EVENTS IN THE SOCIAL WORLD.

A Concert Given by the Epworth League of the Bush-Street M. E. Church.

LAWN TENNIS AT SANTA MONICA.

Brilliant Attendance at the Chabot Home Dedication—Court Apollo Entertainment — The Pandora Club—Parties Across the Bay. Interesting Notes of Late Personal Movements.

The first entertainment and ball given by Young Men's Institute No. 129 will take place at Mission Opera Hall this evening.

The ladies of the Alameda New-Church (Swedenborgian) Society gave a social at the residence of Mrs. Louderback, on Eagle avenue, Alameda, Wednesday evening. There was a full attendance, and the evening was pleasantly spent in music, recitations and the other recreations characteristic of socials. These church socials will probably be given monthly hereafter.

To-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock, at Golden Gate Park, some of the ladies of the Bands of Hope, Sabbath-schools and the King's Daughters are arranging to have a social basket-picnic with Father Waugh in honor of his eighty-second birthday anniversary.

Mrs. George E. Goodman Jr. is having plans prepared for a handsome residence in Napa, the cost to be in the neighborhood of $10,000.

The next social to be given by the Flower Mission will take place next Monday at the residence of Captain L. Ford, corner of Pacific avenue and Union street, Alameda. A musical and literary programme will be rendered, after which there will be dancing.

California Chapter, No. 4, O. E. S., will give a complimentary entertainment and dance at B'nai B'rith Hall this evening.

A musicale was given at the Pope House, Santa Cruz, on Sunday evening. Miss Laura McDonald, considered the finest amateur soprano in California, sang. Other singers were Miss White, Miss Alice Stephenson, Miss Dame and Mr. Koenig of San Francisco.

The second anniversary social and entertainment of Banner Benefit Society will be held at Albion Hall, Alcazar Building, this evening.

Mrs. W. G. Henshaw, Mrs. Ed. Hale Jr. and Miss Ferrier entertained a number of friends at the spacious tennis grounds of Mr. Hiram Tubbs, at East Oakland, last Saturday afternoon.

A Church Concert.

A remarkably pleasant concert was given last evening at the Bush-street M. E. Church on Bush street, between Scott and Devisadero. It was arranged by the Epworth League, composed of young people connected with the church, and not only the programme but the minutiæ, such as decorations and the preparation of the salle a manger, had been admirably considered.

A large audience enjoyed the following selections: Piano solo, ballad in A flat (Chopin), Miss Nellie Joseph; vocal solo, "Fior di Margherita" (Arditti), Miss Alice M. Thomas; recitation, selected, Miss Hattie V. Martin; Spanish duet, "Bolero del Ole," the Misses Minnie and Emma Frevost; guitar solo, Miss Beatrice Priest; vocal solo, Miss Emma Macquoid; recitation, selected, Miss Florence Beals; vocal solo, "The Diver," Mr. J. A. Snook; piano solo, Mr. Abner Phelps; vocal duet, Miss Mahan and Miss Snook. Rev. Thomas Filben, pastor of the church, presided, and his announcement of the various numbers was frequently interrupted by encores.

After the entertainment the friends were invited into a rear room, which had been prettily prepared in the Japanese style with colored lanterns and bright patches of color about the snowy tables, laden with good things. Fans, paper napkins, screens and umbrellas completed the illusion. The decorations here, as in the church, where flowers alone had been employed, were largely the work of Miss Moss, Miss Laura Williams, Mrs. Northon and Mrs. Myers, to whom much credit is due.

The affair was thoroughly enjoyable and will doubtless be followed by other entertainments. A neat sum was realized for the piano fund of the church. The President of the club is the pastor, Rev. Mr. Filben, and the officers Mr. J. H. Northon and Miss Clara Williams. The Entertainment Committee of the evening consisted of Miss N. G. Moss, Miss Anna Powell, Miss Sarah Bowers, Miss Laura Williams, Mr. J. H. Northon and Mr. Ward.

Chabot Home Honored in Oakland.

In response to invitations from the Board of Managers of the Chabot Sheltering Home in Oakland a select gathering of people assembled in the elegant parlors for the purpose of dedicating the home so generously endowed by the late Anthony Chabot.

The rooms were decorated in perfect taste, with many handsome floral pieces. The programme consisted of music, followed by apropos speeches from Mayor Glascock, Hon. John P. Irish, Rev. Horatio Stebbins, Rev. E. R. Dille, Rev. Dr. Wendte and Rev. J. K. McLean. An elegant menu was served by the daughters of the members of the Board of Managers.

The following well-known society people were present: Mrs. W. F. Rudolph, Mrs. W. Seymour, Miss Jennie S. Woodworth, Mrs. Theodore Lewis, Mrs. L. R. Baker, Mrs. William Kirk, Mrs. J. L. Boundey, Hon. and Mrs. John P. Irish, Mrs. Whitehead, Miss Edith Whitehead, Miss May Howland, Mrs. Henry Vrooman, Mr. W. F. Williamson, Miss E. A. Sherman, Mrs. D. C. Brown, Mrs. L. D. Williams, Mrs. L. W. Bandell, Mrs. J. P. Jones, Mrs. J. K. Chatterton, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Sewell, Mrs. C. H. Robinson of Berkeley, Mrs. P. Lobse, Mrs. A. T. McDonough, the Misses Chabot, Mrs. E. B. French, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Gage, Mr. Bartell, Mrs. E. C. Farnham, Mrs. J. C. Lemmon, Mrs. C. W. Marshall, Mrs. A. B. Tucker, Mrs. Dr. C. A. Buckel, Dr. Myra Knox, Dr. Alice Hurtin, Mrs. Gen. M. J. Rawles, Mrs. Robert Gardiner, Mrs. H. H. Stevens, Mrs. C. D. Morris, Mrs. L. L. Alexander, Mrs. John A. Logan, Mrs. E. Raymond, Mrs. C. Meade, Mrs. J. W. Shankin, Mrs. M. K. Blake, Mrs. C. W. Ames, Mrs. E. Smith, Mrs. McDaniel, Mrs. S. P. Orr, Mrs. S. E. Thompson, Mrs. A. W. Bennett, Mrs. R. S. Davis, Mrs. G. W. Cooke, Miss M. Lisson, Mrs. M. J. Coates, Mrs. E. J. Coates, Mrs Lee Chamberlain, Mrs. J. A. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. H. H. Hamilton, Mrs. Dr. Van Kirk, Mrs. S. L. Theobald, Mrs. F. L. Brown, Miss E. Turner, Mrs. Darrows, Mrs. D. C. Borland, Mr. and Mrs. G. de Golia, Mr. and Mrs. N. Spaulding, Mrs. William H. Jordan, Mrs. Lloyd Rawlings, Rev. Mr. Dille, Rev. Horatio Stebbins, Rev. Mr. McLean, Rev. Mr. Wendte and Rev. B. F. McDaniel of San Diego, Mrs. A. T. Gray, Mrs. Wendte, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. L. L. Strain, Miss L. Betts, Mrs. Mary E. Sparks, Mrs. I. E. Dam, Mrs. L. E. Prescott, Miss Prescott, Mrs. Houghton, Miss Nellie Burrall, Mr. Timothy L. Baker, Mr. Henry Conion, Mrs. E. H. Richardson, Miss L. Tracy, Mr. R. S. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sanders, Rev. H. H. Rice, Mrs. Rice, Mrs. I. L. Requa, Mr. A. P. Brooks, Miss T. A. Carter, Miss L. Carter, Mrs. L. L. Dowdle, Miss Emily Raymond, Miss S. C. Oxford, Mrs. C. T. Forrest, Mrs. A. Mills, Mrs. Keene, Mrs. M. M. Sitwell, Miss Jennie Logan, Dr. Susan J. Fenton, Mrs. M. E. Dow, Mr. C. T. Hart, Professor von Adelung, Mrs. A. E. White.

Tennis at Santa Monica.

Lawn tennis is wonderfully popular in Southern California, and the annual tournament at Santa Monica has been attracting large attendances. Society has taken up tennis, and the many ladies on the ground displayed the colors of the club to which they owed allegiance.

On Tuesday the great event was the ladies' championship game, of which the following is an account: At 2 o'clock precisely Miss Gilliland and Miss Carter made their appearance to contest for the ladies' championship. Miss Gilliland was becomingly attired in a white flannel tennis suit, while the champion of 1889 wore a green serge costume. The fair contestants were rendered an ovation as they took up their positions. Miss Carter excels at volleying, and her back-hand stroke is especially effective. Miss Gilliland plays a very steady game, and is possessed of a great amount of endurance. The contest proved to be very exciting, and was, perhaps, the best exhibition of tennis by ladies ever seen in California. Miss Carter once again came out the victor, winning two straight sets by 6 to 4, 6 to 5. In the last set the game stood 4 to 0 in favor of Miss Gilliland at one time, but Miss Carter rallied, and by brilliant play won the succeeding set and the game. Miss Gilliland played a dashing game, but her opponent played the game of her life and was almost invincible.

Among the many spectators were: Mrs. Gaffey, Mrs. T. P. Jones, Mrs. Gorham, Miss Gorham, Miss Florence Jones, Miss Alice Jones, Miss Williamson, Miss McCurdy of Oakland, Miss Stone, Mr. Roy Jones.

W. C. T. U. Reception.

A number of ladies and gentlemen attended the Pharos tea and reception to Colonel and Mrs. George W. Bain, given by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at the elegant home of Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Southard, in Oakland. The decorations were very beautiful, consisting of a profusion of flowers and white and orange ribbons—the distinctive colors of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and Franchise.

Mrs. Mary Frank Browne, editor of the Pharos, made a happy speech. Miss Belle Chamberlain rendered a fine piano solo. Colonel Bain gave one of his brilliant talks, especially complimenting women on their advanced position in the world's work and making a strong plea for suffrage. Miss Sylvia Chapman rendered in a faultless manner a fine declamation. Mrs. R. R. Johnson then introduced all the guests to Colonel and Mrs. Bain.

Delicious refreshments were served in a tent on the lawn, the Y's acting most charmingly as hostesses. Among them were: Miss Rosamond Johnson, Miss Katie McDaniels, Miss Higby, Miss Harriet Borland, the Misses Laura and Lena Tabor, Miss Laura McCracken, Miss Alice Piersoll and Miss Etta Lancaster.

The Court Apollo Entertainment.

Court Apollo, No. 7802, A. O. F., gave a very varied entertainment last evening at Union-square Hall. The programme was long, and contained many favorite names among the talent. It was enjoyed by a fair audience. The after hop was very largely attended.

Following was the programme: Overture, Heizel's Orchestra; sketch, entitled "The Same as Last Season," with the following cast of characters: Mr. Baldwin, Mr. H. A. Frenna; Jake Simkins, Mr. L. O'Neill; Edwin Booth, Mr. B. McGowan; Adelina Patti, Mr. J. Harris. Musical specialty, Mr. H. Peterson; Lancashire dance, Mr. J. M. Harris; specialties, Mr. Josh Davis; Chinese impersonations, Mr. Harry Page; cornet solo, "Non E' Ver," Mrs. George W. Hertzel; Irish comedy, entitled "The Irish Gentlemen," Messrs. McGowen and O'Neill; recitation, Mr. George B. Peterson; ventriloquial specialties, Professor Paul Kennedy. The programme was thoroughly appreciated from first to last.

Hertzel's Orchestra officiated at the concluding dance, which continued till 1 o'clock. The successful affair was given under the following auspices: President, J. Charles Burr; Committee of Arrangements—G. W. Spencer, Louis Berger, H. A. Frenna, Paul Kennedy, C. J. Stolz, E. W. Shaeffer. Reception Committee—E. W. Shaeffer (Chairman), J. H. Dooley, Dr. Albert Hill, Dr. W. T. Bell, J. A. Lowry, Captain A. C. MacAlpin, P. Kennedy; floor manager, Louis Berger; assistant floor managers—G. W. Spencer, C. J. Stolz; Floor Committee—H. A. Frenna, B. F. Russell, H. E. Peterson, O. F. Wilkens, G. B. Peterson, R. J. Cochrane, T. F. Dungan.

The Pandora Club Entertainment.

The members of the Pandora Club gave one of their enjoyable entertainments, followed by a dance, last evening at Mission Opera Hall, on Mission street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth. The hall was well filled, several latecomers having to stand.

The following programme was presented: Overture, orchestra; Delsarte movements, Iris Club; reading, "Zingarella," Miss Josephine Friel; emotions, Iris Club; song, Miss Lulu Mepham; reading, Mr. Guy Durrell; tableaux, Iris Club. The features of the evening were the Delsarte movements and tableux by the Iris Club, under the direction of Mrs. Guy Durrell. The white-robed maidens against their dark background presented a weird and romantic appearance as they swayed to and fro to the rise and fall of low music. The calcium-light effects were decidedly striking.

After the programme the hall was cleared for dancing, which, under the direction of Mr. Andrew F. Mahoney, was continued till a late hour.

The enjoyment of the evening was largely due to the efforts of the officers of the club, as follows: S. S. Simon, President; M. M. Pomeroy, Secretary; R. R. McKee, Financial Secretary; W. R. Smith, Treasurer; E. T. Kaufman, Sentinel; H. A. Clapp, property man; E. J. Catlow, stage manager.

Lurline Club Party in Oakland.

Washington Hall, Oakland, presented an attractive appearance last Tuesday evening, the occasion being the first invitation party of the Lurline Club, an organization composed of young society people. The society holds weekly meetings at Washington Hall and contains a membership of over eighty. The officers are: President, Charles Wiggins; Vice-President, W. F. Larrabee; Treasurer, W. Allen; Secretary, Lillie Bailey; Marshal, Emil Planer. Their social hop last evening was one of the largest ever held in East Oakland, over three hundred invitations were issued, most of which were responded to. Excellent music was furnished by Lowells' Orchestra, while refreshments were served in the spacious dining-room. The dancing programmes were of pretty design, in red, white and pink, with ribbons to match, while each member wore pink badges, with the word "Lurline" stamped in gold. The following committees ably managed the affair, and to their exertions the success of the social is due: Reception Committee—Miss Lillie Bailey, Miss Mamie Keyes, Miss Lena Anderson, Miss Eva Donovan, Miss Emma Burns; floor manager, Mr. Emil Planer; assistant floor manager, Mr. William L. Clarke; Floor Committee—Messrs. H. L. Tisdale, F. Silvers, R. Cullinane, J. Dan, T. Cowell, H. S. Seiler.

A Surprise Party.

The surprise party tendered to Mr. William Layton on Wednesday evening was a great success. Dancing, singing and games were enjoyed to a late hour. Messrs. Albert Tickner and William Uglo entertained the party with their musical selections. Among those present were: Miss Katie Layton, Miss Jennie Layton, Miss Bella Layton, Miss Hattie Burk, Miss Maud Reed, Miss Emma Mitchell, Miss Annie Johnson, Miss Jennie Dolmis, Miss Dealy Curly, Miss May Curly, Miss Hattie McCullan, Miss Lizzie McKenna, Miss Emma Hogan, Miss Dollie Sherdan, Miss Katie Connoly, Miss Burns, Miss May Connors, Miss Fannie Duffy; Messrs. Emile F. Perrin, Richard Galir, James F. Flynn, G. Kerrigan, William Lann, Frank Curtz, L. Lippert, H. Frank, James Russell, William Sweeny, Eugene McKeby, Charles Sink, Edward Stwiken, Thomas Eagen, Guy Nicholls, E. Riely, James McCabe, Thomas Hunter, J. Neill, William Eagerson.

Pacific Coast Weddings.

The marriage of Mr. Victor V. Harrier and Miss Alice M. Walter, of Vallejo, took place in that city Monday afternoon. The young couple came to San Francisco, expecting to spend their honeymoon in Monterey.

Mrs. J. A. Henderson and Mr. C. B. Smith were married in St. Paul's Church, Los Angeles, last Thursday by the Rev. George F. Bugbee.

Miss Leota M. Nicols, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Nicols of Santa Clara, was united in marriage to Mr. J. O. Tucker in this city last Tuesday.

Mr. J. H. Wilun, Superior Judge of Snohomish, Skagit and Whatcom Counties, and Miss Lula Piles were quietly united in marriage last Friday at the residence of the bride's brother, Mr. S. H. Piles, in Seattle. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Wilun left for British Columbia.

Society Personals.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hobbs, Miss Annie Hobbs and Mr. Frederick Hobbs Jr. are paying a visit to Grass Valley.

Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Perrin and Miss Addie Perrin have been staying at White Sulphur Springs, in West Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tubbs have returned from the Del Monte.

Mr. Frank J. Carolan left on Tuesday last for a business trip to Virginia City, Nev.

Mrs. S. McHitt and family returned on Wednesday from Monterey, where they went from Santa Cruz.

Mr. Will Denman is the guest of Mr. Will McCann at Santa Cruz.

Mrs. Hugh McDade of Stockton is spending a few weeks here visiting her sister, Mrs. J. M. Hinton.

Mrs. W. E. Dargie and Miss Dargie are visiting in Santa Barbara.

Mr. H. F. Band, Assistant Superintendent of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company of this city, has returned from an extended tour of the Eastern States. Mrs. Band, who accompanied him on the pleasant trip, has also returned, and is now at home.

Mrs. Haines, wife of Colonel Haines, one of Seattle's leading attorneys, is visiting Carson as the guest of Mrs Senator Stewart.

Rev. Mr. W. Willett of Santa Cruz came up yesterday to consider a recent call of the East Oakland Congregational Church.

Mr. Charles H. Simpkins and Miss Simpkins have returned from a visit to Del Monte.

Miss Hattie Loring is visiting Mrs. G. W. Hooper at Santa Cruz.

Mrs. D. M. Delmas and Miss Delmas were at the Palace Hotel yesterday. Mr. Delmas had not returned from Santa Cruz.

Miss Maud Foster has returned home to Napa from a visit to the Hotel del Monte.

Mrs. James Corbett, who has been in Santa Cruz for several days, returned Tuesday to this city.

Hon. and Mrs. Yard Buller, who have been spending the summer at Santa Barbara, have come up to this city.

Judge Van Fleet left Santa Cruz for Sacramento Wednesday. Mrs. Van Fleet, Miss Fannie Crocker and Mrs. Clark W. Crocker will remain until to-morrow.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bigelow have taken a house near the Hotel Rafael, where they have been passing the summer.

Captain George F. Hull, U. S. A., accompanied by Miss C. P. Hull, Messrs. N. C. Hull and A. A. Keyser, are at Santa Cruz.

Mrs. N. P. Chipman and Miss Chipman, of Red Bluff, are visiting here.

Mr. Calvin S. Nutting and Miss Grace Nutting returned yesterday from Santa Cruz.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wheaton and Miss Wheaton have returned to Oakland from San Jose.

Mrs. Frank McLaughlin and Miss Minnie Fogg have returned to their cottage at Santa Cruz.

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Walker, Miss Walker and Miss Adele Walker will leave San Rafael on Monday for their home on San Ness avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Buckingham are visiting Santa Cruz.

Mrs. E. N. Robinson and Mrs. Sanford Robinson are located at the Westminster, Los Angeles, while the Messrs. Robinson are looking up the resources of Southern California.

General John P. Hawkins, U. S. N., was at the Vendome, San Jose, Wednesday.

Mrs. Grove L. Johnson and Miss Johnson, of Sacramento, are paying a visit to this city.

Mr. J. B. Snively, ex-Mayor of Monterey, is in town.

Major G. W. Reed was over from his pretty Sausalito cottage "Mossbrae" yesterday.

Mr. Hall McAllister visited town yesterday from San Rafael.

MURDERED AT UNGA.

An Agent of the Alaska Commercial Company Shot Dead.

The steamer Arago from Oonalaska brings news of the killing of George Hemmingway, agent for the Alaska Commercial Company, at Unga Island on the 12th inst. The Dora was at Unga at the time, and she brought J. E. F. Clark to Oonalaska before the Arago left, charged with the murder of the agent. The account of the killing is furnished by Captain Hague of the Dora. Clark was formerly employed by the Alaska Commercial Company at Unga. When he came to be paid off a dispute arose between him and Hemmingway, he claiming that there was $400 more coming to him. The Dora's captain went over the books with the other two and found that Clark had been paid the money. Captain Hague went out to his vessel for lunch, and shortly after a messenger brought the news that Hemmingway had been shot.

Captain Hague returned to the shore and found the agent dead on the bridge near the company's store. Clark was standing in the doorway very cool and collected, and he said that he had shot Hemmingway, but that he had acted in self-defense, the agent having drawn a weapon on him. He will be tried at Oonalaska.

Young People Entertain.

The young people of the Plymouth Congregational Church entertained the young men employed on the Omnibus and Market-street cable systems with a musical and literary programme and refreshments at Y. M. C. A. parlors, 232 Sutter street, last evening. John Kemp Jr. presided. The exercises were as follows:

Piano solo, medley, Miss Burgess; vocal solo, "A Winter Lullaby," Miss Madden; recitations, J. Williams; vocal solo, selected, C. A. Mabe; piano solo, "Les Radieuse," Mrs. E. F. Weihe and Miss Orear.

A Youthful Criminal.

Zygmond Revolinski, a boy 17 years of age, was booked at the City Prison last evening by Sheriff Denis Kearney of Los Angeles, en route to San Quentin, where he will serve a term of three years on two convictions of burglary committed in Los Angeles.

ACROSS THE BAY.

Oakland Public Improvements to Cost $43,000.

Unsatisfactory Result of a Horse Trade—A Musician's Hard Luck at Camp Waterman With Poison Oak.

W. H. Norris has sued C. M. Dougherty to recover $4806 on a promissory note.

William Blair was held yesterday to answer a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. He was held in the sum of $500.

The second afternoon recital of Miss Augusta Lowell and Sigmund Beel will be given in the First Presbyterian Church this afternoon.

The Ordinance and Judiciary committees will meet this evening to consider the alleged excessive cost of the West-street opening and charges against J. S. White, one of the Commissioners.

Anthoney Mahoney, a painter, fell from a scaffolding yesterday a distance of eighteen feet. His left thigh was fractured and the fracture was reduced at the Receiving Hospital.

Constables Colberg and Nolter have put in bills of $310 and $140 respectively against the city for detecting Chinese lottery agents and causing their arrest. The Chinamen each forfeited $150 bail.

J. Damos yesterday sued L. Hewitt, the East Oakland liveryman, whose stable was burned down about a month ago, to recover a pair of gray horses and wagon or $600 value thereof.

GIER & SCHULTZ ASSIGN.

The firm of Gier & Schultz has assigned for the benefit of creditors. It is understood the amount is about $30,000. Arrangements are being made by the San Francisco Board of Trade to allow the firm to continue.

An alarm from Box 49 called the Fire Department to the Pacific Flax-mills in East Oakland yesterday at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Some waste caught fire in the engine-room, but it was extinguished before the firemen arrived.

The jury in the case of Ah Lum returned a verdict of guilty of perjury in the Police Court during his trial for selling lottery tickets. He was recommended to the mercy of the Court, and sentence will be passed by Judge Ellsworth next Tuesday.

Public Administrator Stanley yesterday petitioned for letters of administration on the estate of Rufus Denmart, who died in 1878. The estate had been settled, but other property has recently been discovered unadministered.

Mary A. Roberts yesterday sued John R. Roberts for divorce. M. H. Allred also sued Clara I. Allred for divorce yesterday. Mrs. Allred left the defendant and went back East to her parents seven years ago. The plaintiff sues on the ground of desertion. He lives in San Francisco.

John Kreye yesterday sued William Durein and John Wiegner, as sureties for William Assman, to recover $569 75 on a contract to build two houses, which he (Assman) did not pay to his workmen, and which is now a lien upon the lands and houses of the plaintiff.

THE BREWERS' ATTORNEYS.

At the close of the testimony in the case of Henry Winters on a charge of burglary in Judge Ellsworth's court yesterday, Patrick Hurley was observed in the courtroom, and was arrested on complaint of the District Attorney, who believes he was an accomplice of Winters. Winters was found guilty by the jury. There was a tilt between the District Attorney and the defendant's attorney.

The Board of Public Works has just authorized the Secretary to advertise for bids for improvements costing about $43,000, which have heretofore been ordered by the Council. The improvements in the shape of new sidewalks all over the city are noticeable, especially in East and North Oakland. Last year there were eighty-one pieces of street work finished, aggregating in assessments $273,000. Since July 1st, the beginning of the present fiscal year, notices for sixty-six pieces of streetwork have been posted, and at the same ratio there will be three times as much work this year as last.

When the Piedmont Cable Company determined to build a cable line to the Sixteenth-street depot from Fourteenth and Washington streets there was speculation as to how it would get around the corner of Fourteenth and Market streets, where there is a jog which makes it necessary for the horse-cars to turn two corners in quick succession. Deciding not to try to run cable-cars around such complicated curves, the company has bought the northeast corner, where the grocery store of Ainsworth Bros. stands, and will move the buildings and throw part of the lot into the street. As soon as the plans and patterns can be got out work on the Fourteenth-street road will begin, and Superintendent Bishop of the Contracting Company says that the construction will be made expeditious by it.

The property-owners in the recently annexed district are formulating a plan for a sewer in that district. It is said as it is now uncertain whether the annex is in the city or out of it, contractors do not care to bid on work, and therefore it will be necessary to have the property-owners unite to give a personal guarantee that the bills will be paid. The sewer to be laid will connect with the main lake sewer and will be large enough to carry the sewage of all the tributary territory. The Linda Vista Terrace, consisting of fifty acres on the first heights crossed by the cable road, will be laid out and opened up. Streets will be graded, cement sidewalks laid and other improvements introduced. The water company is now laying pipes in that region and the gas company is considering a proposition to do the same.

CONSPIRACY ALLEGED.

In the suit for $10,000 damages brought by Mrs. M. A. Hazlett, who keeps a lodging-house in the Davis block, at the corner of Eleventh and Washington streets, against J. L. Blackburn and his wife and P. F. Benson and H. L. Adams, for alleged conspiracy and extortion, an answer has been filed in which Mrs. Hazlett is accused of endeavoring by vile practices to separate Blackburn and his wife, and the charges in the complaint are denied. Attorney Benson also denies Mrs. Hazlett's statements. The trial of the case is set for September 15th.

Recently C. L. Cole sued Mary E. Ames for $720, alleging that Mrs. Ames, a widow, is chargeable with the support of a child 13 years old, but that for two years he has given the child its living. For this maintenance he sues to be compensated. Mrs. Ames has filed a cross-complaint and asserts that Mrs. Cole detained the child in the town of Alameda and prevented the boy from returning home; that Cole and his wife inculcated into his mind principles of filial disobedience and disrespect toward his mother; that the Coles did not permit the boy, Gerald Ames, to attend school, but compelled him to do menial and degrading work, to peddle and deliver spurious drugs and medicines, and to wander about the streets unprotected. She therefore asks the court to award her damages.

BAIL FOR TWO ITALIANS.

Justice Welcker of Berkeley held a preliminary examination on Wednesday of the five Italians from San Francisco. Three of them were discharged, but John Boscacci and Peter Morris were held for examination without bail and returned to the County Jail. Late yesterday afternoon writs of habeas corpus were issued and they were taken before Judge Gibson and bail fixed at $500 each. It is understood their friends will furnish the necessary bonds to-day.

The plans of the new engine-house of Company 1 on Fifteenth street, in rear of the City Hall, have been prepared and submitted to the Board of Public Works. The building is to be of brick, 35x90, with a tower sixty feet high for drying hose. In the basement will be placed the apparatus for heating water for the engine and other purposes. The ground floor has a double entrance on Fifteenth street, space for engine, hose-cart and stalls for four horses, with a work-shop in the rear with entrance on the alley. On the second floor is located the office of the Chief Engineer of the department, a sitting-room, dormitory, bath-rooms and lockers. The third floor is given over to the fire-alarm and police telegraph department, with space for office and battery-room. The plans show that the building will present a handsome appearance. It will front on Fifteenth street and the alley, and will have plenty of light and air.

Alameda.

Some months ago a man named Skinner sold G. Berdraw a horse for $90, guaranteeing him to be a sound and gentle animal. While the new owner was driving the horse two or three days after the purchase he ran away, wrecking the vehicle to which he was attached. Berdraw then refused to pay for the horse, and Skinner brought suit to recover the purchase price. Berdraw filed a counter claim for $15, the amount of damages which he alleged was sustained by his vehicle. The case was tried in the Justice's court, and a judgment of $83 was rendered in favor of Skinner, while Berdraw was allowed the $15 sued for. But Berdraw was not satisfied with this result, and thinking that he might be compelled to purchase the animal appealed the case to the Superior Court, as in the lower court Skinner proved that he did not know that the animal was accustomed to running away. Berdraw, however, did not prove that the amount of damages which he sustained by the smashing of his vehicle amounted to $15, but to $8 only, and a judgment for that amount was rendered, while the verdict of the lower court for Skinner was sustained. Berdraw besides having the amount of his damage reduced was also compelled to pay $33 65 for costs of court.

THE GRIP STILL PREVALENT.

The illness from which Colonel E. G. Waite is suffering has taken the form of the grip, and he ventures out of the house only when necessity requires it. Several other persons are reported to be suffering from the same disease.

Colonel George W. Bain, the temperance lecturer from Kentucky, addressed a very large audience last evening at Park Opera House.

The contest between Columbus Bartlett and Dr. William Simpson for the Republican nomination for State Senator will undoubtedly be settled at the primaries, as each candidate will have a ticket in the field. The contest will be a close one.

Charles Dittmarr, a member of the Fifth Infantry Band of Oakland, is suffering severely from poison oak, which attacked him while at the Santa Cruz encampment. His face is so badly swollen that he is unable to see, and at times his suffering is intense.

A WARRANT WAR.

Registration Clerks Encounter Another Snag.

But the Laugh Seems to Be on the Shylocks Instead of the Clerks—History of a Peculiar Case.

Between Auditor Strother and Treasurer Reis, Ray Falk and his associates are having a merry time.

In spite of the fact that the Supreme Court decided the case between Falk and Strother in favor of the former and compelled Strother to audit Falk's warrant, now the Treasurer refuses to pay the demand, and Falk has been obliged as a last resort to apply for a writ of mandamus in the Supreme Court compelling the Treasurer to cash the warrant in question.

The case is full of curious and amusing complications, and will bear a brief explanation.

Section 29 of the Registration Act empowers the Board of Election Commissioners to appoint a certain number of clerks to act as experts in examining the precinct registers, after registration has been completed, and see if everything is all right. In 1886 this course was pursued, and Ray Falk, along with sixteen others, was appointed. But the Commissioners made the mistake of appointing these clerks some fifteen or twenty days too soon, as registration had not ceased at that time, and according to the law their duties could not commence until registration had ceased.

REFUSED TO AUDIT.

When their warrants were presented to the Auditor for a half-month's salary that they really were not entitled to, Mr. Strother refused to audit them on the ground stated, although he was one of the commission who helped to appoint them.

They then took an appeal to the Board of Supervisors, where their demands were approved and the Auditor instructed to sign their warrants. Still he refused. Finally to settle the matter Falk took his case into court and Strother agreed to abide by its decision. He further agreed that the ruling in Falk's case should decide all the cases and that it would be unnecessary expense for the rest of them to commence similar proceedings.

The Superior Court decided in Falk's favor and it was, of course, supposed, relying upon Strother's promises at the commencement of the case, that the whole difficulty would be settled by the clerks getting their warrants signed and drawing their money.

AN APPEAL TAKEN.

Not so, by any means. Strother went flatly back on his own proposition, and so far from auditing the warrants, appealed the case to the Supreme Court. All this time the clerks who were awaiting the termination of Falk's case to have their own disposed of were taking no steps whatever to preserve their own rights, if they had any, against the statute of limitations. The case hung fire in the Supreme Court until last June, nearly four years from the time it was commenced, and then Falk got another judgment in his favor.

The supposition was naturally that this ended the war. Wrong again. True, Mr. Strother acknowledged his defeat and promptly signed Falk's warrant—more, he signed all the other warrants that had been tucked away in dusty pigeon-holes for four years. But when Falk presented his to the Treasurer, to his dismay, payment was refused.

A STUPID BLUNDER.

Now comes up the intricate legal phases of the case. When Mr. Strother went into court to defend the proceedings against him by Falk he stupidly neglected to raise the original point upon which he refused to audit the warrants, that is, that the clerks had no right to draw a salary for the half month previous to the closing of registration, and the whole case was fought in both courts on the Auditor's duty as a ministerial officer once the warrants were approved by the Board of Supervisors. Since no other points were raised the courts, of course, were limited to that one and both agreed that it was the Auditor's duty to audit warrants that had been approved by the Board of Supervisors.

AN ILLEGAL CLAIM.

When the warrants, duly audited, were presented to the Treasurer to be cashed he refused to cash Falk's warrant on the ground that it was an illegal claim—the same ground originally urged by the Auditor—and he also refused to cash the other warrants because whether legal or not they had expired by the statute of limitations. On this latter point he consulted the City and County Attorney, and was told by that officer that, according to law, unsatisfied claims against the city expire if not prosecuted within three months. This, of course, buried forever the sixteen warrants that were pigeon-holed four years ago waiting for a court decision.

Falk is now trying with all his might to resuscitate the expired warrants, and, with this end in view, submitted to City and County Attorney Flournoy yesterday the following stipulation, which he asks that officer to sign:

THE STIPULATION.

In Re Falk et al. vs. Reis—In regard to all demands against the Treasury of the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, for clerical assistance to the Board of Election Commissioners for the detection of fraud and scrutinizing the registration of voters, etc., for the year 1888.

It is hereby stipulated that all of said demands approved and allowed by the Auditor of the city and county of San Francisco shall be considered as having been duly presented for payment to the Treasurer of said city and county within twenty (20) days after such approval and allowance, as aforesaid, and the payment of each of said demands refused by said Treasurer.

And it is further stipulated that one suit, based upon demand No. — of R. G. Falk for $100, for salary for the one-half month of September, 1886, and No. 5708 of W. D. Smith for the same time, and by said Smith assigned to said Falk, shall be a test case as to all of said demands, and that in case of final judgment by the Supreme Court of this State mandamusing and commanding the Treasurer to pay the particular claims, selected as test claims, as aforesaid, the undersigned, the said Treasurer, will pay out of the General Fund of said city and county each and every one of said several claims and demands in conformity with and to the extent that said Supreme Court may adjudge the same payable in the proposed suit, in like manner as if judgment had been so pronounced in suit upon each and every of said demands.

AN ABSURDITY.

Mr. Flournoy has not yet signed this document, and probably will not, because it is an absurd proceeding on its face. The idea that a stipulation of any kind between any officers of the city government can counteract and neutralize a State law is so absurd that it becomes actually amusing.

But the laughable feature of the whole transaction has yet to be told. Finding that the Treasurer would not cash these warrants Mr. Falk went around and gathered up as many of them as he could find—a dozen or more—and went downtown to Goldberg and other money brokers to sell them. He referred them to the late decision of the Supreme Court in his favor, showed them the warrants duly audited, and said, so it is reported, that his reason for wanting to sell them was because there was no money at present in the City Treasury and the boys needed the money.

Without suspecting anything the Shylocks readily consented to discount them and the money was paid over.

The expressions of dismay were transferred from the faces of the clerks to the faces of the money-lenders when they presented their discounted warrants to the Treasurer and payment was refused.

Mr. Falk feels duty bound now to square himself with his "uncle," and that is why he has taken this last step in the Supreme Court.

Stanislaus Fruit.

The State Board of Trade yesterday received some unusually fine lemons, peaches and tomatoes from Stanislaus County. The lemons, in particular, are of an extraordinary size and quality.

CENSUS ENUMERATORS.

They Have Not Yet Been Compensated for Their Labor.

Although the Census Office is quick to find fault, and takes pains to inform Supervisor Davis of any little complaint or defect, it neglects to acknowledge his letters or telegrams with reference to the San Jose, Mount St. Joseph's Infant Asylum and other matters. In consequence of this slight, he intends to wire the officials at Washington, and insist upon knowing their attitude toward him.

Many of the unfortunate enumerators are without the necessaries of life, while their miserable compensation is withheld from them. There is some talk of their holding a mass-meeting, at which resolutions will be adopted calling upon the Government to relieve their wants.

In reply to a letter of inquiry Superintendent Porter, under a late date, writes as follows: "In reply to your communication of the 13th inst., I would state that when your district can be taken up (which I hope will be in the near future) your schedules will be examined and compared, and, provided they are found to be duly and properly filled according to law and instructions, vouchers in duplicate will be mailed to you for signature, upon return of which a draft upon the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York, in favor of yourself, will be issued and mailed to you without delay.

"The examination and comparison of the schedules of an army of 50,000 enumerators consumes much time, and it is hoped that whatever apparent delay may occur in the settlement of individual accounts the enumerators will not regard it as deliberate on the part of this office."

NEGLECTED FOR LIQUOR.

Little Ones Go Hungry While Their Parents Drink.

Assistant Secretary Reis of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children yesterday removed two children, a boy and girl aged 2 and 3½ years respectively, from the wretched and neglected home of their father, William Cavanaugh, Bridge place, off Broadway, and took them to the foundling asylum at California and Broderick streets. Their mother is supposed to be dying from alcoholism, and their father is said to be cruel and addicted to excessive use of liquor.

Benjamin Cavanaugh, the twelve-year-old son of the couple, died on the 21st inst. unattended by a physician, and the case was reported at the Morgue. It was found that the boy had been ill a long time from heart disease and a complication of disorders, and a death certificate assigning heart disease as the cause of death was issued.

The little ones were hungry and in a pitiable condition, which the neighbors say is due to the parents' craving for liquor.