THE STATE FAIR.

A Good Attendance at the Race-Track Yesterday.

The Occident Stakes Won by Coral in Three Straight Heats.

Lady Wells and Rupee Each Take a Purse. Paris Mutual Returns—To-day's Speed Programme.

Special Dispatches to THE MORNING CALL.

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 11.—The outlook at the present writing for the usual large attendance at the State Fair is not exceedingly encouraging. Outside of the San Francisco division and the horsemen in general from all over the State, but few strangers are in the city. The streets are not at all crowded as in past years, when locomotion was a matter of much difficulty and a stranger passing through would find it hard to believe that the great fair of the State had been in progress for four days.

The old wild rush for sleeping accommodations is non est. Plenty of good rooms are to be had and prices for choice locations are within the reach of even second-grade millionaires.

It used to be the great aim of every horseman in past years to pre-empt one of those large, deep, comfortable arm-chairs on the Golden Eagle Hotel sidewalk and view the surging crowds as they flowed to and fro. Leading breeders have been known to stand in line for hours at a time to secure a chair. Now there is no such anxiety; chairs in profusion are standing disengaged and the hackmen are putting on lots of style, lolling around in them.

POOL SELLING.

That portion of Uncle Sam's domain known as the "frog pond," the Government lot on the corner of K and Seventh streets, which was brought so prominently before the public last year through an attempt to use it for pool selling and general speculative opportunities, is still an eye-sore on the city. It is covered with rank weeds, scummy mud, cast-off garments, old boots, etc., and the general refuse of the back yard. This year the pool-sellers are doing business on a lot on Seventh street, near K. An awning has been placed over it, a sawdust carpet spread, plenty of seats provided, and ample arrangements made for the comfort of patrons. By some curious coincidence, right over the entrance to the pool-selling headquarters a large theatrical poster has been placed, which in letters two feet high simply announces "The Prince and the Pauper."

Tommy Morton, about the cleverest light-weight rider now on the Coast, and whose good work in the saddle during the circuit and especially at Oakland was the subject of much favorable comment, has signed to ride for the Shippee stable, of which Secretary Ed Smith is the manager and Ab Stewart, Jr., the trainer. Pat Storn has secured call on Morton's services, and the blue and red jacket will doubtless be quite prominent during the meeting.

DULL SEASON FOR SPORTS.

Now that the State Board of Directors has decided not to run a wheel of fortune at the track it will be interesting to notice what the city authorities will do—whether they will follow the lead given them or not. Some dozen wheels are twirling, hardly one hotel or saloon being without this opportunity for speculation. Faro games are running in full blast, and no one need miss the chance if he so desires of trying his luck. The sports, however, report business exceedingly dull. There is no money in circulation, and the rancher, formerly the main and substantial support of the games, is conspicuous by his absence.

SACRAMENTO WEATHER.

The weather while somewhat sultry is still fully up to the regulation Californian standard. Straw hats and linen clothes are all the style; fans, too, are not to be despised by those inclined to en-comfort.

Speaking of the sparse attendance, several old Sacramentans who have had much experience say that there is no reason for any discouragement. They believe that the crowds who usually visit the capital during fair week are killing two birds with one one stone and are making a double outing, taking in first the Native Sons' celebration at San Francisco, and that they will all be here in full force by the end of the week or the commencement of next.

PARIS MUTUAL RETURNS.

At the Oakland meeting there was considerable discussion about the returns made in the Paris mutual boxes, and complaints were made that the amounts paid out, especially in the place boxes, were incorrrect. A little study, however, proves that the returns were correct and that there were no grounds at all for supposing that mistakes had been made. Many of the leading turfmen have gone over the figures and now acknowledge that everything was fairly done. At this meeting, however, the Directors usually have a perfectly reliable and competent man to watch the boxes and see that no mistakes are made. It would definitely prevent any wrong ideas on the part of the public if this mutual box judge would verify the figures and report to the judges that they were right. This idea is perfectably acceptable to the pool-sellers, who know that it will largely increase their business if the public is confident that the returns are surely correct.

NOT OF EXHIBITION.

Two questions have considerably agitated the Board of State Fair Directors within the past twenty-four hours. First came up the proposition as to whether Miss Addie L. Ballou's painting of "Morning" should be placed on exhibition or not. "Morning" represents a young female not attired in modern style. Whether under-life studies should be offered to the inspection of the young was decided in the negative by the Directors and the painting under consideration was retired to the private room of Secretary Ed Smith. One doctor, who is deeply interested in art and in horse-racing was somewhat put out that "Morning" was set back, as it were, after being clearly a winner. His proposal that "Morning" be rigged out with a skirt and hose and waist was voted down by the majority. "Morning" is a work of some merit, and many of the kind have been exhibited at numerous other fairs in California.

THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE.

The second worry was the fight over the wheel privilege at the track. That the wheel did not whirl yesterday at the course was solely owing to a falling out between the parties that usually have a monopoly of this branch of specialty. Last year the privilege was let at $2600. This was thought to be high, and was only given to take it away from the people who formerly run it. Much trouble then commenced. The wheelmen had a great row, arrests of pool-sellers and wheelmen at the track followed, and a great monkey and parrot time ensued. The courts, after much hanky-panky, decided that running a wheel is not gambling, and everything went galore. This season there was a hot fight for the monopoly. Three bids were received, one from last year's lessee, the largest of the bunch, $1600. This caused dissensions, and one of the unsuccessful bidders swore if the bid was given to the highest bidder, he would cause arrests to be made again. There was so much bucking and fighting and trotting that finally the Directors concluded the easiest way out of the woods was by not allowing the wheel to run at all. And so the matter stands. In the city, however, the revolving circle speeds round merrily in all the principal resorts, though the patronage is very light.

This morning Ida Glenn slipped a colt by Prince of Norfolk. Ida was bred to the Prince some four months ago, and the work that the mare has had of late doubtless caused the slip. An old saw says it is the unexpected that always happens and a very true observation it is too.

AT THE TRACK.

At 1 o'clock to-day, the hour set for the first race to be called for the opening day's racing programme of the association, things looked pretty blue out at the track. Ed Smith's countenance was as indigo-hued as his best suit of clothes or the ribbon around his nobby straw hat. There were hardly a handful of people present. On and the fleeting moments and still it looked more and more blue. For the last chance the first race was deferred an hour. When the bell rang at 2 o'clock to call out the horses an almost instantaneous change took place, and, before one could turn around, a large crowd was present. Where the people came from it is hard to say, but they were there, and, compared with past opening days, the attendance, all set-backs considered, was very good. The horsemen and the pool-sellers cheered up and looked as if they had drawn the capital prize in the big lottery. Yesterday's judges were Messrs. Larue, Greene and Case. Timers, De Long, Agnew and Lowell.

The track and weather was all that could be desired and the time shows conclusively the condition of the track. The Artillery Band played selections between heats in a very creditable manner.

THE FIRST RACE.

The Occident stakes, for three-year-olds, had only two starters, Palo Alto's b. f. Coral, by Electioneer-Columbine, Havey as pilot, and L. D. Slocum's b. f. Moss Rose, by Anteeo-Luella, with Bennett as her pilot. Coral in every respect—size, looks and action—so clearly outclassed Rose that only one pool was sold on the result at $60 for Coral and $10 for Rose. Rose is much smaller and lighter than Coral. She showed occasional spurts of great speed, but was not "in it" with the Palo Alto filly. Distance was moved for Rose and the word was given on the first score. To describe one heat is to describe all three. Coral went at once to the front and won by, generally speaking, a mile. In the first heat she led by ten lengths at the quarter, half and three-quarters. Slacking up coming home she came under the wire first by ten lengths in 2:39½. Having now got her warmed up Havey sent her at a pierry clip for the second heat and the game filly won by forty lengths in 2:28. In the third heat she was sent still faster and won by fifty lengths in 2:25. Electioneer puts another in the thirty list and one that will be a credit to Palo Alto all through her classes.

LADY WELLS A WINNER.

The purse of $800, substituted, for the 2:22 class for named horses, had three starters: Palo Alto's Lady Wells, a recent winner in good time at Oakland, with Havey up behind her; Sargent, a gray gelding, Johnson driving, and Vidette. Johnny Goldsmith, Mattie P and Laura Z were drawn after several pools had been sold at Lady Wells $25, field $11, Sargent $7. Even with them out the odds did not change much. On the fourth attempt they were off, Lady Wells in the lead, Sargent second. At the quarter Lady led by two lengths, then Sargent came fast down the backstretch, and passing Lady Wells led by two lengths at the half. Rounding the turn he broke, and Lady passed down and led into the stretch by a length. Sargent was pushed, and Lady, not seemingly able to respond to Havey's call, went under the wire a length winner from her in 2:31½. The time was slow, very slow, and was explained on Lady Well's part by the fact that she lost a boot up the stretch. That the Lady was considered all the best of the three was shown by the betting, she bringing $60 against $16. After some little scoring Lady Wells went off in front and led Sargent by two lengths at the quarter. Vidette, as in the previous heat, was beaten and out of it. Just as they left the wire Lady broke, and catching quickly got even with Sargent at the quarter. They were even up at the half, when Wells broke again, and Sargent had a length the best of it at the three-quarters. Then blood told, and Wells, nicely handled by Havey, won easily by two lengths in the fast time of 2:25. Just a few lone five-dollar pieces went into the box on the field's chance against Lady Wells for the third heat. They were sent off without any delay, Lady Wells going at once to the front, and, never being headed, won handily in 2:29¾, Sargent, of course, second. Betting was at a standstill for the fourth and final heat, it being plain even to a blind man that Sargent had shot his bolt. Lady took a two-lengths' lead on the third

THREE STRAIGHT HEATS.

Six sidewheelers—C W G (Smith), Hummer (Garraty), Our Dick (Willis), Costello (McConnell), Princess Alice (Kuear), and Rupee (Goldsmith)—came out to do battle for the purse of $850 offered for the 2:30 trotting class. Rupee's victory was considered a foregone conclusion, as he brought $100 against $16 for the field and $12 for Our Dick, a chunky, game-looking importation from Carson City. If Dick was as fast as he looks game and as able to stay he would be a thorn in the side of the present leaders of this class, but speed seems lacking with him. Rupee had no difficulty in winning in straight heats in 2:18½, 2:19 and 2:20½. Hummer set the pace in the first heat and but for several breaks might have taken it; but the colt is still sore from his past races, and he had to be contented with fourth place. Princess Alice went fast, and was only beaten two lengths in the first heat; Our Dick third, C W G and Costello distanced. Alice was second by two lengths, Hummer third in the second heat, and in the last Dick by a sharp spurt took second place, Hummer third, Princess Alice fourth. In this heat Rupee broke at the drawbridge, but had too much of a lead to let the others get any nearer than two lengths at the finish.

TO-DAY'S EVENTS.

To-morrow's card consists entirely of running events. The entries, weights and pool are as follows:

First race, seven furlongs, two-year-olds—Fairy, 118, $40; Nero, 118, $31; Lodovic, 113, $5.

Second race, three-year-olds, mile and a quarter, Breeder stakes—Take Notice, 113; Mabel F, 110. No pools sold on this race.

Third race (Rosemade handicap), one mile—Pecle, 122, $50; Tycoon, 120, $25; Alfarata, 112, $4; Carmen, 119, as a stable, $21; Lurline, 115, $15; Picnic, 107, $8.

Fourth race—Applause, 107, $70; Wild Oats, 102, $20; Larghetta, 95, $10; Installation, 102, $8; Albatross, 102, Forester, 109, $2 each.

Native Sons of Oregon.

ASHLAND, Sept. 11.—The annual reunion of Southern Oregon Pioneers was held at Jacksonville to-day and was largely attended by pioneers of the State who gather together each year to renew acquaintaneship and talk over early days. Besides the usual programme initiatory steps were taken for the organization of a society to be known as Native Sons of Oregon, the membership to include all the native born sons and daughters of the pioneers of Oregon. The organization was effected by the election of Hon. Robert A. Miller of Jacksonville as President, and George R. Leil of the same place, Secretary. An Executive Committee, composed of the President and Secretary and Messrs. B. B. Beekman of Portland, G. W. Dunn of Ashland, and Miss Hattie Reames of Jacksonville, was empowered to adopt a constitution and enroll member. This is the first organization of this character in the State, and it is expected that it will be the means of calling the attention of native sons and daughters all over the State to the propriety of forming similar societies, and the ultimate result will be a State organization.

Charged With Bigamy.

TUCSON (Ariz.), Sept. 11.—Wiley Holliday was brought in from Graham County this afternoon, charged with bigamy. He was released on a bail of $1500 till the next term of court. Holliday belonged to the Mormon sect, and was an important witness in the Paymaster Wham robbery case last year.

For China and Japan.

VANCOUVER (B. C.), Sept. 11.—The steamship Parthia sailed this morning for Japan and China, with 1038 tons of freight, chiefly cotton for Shanghai and machinery for Yokohama. She had nineteen saloon, one steerage and sixty-one Asiatic passengers.

San Jose Fruit Shipments.

SAN JOSE, Sept. 11.—H. R. Stern, agent of the Santa Fe, sent a special train of twenty cars of dried and canned fruit to-day to the East. Each car was decorated with the banner, "California Fruits From San Jose—Special Train, via Santa Fe Route."

Fell Forty Feet.

PORTLAND (Oregon), Sept. 11.—Yesterday afternoon S. D. Cole and Herman Furschmuch, carpenters, while at work on a building, fell forty feet, the scaffold on which they were standing giving way. Both received injuries that may prove fatal.

Miner Injured.

GRASS VALLEY, Sept. 11.—This morning a ladder fell on Joseph Flock in the Holbrooke-Harrington mine and the flesh of his arm was cut and stripped to the bone. Flock purposely caught the ladder to prevent its striking another miner below him.

Santa Clara County Convention Delegates.

SAN JOSE, Sept. 11.—The Republican County Committee met this morning and appointed delegates to the next county convention, one for each twenty and one for each fraction of ten. This will give 226 delegates.

Bather Drowned.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 11.—A man named Canterbury of Redlands, San Bernardino County, was drowned at Long Beach to-day, being carried out by the undercurrent. The body has not yet been recovered.

Santa Maria Fair.

SANTA MARIA, Sept. 11.—The Santa Maria Fair opened very successfully yesterday. The stock and fruit exhibits are excellent. The fair is very largely attended and the racing is good.

Sentence of a Horse-Thief.

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 11.—In Judge Armstrong's court to-day Peter Phillips, who stole Dr. White's horse and buggy, was sentenced to two years at San Quentin.

Sent to Jail.

SAN JOSE, Sept. 11.—Lewis P. Smith of Travers was to-day sentenced to 100 days in the County Jail for obtaining money under false pretenses.

Renominated for Congress.

BUTTE (Mont.), Sept. 11.—The Montana Republican Convention to-day renominated Thomas H. Carter for Congress.

THE METHODISTS.

Interesting Session of the Pacific Grove Conference.

Encouraging Progress Reported in the Field of Missionary Work.

Prosperous Condition of the Church—A Call for Chapels on All Military Reservations.

Special Dispatches to THE MORNING CALL.

PACIFIC GROVE, Sept. 11.—Rev. F. J. Masters delivered an interesting and instructive address on missions, with special bearing on the Chinese Mission work. This people are almost one-third of the earth's population and their condition is of the utmost importance to all other peoples, as in the intermingling of nations they are a most important factor in our civilization. Their spiritual condition appeals strongly to the Christian conscience. Twenty Chinese were born every minute and about one-third of the graves were filled by Mongolians.

Dr. A. N. Fisher spoke on the condition of the Sandwich Islands. He is now superintending the mission among the Japanese in those islands. A great revival a year ago brought a marked change in the condition of the immigrants from the land of the rising sun, including nearly all the officers of the consulate there. A most encouraging religious condition prevails in the islands.

Dr. Nelson of the Epworth Church, San Francisco, conducted the 6 o'clock meeting, which was largely attended. These 6 o'clock meetings are important features of the conference session. They are a kind of keynote to the day. In fervor they are perhaps the most marked, excepting the annual love feast.

This afternoon the Laymen's Convention met. A large number of members of the church of both sexes were present, and the gathering was one of much interest.

REPORTS REFERRED.

At 8:30 o'clock the conference convened, with the Bishop in the chair. Half an hour was devoted to religious services, conducted by J. L. Trefren.

The new Secretary, M. D. Buck, then read the minutes. He has a good voice, and enters upon his office with evidences of fitness. Dr. Jewell was chosen Railroad Secretary yesterday. The expenses for the general conference were referred to a committee on the subject. An overture of the Presbyterian Church in reference to peace and arbitration was referred to the Committee on State of the Church. The roll of absentees was called, and eleven additional persons responded. The reading of the charges which had not been reported to the Secretaries as to collections and statistics were called, and it was found that nearly every one had reported. A request for the transfer of Rev. A. N. Fisher, D.D., was made. A commission to adjust the boundary between this and the Southern California Conference was ordered.

The Congress of the United States was requested to provide chapels in all military reservations for the religious services of the chaplains of the army.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance requested that thirty minutes be granted to Dr. E. Thomson on the subject of Sabbath observance, and fifteen minutes be granted to Rev. N. R. Johnson to represent the W. C. T. U. on the same subject, at the convenience of the conference, which were granted. A communication relating to the Veteran Mine Workers' Association of reference to the better support of worn-out preachers was referred to the Board of Stewards.

OAKLAND DISTRICT.

Dr. Bentley sent a report of the Oakland district, some items of which are these: Revivals in several charges, and new chapels. About seventy had been admitted in Amador, about thirty at Atlanta and about ten at Byron. Central Church, Stockton, had rapidly increased; twenty-seven at Farmington; First Church, Oakland, 165 probationers, and seventy-five in Alameda. These latter churches enjoy the labors of Mrs. L. O. Robinson. The Eighth-avenue Church, Oakland, is also in a progressive and healthy condition. Golden Gate-avenus Church, Oakland, is a new movement of much value. Material improvements in nearly all the charges have been made. New church buildings are in progress as follows: Central, Stockton, $75,000; Golden Gate, Oakland, $6200; Martinez is also building; Antioch, $5000; Clements will be commenced in January; Trinity, Oakland, will finish, $2000. In Livermore the heavy church debt has been paid. In Lathrop, Tracy and Newman the debt has been reduced by the Western Pacific Railroad Company provided new buildings are erected soon. The District Association was one of great value. The Beulah Park camp-meeting was one of great value and deep spiritual power. The Epworth League is also gaining a foothold. Great unanimity of spirit has characterized the labors of most of the pastors.

PROGRESS IN THE SACRAMENTO DISTRICT.

W. R. Solier read his report of the Sacramento district. The unusually severe winter retarded the work very much. At Red Bluff steady progress has been made. The Epworth League is a marked success. Redding has steadily gained in every way. At Sissons a new church and parsonage have been built, Rev. T. B. Hopkins pastor. At Dunsmuir a new church has been built. At Yreka the debt on the parsonage has been reduced. At Oro Fino a new church has been built. Chico loses its pastor, Rev. W. D. Crabbe, who goes into the University of the Pacific. At Biggs there is a severe depression, and one work seriously injured. Oroville has purchased a new lot adjoining the parsonage. At Downieville and Forest City the storm has seriously retarded work. Extensive revivals have attended the labors of C. F. McNeill in the North San Juan charge. At Nevada City W. Angwin closes his five years—the first pastor in the conference who has served so long a term. Grass Valley is a prosperous mining town, and the benevolences are in advance of any former years. Colfax has not succeeded financially. Auburn and Newcastle have each been successful. The Georgetown church debt is being reduced. Placerville is still struggling and hopeful. The prison work at Folsom has many elements of discouragement, but some success. A brange a church costing $1900 has been built and paid for. At Elk Grove, though there is severe financial stress, much has been done. Richland was flooded, but has come out. The Central Church, Sacramento, has made extensive improvements. The Sixth-street, Sacramento, closes up grandly, and the pastor, A. T. Needham, is asked for the fourth year. At Roseville quite an extensive revival has added many excellent people to the church. Sheridan has taken an advance in all directions. Indian Springs, in Marysville, has made marked improvements, costing $4700, of which much has been paid. Benevolence and finances are better than could have been expected in view of the hard winter.

NAPA DISTRICT.

W. S. Urmy read a report of Napa district. Seven of the preachers were supplied. Rev. Mr. Bird had died during the year. He was stationed at San Rafael. Mr. S. A. S. Gibbon died in November. The five months of almost continuous rain paralyzed all branches of industry. Fruit trees by the thousand and stock also in great numbers perished, causing financial distress. Benevolences and salaries are behind. There were 250 conversions at Point Arena. At Eureka also an extensive revival took place. Arcata, Petaluma, Ferndale and other points have been greatly blessed. Children's classes and Epworth leagues were formed in several charges. Improvements have been made in several charges. Bloomfield is being invaded by the Swiss. Some remarkable conversions occurred at Crescent City. Dixon has a new bell and other improvements. Eureka has a new parsonage. Napa College has more students than ever before. An endowment is needed, and a movement is on foot for that purpose. Napa City Church was never more prosperous. C. P. Jones goes to Washington to live. Santa Rosa has made improvements costing $1900 and paid a large debt. Petaluma, Ukiah and other charges have made marked progress. Several scattered Indian tribes are in the district, but no means are used for their help. It is a call loud enough to be heard by the authorities of the church. Heathen at home need attention as well as those abroad.

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT.

F. D. Bovard's report of the San Francisco district says: Seven hundred dollars has been expended on Pacific Grove Church. There has been a gracious revival, a Sunday-school organized and a lot purchased for a new church. A new lot has been purchased in the center of the city, and next year a new modern church will be built. Salinas City has a fine Epworth League. Watsonville keeps well in the front. At Hollister there is a marked increase in membership, and $800 will soon be used to improve the church in Gilroy. Los Gatos has finished a new church, costing about $12,500. A marked revival has been enjoyed there and the surrounding country greatly stirred. Centella and Bowman, San Jose, have had a prosperous year. The First Church, San Jose, has a crowded congregation and is pushing out into the surrounding suburbs. College Park will build soon, having paid for a good lot. Santa Clara keeps up and pays more per member for the Freedman's Aid than any other church. Mayfield and Redwood City are holding on and growing slowly. Pescadero has built and paid for a neat church. The Swedish Mission, San Francisco, has greatly improved its property. Trinity, San Francisco, is on Market street, and is a lively and aggressive church. The Bush-street has decided to sell its present property, move to California street and build a new church there soon. The Epworth Church has made a struggle, but is hopeful for the future. Kentucky-street has walked rapidly in the year.

The Japanese Mission is in a most prosperous condition. The Chinese mission finds steady opposition, but is slowly progressing. A church ought to be built in the center of the city. Simpson Church has paid its debt and is a model of stability and progress. The Central has completed its twenty-fifth year, paid about $9000, and is as active and progressive as ever. Grace has been supplied about half the year by brethren on account of the illness of Dr. Anthony. There is a mission Sunday-school of over 200 in the Jackson-street. Fifteenth-avenue has taken a new lease of life. The Howard-street pulpit has been heavy on the hearts of prevailing evils, and aroused public sentiment on public questions. There are twenty-one Epworth leagues in the district. A convention of the district will be held in the fall. About $2000 has been collected for city church-extension work. The district has gradually increased in benevolences each year for some years. This year $109,671 has been paid for all church matters. San Francisco ranks highest of any city in the Union for church expenses per member.

CHARACTERS PASSED.

The characters of the following elders passed: J. Kerby, J. B. Chenoweth, J. H. Woodward, J. A. Bauer, J. W. Ross, F. W. Lincoln, L. L. Rich, J. Gregory, C. S. Haswell, J. E. Wickes, Seneca Ocello, James Blackledge, Wesley Dennett, S. Kinsey, J. H. Wythe Jr., H. B. Heacock, E. R. Dille, J. N. Van Every, C. J. Elzbotz, Mr. Lilligren, W. P. S. Duncan, I. J. Rose, D. W. Calfie, S. J. Carroll, J. L. Trefren, C. E. Pettis, L. Fellers, G. H. McCracken, J. Thompson, J. H. Wytlie, John Chisholm, Esdras Smith, W. B. Crabbe, S. H. Rhodes, W. A. Johnson, G. G. Walter, R. Rodda, A. H. Newman, J. H. Jones, E. R. Willis, W. Angwin, J. T. Murish, J. H. Baxter, J. J. Martin, W. J. Peters, C. H. Beechgood, A. T. Needham, T. B. Hopkins, A. Holbrook, H. L. Wallis, J. Tallman, F. L. Tuttle, John Appleton, J. S. Fisher, E. A. Wible, J. A. Van Anda, W. F. Warren, D. M. Birmingham, S. M. Woodward, H. B. Sheldon, H. C. Langley, J. W. Kuykendall, L. Ewing, John Coyle, W. M. Woodward, E. A. Warring, G. R. Stanly, C. P. Jones, A. S. Gibbons, George Clifford, W. B. Priddy, J. L. Mann, C. H. Kirkbride, J. N. Beard, W. C. Damm, J. R. Wolfe, W. H. Scott, A. H. Briggs, R. E. Wenk, B. F. Taylor, A. C. Duncan, F. M. Willis, G. H. Beatty, H. C. Benson, M. C. Briggs, T. Filbin, W. W. Case, F. J. Masten, A. J. Nelson, W. Carver, C. V. Anthony, R. Harcourt, M. C. Harris, M. D. Buck, G. W. Izer, J. P. Macaulay, Mr. Andrews, W. T. Mayne, S. G. Dale, F. F. Jewell, E. E. Dodge, E. D. McCreary, J. W. Bryant, H. H. Hall, B. F. Crary, J. M. Hammond, A. C. Hirst, T. C. George, W. C. Sawyer, T. B. Hinkle, J. Crossman, P. P. Hamilton, P. G. Buchanan, T. B. Palmer, Jesse Smith, George O. Ash, J. H. Sinex.

E. R. King, S. T. Sterrett, A. R. Peck, A. Higbie, G. D. Pinneo, J. M. Hinman, J. J. Cleveland, George Larkin, H. A. Blum, E. A. Hazen, A. Burris, A. M. Burty, R. W. Williamson, Jesse Green, W. Hulbert, H. Curry, W. S. Connor, J. T. R. Bartley, S. D. Simonds, Wesley Peck, were continued as superannuates.

After the announcements the conference adjourned.

LAY CONVENTION.

This afternoon the lay convention met and organized. Secretary Oge read the report of the Standing Committee, in which he reviewed the work of the church.

Dr. Hammond reported that the $10,000 mortgage on the Episcopal residence, which the laymen had taken in hand, had been raised. Mrs. Severance read a paper on women representation in the general conference, an able and witty appeal in behalf of the admission of women to the general conference. A general discussion followed.

REAL ESTATE.

Valuable Properties to Be Offered at Auction.

The Linda Rosa Tract at Fruitvale—Miscellaneous Catalogue of City Offerings. Mission Property—Notes.

A peremptory auction sale of sixty-three subdivisions in the Linda Rosa Tract at Fruitvale, Oakland, will take place to-morrow on the ground, corner of East Fourteenth street and Leise avenue, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, under the supervision of William J. Dingee and Easton, Eldridge & Co. The property to be offered consists of choice home sites fronting on the above street and avenue, and convenient to the Fruitvale station on the local railroad. Another feature of the location is its close proximity to the extensive harbor improvements now in course of construction by the United States Government.

There are handsome residences in the immediate neighborhood, which makes it a valuable locality at the present time and it is expected that with the new electric road which will pass the tract in a short time the land will advance considerably. The terms of the sale are liberal and the rate of interest on the deferred payments reasonable.

CITY OFFERINGS.

On Tuesday next Easton, Eldridge & Co. will offer at auction a catalogue of miscellaneous city properties at their sales-room in this city, consisting of the following:

A valuable business-stand on the south line of O'Farrell street, yielding a monthly rental of over $100.

The investment property on the northwest corner of Hayes street, producing a rental of $115, and the northeast corner of Washington and Devisadero streets, with miscellaneous offerings.

There is likely to be keen competition for the ownership of the majority of the places to be offered, as they are considered very valuable.

NOTES.

Business in real-estate circles is reported active since the close of the celebration and there is every likelihood of a brisk market for the fall months.

Two properties in the Mission have been disposed of, one for $1800 and another for $2950.

In the Webster Addition two sales were effected yesterday amounting to $6025.

Mr. A. F. Baldwin of McAfee, Baldwin & Hammond has returned from the north. During his absence he visited Spokane Falls, Seattle, Portland and Tacoma, partly on business. He reports building matters active, but the real estate market is very quiet, with fair indications, however, for a steady and healthy advance in prices. Considerable attention is being paid to the building up of small towns, which diverts capital from the larger places.

Bovee, Toy & Co. have painted, frescoed and otherwise renovated their offices and salesroom.

MILITARY JOTTINGS.

Condemned Ordnance and Stores Ordered Turned In.

A special order from department headquarters gives a list of condemned ordnance and stores, with instructions to have the same turned in to Benicia Arsenal, under instructions from the Secretary of War. In the list are 11 32-pounder and 58 42-pounder smooth-bore, old pattern, 25 8-inch and 4 10-inch columbiads, smooth-bore, and 6 10-inch mortars, smoth-bore, besides some 673 loose grape-shot, 1338 strapped shells, 215 spherical case-shot, etc.

A general court-martial was convened at Angel Island yesterday in pursuance of orders. Lieutenant-Colonel Anson Mills, Fourth Cavalry, is the President of the court, and First Lieutenant Thomas H. Barry, First Infantry, the Judge Advocate.

First Lieutenant Frank de L. Carrington, First Infantry, has been detailed as recruiting officer at Angel Island, relieving First Lieutenant Thomas Connolly of the same regiment.

Acting Hospital Steward William Lang has been detailed for temporary duty at Fort Gaston, Cal., accompanying Company F, First Infantry, to that post.

The leave of absence for fifteen days granted Second Lieutenant James E. Nolan, Fourth Cavalry, has been revoked at his request.

An Englishman proposes laying deep-sea electric cables by means of submarine boats.

MARKHAM HONORED.

A Notable Gathering of Representative Men.

Reception at the Rooms of the State Central Committee—Markham and Reddick Speak—Political Notes.

The first big gun of the campaign was fired by the Republicans last night. The occasion was the informal reception tendered Colonel Markham at the rooms of the State Central Committee, 419 California street, and those who are familiar with the political history of San Francisco unite in declaring it the most successful affair of the kind ever given in the city. From first to last it was full of enthusiasm, and it is safe to say that a more representative body never attended a political meeting here or elsewhere.

Among those present—and the rooms were crowded—were representatives of the best and largest interests of California. Merchants and manufacturers, whose reputations are not confined to limits of the State, turned out in large numbers to do honor to the Republican candidate for Governor, and when Colonel Markham entered with John B. Reddick those present arose to a man and tendered them an ovation. The applause which greeted them was loud and prolonged, and when they were introduced by Chairman I. C. Stump the applause was repeatedly renewed.

Chairman Stump opened the meeting with a few well chosen remarks, in which he spoke of the brightness of the outlook, and predicted a victory as complete as that recently achieved in Maine. He then introduced the guest of the evening, Colonel Markham, "the next Governor of California."

NO SET SPEECH DELIVERED.

When the latter stepped to the front of the platform all arose to greet him, and the applause for a few moments was deafening. When it had subsided sufficiently to permit of his being heard Colonel Markham said that when he looked into the faces of those before him, he felt that the presence of so many distinguished men was in itself as great a compliment as had ever been paid him. When he had learned, he added, the nature of the assemblage he had prepared no set speech, for while a business man himself he knew that he could tell them nothing about business, and he was equally positive that they already knew more than he about politics.

Continuing, he said: "I think you are more eager to know something of me than to listen to any discussion of the issues of the day, and I will, therefore, refer briefly to my history. I will tell you that I was born on a farm, and worked on one until I was 17 years old. I remember working for $12 50 a month, and much of my success, such as it has been, I feel to be due to my early life on a farm. I learned economy, industry and I also acquired the habit of rising early, and I still cling to the custom of getting up very early in the morning. [Laughter.] That is about the worst habit I have, for I received a letter a few days ago from an old Wisconsin friend who intimated that if I had been spoiled it was during my residence in California.

EDUCATED BY A FARMER.

"What education I have I received through the kindness of an old Vermont farmer, and when I left school I joined the army. After the war I went to Wisconsin and practiced law until coming to California. Since my arrival here I have been elected to Congress, the only office I ever held in my life, and I want to tell you that I had no idea that I was thought of in connection with the nomination till my hired man came home one evening and told me he heard some gentlemen talking about it in town. Well, I was elected, as you know, and when my term of service ended declined a renomination by acclamation. I didn't care to live at Washington on account of the climate and the morals. I was afraid of the latter and made up my mind that if I ever held another office it would be within the State. Gentlemen, I thank you again for the splendid compliment you have paid me."

Colonel Markham was frequently interrupted by applause, and when he finished he was cheered lustily.

John B. Reddick was given an enthusiastic reception, and said in substance: "In answer to the question, 'Who is John B. Reddick?' I will state that I was born in Ohio in 1845, of poor, but respectable parents. I came to California in 1856, settling with my father in Oakland, where I was educated at the old California College. I studied law and was admitted to the bar. In 1875 I ran for the Assembly and was elected by a handsome majority in a county that was Democratic. I went to Sacramento with no idea of hunting a nomination, but when they chose such a man as Colonel Markham for Governor I was so pleased that I made a race for the second place. I knew it meant an election. Now that the lead horses have been trotted out, I would like the swing horses to be heard from, as I know there are many of them present."

SPEECHES MADE BY OTHERS.

Ex-Governor Perkins was called for, and stated that during his political career he had been called a great many hard names, but he had never before been referred to as a "swing horse." He had never been a farmer or a lawyer, but had plowed the ocean and paid tribute all his life to the lawyers. He then referred to the magnificent convention which had nominated Colonel Markham as the best, according to the press, that had ever assembled in California. Such a ticket, nominated by such a convention, he was certain could not fail of election.

Hon. Horace Davis followed in a brief speech complimenting the Republicans on their ticket chosen and predicting a sweeping victory as the result.

Hon. M. M. Estee was next introduced and when he referred to Speaker Reed's rulings and the magnificent indorsement given him by the people of Maine he was loudly applauded. He said that the people were pleased with this Administration because it had redeemed its pledges, and the victory in Maine is but a forerunner of the victories to come.

Hon. George G. Blanchard, George D. Sanderson, President of the Board of Trade, and ex-Senator Cole also spoke, and in terms of highest praise referred to the ticket as one having the entire confidence of the people of the State.

Among those present were:

Ex-Governor Perkins, M. M. Estee, T. J. L. Smiley, J. M. Morton, John Birmingham, C. Duner, Edward S. Salomon, D. M. Burns, Samuel Thornton, J. W. Brown, Oliver Eldridge, J. B. Stetson, W. W. Montague, C. C. Hubbard, William Kruse, O. F. Wiley, Charles Montanya, Frederick Fowler, L. Levy, I. C. Stump, O. D. Baldwin, John Roesch, Charles Jackson, Arthur Stafford, Dr. McNulty, L. L. Baker, A. R. Castle, F. L. Castle, F. N. Lilienthal, Judge Murphy, Judge Sawyer, Chief Crowley, John F. Price, W. A. Rathnayre, A. Greenebaum, N. D. Spaulding, Richard Chute, J. Mattenastein, Wendell Easton, J. L. Tharp, John P. Davis, J. L. Le Conte, C. H. M. Currey, M. P. Jones, Abner Doble, Emile Bauer, Cornelius Cole, E. B. Reed, William Harney, Daniel Cole, Horace Davis, Judge Dibble, J. F. Whittier, B. P. Flint, J. S. Swan, J. M. Litchfield, Charles Kingsman, Max Warshauer, Samuel B. Solomon, L. M. Bittman, P. B. Cornwall, J. B. Reddick, John D. Spreckels, Charles Goodall, R. F. Bunker, George W. Gibbs, W. W. Sumner, C. Waterhouse, Postmaster Backus, John F. Sheehan, J. E. English, Charles Josselyn, Samuel Foster, James D. Grant, A. M. Boyle, H. Z. Osborne, J. Greenebaum, Paris Kilburn, John D. Siebe, Dr. Lawler, Con O'Connor, Edward Gallagher, A. S. Halidie, L. R. Ellert, Surveyor-General Platt, A. P. Van Duzer, Dr. le Tourneux, J. W. Anderson and others.

REDUCING THE RATE.

Buckley's Pond Throws a Ray of Brightness Into His Smile.

Buckley's Pond has succeeded in introducing an infitesimal degree of warmth or geniality into his smile, and when he permits himself to be persuaded by his friends to visit the Democrats in the interior and inform the voters there of his condescension in soliciting their support, it will be discovered with considerable surprise that his usual "five-per-cent-a-minute smile" among financially needy ranchers has been reduced to a four-per-cent-a-minute grin.

The thawing process has by no means resulted from the heat of the approaching campaign, for Buckley's Pond has undergone that training in life which stereotypes a man's features and freezes the channels from the heart to the eyes, the cheeks or the lips. Cruel necessity alone has obliged him to change the character of his features when in the presence of a voter.

He undoubtedly has been ordered by Buckley to present a more pleasant demeanor, and informed by the same master that in case that frozen smile cannot be converted into at least a semblance of brightness the Democratic party will be ruined in the coming campaign.

It must be gall and wormwood to Buckley to know that after pulling the wool over the eyes of the country delegates at the convention and working his following so admirably—from a side room—in the nomination of Pond, his nominee presents himself before the voters like an icicle on an eave-trough. Nor can Buckley's Pond feel less uncomfortable as he realizes that he must face his customers with a smile that must convey but one meaning—a reduction of 1 per cent a minute.

TO MAKE AN IMPRESSION.

Regular Republicans Will Parade to Markham's Meeting.

A special meeting of the Regular Republican Committee was held at headquarters, Stockton and Ellis streets, last night, M. J. Dunn presiding.

A motion to arrange for a meeting of all the members of the committee and friends at the rooms to-morrow night to march in a body to Markham's meeting, at Odd Fellows' Hall, was generally favored.

Captain Sweasey suggested the engagement of a band to lead the procession, and a transparency to denote the character of the parade. The suggestion was incorporated in the motion.

J. J. Cunningham, A. A. Louderback and J. M. Dupas were appointed a committee to engage a band and secure a transparency