EVENTS IN THE SOCIAL WORLD.

A Number of Pleasant Little Interchanges of Hospitality.

THE NIPSIC'S FAREWELL BALL.

New Jerusalem Church Concert—An Association Social—Wedding Anniversary on Castro Street. International Lodge Entertainment—Merry Entertainers at a Picnic—A Musicale.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Wright, Mrs. Harry Greene of Monterey and Miss Minule Deering of this city were delightfully entertained at dinner recently by Colonel Murray Moorehead, at his lovely home—"Sunnywood Orchard"—near Saratoga. The kind hospitality of the host was greatly enjoyed, and, after a most pleasant day, the party returned home by moonlight.

James W. Coffroth, son of the distinguished lawyer, orator and politician, who died in 1872, and whose full name the son bears, was united in marriage on last Tuesday with Miss Annie Bunner of this city.

At a meeting of the Del Montes at their rooms in the Strathmore, 207 Larkin street, the following officers were elected: President, John H. Sheehan (re-elected); Vice-President, S. P. Kane; Treasurer, William J. Moore (re-elected); Financial Secretary, H. A. Abel; Recording Secretary, Charles E. Black.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Lux entertained a few friends at dinner recently at their residence on Alum Rock avenue, San Jose.

A bonbon party will be given by Y. L. I. No. 14 at B'nai B'rith Hall this evening.

Mrs. R. J. K. Nuttall gave a luncheon recently at which a number of ladies were entertained, complimentary to Mrs. Dr. McNulty, who is her guest.

The astronomical class of Miss Lake's school visited Miss O'Halloran's residence, 1511 Clay street, on Saturday evening, and took observations of Jupiter and his satellites through an excellent telescope four inches in aperture. The relative positions of the earth, sun and Jupiter during the course of a year were afterward demonstrated by means of an orrery, and an explanation given of the discovery of the velocity of light and other celestial matters in connection with the giant planet of the solar system. The young ladies were much interested in the discussions, and Miss Lake signified her intention of taking further observations at an early date.

The Farewell Ball on the Nipsic.

Before the departure for this port of the United States steamship Nipsic from Honolulu Captain McCurley and officers gave a farewell ball on board the vessel, which was a most delightful affair throughout. The decorations were superb, and won the admiration of all present. The invited guests were conveyed from the landing in the ship's boats, and were warmly welcomed by Captain McCurley and his officers, and most agreeably entertained during their stay. His Majesty the King, members of the Cabinet, diplomatic and consular corps, and a large number of prominent citizens were among those present. The Hawaiian Band played for dancing, which was carried on with great spirit until a late hour. There was a bountiful supply of most delicious refreshments. The early departure of the Nipsic is much regretted in the islands, as the officers were greatly liked.

The New Jerusalem Church Concert.

A select audience filled the parlors of the New Jerusalem Church on O'Farrell street last Friday evening to listen to the following choice programme carefully gotten up for the benefit of the church piano fund: Duet, "Glorno d'Orrore" (Semiramide," Rossini), Miss Etta Burgess and Miss Loleta Levet; violin solo, fantase "Il Trovatore" (D. Allard), Mr. Frederick G. Knell; song, selected, Mr. Frank S. Mitchell; mandolin solo, "The Sleeping Child" (Matteo), Professor Cipolloni; song, "Non Torna" Romanza (Tito Matteo), Miss Etta Burgess; piano solo, Tarantelle and Religious Chorus (Rossini), Señor S. Martinez; song "My Lady's Bower" (Hope Temple), Miss Loleta Levet; French horn solo, selected, Mr. Louis C. Knell; duet (mandolins), "Mazourka" (G. Cipolloni), Professor G. Cipolloni and Madle Cator, pupil of Professor Cipolloni; Miss Lucy Knowland accompanist. Each number was excellently rendered, the tenor solo of Mr. Frank Mitchell and the solo "My Lady's Bower" by Miss Levet, perhaps, being especial mention. Quite a considerable sum was realized for the piano fund, and it is hoped that these pleasant concerts may be continued.

The Buck Party on Castro Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Buck gave a very pleasant party to a number of their friends on Saturday evening last at their residence, 522 Castro street, it being the fourth anniversary of their wedding. Only twenty-five invitations were issued and were exquisite in design, having the initial B. embossed in gold and blue in the center of the upper half of the folded sheet.

The folding doors of the spacious parlors were opened wide, when the guests amused themselves with games and songs and later danced until tired upon the well-stretched canvass. At a late hour the guests retired to the dining-room, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and there partook of the elegant repast which had been prepared. Toasts were proposed by the guests, which were happily responded to by the host and hostess. The agreeable party broke up at midnight.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Buck, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Fayes, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wilkie, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kimball and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Kimball, Miss Elizabeth Gimpel, Miss Hattie Gimpel, Miss Carrie Ransom, Miss Fannie de Long, Miss Nellie Burk; Messrs. William Soule Sr., William Soule Jr., Howard Newman, R. J. Roberts, R. W. Wilson.

The International Lodge Entertainment.

A highly successful musical and literary entertainment was given last evening by International Lodge, No. 291, I. O. G. T., at Prospect Hall, in Odd Fellows' Building. Judge Thompson presided in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Taylor, and in a few prefatory remarks emphasized the worthiness of the Good Templars' Home for orphans at Vallejo, the institution for whose benefit the entertainment was given.

The Judge afterward introduced the talent in the following long programme, which gave unstinted pleasure: Part I—Piano solo, "Polonaise" (Chopin), Mr. Joseph A. Heyman; recitation, Miss Mary Horan; piano duet, "To-night We Say Farewell" (Schlebegrel), Mrs. Dr. Spencer and Mr. C. Rickard; vocal solo, "Waltz Brilliante" (Castelli), Miss Gertrude Kid; recitation, Mr. A. B. Webster; vocal solo, "Twickenham Ferry" (Marziale), Mrs. Dr. Spencer, accompanied by Messrs. Kropp and Rickard; mandolin trio, "A Tol Walzes" (Waldteufel), Mr. Krause (mandolin), Mr. H. W. Hatch (bandoria), Mr. J. W. Goewey (guitar). Part II—Piano solo, "Waltzes," J. A. Heyman; recitation, Miss Clara Crowhurst; vocal solo, Miss Fannie Regandati; recitation, Mrs. Grace Mills; vocal solo, Mrs. M. E. Richardson; recitation, Miss Pauline Kingsburg; vocal solo, Mr. W. H. Barnes.

The audience, which had been somewhat slow in arriving, were not at all backward in testifying to their appreciation of the work of the talent. Each number was encored, and Miss Auld found it difficult to escape on any terms. Mrs. Dr. Spencer's singing was another hit in a programme of exceptional excellence. It was pleasant to learn that a considerable sum was netted for the home.

The special Committee of Arrangements consisted of: Mrs. S. E. Cline (Chairman), Miss Annie Dougherty, Mrs. E. M. North, Mr. Richard Angove, Mr. A. L. Worley. All worked hard to make the affair a success, and to them is the credit of success due.

The officers of the lodge are: Chief Templar, J. A. Walker; Vice-Chief Templar, Mrs. E. M. North; Secretary, Mrs. Coe; Financial Secretary, Miss Nellie Norton; Treasurer, Mrs. Warren; Guard, F. E. Hawley; Outside Guard, A. Anderson; Superintendent of Juvenile Work, Mrs. S. C. Cline.

The Merry Entertainers' Picnic.

The Merry Entertainers gave a very pleasant picnic to their friends at Wildwood Glen, Sausalito, on Sunday last. Over twenty couples were present, and all had an enjoyable time.

The success of the gathering was mainly due to the Reception Committee, composed of the following members of the club: Messrs. P. Henry McKenna, J. Michael Kerr, Will T. Dorrance, Eugene F. Lacy and John P. H. Jennings.

Among the guests were: Miss Nellie McIntosh, Miss Kitty McKenna, Miss Nellie Whaley, Miss Jennie Forrest, Miss Minule Connell, Miss Maude Cleary, Miss Nellie Scanlan, Miss Sarah Kane, Miss Sarah Boyle, Miss Anna Kerr, Miss Agnes Donaghue, Miss Annette Pixley; Messrs. P. Henry McKenna, J. Michael Kerr, Will J. Cahill, Martin J. Hoar, R. Earl Dorrance, Francis J. P. Terrier, Eugene Lacy, Joseph J. Carroll, John P. H. Jennings, Frank Ward, Thomas Hallinan, Charlie Long, Frank Teahan, George Hall, Fred Little, Will T. Dorrance.

The Confidence Lodge Entertainment.

On Friday evening last the members of Confidence Lodge, No. 15, U. E. A., held their usual monthly open meeting, at Eastern Hall, Shiels Building, 32 O'Farrell street. The following programme was carried out: Opening address, Mr. William H. Dolling; violin and piano duet, Messrs. Charles Schmitt and Frank Sheinstein; song, Miss Quinn; piano duet, the Misses Ida Hencken and Minna Becker; recitation, Mr. W. H. Hanlan; vocal solo, Miss King; vocal solo, Miss Josie Smith. Dancing concluded the evening's entertainment. The following constituted the committee: Mr. William H. Dolling (Chairman), Miss L. Schmitt, Miss A. Wedel, Dr. V. Carranza, Miss Josie Smith, Miss Gina Hencken, Miss M. Peasley, Dr. C. Walliser, Mr. W. A. Hanlan.

The Harmonia Musicale.

A pleasant musicale was recently given by the Harmonia Orchestra, followed by a dance, at the residence of Mrs. C. Goldman, 925 Geary street. Those who participated were: Master M. Adler, director; Masters A. Lansburgh and P. Franklin, first violins; Master L. Brownstone, second violin; Master H. Strellitz, 'cellist; Master L. Hoffman, flute; Master M. Ellis, piano and accompanist.

The following was the programme: Overture, "The Flying Horses," orchestra; violin solo, "Elegie," Mr. Philip Franklin; piano solo (selected), Mr. Melville Ellis; violin solo, "Il Trovatore," Mr. Albert Lansburgh; song, "Angel's Serenade," (violin obligato), Miss G. Oppenheim, Mr. A. Lansburgh; gavotte, "Forget Me Not," orchestra; flute solo, "Lucrezia Borgia," Mr. Lawrence Hoffman; violin solo, "Reverie," Mr. Moses Adler; 'cello solo, "Serenade," Mr. Strellitz; march, "Soldier's Joy" orchestra.

Those who attended were: Mrs. Strellitz, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. L. Adler, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hisch, Miss Clara Meyer, Miss Aggie Zackarias, Miss Rose Spiring, Miss Frankie Morris, Miss Bertha Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. S. Frank, Mr. and Mrs. L. Gundelfinger, Mr. and Mrs. Z. Zackarias, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wolf, Mr. and Mrs. A. Weil, Miss Rose Coblintz, Miss Q. Nathan, Miss Flora Cahen, Miss Rosenfeld, Miss Ray Godchaux, Miss Selina Cohen; Messrs. O. Meyer, Felix Latz, Colonel S. Hecht, Nathan Kalisher, Ben Hisch, Charles Zackarias, Max Summer, Elias Isaac, Mr. Hirchler, Louis Nathan, M. Glouber.

An Association Entertainment.

On Saturday evening the first annual social dance and entertainment given by the Sewing Machine Agents' Protective Association of San Francisco took place at Union-square Hall under the auspices of the following General Committee: Messrs. T. A. Potts, C. A. Loud, T. G. Lewis, G. E. Hall, C. Larsen, W. Ullner, J. G. Gerken and C. C. Sunday.

The following attractive programme had been prepared for the occasion: Overture, orchestra; remarks, President T. A. Potts; song and dance, Miss Elain Talfor; solo, Mrs. D. W. Collins; violin duet, Miss Bechusen; solo, Mr. Frank Sharp; "Sailor's Hornpipe," Mr. Fraser; solo, Mrs. W. H. Wells; clog dance, Miss Elain Talfor; duet, the Misses Lilly and Violet Forsyth; piano solo, Mrs. Furo; solo, Miss M. Cuneo; song, Miss Lily Dwyer; song, comic, Mr. Ed Rowe; song, Mr. C. C. Sunday; oration, Mr. T. G. Lewis. Dancing afterward held sway for the remainder of the successful reunion.

The special committees of the evening were composed as follows: Reception Committee—Messrs. T. A. Potts, T. G. Lewis, J. G. Gerken, A. Klaus, W. Ullner, W. A. Redding, J. Hellenstein, A. F. Clemmens; floor manager, Mr. C. A. Lord; Floor Committee—Messrs. H. Warner, C. C. Sunday, G. E. Hall, F. A. Forsyth.

The Henriettas' Party.

The second party of the Henriettas, held last Friday evening at Mission Music Hall, passed off very pleasantly. The guests danced till after midnight, and being well acquainted with one another, enjoyed the occasion thoroughly. The committees of the evening consisted of: Committee of Arrangements—Messrs. C. J. Wohlander, Q. S. Gilmore, F. L. Palmquist and J. Johnson; Reception Committee—Miss A. E. Johnson, Miss C. Johnson, Miss M. M. Flack, Miss A. Hildebrand, Messrs. W. M. Flack and A. Hildebrand; floor manager—Mr. J. Johnson; Floor Committee—Messrs. A. Johnson, F. L. Palmquist and T. F. Wohlander.

Society Personals.

Mrs. L. R. Crane, the Misses Daisy and Lily Crane and Mrs. Joseph Todd returned to San Francisco on Sunday after a pleasant month spent in Santa Cruz.

Mrs. Alexander Forbes and her daughters have returned from an extended visit to Sea Beach Hotel, Beach Hill, Santa Cruz, and are sojourning for the present at San Rafael.

Miss Grace Thorn, who has been one of the most attractive young ladies at the Vendome, San Jose, this summer, will leave in a few days for Mrs. Randol's Academy at Baltimore.

Miss Nannie McCarty has returned home to Stockton from a visit of several weeks to Miss Nellie Hogan of this city.

Miss Evelyn Carolan will leave for the East this coming week. She proposes placing her sister, Miss Genevieve Carolan, at Miss Porter's school at Farmington. Miss Carolan will return to this city in time to be Miss Boardman's bridesmaid.

The Misses Deming have returned to this city, after a pleasant visit in San Jose, as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Morrison.

Mrs. Charles Cass and son have returned home to Stockton, from a month's visit to relatives in Oakland.

Mrs. O. W. Childs and Miss Childs, of Los Angeles, are still at the Palace Hotel, but will return home soon.

Mrs. J. A. Caulfield and daughter, Miss Lucile Caulfield, have gone on an extended visit in the East. Mr. Caulfield has returned to this city to look after his business affairs, but will make an occasional visit to his place in Napa.

Miss Lena Blanding has returned from a visit to Captain and Mrs. W. B. Collier at their residence near Lakeport, and has taken up her abode at San Rafael.

Miss Nora and Miss Annie Desmond have returned home to Los Angeles, after a two months' visit here.

Miss Maud Frank, Miss Sadie Steiner, Miss Rizel Leven and Miss May Marks have gone to Stockton to spend fair week with friends there, the fair opening to-day.

Mrs. Anne Roland expects to spend a part of the coming winter in San Francisco, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Henry Dexter.

Miss Mamie Holtmyer of this city is the guest of Mrs. Annie McDonald of San Jose.

Mr. Emanuel Wolf, a graduate of the Stockton High School, and one of Stockton's brightest young men, has come down to attend the State University at Berkeley.

Captain Graves and family of Portland, Oregon, expect to move to this city.

Miss Nora Chandler of Petaluma has come to this city to reside for a time.

Mrs. Stanley and Miss Garber, who have been spending the summer months at the Napa Soda Springs, will sojourn during autumn at San Rafael. They are expected at the Hotel Rafael tomorrow.

Miss Gertie Buckley of San Francisco is the guest of Mrs. William P. Dougherty of San Jose. She will remain several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Alpine have returned to Stockton from a two weeks' visit to friends in Oakland.

Mr. Edward H. Sheldon will remain at San Rafael during the coming winter. He has commenced the erection of a lovely cottage, which he hopes to occupy in the early spring.

Miss Antoinette Nagle of San Jose visited in San Francisco lately.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wilkins of this city were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Chalmers of Stockton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hedger and two sons are at the Æna Hot Mineral Springs.

Messrs. J. B. Lewis Jr. and Fred H. Steijer will depart in a few days for the East.

Mrs. John S. Hager, accompanied by her daughters, the Misses Alice and Ethel Hager, leaves here for New York about the 26th of October.

Mrs. Frank Bethel of this city spent the past week in San Jose as the guest of Mrs. Kate Bethel.

Miss Edna Orr has returned to Stockton from her summer outing at Santa Cruz and this city.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. de Ruyter are back from Sausalito and are once more settled in their home, 2432 Devisadero street.

Mrs. W. B. Hudson of San Jose spent the past week in this city.

Mrs. James Perrott returned to Lodi Wednesday from a visit with friends in this city.

Miss Mamie Hildreth, Miss Gertrude McArdle and Master Charlie McArdle have gone to Salinas as the guests of Mrs. M. Heron.

Miss Marguerite McArdle has returned to the city after a pleasant visit at San Mateo.

Miss Pope, Miss Hager, Miss Taylor, Miss Eyre and Miss Simpkins expect to spend the coming winter in New York.

Miss Emma Faulkner of San Jose spent the past two weeks in San Francisco, Berkeley and Oakland.

Mrs. P. Peterson and children of Stockton are visiting relatives in Oakland and this city.

Miss Millie Ashe has been the guest of Mrs. Carter Pomeroy for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Keefe returned home to San Jose Wednesday from their wedding trip.

Mrs. J. V. Scanlan has returned to Stockton from a visit of several weeks in this city.

YOUTHFUL MURDERER.

The Terrible Charge Against Theodore Parsons of Shannon County.

Sheriff Freeman of Shannon County was seen at the Four Courts in reference to the circumstances connected with the case of the boy Theodore Parsons, who was placed in the St. Louis jail yesterday morning for safe keeping. The case appears to be a terrible one. The Parsons boy is under two indictments for murder in the first degree. On the morning of June 21st last neighbors of Ben Collins in Shannon County found the farmer dead in his house with three bullet holes in his head. In the bed in the same room lay the body of Collins' three-year-old son. The little fellow's head had been crushed and a bloody pine knot lay on the floor near by. The house had been ransacked from top to bottom and over $1000 in cash had been taken.

The boy, Theodore Parsons, was at once arrested. As yet the evidence against him is purely of a circumstantial nature, yet so strong that nothing short of a conviction on the most serious charge is anticipated. The boy lives with his parents in Carter County, about sixteen miles from Collins' place. Young Theodore had worked for Collins during March of the same year and knew of the farmer's habit of keeping large sums of money about the place. It developed that about 4 o'clock on the afternoon preceding the night of the murder he left his work in the field and went to the house. After saddling a horse he told his mother that he was going to salt a "deer lick" and rode away. A man and a boy eight miles from Parsons' home and on the way to Collins' place, saw Theodore ride past while they were hiding in the bush at a deer lick. The boy's pony wore a peculiar shoe, the marks of which was found on the road about half a mile from the scene of the shooting. When the arrest was made the Parsons house was searched and a revolver was discovered under the floor. The weapon was of the same caliber as the balls in Collins' body. Another circumstance was in the fact that three chambers contained empty shells. None of the $1000 taken has since been found. Young Parsons several times made remarks to some of his cronies in reference to the ease with which Collins could be robbed, and once asked a boy friend if he thought Collins would give up his stuff if a man should put a gun to his head. There is considerable doubt as to the prisoner's age. His parents insist that he is but 15, while the officers claim to be able to prove that he is more than 19. He has the reputation in Shannon County of being a dead shot with a revolver, killing a running rabbit oftener than he failed. The cases against him will not be called until March, 1891. The boy preserves a dogged silence.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Mrs. Coffey's Suit.

The suit of Mrs. Coffey against the Young Men's Institute, on an application for an order compelling Judge Hoge of the Superior Court to sign the statement on appeal, was up for hearing yesterday at the Supreme Court. The institute attorney asked for leave to amend his petition, and the whole proceedings were then taken under advisement by the court.

First Colored Gentleman (with an air of pride)—Dere's more work in a colored man dan dere is in a white one.

Second Colored Gentleman (reflectively)—Dat's so. But hit looks like hits heap harder to get it out of him.—Harper's Bazar.

ACROSS THE BAY.

Ex-Postmaster Pierce Studying Law in a Jail.

A Sensation Spoiled—State Tax for the County. Senatorial Candidates—Departure of the Missionary Ship.

Sheriff R. B. Purvis of Stanislaus County was in Oakland yesterday and took E. W. Pierce, ex-Postmaster of Turlock, in that county, down to Modesto as a witness in the case of L. H. Day on trial there for arson. Pierce is serving out a sentence in the Alameda County Jail as a United States prisoner in connection with a charge of misappropriating the funds of the Money Order Department of the office at Turlock. He has many friends, who visit him in the jail, as well as his faithful wife. It is claimed that Pierce accommodated friends by issuing money-orders on the credit plan; but that when the inspector came around he was unable to make settlement, and those to whom the orders were issued failed to come to his relief and pay up. He is spending his time in the jail in studying law, and will, it is said, be ready to stand an examination to practice by the time his sentence has expired.

The result of the autopsy on the body of Mrs. Gertrude Kohler, of Piedmont way and Mather street, who died suddenly while in bed on Saturday morning, showed alcoholism to be the cause of death, and a jury yesterday rendered a verdict to that effect.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS.

The Seventh-day Adventist Sabbath-school Association has elected the following officers for the year: President, Elder R. S. Owen; Vice-President, Professor G. W. Rine; Secretary, Clara Coney; Assistant Secretary, Julia F. Caldwell; additional members of the Executive Committee, Baxter, Howe and Elder O. C. Godsmark. The number of Sabbath-schools added during the year was thirty-four; total number, ninety-eight. Amount of class contributions from these ninety-eight schools, about $5000. Number of letters written by Sabbath-school officers, 2200. To-day's programme is: 9:30 A. M., educational meeting; 11 A. M., preaching; 2:30 P. M., Bible instruction; 7:30, preaching.

A saloon at the corner of Adeline street and San Pablo avenue was destroyed by fire at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. The location is outside the city limits, but the city firemen responded and attempted to save the building, which was a large one and at one time a carriage factory. The entire loss is unknown, but the saloon-keeper claims a loss of $1200.

C. T. Jacobs was discharged yesterday from the County Jail, the Judges of the courts refusing to hold him for examination on the ground that he is not insane.

A LIVERMORE MAN HELD.

Edward Farren, a saloon-keeper at Livermore, has been held to answer before the Superior Court on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon for shooting Peter Maddocks. The latter, Farren claims, entered his saloon and demanded a free drink, but was thrown out. He then commenced to break down the door, whereupon the accused came out and hammered him over the head with a mallet. Farren then broke a window and shot him through the leg.

A five-gallon oil can was found on the Alameda beach, near the Pacific Coast Oil Works, cemented with plaster of Paris and the covering tied down with a bale-tope. On opening it a foot and other portions of a human body were discovered. The can was taken charge of by Coroner Evers, and the contents were found to be parts of a dissected body used by medical students. They were buried by the Coroner at Mountain View Cemetery, and a great sensation was spoiled.

William Hanna, the Livermore farmer who killed his farm-hand, Luders, has been held in $2500 bonds on a charge of manslaughter. The defense will be justifiable homicide in self-defense.

COUNTY SUPERVISORS.

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors, at its meeting yesterday, received a communication in which the total State tax for the county is fixed at 58 cents on the $100 valuation, against 72 cents last year. The total tax, State and county, last year was $1 15 on the $100 valuation. An effort will be made this year to cut it down to $1. The State Board reports its assessment of the 8314 miles of the Central Pacific Railroad at $1,447,346; the 10.50 miles of the Northern Railway at assessed at $81,766, and the 31.56 of the South Pacific Coast at $473,379. The Southern Pacific Company, of its 1522½ miles in California, has only 1.40 miles in Alameda County, and is assessed at $13,793.

The Sixteenth District Senatorial Republican Convention last evening on the second ballot nominated Eli S. Dennison for State Senator. E. S. Culver and J. G. McCall were nominated for Assemblymen in the Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth Assembly districts. Culver is at present Assemblyman from the Fifty-third. McCall is Pacific Coast agent of the Erie Railroad. Dennison defeated Marcus D. Hyde for the nomination as State Senator. Hyde is present Assemblyman from the Fifty-fourth District.

A number of Democrats who were interviewed yesterday with reference to the County Convention of their party indorsing Judge Gibson for re-election stated that there were enough good Democrats who should be complimented with the nomination.

CITY PRISON ENTRANCE.

The new entrance for prisoners into the City Prison is nearing completion. Instead of the patrol wagon driving up to the front of the City Hall on Fourteenth street, opposite Washington, a very public place, as the entrance to all the city offices are at that place, the wagon will drive into the patrol-house on Fifteenth street, and through it into the yard in the rear and to the rear entrance to the prison on the west side of the building. There is a high fence around the yard and the entrance will be entirely hid from the view of the curious and from children, who often run up to the prison entrance as prisoners are being taken from the wagon.

The missionary ship R. W. Logan will sail for Honolulu to-day under command of Captain Bray, General Secretary of the Oakland Young Men's Christian Association, formerly master of the Morning Star. At Honolulu the ship will be turned over to her permanent master, Captain Worth, and First Officer Edward Tarra. Among those who will go down to the Sandwich Islands on the Logan are Sydney Lyons of London, England, Frank Heath and Mr. Dodge, of Santa Cruz, Arthur Breed and A. P. Alexander, of Oakland, and Charles Campbell of Sacramento.

Pedro Rossas, who shot Owen Smith at Midway, two weeks ago, has been arrested and lodged in the County Jail on a charge of grand larceny, for stealing the horse and saddle of George Fox, which first he rode to Livermore after the shooting.

Mrs. Perkins, after fifteen years' service as Matron of the Old Ladies' Home at Temescal, has tendered her resignation.

Alameda.

The teachers and pupils of the public schools are having their mid-term vacation this week.

Miss Herbert, who sustained serious injuries on Saturday night by being thrown off a horse, was resting easy yesterday and her recovery is now hoped for.

The Republicans will hold their first rally this campaign at Park Opera House next Saturday evening. Addresses will be delivered by J. C. Campbell of San Joaquin and Henry C. Dibble of San Francisco.

At the meeting of the City Trustees last evening an application was received from J. W. Hartzell for a franchise to construct and operate a railroad propelled by electricity along the entire length of High street, within the city limits, and also from High street along Central avenue to the "northern" terminus of this avenue. As Central avenue runs east and west, the Trustees were unable to see how the franchise could be granted.

If the petitioner meant the western terminus of the avenue, the franchise could not be granted either, as the narrow-gauge railroad runs on the westerly portion of this avenue. Hartzell is the individual who recently petitioned the Board of Supervisors for a franchise to operate an electric railroad along the county road from Oakland to San Leandro.

The objections against the laying of a sewer in High street were overruled, and the improvement was ordered to be made. It was also decided to grade, curb and macadamize the street from Washington street to a point 250 feet north of the tidal canal. A report was presented by the Committee on Electric Lights, which was unfavorable to the granting of franchises to the Edison and the Oakland Gas-light and Heat Company for the operation of incandescent electric light plants. The report was adopted, City Trustee Neal voting no.

The Committee on Fire and Police were given permission to purchase furniture for the office of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department. Mr. Mastick stated that A. W. von Schmidt has offered to sell to the city one, two or three acres of tide land at the foot of Grand street at $1000 per acre. The board seemed favorably inclined to the purchase of two acres, and the Finance Committee was authorized to investigate the proposition. The idea is to remove the electric light plant to this land and also have the corporation yard located on it. The question of the annexation of the North Alameda Tract was briefly considered and the City Attorney was instructed to investigate and report what measures should be taken that the annexation may be made.

Berkeley.

The Academic Council of the university has elected Professor Martin Kellogg as Chairman by a unanimous vote. The election makes him acting President of the University.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Athens, Ga., has a cat that weighs sixteen pounds.

Twelve members of the United States Senate are natives of New York.

There are over 40,000 children attending the schools in London who are insufficiently fed.

West Branch (Mich.) was infested so badly by wolves that the berry crop was left almost untouched.

Monticello (Iowa) celebrated the shutting up of the original package saloons by ringing all the church bells.

It is curious that there are no direct descendants of Napoleon, Wellington, Washington, or Walter Scott.

Apartment houses have been multiplied to such an extent in New York that a decline in rents is imminent.

A Genesee (Mich.) Supervisor sends in his report to the County Clerk of a person dying of "information of the brain."

One hundred swallows, by actual count, took up a night's lodging in a chimney at Waycross, Ga., a few nights ago.

The house that the Clevelands have bought on Monument River is greatly out of repair, and has a deserted appearance.

Mrs. Robinson of Fort Gratoit, Michigan, recently married her adopted son. She was forty-five years old, and the young man thirty-two.

It is said that the postmen of London walk, together, something like 48,360 miles per day, a distance equal to twice the circumference of the globe.

George Blaiklock, the London temperance lecturer who is traveling in this country, says that his city contains 90,000 paupers and spends annually for drink about $70,000,000.

A Mount Vernon (N. Y.) man died Thursday of blood-poisoning, caused by some pieces of glass which got into his hand by the explosion of a soda-water bottle which he was handling.

About twenty years ago the Japanese author, Kloyte Bakin, completed a novel upon which he had been at work for thirty-eight years. It comprises 100 volumes, and is said to illustrate all classes of Japanese society and life.

It is a curious fact that when the policemen in Central Park, New York, undertake to drive the public off the grass they dispose of the old women and children promptly, but somehow the pretty girls are undisturbed.

The house and grounds of Joseph Lowe of Bellefonte, Ohio, have been struck by lightning eight times within the past three years, the last occasion being last week. There is believed to be mineral there, and a company will explore.

W. I. Stutsenberg, guardian for George C. Harwood of Cincinnati, was paid $7135 53 pension money to May last, and on Friday received a check for $6326 60 more, making a total of $13,462 13. Harwood hails from Cincinnati, but is at present an inmate of an insane asylum.

A large vein of pure white sand, suitable for making glass, has been found near Pittsburg, Pa. The discovery will save the glass-manufacturers of that city thousands of dollars annually, as they have hitherto been oblized to send across the Alleghany Mountains for their sand.

A floor-walker in a dry-goods store in New York says women customers give them no end of trouble by mislaying their purses. He tells of a customer who forgot her pocket-book on the counter twice in one day. He advises every female shopper to fasten her purse to her person by a light chain.

The largest sailing ship in the world is said to be owned by France, and on account of this distinction is named the France. The France is a vessel with five masts, on four of which square sail is carried. She is 344 feet long, with a beam of 49 feet, and will carry no less than 61,000 tons of cargo.

The theory that whisky is necessary in the treatment of pneumonia has received a blow from Dr. Bull of New York City, who discovers that in the New York hospitals 95 per cent of the pneumonia patients die with alcoholic treatment, while in London, at the Object Lesson Temperance Hospital, only 5 per cent die.

Nearly 2000 bodies have been cremated in Milan during the last 13 years. To members of the Cremation Society the cost is only £1. In the case of strangers it is just double that sum. Relatives who oppose the expressed wishes of the deceased to be cremated have been compelled by the Italian tribunals to carry them into effect.

"Our next issue will be our last," writes a Georgia editor. "We are satisfied the people of this town can get along without us, for we have been getting along without the people for six months past. There are some subscriptions owing, but we will not collect them as the citizens will soon need the money to defray the funeral expenses of the town."

Chicago has a Friday Club composed of about 100 Northside young ladies who meet weekly and indulge in literary and social intercourse. The President of the club is Mrs. Reginald de Koven, daughter of Senator Farwell, and she acts as hostess at the teas which are given periodically, and to which the husbands and brothers of the members are invited.

A young woman visiting the family of W. H. Moon of Greenville County, S. C., was standing near a post on the piazza, when the eight-year-old daughter of the house came up noisily from behind and clutched her skirt. The young woman, startled, lost her balance, and, to save herself, seized the post, which gave way, falling with the young woman back on the child, who was instantly killed.

Gertrude Buthe, 60 years old, arrived in New York on the steamship Ems from Bremen Tuesday and told the clerk who registered her at the Barge Office that she was searching for a husband. She is only 3 feet 8 inches in height. She claims to be wealthy, and exhibited $500 to the registry clerk. The woman said that she had traveled nearly around the world looking for a husband, but thus far had failed to find a suitable mate.

While plowing up the ground for the new Central shops at Columbus, Ga., one of the heavy plows struck a six-inch water main and broke it. The water spurted up in a solid stream to a height of about fifty feet, tearing up the ground around with great force. The water ran for several hours, flooding the adjacent space, until the superintendent of the water works company went out and with assistance repaired the break.

There is a young lady in a sanitarium at Clifton Springs, N. Y., who has become such a slave to chocolate candy that all the shopkeepers for miles around have been notified not to sell her any. She has eaten so much of it that her skin has become the color of chocolate. Recently, by a piece of deception, she was able to get two pounds of the candy from a confectioner's and ate it all at one sitting. She was seriously ill for a while, but is again ready for more chocolate.

For Being Ejected.

The suit of H. Corlette to recover $5000 damages from the Norddeutsher Verein for being ejected from Shell Mound Park, last June, was on trial before Judge Hunt and a jury yesterday. Isidor Mayer has a similar suit on file. The complaint alleges that badges were given to each man entering the park on the day that the trouble occurred. Corlette gave his badge to a lady, and because he did not carry it he was expelled from the grounds. The jury brought in a verdict in favor of the defendant.

Rival Claimants.

The case of Kate H. Mullin against Elizabeth J. Mullin, to recover a beneficiary certificate for $5000 in the Masonic Mutual Aid Association, was on trial before Judge Hoge yesterday. The complaint avers that the defendant lived with Mullin after he was divorced from the plaintiff, and unduly influenced him to substitute her name for that of his wife in the certificate.

Fell Through a Skylight.

Henry Knight, a boy about 5 years of age, living at 5 Everett street, broke his leg yesterday by falling through a skylight on the roof of his home.

Anticipation.—Mother (mournfully) My dear Charlie, what would you do if I happened to die? Little Charlie (eagerly)—I'd eat all the sugar.—Texas Siftings.

WRECK OF THE AJAX.

One of the Officers Tells How the Vessel Was Lost.

During a Thick Fog She Ran on Blunts Reef. Arrival of the Passengers and Crew on the Steamer Newport.

The Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamer Newport, Captain Green, arrived in port at 8 o'clock yesterday from Eel River, from which place she made the trip in thirty-six hours. On the way down she put into Shelter Cove, and from there brought down the passengers and crew of the wrecked steamer Ajax, which struck a reef off Cape Mendocino on Thursday last and afterward sank. One of the officers of the Ajax was seen yesterday afternoon by a CALL reporter and gave the following details regarding the disaster:

LEFT WITH CLEAR WEATHER.

"We left Coos Bay at 1 o'clock on the afternoon of September 17th, having on board fifteen cabin and six steerage passengers, adults, and several children, a crew of twenty-six and a cargo of 700 tons of coal. The weather was clear when we left and remained so until 7 o'clock on the morning of the 18th, when a thick fog set in. We thought we were well off shore, but, as an extra precaution, at 8 o'clock the course of the vessel was altered half a point off, and that course kept till 8:50. At 8:30 o'clock the fog lifted some, but at 9 o'clock it set in very thick again and we could not see the length of the ship.

"The patent log we had must have 'overrun,' as it is called, for we thought we were to the southward of the cape, when at 8:50 o'clock the course was changed to the regular course from the cape to Point Arena. At 9:15 o'clock the steamer struck heavily on Blunts Reef, which lies about four miles west half south (magnetic) from Cape Mendocino. She was going at the rate of eight and a half knots at the time and struck heavily. The captain and second officer were on deck at the time.

STOPPED AND REVERSED.

"As soon as the steamer struck Captain Donaldson gave orders to stop the engines and then go full speed astern. The vessel did not hang a second as the rock rises sheer out of the water. One or two of the passengers yelled when the vessel struck, but there was no confusion. Just after the engines were reversed we heard the whistling buoy, which is located outside the reef. We steamed out to get around the buoy, and, at the same time, made an examination of the ship, set all pumps at work, and got the covers off the boats and swung them outside ready for use.

"An examination showed that the vessel was badly strained all over, but the water was not gaining very rapidly, and it was thought at first that we could get her to this port. The water began to pour in more rapidly, though—faster than our pumps could pump it out—and we hauled in toward the land. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the water got so high it put the fires out and stopped the engines. The four boats were lowered into the water, and at 3:15 o'clock all hands left the ship. All the personal effects of the passengers and crew were lost, we left in such a hurry. Captain Donaldson did not even save the ship's papers and his instruments. Wells, Fargo & Co.'s treasure, amounting to nearly $7000, was, however, saved. There was no excitement and no confusion when we left, as the sea was smooth.

FOLLOWING THE BEACH.

"We could not see the shore, but could discern the breakers on the beach. We judged we were about ten miles to the north of Shelter Cove, but we afterward found we were only about eight miles. We pulled in a southerly direction, following the beach, and at 6:30 o'clock we pulled alongside the wharf at Shelter Cove and all hands went to the hotel. Next morning Captain Donaldson obtained the services of Mr