way, showed her extraordinary talent in studying a new part by appearing almost letter-perfect in the role which she only received a few hours before and kindly consented to undertake. Dancing to the music of Blum's Orchestra afterward concluded the pleasant evening.

The floor was under the following direction: Mr. R. Vandercook (manager), Mr. F. C. Moesbach Jr., Mr. J. F. Smith, Mr. S. G. Cheever. The affair was given under the following auspices: President, A. O. Colton; Vice-Presidents—Hon. J. McM. Shafter, Hon. A. W. Scott, W. J. Somers; Secretary, Ernest J. Nolt; Executive Committee—Dr. S. H. Roberts (Chairman), Miss Annie E. Neveis, Mrs. W. F. Toothaker, Miss Eddy A. Jewell, Mrs. L. J. Hardy Jr., Dr. John Townsend, S. G. Cheever, Heman Robinson.

A Flower Mission Social in Alameda.

The first of a series of socials by the Alameda Flower Mission took place last Monday evening at the residence of Mrs. Carrie Peter, 1862 Alameda avenue, and the high degree of enjoyment which those who were present derived augurs well for the future socials. A more charming hostess than Mrs. Peter it would be hard to find, and her handsome residence, made more beautiful for the occasion by artistic decorations, the handiwork in part of the young ladies of the mission, was comfortably filled.

A programme of eighteen numbers was carried out, and each number was meritorious. It was preceded by a happy little speech by Sanford Bennett, who put the audience in good humor and they remained so during the whole evening. The programme varied a little from that which has been published, and concluded with a dialogue, "Enough Is as Good as a Feast," in which Miss Donague, Miss Ashton, Mr. Beckam and Mr. McBride took part. The handsome little sum of $22 was realized, which will help to swell the charitable treasury of the mission.

Among the guests present were noted: Miss McNiel, Miss M. Noble, the Misses Wood, Miss Sophie Kopplitz, Miss Stogdill, Miss Magill, Mr. McBride, Mr. E. Halsted, Mr. Oscar Warram, Mrs. Newberry, Colonel and Mrs. P. T. Dickinson, Miss Gertie Peck, Mr. George Coffee, Mr. Christensen, Miss Donague, Miss Ashton, Mr. Charles Peck, Miss Fabens, Mr. Frank Fabens, Mr. Lapham, Mrs. Peter, Miss Blanche Schick, Miss Cora Jackson, Mrs. Fee, Mrs. Bew, Mr. Giles Bradley, Mr. W. F. Chipman, Mr. Reynolds, Dr. Parhurst, Mr. Loudenback, Mrs. Loudenback, Mr. Wild, Mr. Green, Mr. Walter Hunt, Miss Newton, Miss Montague, Miss Fair, Mr. Rae, Mr. Haslett.

A Honolulu Wedding.

Last week a quiet but very pretty wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Waterhouse, Nuuanu avenue, Honolulu. It was the marriage of their niece, Miss Anna M. Kinney, to Mr. Thomas W. Hobron. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. G. Beckwith, D.D., in the presence of only the relatives of the contracting parties. The happy couple stood underneath a floral canopy, beautiful bunches of white lilies taking the place of the usual marriage bell. After the ceremony congratulations were in order. The presents were very numerous and of a costly nature. Mr. and Mrs. Hobron came by the Australia to this city, where they will spend their honeymoon.

The Vigilantes' Party.

The Vigilantes gave an agreeable party last evening at Mission Opera Hall. It was varied by the introduction of an interesting ceremony and by some figure dancing. The "bear" programmes were voted quite unique by the large attendance.

During the evening a presentation was made to the members of Hesperian Parlor, No. 137, N. S. G. W., of whom the Vigilantes' Club is mainly composed. The donors were the sisters of such members. The flag was a "bear" banner of white silk, with a red striped border and single red star, the whole elaborately trimmed with bullion fringe. It was a pleasant surprise to all when Miss Ella Montell stepped forward and rendered a neat speech, breathing poetical exhortation, concluding: "May your records be as pure as these white folds of silk, and your ardor for liberty as zealous as this stripe of red. May the Hesperian Parlor, represented by this lone star, shine as the banner parlor of the State." President F. L. Waibel made an appropriate reply, having reference to the approaching celebration of Admission day.

After the second number Mr. John W. Fraser gave a pleasing exhibition of some Scotch dances, the long programme afterward being resumed. Hahn's Orchestra furnished the music. The Vigilantes' parties are likely to be eagerly looked for in the future.

Following are the officers of the club: Past Judge, John W. Feit; Judge Lynch, Charles W. Etting; Vice-Judge, W. F. Cordes; Scribbler, George A. Montell; The Mint, Fred J. Clausen; Hopetender, Frank L. Smith; Historian, Oliver J. Olson; Poet, H. C. Bach; Picket, H. A. Anderson. The acting committees consisted of: Floor Director, Our Judge; Floor Committee—George A. Montell, Oliver J. Olson, H. M. Smith, Fred Waibel, George H. Mower, W. B. Bradbury, F. W. Bert; Reception Committee—Frank J. Smith, C. R. Puckhaber, L. A. Moore, H. C. Bach, Fred J. Clausen, H. W. Furlong, C. L. Bambauer.

Surprise Party in Alameda.

A pleasant surprise was tendered to Mrs. Ehlet at her residence in Alameda by a number of friends last Saturday evening. Dancing, games, vocal and instrumental music were the order of the evening, together with a sumptuous repast. Those present were: Mrs. Jacobsen, Mrs. Kruger, Mrs. Berg, Mrs. Schafer, Mrs. Ehlet, Miss S. Gerhardt, Mrs. T. Kruger, Miss N. Kaufmann, Miss B. Nauman, Miss A. Koerber, Miss G. Kower, Miss G. Samson, Miss E. Samson, Miss O. Samson, Miss H. Ehlet, Miss Schafer; Miss Peter Koch, Mr. Samson, R. Lodes, E. Nauman, C. Thomsen, C. Kahlman, William Kruger, R. Madison, August Born and Mr. Ehlet.

The Lowell Recital.

Despite the heavy fog last evening there was a very large attendance of music-lovers at the Unitarian Church, at the corner of Geary and Franklin streets, where the following programme was almost perfectly rendered: Prelude and fugue in G minor (J. S. Bach); andante with variations (Beethoven), arranged from the septuor of W. T. Best, Miss Augusta Lowell; "Creole Lover's Song" (Buck), Mr. Robert Lloyd; sonata for violin and organ, G minor, (Tartini), moderato, Presto non tranto, largo, allegro, commondo, Mr. Beel and Miss Lowell; "Ah! se tu Dormi," ("Giulietta e Romeo," Vaccaj), Miss Anna Wood; Evocation à la Chapelle Sixtine (Liszt), introducing Allegri's "Miserere" and Mozart's "Ave Verum," Miss Lowell; "Gypsy Dance" (Sarasate), Mr. Sigmund Beel; "The Sailor's Grave" (Sullivan), Mr. Robert Lloyd; Andante, Pastorelle, from Organ Symphony 2, (Charles Marie Widor), Miss Lowell; "A Summer Night" (A. Goring Thomas), Mis Wood; fantasie in C minor (Hans Huber)—1. Allegro ma non troppo, "Thus thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul" (Psalm vi). II. Adagio con sentimento, "Oh, how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of Hosts" (Psalm lxxxiv). III. Allegro con fuoco, "Put me not to rebuke, O Lord, in thine anger" (Psalm xxxviii). IV. Allegro vivace e energico, "I will magnify thee, O Lord"! (Psalm xxx). "Praise him with the sound of the trumpet" (Psalm cl). Miss Lowell.

The U. S. Grant Lodge Entertainment.

The first coupon social of U. S. Grant Lodge, No. 11, U. E. A., was held last evening in Laurel Hall, Shiels Building. Besides the presentation of coupons, the following programme was presented: Overture, orchestra; address of welcome, Commander M. C. Nunan; duet, Siperly sisters; address, Grand Commander M. Cooney; selections, orchestra; recitation, "Tom's Little Star," Miss Bertha Farce; banjo trio, the Misses Bella and Lottie Rogers and Birdie Brainard; piano solo, Miss Ziesenhurst. The hall was packed, and the programme amply repaid the effort of attendance. Dancing was afterward enjoyed till a late hour. The committees in charge were composed as follows: Committee of Arrangements—Mrs. H. H. Brainard, Mrs. C. M. Olsen, Mrs. Lizzie A. Rapp, Mr. Henry Lake and Mr. J. O. Jephson; Reception Committee—Mrs. E. S. Long, Mrs. William Thomson, Mrs. Little, Mrs. Julia Smith and Mrs. Lizzie Anderson; floor manager, Mr. Henry Lake; Floor Committee—Messrs. C. G. Dundas, S. W. Cecil and Charles Davis.

A Picnic to Peninsula Island.

A very pleasant private picnic was given by the Pleasure-seekers at Peninsula Island last Sunday. Games, dancing and singing were the features of the day. Among those present were: Miss Sophie Faber, Miss Rose Grose, Miss Lucy Morlock, Miss Annie Kruse, Miss Katie Larson, Miss Annie Faber, Miss Katie Tannion, Miss Lizzie Brown, Miss Katie Faber, Miss Nellie Brough, Miss Lena Gross, Miss Annie Tannian; Messrs. Alfred Gross, Charles J. Faber, Frank L. Kruse, Michael Tannian, Louis W. Faber, Peter Clements, Charles Mayrisch, August Morlock, Fred Hoffman, Emile Gross, Bert Taylor, Fred Smith, Master William Faber.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

The Prison Directors Listen Long and Patiently to Experts.

The State Prison Directors met last night to listen to the representatives of the several electric light companies concerning their bids for lighting San Quentin Prison. Bids had been previously submitted by them for the furnishing of electric plants, and it was to obtain their views on the cost of operating them that the board met.

Four offers were received—from Mr. Ridley of the Edison General Electric Company, Mr. Perry of the National Electric Company, Mr. Clark of the Westinghouse Electric Company, and Mr. Taylor of the Thompson and Houston Electric Company. The Edison Company offered to supply twenty-five arc lights, 176 incandescent lights in the jute-mill, and all necessary lights in the other parts of the prison for $600 per month, and should the jute-mill be shut down at midnight, $40 per month would be deducted. The National Company offered a similar service for $412 per month, provided the jute-mill shut down at midnight; the Westinghouse bid was for $500 per month on the same conditions, and the Thompson and Houston Company offered the plant to its full capacity, regardless of hours, for $852 50.

There was a great diversity of opinion among the gentlemen on certain points. Each insisted that his company was the only legitimate owner of the patents under which they operated and that the others were infringements, whereupon there was a general offering of bonds to secure the State against loss in case of suit. Then the superiority of the apparatus of each of the bidders was discussed together with its liability to blow out, the number of lamps it would furnish to each horse-power and a host of technicalities and statistics that at length became bewildering.

After two hours had been devoted to the matter, Director Sonntag stated that he had been asked by the President of the gas company, who at the present supplied the prison, to be allowed to bid on an electric plant, and also offered to reduce the price of gas from $3 to $2 25 per thousand, which would effect a saving of nearly $300 per month. He thought it would be well for the Directors to go slow in the matter, as from his knowledge of incandescent light in the Palace Hotel, and even the new Chronicle building, he believed them to be unsuited to prison purposes. Should they go out, as they often do, and leave the prison in darkness, no one could foretell what the result might be. He was not in favor of going to the expense of purchasing an electric plant until after the new cell buildings, which are now badly needed, have been erected.

An informal discussion of the plans for the new reform school at Ione was then entered upon and no decision arrived at when the board adjourned.

OLD PEOPLE'S HOME.

It Will Soon Be Formally Transferred and Dedicated.

The monthly meeting of the Old People's Home Association, held on Wednesday at the home, on Francisco street, was the last which will be held there, for on or about the 22d inst. the magnificent new home at Pierce and Pine streets, built and furnished from the gift of the late Mrs. Charles Crocker, will be formally transferred to the association and dedicated. It will be occupied and the old home abandoned a week or so later. It is now being furnished, and this work will not be completed for two or three weeks.

At the meeting in question it was reported that between forty and fifty applications for admission had been received, and that this number added to the present sixty-two would make a family of about 110, with which the organization will move into its magnificent new quarters. No further applicants will be admitted for some time. The expenses for the past month were over $600, and the income only $145.

After occupying the new home the association will have to depend on the benevolent people of San Francisco for its support, and the expenses will naturally be increased. The Crocker gift was the complete home, finely finished and furnished, but the permanent income of the society is very small, and it has before it the prepetual task of securing means for support.

UNDER ADVISEMENT.

The Cases of Hughes and Schmidt Submitted on Demurrers.

The demurrer to the indictment charging Charles Hughes with perjury was argued before Judge Shafter yesterday. Hughes was accused of renting houses on Dupont street for purposes of ill-repute, and during a recent investigation by the Grand Jury, while admitting the ownership of the houses, swore that he did not know the character of the inmates.

In support of the demurrer Hughes' attorney made the point that at the time that his client is alleged to have made the false statements under oath the Grand Jury was investigating a charge over which it had no jurisdiction, the subject-matter of inquiry, if involving any offense, being misdemeanor, and any false swearing immaterial and not perjury.

Judge Shafter took the matter under advisement, as also the same point in the case of Gustave Schmidt, who was also indicted on the same ground.

ALIMONY DENIED.

A Marriage That Has Been a Most Decided Failure.

Robert and Elizabeth Willis were married in this city in October, 1881, and last March he sued for a divorce on the ground that his wife was extravagant and addicted to drink. He alleged that she kept a filthy house, burned the food she prepared for them, and that he could not support her on the wages he received as a painter.

She filed a general denial of the charges and averred that Willis had been extremely cruel to her by insulting her lady friends and locking her in the house, and that he was always penurious, although worth $10,000. The action was dismissed by Judge Lawlor.

Mrs. Willis then sued for $100 a month alimony, but this petition was also denied yesterday by Judge Lawler. She is now an inmate of the Asylum for the Insane at Agnews.

Music at the Park.

The following will be the programme of music at the park:

1. March, "Faith and Fraternity," H. J. Stewart (words by Dan O'Connell, Y. M. I. No. 35; official ode Y. M. I.)...Arranged by J. Knell
2. Overture, "Le Premier de Bonheur"....Auber
3. "Ever Thine," gavotte....Weiss
4. Potpourri, "Short and Sweet"....Schreiner
5. Descriptive piece, "Hunting Scene"....Bucalossi
6. Selection, grand concert piece, "Moses in Egypt"....Rossini
7. "Grand Triumph March"....Westmeyer
8. Overture, "Zampa"....Herold
9. Potpourri, "A Night in Berlin"....Hartman
10. "Aimez-Moi Toujours" (Always Love Me), waltz, first time presented to Park Band by N. Martinez of the City of Mexico.
11. Grand selection from "Travlata"....Verdi
12. Galop, "Tramway"....Guillaume

Only Three Reports Rendered.

Since the ordinance was passed requiring reports by all proprietors of hotels and lodging-houses in regard to the condition of their gas fixtures, only three such reports have been made to the Gas Inspector, though there are about 600 places in this city subject to this ordinance. Inspector Brown says he will wait until the present quarter has expired, and then if reports are not made promptly he will have the delinquents arrested.

The Winlock Pilot says: The people of South Bend, Pacific County, Wash., have commenced to take the necessary legal steps for the removal of the county seat of that county from Oysterville to South Bend. A lively fight is anticipated.

OAKLAND—ALAMEDA.

Mrs. Blethen Makes No Opposition to a Divorce.

A Stipulation in the Annexation Case—Church Dedication—Civil Service Eligibles. The County Delegation.

Frank M. Blethen and his wife were in court yesterday when his suit for a divorce was called. Mrs. Blethen was accompanied by their little daughter. The husband took the witness-stand and related how she came to him one day and informed him that she was going to leave him forever. He remonstrated with her, and appealed, if not for her sake, then for that of their child, to remain at home and try to lead a happy life. She was determined to go, however, and packed up her clothing, and went away, taking with her the little girl. He said that time and again he had appealed to her to return, but invariably received the reply that she would never live with him again. He gave up all hope of reconciliation and then determined on securing a divorce. Mrs. Blethen made no reply to the statement made by her husband, and he was granted a divorce. By agreement, the custody of the child was given to the mother, and Blethen agreed to pay $15 a month for her support. The mother was unwilling that the father should visit his child more than once a week and so he was given permission to see her every Sunday afternoon. They were married in 1882 and the wife left in April, 1889.

There was a small fire yesterday on the Eighth-street bridge, which is being repaired, but it was extinguished on a still alarm.

ONE POINT GAINED.

The attorneys for the City of Oakland and the Adams estate, in the matter of the annexation suit, have signed a stipulation asking the Superior Court to decide—first, is the statute governing the proceedings under which the territory was annexed legal; and second, if it is, does it apply to Oakland?

An effort will now be made to have the Superior Court render a speedy decision on these points, and if the case should go to the Supreme Court an effort will then be made to have it advanced on the calendar, because the heirs of the Adams estate are as anxious to have the matter settled one way or the other as the city authorities are. They do not want any errors made that may afterward affect the property.

The following candidates have passed the recent Civil Service examination for positions in the Postoffice Department and are eligible for appointment: Clerk—Mrs. Bessie Jordan, average 80. All the male applicants failed. Letter-Carriers—Isaac Cohen, 93; Ashley D. Cameron, 92; Frank E. Burger, 87; John Z. Barnett, 86; Charles E. Amidon, 85.

The announcement is make that the Seventh-day Adventist annual camp-meeting will be held at Twenty-sixth street and San Pablo avenue from September 17th to the 30th, inclusive.

NOT MISSING, BUT SICK.

Mrs. Gilbert, wife of A. C. Gilbert, appeared in court yesterday and showed by a medical certificate that he is not missing as had been reported. He is sick at home and in great pain in consequence of having his teeth pulled out and catching cold. The case of M. B. Clawson against him to recover $1000 paid him as a deposit on a sale of property which Gilbert is said to have represented that he owned himself, was continued until August 19th. In the case of the Union Savings Bank vs. Gilbert and others, the default of the defendants has been entered. This a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage for $6000 at 7½ per cent interest.

Kate D. McLaughlin, the executrix of the estate of Charles McLaughlin, has sold to John H. Wise and George D. Newhall an undivided one-half interest in a tract of 1430 acres of land in Murray Township, and an undivided one-eighth interest in another tract of 153 acres.

The Alameda delegates to the State Convention are preparing for the trip, but have not yet secured headquarters. It is announced that no caucus will be held by the delegation until Monday evening.

GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH.

The new St. Marcus German Lutheran Church on Filbert street, between Seventh and Eighth, will be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies to-morrow morning. Rev. Fuendeling, the pastor, the choir and the entire congregation of St. Marcus Lutheran Church on Geary street, San Francisco, will attend. The dedicatory sermon will be delivered by Dr. Severinghaus of Chicago, assisted by Rev. P. M. Brandes of Petaluma, Rev. Jatho, the present pastor, and others. The exercises will commence at 10 o'clock.

The Agassiz Club of the Oakland High School, which was organized by Dr. Buckel in 1879, has been reorganized under the direction of the Vice-Principal, Professor S. P. Mead, with nineteen members on the roll. William Gorrill has been chosen President and Miss Lillie Brown, Secretary. There will be sections for work in botany, mineralogy and entomology.

Rev. Dr. McLean of the First Congregational Church returned yesterday after a three months' vacation. The reception at the church parlors to greet the pastor was largely attended by the members of the church and friends of the clergyman.

There was the usual large attendance at the open-air concert in the City Hall Park last evening.

KAHN'S DAMAGED TREES.

Maurice Kahn has sued the California Nursery Company of Niles for $25,000 damages. Kahn is the owner of 200 acres of land near Winters, Yolo County, which are particularly adapted for apricots and peaches. In January, 1887, he bought of the nursery company 1000 royal apricot trees and 500 Lowell peach trees, and now charges that the trees furnished were of inferior kinds and not of the kinds represented, but that he was not aware of the fraud until last April.

Rev. E. C. Jacks has declined the call to the pastorate of the Golden Gate Presbyterian Church where he has been laboring for some time. It is said that he intends going East. One of the members, a few weeks ago, approached a young minister of another denomination with reference to accepting a call, but he ascertained the salary was less than that received by the young minister.

Yesterday twenty more Chinese, who tried to smuggle in over the Mexican border, were locked up in the Alameda County Jail at Oakland to await transportation back to the Flowery Kingdom. They were in charge of five officers.

The Methodists of Oakland and Alameda are preparing for a large camp meeting at Beulah Park, East Oakland, to open next Thursday.

BOTH LEGS MANGLED.

A watch-maker named Speak, aged 50 years, deaf and near-sighted, ran out in front of the local train at East Berkeley a few minutes after 9 o'clock last night and had both legs so badly mangled that they had to be amputated. He will hardly survive the operation at the Receiving Hospital.

Alameda.

Praise-service will be held to-morrow evening at the Presbyterian Church.

E. K. Taylor, Chairman of the Republican Club, has called a meeting, to be held in Harmonie Hall, a week from this evening.

The police have arrested nine boys during the last two days for jumping off and on moving trains, which is in violation of a city ordinance.

The band-stand in the park is completed, and it is a handsome-looking structure. The Alameda City Brass Band will occupy it for the first time this evening.

Two Postoffice inspectors arrived in Alameda yesterday to examine the affairs of the Postoffice, with a view of the establishment of a free mail delivery in this city, for which Postmaster Sturtevant made an application some time ago. The Postoffice receipts and the population of the city would justify the establishment of free delivery, and a favorable report is expected from the inspectors.

Conrad Riegelsuth and Thomas Schoepf, two well-known residents of the West End, incurred the ill-will of each other at the recent Republican primary election over a trifling matter, and when they met again on Thursday morning, neither could hold his temper. They soon came to blows, but before they could do each other much damage they were arrested by Officer Brown on a charge of disturbing the peace.

The domestic troubles of Joseph Vasquez and wife have reached the courts, and the husband has petitioned for the guardianship of their minor child, Josephine. The petitioner alleges that he has been deserted by his wife, the mother of the child, without cause, and charges that she is not a proper person to have her custody. Mrs. Vasquez has employed an attorney, and will fight the case. Yesterday morning she went to their home to secure a sewing-machine, which she claimed as her own property, but the husband refused to let her take it away. She then brought an action of claim and delivery, and was successful.

No Mystery After All.

Miss Rosie Mulligan, the young girl who was found unconscious on the roadside in Golden Gate Park on Thursday night, is at the City and County Hospital with a fractured skull. The supposed mystery surrounding her case has been cleared. While riding in a buggy with a man named George Waller she was thrown out upon the road and knocked senseless. The horse had run away and thrown Waller out some distance from the spot where she was found, so that he could not go to her assistance.

VISITING SHRINERS.

A Most Enjoyable Day Spent Over in Oakland.

The nobles of the Mystic Shrine visited Oakland yesterday and were met at the foot of Broadway with carriages and by a committee consisting of Nobles Charles D. Pierce, Zachery T. Gilpin and Albert Brown, having arrived at about noon by the creek route. There were about 150 persons in the caravan and the procession numbered fifty-two carriages and a number of buggies. A short drive was had about Oakland, when the caravan took up its line of march to the University buildings at Berkeley, then the buildings of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind were inspected and received much praise from the visitors.

The procession was thence driven through the handsome grounds of Captain Ainsworth, Judge Garber and Mr. Ballard and to Piedmont Springs, which was fixed upon as an oasis, and luncheon was served by the entertaining nobles of Oakland. After refreshments had been served the residence of Isaac L. Requa was visited, then through Hayes Canyon the caravan pursued its way to W. J. Dingee's grounds and from thence to East Oakland, after which a drive was taken about the principal thoroughfares of the city, and the fine residences and grounds pointed out to the pilgrims.

At about 6 o'clock the procession broke up and the visiting pilgrims took the various trains to San Francisco, some going by the broad and some by the narrow gauge. At Claremont the Refreshment Committee, consisting of Nobles N. W. Spaulding, B. E. Handy and A. W. Burrall, met the weary travelers and refreshed them with oil and wine. The visiting pilgrims before leaving Oakland expressed themselves as having enjoyed the day better than any previous one during their sojourn so far.

Last evening a large number of the nobles of Mecca Temple of New York, visited the asylum of California Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, and witnessed the conferring of the order of the temple on a candidate. The work of the degree was magnificently rendered by the efficient corps of California officers, and on conclusion of the work addresses complimentary to the officers were delivered by the visitors. Thereafter the visitors were entertained by the Sir Knights.

This morning at 10 o'clock the steamer Bay City will leave the pier at the foot of Market street for a trip on the bay, in honor of the Mecca pilgrims and visiting Islam Temple. Hunters Point, Mission Rock, Yerba Buena, Alcatraz and Angel Island will be visited, and the trip will be extended as far as the Golden Gate in order to afford the visitors a chance to see the broad Pacific. The new cruiser San Francisco, and the one building, the Monterey, will also be inspected, and during the run up Richardsons Bay to the Twin Sisters Lighthouse an appetizing lunch will be set and partaken of in the cabin of the steamer.

This evening Islam Temple will hold an informal reception to its guests at the oasis, 131 Post street. None but Shriners will be admitted, and although the "sands will not be hot," still they will be warm enough to cool by an endless quantity of "Zem-zem" waters, which will be ready for their use.

A LION IN DENVER.

The Inhabitants in That Peaceful Section Have a Sunday Scare.

Early last evening the people of West Denver living in the vicinity of Ninth and Champa streets were thrown into a state of the wildest excitement. A full-grown mountain lion terrorized the neighborhood with a display of vicious temper, sending icy ante-mortem chills down the spinal columns of the fleeing men, women and children.

The lion is the property of H. W. Wilson, a gentleman living at 1130 Ninth street. Yesterday a dog attached to the Wilson family began amusing himself by making insinuating remarks to the lion family. The usually even temper of the master of the cage was unruffled for a time, but the remarks of his unwelcome visitor becoming so annoying, he made a desperate effort to reach his tormentor through the bars of the prison. In the language of the prize-ring, he "fell short." Then with a sudden and impetuous dash the lion forced his muscular frame between the irons and gained his liberty.

The dog disappeared in an instant. The lion, dazed by his coming in contact with the bars of the cage, recklessly dashed ahead without regard to the course he was taking. An open door was across his pathway, which one jump he landed in a room where Mr. Wilson and his family were at supper; a second leap carried him across the table without touching anybody in the party, and in less than a wink the front yard was reached. The animal no doubt by this time was as badly frightened as the people who saw him, for he butted against a fence having iron bars a quarter of an inch thick, bending them into arcs equal to a semi-circumference and allowing him to pass through. The lion then started on a go-as-you-please gallop out Ninth street, toward Champa. The neighbors fled for cover. At Ninth and Champa streets a stately tree stood invitingly in the lion's track.

The lion was soon comfortably ensconced among the leaves on the apex of the tree and began to feel more friendly toward mankind; so much so that he made a move to again visit the earth. Again the street was cleared of interested spectators. The strain was too much for a very nervous man in the crowd and he sent in an alarm to police headquarters and called for the patrol wagon. The officers and the wagon arrived. The lion was sighted. Three brave men instinctively reached for their revolvers.

"Take him to the station and put him in the bull-pen," suggested a sarcastic individual.

"Give him to the hoboes to play with," chimed in another.

The wagon was turned toward the City Hall. Three sad men accompanied it. They had not been trained to wrestle with mountain lions and were compelled to beat an inglorious retreat.

"Here's a man who will corral the lion," was the encouraging shout as a cowboy came to the scene.

The cowboy was a man named Lewis, who did not shirk the task of twisting the lion's tail or capturing him in the least.

After several ineffectual attempts Lewis gracefully threw the loop over the animal's neck and shoulders. But the animal was not to be cajoled as easily as was anticipated. The rope was drawn taut and made breathing difficult for the beast. He advanced several feet toward the ground and then refused to budge. Suddenly he slid in the direction of the crowd which had gathered.

Consternation! Lewis was left alone.

Then the lion again ascended the tree. Finally, after much maneuvering he reached the ground in a fainting condition. One man cautiously got the better of his judgment and he approached the animal for an inspection. He was promptly cinched on the leg by the beast, but escaped being bitten. The lion was then tied with cords and hauled back to his cage.—Denver Republican.

A Mother's Sacrifice.

By direction of Judge Andrews, proceedings will be taken in October to determine as to the sanity of Mrs. Minnie Hough, who was found on Lexington avenue in February, dressed only in her underclothing and a cloak, says the New York Press. She told the officer who found her that she was searching for a place of worship where she could pray. She was sent to the hospital, where the physicians said she was insane through lack of proper food and overwork. She had lived with her fifteen-year-old son at 1173 Second avenue, and by stinting herself had accumulated $3932 25, which she was hoarding to educate and support the boy.

Cattle-Thieves.

Last Thursday fifteen head of cattle belonging to Joseph Gilbert, manager of the Laguna Ranch, and a $100 cow, the property of William Sey, proprietor of the Tenmile House, near Laguna, were stolen in broad daylight by some parties who are actively being hunted up by the officers. The cattle were seen near New River by some parties in charge of two white men, who were driving them toward Santa Ana, where it is believed that they were disposed of.—Los Angeles Herald, Aug. 5th.

A Baby's Flight.

An Elkhart (Ind.) special to the Cincinnati Enquirer says that a few nights since a two-year-old daughter of George Munsche, living on the outskirts of that city, escaped from home and made its way to the Cincinnati, Wabash and Michigan Railway and took a position on the track, and was backed over by an engine and mangled beyond recognition. It was found some hours afterward.

A Producers' Union has been formed at Tustin, Los Angeles County.

RING AND PATH.

C. F. Waller Loses a Cool Thousand on a Foot-Race.

La Blanche Ready for a Trip to Australia. California Club Directors Becoming Weary—Notes.

There seems to be a lack of spirit among the Directors of the California Club which does not speak well for the prospects of the club, so far as fisticuffs are concerned. Many of the members, who still cling to the club in the hope of again seeing their favorite pastime raised from the mire which it has fallen into, were in hopes of hearing favorably from the Directors, who were to have met last evening. A quorum not being present a postponement was ordered until next Monday evening, when the full board is expected.

The pugilists who are training for the exhibition are anxious to know the evening when their services will be required, and the members are equally anxious that the Directors announce the date of this month's entertainment. If pugilism in San Francisco remains much longer in a dormant state, there will be very few of the fraternity left to choose from, in case of a revival of pugilism.

It was stated to a representative of THE CALL last evening on pretty good authority that George la Blanche had concluded to try his fortune in far-away Australia and that he is now making preparations to accompany Joe Choynski to the Antipodes. The latter will take his leave of San Francisco next Saturday; and if "the Marine" should add his signature to the passenger-list the proposed match between him and Young Mitchell will be one of the hoped-for contests which the members of the California Club will not witness.

A FOOL AND HIS MONEY.

Although the officers of the professional foot-racing association have concluded to dispense with the monthly handicaps temporarily in consequence of a lack of patronage, still there is a large number of "peds" rusticating in the city who are all seemingly anxious to court the acquaintance of some one with money who has not had any previous experience with sprint-racing.

A few weeks ago two of the "speedy boys" were noticed frequently in the company of a man named Waller, who "runs" the Central Park Saloon. Matters were kept strictly quiet and Waller was as dumb as the proverbial oyster when his friends, who suspected something, asked him for a quiet "tip" on what they had good reason to believe was a proposed foot-race in which Waller had an "interest."

The saloon-keeper finally disappeared from his customary haunts, and the "flyers" who had been keeping close company with him were also missing. But yesterday Waller returned from Ukiah the most dejected and forlorn-looking specimen of sportive humanity one would wish to see in this gay and festive city of the Golden West.

WELCOMED ON RETURN.

His friends, who had missed him from the park grounds, welcomed his return with outstretched hands, but Waller refused to be received with feelings of joy or gladness. The story of his sojourn in the country town is soon told.

He left his snug little place of business a few days ago with $1100 in his inside pocket. This money he gambled on his pet sprinter, expecting to return home with double the amount; but alas for poor Yorick—Waller, his pet racer, encountered a pebble on the track.

This threw him out of his winning stride and thereby lost him the race. Waller mourns his loss, but he now consoles his wounded feelings with the thought that the experience which he has gained is worth more to him than the money he has left behind in that red-hot town of Ukiah.

HAS A PRETTY GOOD RECORD.

George Siddons, who easily defeated Tom White at Thayer, Ind., last Sunday, has a pretty good record. He fought Tommy Warren a draw at Duluth, and at the same place was whipped by Ike Weir, after fighting seven rounds with a broken jaw. Siddons has defeated fifteen men and fought five draws. Weir was the only man he failed to conquer.

Dan O'Leary and Charley Lowrey of Waco, Tex., are matched to walk at Oak Cliff, Tex., 1000 miles for $500 a side. Dan says that he is as active as ever, and may possibly perform the wonderful feat of walking to his grave in the sweet by and by.

The homing pigeon "Dusky," owned by Fred Bowers of Fall River, Mass., covered 650 miles in two and three-quarter days recently. The best previous record was held by the bird Garfield.

The one-mile amateur swimming championship of Great Britain was won by S. W. Greasley of Leicester in 29 minutes and 32 seconds at Birmingham last month.

HE WAS THE LAST SURVIVOR.

George Lee Schuyler, the well-known yachtsman who died recently in New York, was among the gentlemen who founded the New York Yacht Club. His death removed the last survivor of that historic company. He was born at Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, N. Y., on June 9, 1811. His paternal grandfather was General Philip Schuyler of Revolutionary fame. Besides being the oldest member of the New York Yacht Club Mr. Schuyler was also the sole surviving owner of the famous old cup, owner yacht America, which won the Royal Yacht Squadron cup—now known as the America cup—at the Cowes regatta of August 22, 1851, defeating eighteen crack British craft in that famous struggle. The cup thus won became the absolute property of the owners of the schooner—J. C. Stevens, Hamilton Wilkes, George L. Schuyler, James Hamilton, J. B. Finlay and Edwin A. Stevens.

On July 8, 1857, they transferred it to the New York Yacht Club as a perpetual challenge cup, for which any organized yacht club or any nation might compete. In December, 1882, the cup was returned to Mr. Schuyler by the club, who, in 1883, returned it under conditions to the club. In 1887 the cup was again returned to Mr. Schuyler, who made a third deed of gift, under which the club now holds the cup. Within the last few months it had been suggested that the cup should once more be returned to Mr. Schuyler, so that another deed of gift might be drawn up, which would satisfy every one. His death ends this controversy, however, as the English must now race for the cup under the existing conditions or not at all.

FOUGHT IN AN ICE-HOUSE.

A letter from London, Ohio, dated August 4th, states that a prize-fight took place in Arthur Slagle's ice-house on Sunday morning last between a light-weight from Columbus named Parsons and Peter Golden. They fought eleven rounds, which resulted in Golden being kn