AMONG THE CHURCHES

The Labor Question to Be Discussed by Catholics.

Congregational Churches in Southern California—British Hebrews Will Honor Cardinal Manning.

Among the Scandinavian countries, Norway is the most generous in the support of missions.

The Canadian Methodist Conference has authorized the establishment of a Methodist sisterhood for church work and evangelization.

The Rev. E. R. Atwill, D.D., of Toledo, Ohio, will, in September, be consecrated as the first bishop of the new Protestant Episcopal diocese of West Missouri.

The new house in course of erection for Grace Baptist Church, Philadelphia, is of stone, 107x150 feet, will seat 4210, and cost, furnished, about $200,000.

During the summer months many pastors have placed their Sunday evening prayer service in the hands of the young people of the Christian Endeavor Society, and often with the best results.

In Cleveland, Ohio, the Congregational churches have increased from three in 1860 to thirteen in 1890.

Judge A. Green has presented to the church, Tenafly, N. J., Rev. V. B. Carroll, pastor, a stone manse as a memorial to his wife. It is to cost about $25,000.

The General Board of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the diocese of Nova Scotia has reported contributions for the past year of $81,315. This is a great increase over previous offerings.

There are more than fifty Congregational churches in Southern California. Many of them have over 100 members. The First Church in Los Angeles has a membership of 427, of which R. G. Hutchins, D.D., is pastor.

The centenary of the introduction of Methodism in Boston is to be celebrated next fall. The Rev. Hugh Price Hughes of London has been invited to participate in the exercises.

At the jubilee of the Baptist mission in Denmark, held in Copenhagen, it was reported that 6000 in all have been baptized, and there are now 2700 members in the churches. All the Protestant missions in Europe lose many of their best members by emigration to America.

CATHOLIC NOTES.

The National Convention of German-American Catholics was held this year in Baltimore, Md., on August 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th.

St. Michael's Church, Baltimore, Md., is being improved at a cost of $40,000.

In a few days work will be begun on a new addition to St. Xavier College, Cincinnati, Ohio. This is rendered necessary by the great increase in the number of its students.

The Redemptorist Fathers, who have within the past month gone to Portland, Oregon, have already begun their good work. They have opened a temporary church and will soon begin the building of a permanent home and church.

St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, is to have chimes of fifteen bells, weighing about 30,000 pounds. They are the gift of several persons living in various parts of that city and this country, as well as in other countries. Each bell will be inscribed with the name of the giver.

The German Catholics of Seattle, Wash., are preparing to build a church, and the people of the Sclav nationalities are preparing to follow suit. Father Simonik, a Sclav priest from Moravia, is now in charge of Germans and Poles.

According to information received from a reliable source, the difficulties which had arisen between the Vatican and Portugal about the application of the concordate are now completely settled.

A costly rosary has been presented to Mrs. William O'Brien by the children of the Presentation Convent, Cashel, Ireland. It was accompanied by an illuminated address engrossed by a pupil.

The Vatican architects are giving attention to the dome of St. Peter's in Rome, and say that no reliance need be placed in the talk about its serious cracking. Beyond some ordinary repairing, the dome stands perfect to-day.

The Belgian Catholic Congress on Social Questions will meet this year at Liege under the presidency of the Bishop, Monsignor Dontreloux. Catholics of other countries will be invited to attend and the chief subject for discussion will be international legislation on the labor question. The preceding congresses held at Liege have already borne good fruit in the reform of the labor laws by the Belgian Parliament.

THE HEBREW FAITH.

The Jews in Great Britain are taking steps to show their regard for Cardinal Manning. The acting chief rabbi, Sir Julian Goldsmidt, Sir John Simon, Mr. C. G. Montefiore and other eminent Jews have formed themselves into a committee with the object of presenting Cardinal Manning with an illuminated address of congratulation on his silver jubilee, and in commemoration of his Eminence's efforts on behalf of the persecuted Jews in Russia.

Rev. Dr. Falk Vidaver was re-elected last Sunday as minister of the Congregation Sherith-Israel.

During the last year nearly 2,000,000 marks were spent by the Rhenish-Westphalian Society for the conversion of the Jews, and one Jew was baptized.

Sir Julian Goldsmid, whose second daughter, Edith, was married recently, has six others left, who have these unscriptural names: Eurese, Grace, Nora, Marguerite, Beatrice and Maud.

Herr von Gossler, Prussian Minister of Public Instruction, paid a visit to the Jewish School at Hechingen. The incident is noteworthy inasmuch as it was the first time that a Minister of Education in Prussia has inspected a Jewish school.

An example of religious toleranc has been given by the Roman Catholic community at Reichenhall. A Jew belonging to another town died there suddenly, and as there is no Jewish congregation in Reichenhall the body was placed in a Catholic chapel, from which every religious emblem had been removed, until it could be conveyed elsewhere for burial.

WORLD'S FAIR.

Additional Delegates to the Approaching Convention.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the San Francisco World's Fair Association will be held next Tuesday to arrange for transportation and accommodation of delegates to the convention in Metropolitan Hall on September 11th next. A. S. Halidie and David Kerr were appointed delegates yesterday. The attendance at the convention is likely to be reduced by the refusal of the Southern Pacific to give half-fare rates. Only one and one-third rates have been secured at present, but a committee appointed for that purpose will endeavor to secure a quarter reduction.

The following are the latest additions to the delegates:

San Francisco Chamber of Commerce—Robert Watt, W. W. Morrow.

San Francisco World's Fair Association—David Kerr, A. S. Halidie.

Manufacturers' Association, San Francisco—David L. Hayes, Alanson H. Phelps.

Salinas City Board of Education—W. M. R. Parker, M. Hartwell.

Lydia Parlor, No. 15, of Colusa, N. D. G. W.—Mrs. W. B. Cooke, Mrs. J. W. Porter.

San Diego Parlor, No. 108, N. S. G. W.—J. V. Bacon.

Santa Cruz Parlor, No. 26, Native Daughters—Miss May Baldwin and Miss Agnes Volkins.

HARD ON MERCHANTS.

San Jose's New Street-Obstruction Law Under Fire.

David Rinaldo and F. A. Taylor, two prominent business men of San Jose, were before the Supreme Court yesterday on writs of habeas corpus, which were sued out to test the validity of the new San Jose street-obstruction ordinance, under which the two gentlemen had been arrested and fined $10.

The merchants of San Jose are, with two exceptions, said to be a unit in opposing the ordinance, and have combined to resist it. In 1881 the city of San Jose passed an ordinance prohibiting merchants from exhibiting their wares on the sidewalk. The law remained a dead letter until last June, when the Council passed an amendatory ordinance providing for the punishment of any person violating the first.

An effort to enforce the new ordinance resulted in the arrest of Rinaldo and Taylor. The validity of the law was argued against yesterday by H. V. Morehouse before the Supreme Court, which took the matter under advisement.

RISKED HIS LIFE FOR OTHERS.

Officer Paulson Stops a Runaway and Saves Children From Injury.

A group of happy children were romping on the pavement at the corner of Halsted and Washington streets, Chicago, recently. Down Washington street came a runaway team of horses drawing one of Aldrich's big bakery wagons. The runaways left the road and, to the horror of the spectators took to the sidewalk and came dashing down toward the babies playing on the walk. Another moment and the spirited animals would have trod the little ones under foot. The children, stupefied with fright, stood still. Just then Officer Paulson of the Desplaines-street Station, who was at the crossing, saw the danger the little ones were in. He ran at the top of his speed, caught one of the horses by the bit, and, exerting his strength, pulled the horse's head downward. He was thrown down, dragged several feet, and his uniform torn and bedraggled, but he hung on and finally succeeded in stopping the runaways. But for his bravery several of the children would have been seriously, if not fatally injured. The officer's action was loudly applauded by several hundred spectators.—Herald.

THE TRAINMEN.

All Are Ready for a Conference This Morning.

There were no new developments yesterday in the Southern Pacific trainmen's case. The brakemen held a meeting in the afternoon, and it is understood that a schedule has at last been agreed upon. Their demands will be considered by General Superintendent Fillmore this morning at 9 o'clock.

The officials at Fourth and Townsend streets do not believe there will be any strike, but railroad men outside of the Southern Pacific are confident that the company will not listen to any talk of increasing the pay of trainmen, in viewing the hard winter and one or two unprofitable ventures which the company has recently indulged in. They are equally confident that the men are in earnest and will make trouble in the event of a refusal.

The conductors on freight, not employed on the western division, wish it understood that they are not asking for an increase of pay and have no grievances whatever, notwithstanding statements published in a morning paper to the contrary. In the same account it was also stated that the matter was in the hands of a General Grievance Committee, representing conductors, brakemen, switchmen and baggagemen. Both officers and employes deny this statement, affirming that the organizations are acting independently of one another, each order presenting the demands of its members without advice from or conference with members of other orders. From first to last, said one of the Grievance Committee yesterday, the account referred to is a most unskillful distortion of facts, and misrepresents both the railroad company and its servants.

Fred Thompson, Passenger Agent of the Rock Island at Los Angeles, is in town.

H. D. Nelson, General Agent of the Missouri Pacific at Memphis, Tenn., is in town, and quartered at the Palace Hotel.

STREET WORK.

The Committee of the Board of Supervisors Again at Work.

That portion of the municipal machine commonly called the Board of Supervisors was set in motion again yesterday morning by a meeting of the Street Committee. During the customary summer vacation that the Supervisors never forget to take, that particular department of the city government has been as quiet and free from suspicion as an undertaker's establishment. Now the scene is changing; the hum and hubbub of the great machine is again heard, and the committee-room is the center of renewed activity.

The first thing done was to award to A. E. Buckman the contract for grading Eureka street, between Nineteenth and Twentieth, for $3500, that contractor being the lowest bidder.

The following petitions were recommended favorably: F. W. Foster, to remove a building on Nineteenth street, between Folsom and Howard; Joseph Nelson, to remove a building on Lyon street, between Sutter and Bush; Cornelius Donovan, to remove a building from 210 Austin street; G. H. Umbsen, to repair a wooden sidewalk at 309 Sixth street.

C. C. Butler's protest against the extension of Post street was set aside.

Street Superintendent Ashworth's communications, recommending the acceptance of Geary street, from Buchanan to Webster; Post, from Octavia to Laguna, and the crossings of Folsom and Seventeenth, and Harrison and Tenth, will receive a favorable report to the board.

Superintendent Ashworth's request that further action be suspended on the following street work will also receive favorable mention to the board: The sewer in Lombard and Franklin streets; the paving of Larkin, from Union to Filbert; of Jackson, from Hyde to Leavenworth; of Fillmore, from Filbert to Greenwich, and the crossing of Page and Laguna.

C. D. Vincent's request for an extension of time 100 days on his contract to grade Steiner street, from Fulton to Hayes, will be recommended favorably to the board.

Superintendent Ashworth recommended that plank sidewalks be constructed on Montgomery avenue, between Green and Union streets; on Green, between Montgomery avenue and Powell, and on Stockton, between Green and Union. The committee indorsed these projects.

The following recommendations for street work made by Superintendent Ashworth were also indorsed by the committee. That a plank sidewalk be constructed at the corner of Lapidge and Nineteenth streets; a brick sewer in the crossing of Spear and Howard; plank sidewalks on the corner of Bartlett and Twentieth; that the crossing of Franklin and Broadway be regraded; brick sewer in the crossing of Twenty-fourth and Chattanooga; pipe-sewer in Chattanooga, from Twenty-fourth to Jersey; also in Minnesota, between Solano and Butte; pave Franklin, between Broadway and Vallejo.

Mr. Ashworth's request that no bids be received for the construction of sewers in Octavia street, from Greenwich to Lombard, and in Gough, from Filbert to Greenwich, was granted.

The proposition to pave Kentucky street, from Fourth to Denmark, was put over for future consideration. The lowest bid received for the work was from C. D. Vincent, for $200,000, and the committee thought this altogether too high.

W. T. GARRATT'S ESTATE.

Partial Distribution Secured by the Elder Son.

The petition of William T. Garratt Jr. for a portion of his share of his late father's estate was again before Judge Coffey yesterday. The Court signed a decree which directed that upon receiving from the young man a bond of indemnity against any possible creditors, the widow and executrix, Mrs. Anna G. Garratt, pay over to him one-half of the rents collected by her from the property at 513 and 515 Market street, for the seven months that have elapsed since the elder Garratt's death. The one-half amounts to about $2500. She was also directed to let the heir into absolute possession of an undivided one-half of the property itself, and it was decreed that he was and is owner-in-fee of such one-half interest.

The guardian of the other son of deceased, Milton D. Garratt, has petitioned for not only the other undivided half of the Market-street property with its accrued revenues, but also an undivided one-third of the improved real property at the northwest corner of Fremont and Natoma streets, 75x137 6 feet, the site of the Garratt Brass and Machine Works. This petition will be heard on September 2d next.

UNLUCKY MANHEIM.

Indictments for Forgery Keep Piling Up Against Him.

The Grand Jury presented another indictment yesterday against S. S. Manheim, charging him with forgery. This makes three similar charges against him. The last case was discovered in a peculiar way. Manheim forged a check for $75 on Newmark & Co., and on the strength of it borrowed $15 of Charles Kittelberger, promising to go with the latter to the bank on the following day and draw the money. He failed to put in an appearance and Kittelberger saw nothing more of him until one day he happened to be in Judge Van Reynegom's court, and there recognized his handsome debtor in the prisoner's dock, waiting to answer one of the first-found indictments. The recognition was mutual, and calling Kittelberger over to the dock Manheim begged him, "for God's sake," not to say anything about the matter; that he would surely settle in a few days. Kittelberger, however, did not heed the appeal, and told the Grand Jury all about the case.

Langan Divorce Case.

Christina L. Langan sued for a divorce from John A. Langan for cruelty and infidelity. Langan denied cruelty and counter-charged infidelity. The case was tried before Judge Garber yesterday, and Langan was granted a divorce on the ground of intemperance. Mrs. Langan is at present in the asylum for the insane at Stockton for intemperance. The parties were married in this city on August 4, 1885.

The Fire Alarm.

An alarm of fire was turned in yesterday morning from Box 371 at 4:30 o'clock for a $150 blaze in the two-story frame building 602 Sutter street, occupied as dwellings by Carl von Brennon and Mrs. Rosa Fehn. The cause of the fire is not known.

FRATERNAL INDEX.

Number of Masonic Lodges and Members in New York.

[In order to secure insertion all matter intended for this column should be handed in addressed to the "Fraternal Editor." All communications must bear the name and address of the sender; if not, the matter will not be published.]

Official Assessment Table.

NAME.	Number of Assessments.	Date of Call.		Delinquent by Members.	
A. L. of H.	183-184	Aug.	1	Sep.	1-15
A. O. U. W.	18-19	Aug.	1-8	Aug.	28
Workmen's Guar. F. A'n	12-13	Aug.	1	Aug.	28
Knights of Honor	284-285	Aug.	1	Aug.	31
Knights and L. of H.	276-277	Aug.	1	Aug.	31
Order Chosen Friends.	174	Aug.	1	Aug.	31
I. O. B. B.	15-16	Aug.	1	Aug.	31
Royal Arcanum	139	Aug.	1	Aug.	31
End. Ben Fd., A.O.F.A.	172	Aug.	1	Sep.	1
End. Ben. Fd., A.O.F.A.	173	Aug.	16	Sept.	16
Pacific End. League	8	Aug.	1	Aug.	31
Royal Argosy, A Deg.	10	Aug.	10	Sep.	9
United End't Assots.	43-44	Aug.	1	Aug.	31
Order Golden Shore	6	Aug.	1	Aug.	31
Equitable Aid Union	176-177	July	30	Sep.	9
Eureka End. Assoc.	3	Aug.	1	Aug.	31
Order Beacon Light	6	Aug.	1	Aug.	31

NO ASSESSMENTS.

There will be no assessments for August in the Legion of the West, Champions of the Red Cross and the Fraternal Guild. To the present writing none will be levied in the Young Men's Institute and the Young Ladies' Institute.

The Odd Fellows' Literary and Social Club meets this evening, when an entertaining programme will be presented.

Yerba Buena Lodge of Perfection, No. 6, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, at its regular meeting last evening had work in the fourteenth degree.

The following resolution passed at Milwaukee is important to all traveling Knights of Pythias: No order for the semi-annual password shall be recognized unless it be upon the back of the official receipt, and Chancellor Commanders, before communicating the word, shall, in every instance, satisfy themselves by a thorough examination that the person presenting the order is the one whose name appears therein.

Golden Gate Encampment, No. 1, I. O. O. F., at its regular session last evening, conferred the Golden Rule degree.

There are in New York in good standing 720 Masonic lodges, with a membership of 75,000.

The Veteran Odd Fellows visited San Francisco Lodge, No. 3, last evening and were pleasantly entertained.

Alcazar Circle, No. 58, Companions of the Forest, held a largely attended meeting on Thursday evening. Sixteen candidates were initiated and nine propositions were filed. Alcazar promises to be one of the banner circles of the order on the Coast. It will give a masquerade ball at B'nai B'rith Hall this evening. The committee has spared no pains to make this the success of the season.

Court Apollo, No. 7802, A. O. F. F. S., at its meeting held last Tuesday initiated several candidates, and, for a new court, is doing splendidly. On Monday evening next, at Hall No. 2, 927 Mission street, they will institute a new court, to be called Alliance, No. 7806. Court Apollo will give its first entertainment and social next Thursday evening at Union-square hall.

We are in receipt from Major-General James R. Carnahan, commanding the Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias, his report to the Supreme Lodge of the order. The report covers a period from March 31, 1888, to the same 1st last, and the following statistical information taken therefrom will prove of interest to members of the order: Two hundred and eighty-six new divisions have been instituted and warrants issued therefor. Ohio leads with 27, followed by Illinois with 25, Indiana 21, Michigan 15, Wisconsin 14, Nebraska 13, Pennsylvania 12 and Minnesota 10. A warrant has also been granted for a division at Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, but it has not yet been instituted. The Uniform Rank has been established in five jurisdictions where it did not exist at date of last report. There are now 766 divisions instituted, with an aggregate membership of 29,070. These divisions are divided into 16 brigades, composed of 64 regiments. There are also 11 regiments not in brigade organization and 69 divisions unassigned to regiments. The State having the largest number of divisions is Ohio, with 50. Next in order is Indiana, with 66 divisions, and, third, Illinois, with 52 divisions. The report also contains an epitome of visitations made, decisions rendered, orders published and matters connected with the changing of uniforms and accouterments. It also has a number of valuable statistical tables, giving the names of all field, line and staff officers, and the several divisions by name, number and location, and the financial exhibit of the rank in all its branches.

IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN.

A Number of Adoptions in Several of the Subordinate Tribes.

On Monday evening Pohonachee Tribe, No. 10, received four applications for membership and next council night will have adoptions.

On Tuesday evening Miantonomoh Tribe, No. 9, had an adoption. Fred Brandt, G. S. S., and W. H. Hughes, P. S., No. 12, were present and assisted in the work.

Manzanita Tribe, No. 4, on Wednesday evening, had an adoption, which was done in a very creditable manner. The tribe also received two applications for membership. Among the visitors were: J. W. Maher, G. C. of R.; R. L. Furey, P. S., Oneida Tribe, No. 24, Philadelphia, Pa.; A. O. White, of Massachusetts Tribe, No. 98, Concord, Mass., and Paolo Salisbury, J. S., of Modoc Tribe, No. 57.

Seminole Hay-makers' Association held its regular concave on Wednesday evening, with L. C. Bertin, Grand Sultan, presiding. The Exalted degree was conferred on a number of brothers.

On Thursday evening Modoc Tribe, No. 57, received two applications for membership and next council night will have adoptions. This tribe is doing very well, the new chiefs being young and energetic and thoroughly conversant with the work.

Sotoyome Tribe, No. 12, on Thursday evening, had work in the Chief's degree. Fred Brandt, G. S. S.; W. H. Riske, D. D. G. S.; Charles Fowler, W. H. Hughes, Past Sachems, were in the degree team. The work was excellently done.

The tribes in Oakland and Alameda are doing their share of the work, and the year has been most auspiciously begun. Adoptions have taken place nearly every council night, and the "boys" are determined to keep up the interest and encourage the good feeling which is everywhere prevailing.

On Wednesday evening next James G. Smith, G. R., and Paolo Salisbury, S. V. C., National Chieftains' League, will leave for Boston to attend the councils of the great bodies. Henry A. Chase, G. R., will start for Baltimore on or about the 31st inst., and from there goes to Boston to attend the session of the Great Council of the United States, which meets in that city on Tuesday, September 9th.

Adam Smith, P. G. I., who has been confined to his home for a short time from illness, is again able to be out, for which blessing his many friends and brothers are truly thankful.

This is the year for the election of Great Chiefs in the Great Council of the United States, and a great deal of interest is manifested in the matter, and speculation is rife as to who will be the successful candidates.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

The Approaching Anniversary of Liberty Lodge of This City.

P. L. Archibald, D. D. G. D., accompanied by a number of members of Yosemite Lodge, No. 1930, made a fraternal visit to Eagle Lodge, No. 2204, on the evening of Wednesday, the 13th inst. The occasion was enlivened by speeches, songs and recitations, and at a late hour the very pleasant meeting was brought to a close.

Union Lodge, No. 1895, conferred the degree on two candidates at its session on Tuesday evening last.

F. E. Sutherland, G. D., visited and installed the officers of San Jose Lodge, No. 1808, last evening.

The preparations for the celebration of the first anniversary of Liberty Lodge, No. 3496, are being completed. This celebration will take the form of the initiation of a large number of candidates at the regular lodge meeting on Tuesday evening, September 2d, and a literary and musical entertainment and social at Union-square Hall on the following (Wednesday) evening.

Charles H. Holcomb, D. D. G. D., will hold an open district meeting in the hall of Union Lodge, Shiels Building, next Tuesday evening. Preparations have been made for a grand time, and the members of the various lodges of his district are giving him their support. Committeemen have been appointed by each lodge to assist in making it the most successful and enjoyable district meeting of the season.

B. F. Nelson, Supreme Reporter, announces the following gain of membership in the jurisdictions named for the week ending 16th inst.: Alabama 4, Arkansas 3, California 3, Colorado 2, Florida 1, Georgia 1, Illinois 9, Indiana 10, Kentucky 4, Louisiana 2, Maine 1, Massachusetts 4, Minnesota 5, Mississippi 5, Missouri 6, New Jersey 15, New York 22, North Carolina 1, Ohio 5, Pennsylvania 4, Rhode Island 1, South Carolina 7, Tennessee 5, Texas 44, Virginia 1, Wisconsin 5; total, 179.

LEGION OF THE WEST.

Three New Subordinates Lately Instituted in This City.

Kismet Lodge, No. 25, held a progressive euchre party last Wednesday evening. The attendance was quite large and the prizes given were handsome, tasty and appropriate. The games were kept up to a late hour and a good time was had.

The Grand Lodge adjourned sine die Friday, the 14th inst., at 11:55 o'clock in the evening after a session of four days. The most important matter under consideration was the amendment to the law regulating the number of assessments to be levied per month for the coming year. The amendment finally adopted requires the levying of two assessments per month for the coming year, beginning with the first day of September, of which assessments per month will be remitted to new members and other members from date of payment of last coupon. A law permitting membership at large was also adopted.

Juanita Lodge, No. 35, was instituted in this city on the 9th inst. by Frank E. Webb, D. D. G. C., assisted by a full corps of Grand Lodge officers. The following is a list of the officers installed: J. N. Russell, P. C.; J. H. Scott, C.; Mrs. M. Thomas, V. C.; Mrs. Sarah Nokes, S.; G. L. Dolling, F.; Mrs. E. J. Scott, T.; Mrs. M. C. Porter, Chaplain; Frank Nokes, M.; Cora A. Collins, W.; Miss Lizzie Lewis, G.; Mrs. Lizzie Fitzpatrick, Sentinel; W. A. Harvey, M.D., M. E.; Jessie Fitzpatrick, O.; J. P. Gallagher, Michael Donohue, H. G. Coleman, Trustees. This lodge starts out with every prospect of becoming a first-class one.

Success Lodge, No. 36, was instituted in this city at Shiels Building, on the 11th inst., by E. J. Reynolds, D. D. G. C., assisted by a number of Grand Lodge officers. The following are the officers installed: Mrs. Amy Crone, P. C.; Charles A. Kushner, C.; Sarah Bernheim, V. C.; Rose Fitzsimmons, S.; Jennie Fisher, F.; Katie Fitzsimmons, T.; Annie John, Chaplain; Nellie Fitzsimmons, M.; George D. Grueling, W.; Jean Drivon, G.; A. Hasselbush, Sentinel; Grace Sposito, O.; Trustees—A. Bertnain, Elsie Bertnain and Hermann Riennaecker. This lodge will no doubt achieve what its name indicates.

Columbia Lodge, No. 37, was instituted last Saturday evening at Red Men's Hall, 320 Post street, by William Thackeray, V. G. C., with the following list of officers: P. Veasey, P. C.; J. N. Reid, C.; W. H. Leitch, V. C.; E. Charesey, S.; F. B. Veasey, F.; Mrs. E. Cross, Chaplain; Miss Nellie Cross, M.; Miss Lizzie Walsh, W.; W. Cross, G.; Henry Tweedy, Sentinel, and George L. Fitch, M.D., M. E. This lodge starts out with a large list of enthusiastic members.

Greenan Lodge, No. 21, will hold an open meeting on Tuesday evening next. Preparations are being made to have an excellent entertainment, and an enjoyable time is anticipated.

A. L. OF H.

Award of Premiums to Lodges for Increase of Membership.

J. M. Gleaves, G. C., has been in the city for several days officially visiting councils and attending to other matters of the order. California Council, No. 250, was visited by him and C. O. Burton, G. S., on Monday evening last. A good attendance was present and remarks were made by the grand officers and James Lofotta, D. D. G. C. The orator of the council made some pertinent remarks and gave an excellent recitation.

Oakland Council, No. 192, was visited on Wednesday evening last by the grand officers and a deputation of lady members from other councils. The G. C. and G. S. delivered addresses, as also several members of the council. A goodly number were present and a pleasant evening was spent.

Golden Star Council, No. 548, had a very enjoyable meeting on Thursday evening last, on the occasion of the visitation of the grand officers. The council-room was well filled, and after the transaction of the routine business Mrs. B. Michaelson, O., in a few choice words, kindly welcomed those present. The G. C. replied with a stirring address. Mrs. C. L. Hutton, P. C., of St. Louis, Mo., in a very able and pleasing manner, addressed the council, followed by brief remarks from A. Prescott of Protection Council. The G. S. was then called on and gave a brief epitome of the condition of the order. Remarks were then made by various members of the council and others. The meeting was one of the best of the season.

The Grand Council Committee on Membership held a meeting on Tuesday evening last and inaugurated a plan for increasing the membership for the coming year. They also awarded the first premiums allowed under the rules adopted last year to the councils entitled to them as follows: Nevada City, No. 234; Valley, No. 254; Livermore, No. 1070; Ventura, No. 654; Evergreen, No. 808; Mountain View, No. 648, and Safety, No. 664.

United Ancient Order of Druids.

The following are the officers of the Supreme Grove of the United States elected at Detroit last week: Ed A. Stevens, S. A.; L. G. Schord, D. S. A.; Henry Freudenthal, S. S.; Phil Reichwein, S. T.; John M. Welmann, S. H.; J. B. Ritzmann, Supreme Sentinel. The next session will be held at Paterson, N. J., in August, 1892.

Garibaldi Grove, No. 71, will hereafter meet on Saturday evening.

Templar Grove, No. 19, conferred the second degree on one member on Monday evening.

The list of official visits of George H. Bahrs, N. G. A., will be issued next week. The first visits will be paid to the new groves instituted last year by E. L. Wagner, N. G. A.

A reception will be tendered the Supreme Grove representatives on their return. Templar Grove has appointed a committee to take the initiatory steps.

Knights and Ladies of Honor.

West End Lodge will hold an open meeting next Tuesday evening.

Bay City Lodge held its regular monthly social last Monday evening, which was largely attended.

Pacific Lodge initiated one candidate last Monday and was visited by some of the grand officers.

A union meeting was held last Wednesday evening in the hall of Empire Lodge. All of the city lodges were represented.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 1252, at its last regular meeting initiated three candidates and received one application.

Fidelity Lodge will meet semi-monthly after the 1st of September.

Golden Rule, Empire and Palo Alto lodges will give a party at Odd Fellows' Hall soon.

Martina Lodge held its regular semi-monthly meeting next Friday evening.

Aurora Lodge gave a social last Monday evening that proved a successful and enjoyable affair.

S. B. Carleton, G. S., visited Garden City Lodge, San Jose, last Tuesday evening and received a cordial greeting.

The Royal Argosy.

Golden West Lodge, No. 12, Royal Argosy, held an ice-cream social last Wednesday evening, at which a choice programme of literary and musical exercises was rendered.

Triumph Lodge, No. 18, will hold an open meeting on Thursday evening next at Blair's Hall.

Coupon Lodge, No. 37, was instituted on the 12th inst. at Binghamton, N. Y., by Dr. F. L. Barker, D. S. P.

Eclipse Lodge, No. 20, Reliance, No. 8, and Ivy, No. 23, had initiations at their last meetings.

The officers of Ivy Lodge, No. 23, were installed at its last meeting by Mrs. H. L. Kohn, D. S. P.

A CORPSE IN MIDAIR.

Dragged From the Sea Over Point Lobos Cliff.

A dead man's body, mangled out of all human semblance, decomposed, with a few tattered rags clinging to the trunk and limbs, was discovered Thursday evening tossing about upon the breakers of Point Lobos. The Morgue officials were informed of the ghastly discovery and drove to the place later, but were unable to take the body from where it lay upon the sands after being rescued from the waves.

A second attempt was made yesterday morning by the Coroner's deputies, who had armed themselves with long ropes to haul the unknown dead to the summit of the rock above the cove. A man named Charles Welch reached the almost inaccessible place beneath the beetling rock and made the corpse fast to a rope. Then five men began to heave on the line. They had the body within ten feet of the top of the cliff when it slipped from the rope and pitched headlong to the bottom, a distance of fully 100 feet. A second effort was successful, resulting in its being hauled to the top, where the Morgue wagon was in readiness to receive it.

Apparently the drowned man was middle-aged, but it was all guess work attempting to describe his possible appearance in life, for his features are beyond recognition and his clothing is in shreds. Nor was anything found on him by which he might be identified. He had been in the sea for weeks.

STILL A MYSTERY.

The Detectives in the Dark About Jacobson's Death.

"How was Jacobson shot?" is the question that still puzzles the detectives. How and by whom and for what purpose? In view of the fact that several attempts at highway robbery have recently been reported to the police, Chief Crowley is inclined to believe that Jacobson was shot by robbers.

Professor Taafe of St. Mary's College, Mission road, was stopped while crossing the Fairmount tract by two masked highwaymen. He parleyed with them and they were frightened away when he blew a police whistle. John Lally, proprietor of a liquor-store on Mission road, was "stood up" by two men who wore masks at his saloon about a week ago. He drew his pistol quietly and they ran away.

These cases are cited among others to show that footpads are quite active at present and may have in the same way assaulted and shot Jacobson.

It is now known that there was a bright light in the parlor of Jacobson's house when he returned after midnight on Sunday morning. The police have not found out who was visiting the house at that early hour nor can they find the visitor.

Civil Service Examination.

Postal Secretary D. S. Richardson is in receipt of a letter from Charles Lyman, President of the Civil Service Commission, in which it is stated that a civil service examination for stenographers and type-writers in the mail service has been set to be held at San Francisco September 12th, next. The examination will be the usual one given in the railway mail service, with the addition of stenography and type-writing. Males only, between the ages of 18 and 35, are eligible. The salary ranges from $600 to $900 per year as a starter.

James McCarthy's Creditors.

An answer has been filed in the case of W. F. Sawyer vs. James McCarthy. It states that on December 16, 1885, at Oswego, N. Y., McCarthy made a general assignment to Francis E. Hamilton for the benefit of creditors. The assets were $80,000 and liabilities $60,000. The property delivered to Hamilton was ample to pay all defendant's creditors in full, and if all claims have not been paid it is by reason of gross neglect on the part of said creditors.

Tired of Her Husband.

The divorce case of Rebecca Silverwise against Isaac Silverwise was on trial before Judge Garber yesterday and was submitted. The parties were married in Warsaw, Russia, in 1869 and have seven children. The wife charges intemperance and cruelty, and the husband declares she is trying to drive him away.

REFEREE'S REPORT.

Distribution to Minors Contrary to the Will.

The report of Referee Timothy J. Lyons on questions arising in the settlement of the estate of the late Maria Agnes Eckhardt has been confirmed by Judge Levy. It involved the settlement of the final account of the executors, filed six months ago, the application of the daughter of deceased, now Mrs. Louisa B. Henderson, to modify a decree of partial distribution made in December last, and the question whether the minor legatees of the deceased can be awarded their legacies before coming of age, against the provisions of the will.

It was urged against the executors that they had expended much more money than was necessary to a prudent management of the improved real estate at 1415, 1417, 1419 and 1427 California street, between Hyde and Larkin; that they had exceeded their powers and been extravagant in making repairs. The referee found that the expenditures on the property at 1415 amounted to 22 per cent of the gross rents; that the expense of the property at 1417 was 20 per cent of the year's rents; at 1419 there was 12½ per cent expended, and on the remaining house 2 per cent. But, high as this average percentage seems to be, it was fully warranted by the circumstances as testified to by witnesses. The law declares that executors and administrators must keep all buildings under their control in "good tenantable repair."

In this case the referee states the action of the executors was not only in good faith, but involved much more care, labor and management than are usual, and more, perhaps, than the law exacts. But the best proof of wise management is found in the rentals received from the property. Three of the houses and lots are inventoried together and appraised at $18,000. The rents therefrom for sixty-nine months amounted to 8 per cent per annum net. The other house and lot were appraised at $4000 and the rents for seventy-two months were 13½ per cent net.

The referee discusses the law on commissions of executors, which provides that "where the property of the estate is distributed in kind, and involves no labor beyond the custody and distribution of the same, the commissions shall be computed on all the estate above the value of $20,000 at one-half rates." He doubts if this can ever apply to real estate, especially improved realty, and he asks that if all real estate, even improved, does not involve some labor, beyond its mere custody and distribution. The words "in kind" technically can only comprehend personal property, and when can it be said that personal property "involves no labor beyond the custody and distribution?" The words might be construed as referring to special kinds of personality, such as money in bank, and bonds, and the referee thinks they should not be given any broader construction.

In the opinion of Mr. Lyons, the full statutory commissions must be awarded. The executors in this estate only charged commissions on $37,568, making their compensation $1447, whereas they are entitled to commissions upon all the estate accounted for, which would give them $1522 47.

Questioning the legality of a distribution now of the children's share of this estate, when the will of deceased says in express words, "to be distributed to them as they respectively attain majority," the referee observes that heirs and devisees are invested with the title at the moment of the death of the testator or intestate, subject to administration. Our distribution statutes are mandatory and peremptory. Upon a final settlement of accounts the residue of the estate must be distributed, for the Supreme Court has declared, in the Estate of Pritchett (51 Cal. Reports), that there can be no postponement of a distribution of an estate until a minor heir shall have attained majority.

The finding of the referee is that the share of the children may be distributed to them now.

THE CITY'S PATIENTS.

Annual Reports of City Physician and Police Surgeon.

City Physician Yeamans in his annual report filed yesterday says that the County Jail is in as good condition, from a sanitary standpoint, as it can be in its present location.

The Twenty-sixth-street Hospital, he says, needs a better water supply. If a fire should break out under present circumstances the building could not be saved. The institution now has but seven inmates, six of whom are lepers.

At the Receiving Hospital 741 indigents and 652 jail prisoners have been treated during the year.

The annual report of Police Surgeon Williams, which accompanies the above-mentioned report, states that 4362 patients were received during the year, 56 of whom died and 5 were brought in dead. Of the whole number 722 were sent to the City Prison and 393 to the City and County Hospital. There were 283 cases of alcoholism, 11 of delirium tremens, 37 of insanity. There were 51 gunshot-wound cases, 9 of la grippe and 58 of sprained ankles. Seventy-nine were wounded over the eye, 161 were hurt in the fingers and 184 in the hand.

NEW INCORPORATIONS.

Commercial, Electric, Commission and Church Companies.

The following articles of incorporation have been filed in the office of the County Clerk:

Denborn Company: Directors—Richard Stevenson of Berkeley and Henry A. Cummings, George F. Richardson, James Horsburgh Jr., William Sproule, J. Otto Heppner, William C. Brown of San Francisco. Capital stock $2000, of which $1400 has been subscribed. The company will carry on a publishing, mining and commercial business.

Pacific Western Electric Railway Company: Directors—Dwight E. Ryland of San Jose and C. T. Ryland Jr., H. T. Scott, John T. Scott, D. I. Mahoney of San Francisco. Capital stock $20,000, of which $4500 has been subscribed.

San Francisco Trading and Commission Company: Directors—William S. Baxter of Oakland and J. D. Cohn, William Lewis, Frank Buckley Jr., Frank Boskowitz of San Francisco. Capital stock $6000, of which $25 has been subscribed.

The rector, wardens and vestry of Trinity Church and parish, San Francisco: Directors—Rev. J. Sanders Reed, C. V. S. Gibbs, W. E. Dean, W. H. Taylor, W. B. Bourn, Sampson Tams, W. B. Hooper, S. L. Abbott, Jr., and S. P. Holway of San Francisco. The purposes of the corporation are to take charge of and manage all property, real or personal, belonging or to belong to Trinity Church and parish of Trinity and county of San Francisco, and to transact all affairs relating to the temporalities thereof. A certificate of election has also been filed.

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