THE SOCIAL WORLD.

Several Interesting Weddings Here and Abroad.

Amateur Hat-Making in Oakland—The Coursen Musicale—McPherson Anniversary at Golden Gate—Notes.

Mrs. Leland Stanford has presented the ladies interested in the series of charity fetes to be inaugurated on Monday next, November 10th, under the patronage of a number of prominent people, with $100, to assist in defraying the expenses of the entertainment.

Mrs. Donovan entertained a number of her friends at her residence in San Jose on Friday evening in honor of her guests, Miss Finn and Miss G. Cahalin of San Francisco.

Invitations have been received to the marriage of Lieutenant William T. Littebrant, U. S. A., formerly of Stockton, to Miss Laura Green of St. Louis, Mo. The ceremony will take place on Wednesday afternoon next at St. Francis Xavier Church, St. Louis. A reception from 6 until 8 o'clock will be held at the residence of the bride's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. McPherson of Golden Gate gave an altogether successful dinner party to a few friends on Friday evening in honor of the sixtieth anniversary of Mr. McPherson's birth.

An urgent appeal has been issued by the friends of a family in need for whom a testimonial benefit is to be held next Saturday evening at Irving Hall. The case, whereby a wife and mother only 25 years old has been left with five children on her hands, seems a peculiarly distressing one and well worthy the assistance of the public. Tickets can be obtained with further particulars at Mrs. Boehm's store, 620 Geary street, or at the hall on the evening of the entertainment.

McGregor-Meiggs Wedding in London.

Another California girl has made a brilliant marriage abroad in the person of Miss Nina Meiggs, daughter of General John G. Meiggs of San Francisco, who was married last Thursday in London to Sir James R. E. McGregor, eldest son of the late Sir Charles Roderick McGregor. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Robert Duckworth, chaplain of the Queen and canon of Westminster, assisted by Rev. Mr. Phillips, and occurred in St. Paul's Knights Building. All the leading Americans in London were present and the floral decorations cost a small fortune. The four bridesmaids carried bouquets of roses costing $50 each and the decorations about the altar were equally expensive. The music was of a correspondingly expensive style, the well-known tenor, Edward Lloyd, singing a ten-line anthem, for which he was paid at the rate of $25 per line.

Amateur Man-Millinery in Oakland.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the First Congregational Church held its monthly social recently, which was enjoyed by all who participated in it. The feature of the evening was a contest by the young gentlemen to see who was the greatest success as a milliner. The young ladies having provided the material, amid much merriment the gentlemen proceeded to "put the hats together," as one popular young man expressed himself. Some of the hats looked like Fiji Islanders' head-gear after they had passed out of the hands of their man-milliners rather than head-covering for Christian women. However, some few displayed great skill, and their future wives need never want for a milliner. The officers elected for the ensuing term were: Alex Steward, President; Frank Leach, Vice-President; George Furniss, Secretary. A vote of thanks was tendered the past President, Mrs. Grace Fisher, for her service to the society during the past year.

The Searles-Whitney Wedding.

The wedding of Miss Estelle E. Whitney and Mr. William A. Searles Jr. of the Bank of California took place Tuesday evening last at the residence of the bride's parents, 1601 Devisadero street, Rev. Dr. Davis of St. Luke's Church officiating. Only intimate friends and relatives were present. The bride was the recipient of many handsome and costly presents. Mr. and Mrs. Searles have gone on their wedding tour, and will be gone about a month, and on their return will reside at 1417 Devisadero street.

The Coursen Musicale.

Last Saturday night Miss Ellen Coursen gave a choice vocal programme at her hall in Red Men's Building.

The evening was eventful in the debut of two young amateurs. Miss Blanche Haskell sang two songs with a very neat enunciation and showed her clear voice to fine advantage. Professor Joseph Roeckel accompanied his promising pupil. Miss Pauline Schilling, one of Miss Coursen's pupils, made her debut in a German song. This young lady has a handsome presence and possesses a brilliant mezzo soprano voice. Many of the most popular pupils of this conservatory found an opportunity on the well-arranged programme, in which they sustained themselves in a most creditable manner. A bevy of young ladies from the Young Ladies' Chorus sang the difficult Vocus part to Miss Hull's solo, "Casta Diva."

Following was the programme: Melody, (*a*) "Adieu," words by Victor Hugo (Roeckel), (*b*) "Have a Care" (Helmund), Miss Ellen Coursen; Spanish song, "Tis Thee I Love Alone" (Sainfarzant), Miss Fannie Couch; cavatina, "Casta Diva" ("Norma," Bellini), with chorus accompaniment, Miss Susie Hull; duets, (*a*) "Good Evening" (Gade), (*b*) "Thou Art My Own Love" (Redding), the Misses Minnie and Emma Provost; romanza, "Spirito Gentil" (Donizetti), Mr. Edward Lotz; two melodies, (*a*) "Santa Lucia" (Braga), (*b*) "Lejos de Ti" (Iradier), Miss Blanche Haskell, debutante; Spanish melody, "Ai Chiquita" (Iradier), Miss Ellen Coursen; lied, "Ah, 'Tis a Dream" (Lassen), Miss Marguerite Shine; melodia, "Non e Ver" (Mattei), Mr. John F. Ritter; ballad, (*a*) "Wilt Never Stirnes, My Mandoline" (Gounod), (*b*) "The Double Loss" (Helmund), Miss Cathie Coursen; bolero, "When Matadors Are Fighting," Pyrenean melody, Miss Rose Philips; song, "Angel Laud" (Pinsuti), Miss Amalie Schilling; ballad, "Love's Proving" (Zohr), Mrs. Dr. E. Edwards; lied, "Du Fragst Mich Talglich" (Helmund), Miss Pauline Schilling, debutante; aria, "Nella Fatal di Kimini" ("Lucrezia Borgia," Donizetti), Senorita Alonica; lullaby, "Hush, My Little One" (Bevignani), Miss Bertha Mersing; song, "Serenade" (Tosti), Miss Emma Provost; duet, "Go, Pretty Rose" ("Carlon," Marzials), Mrs. Dr. E. Edwards and Miss Cathie Coursen.

The following lovers of music were present: Consul General K. Kawakami, Mme. E. G. Lyons, Master Lyons, Mons. and Mme. Henri Kahn, Mrs. William B. Hunt, Mrs. L. L. Janes, Mrs. F. R. Jenkins, Mr. W. C. Leavitt, Mrs. J. Leland Haskell, Miss Blanche Haskell, Mrs. R. Cohen, Mrs. K. H. Soule, Miss B. Bush, Miss M. Cohn, Miss L. Cohn, Miss S. Cohn, Miss Belle Murphy, Miss Evelyn Manning, Miss Emma Iwan, Miss Rose Phillips, Mrs. Phillips, Miss Mary Phillips, Mr. P. E. Oakley, Miss Lilian Croissant, Mr. A. L. Anraden, Senor Z. Marott, Senor R. Ypina, Senor L. Ypina, Senor G. Monzon, Mr. William Kelly, Mrs. Falvey, Miss Kate Falvey, Miss Maggie Falvey, Miss Mary Stockman, Miss Gertrude Hallinan, Mlle. Alice Chassagre, Mme. L. de Courtieux, Miss Alice de Courtieux, Miss Sarah Anthony, Miss Carrie Anthony, Mrs. Haskell, Miss Blanche Haskell, Mrs. Dr. E. Edwards of Oakland, Mrs. M. McCarthy, Miss Ada Schendel, Miss Alice Schendel, Miss Jennie Fischer, Prof. Tessie Franklin, Mrs. J. Franklin, Miss L. Mahony, Mrs. K. Growny, Miss B. Growny, Mr. and Mrs. G. Herzog, Mr. Edward Lotz, Mr. John F. Ritter, Professor Joseph Roeckel, Miss Margaret Dvorzek, Miss Jennie Fischer and party, Miss Emily Fleishman, Miss Fannie Couch, Miss Nellie Couch, Miss Schilling, Miss Pauline Schilling, Miss Amalie Schilling, Mrs. Ed Aigeltinger, Mrs. Dr. S. Lichau, Miss Dora Henshew, Miss K. Hallaran, Mrs. J. C. Richards, Miss Anita Kennedy, Miss Lizzie Berry of Oakland, Mrs. E. L. Schryver, Miss Susie Hull, Miss Cathie Coursen, Miss Geralldine Coursen, Mr. Edward T. Foley, Mr. B. F. Fischer, Miss Elsie Hazel Liebes, Miss Flora Samter of Memphis, Mr. J. A. Fogarty, Miss Ellen Coursen, Miss Mamie Schmaling, Miss Clara Schmaling, Senora de Galvez, Senorita Adele de Galvez, Mr. Edward Plender, Miss Minnie Provost, Miss Emma Provost, Senorita Andrea Mojica, Miss Susie Hull, Mr. Hull, Mrs. Cooke, Miss Bertha Mersing, Mrs. Shine, Miss Marguerite Shine, Dr. Edward Maldonado.

A Picnic to Mill Valley.

A very select and enjoyable private picnic was given recently in honor of Miss Minnie Cummings, who is on a visit here from Mendocino County, by Mr. Henry Schroder Jr.

The direction chosen was to the much admired cascades of Mill Valley, and after quite a pleasant walk one of the party, Mr. Albert Ehrenpfort, succeeded in finding a magnificent retreat, where a bounteous lunchen was partaken of about noon. Mr. Henry Schroder prepared quite a novel tablecloth by pasting together handsome paper napkins, also napkins to match. He also took several pictures of the folks. All those who accepted the kind invitation for the day's enjoyment sincerely hope there will be another picnic before the rain sets in.

The following were present: Miss Minnie Cummings, Miss Ida Ehrenpfort, Miss Emma Dellwig, Miss Rebecca Cornahrens, Miss Laura Simpson, Miss Minnie Kievesahl, Miss Agnes Zissig, Miss Jessie Simpson, Miss Laura Carey, Henry Schroder Jr., Albert Ehrenpfort, Henry Cornahrens, Frank Little, Roy Whitney, Albert Dellwig.

The Thumann-Sander Wedding.

Last Tuesday afternoon, at the German Lutheran Church, a quiet wedding was celebrated, Rev. Mr. Fuendeling officiating. The contracting parties were Mr. Adolph Thumann of Healdsburg, and Miss Annie Sander, lately of Germany. The happy couple went to Healdsburg, where they will reside. Mr. Thuman is one of the most popular gentlemen in his county, and has friends by legions. His bride is an accomplished and amiable young lady.

Pacific Coast Weddings.

The marriage of Mr. James Burdett to Miss Lillian Fellows, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. I. Fellows of Los Angeles, was solemnized at the First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening by Rev. Dr. Russell. The ceremony was strictly private. An unusually brilliant reception, however, was held at the new home of the young couple. More than 300 guests were present.

Miss Fannie McMaster and Mr. Fred J. Kupfer were married in Alameda last Monday. They will reside in this city.

The marriage of Miss Lucy W. Smith and Mr. Edward S. Thatcher took place at Ojai, Tuesday, at the home of the bride's father, General T. C. H. Smith. The Rev. A. G. Daniels performed the ceremony.

Mr. George W. Combs of Alameda and Miss Alice M. Des Marais of Los Gatos, were united in marriage in that town last Sunday, a week ago. The young couple will reside in Alameda.

A society wedding in Los Angeles that was justly celebrated last week was that of Mr. W. M. Caswell, the broker, and Miss Cora Tubbs.

Society Personals.

Miss Gertrude Edgerton is visiting here from Los Angeles.

Mrs. Dr. White is visiting in Healdsburg.

Dr. Kelly, who has been visiting a school friend in Los Angeles, has returned home.

Mr. Joseph W. Stanford, nephew of Leland Stanford and a large wine-grower of Warm Springs, and wife, are at the Vendome, San Jose.

Mr. C. Osgood Hooker has been visiting Stockton.

Hon. John T. Dare has been visiting in Santa Cruz.

Miss Butler of Philadelphia, a granddaughter of Mr. Jay Cooke, is the guest of Miss Alice Beale.

Dr. Henry L. Tevis is now in New York City and will be unable to reach here in time to attend his brother's wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Danforth are occupying their new residence, 2027 Broadway.

Captain Stockton, U. S. N., of the Thetis, has been passing a few days here since his return from Central America.

Mr. Rudolph Neumann returned last Sunday on the steamer Dora from Oonalaska after an absence there of several months.

Mr. William Dunphy was down at Santa Cruz on Sunday.

Dr. Bronson of Alameda and Lieutenant Foster of this city visited Oakland the first of the week.

Mr. A. C. Bassett has been paying a visit to Santa Cruz.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Drucker, for many years residents of East Oakland, leave for an extended visit through Europe. Mr. Drucker has fallen heir to a large estate of his deceased brother in Germany, and will make his trip one of business and pleasure.

FRATERNAL NOTES.

Latest Figures From the Endowment Rank, K. of P.

Occidental, No. 22, and Hermann, No. 127, lodges of the F. and A. M., held stated meetings last evening and transacted considerable business.

Alta Lodge, No. 205, had a well-attended meeting last evening, when an initiation took place.

San Francisco Chapter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons, at its stated meeting last evening transacted business and had work in the degrees.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 222, I. O. O. F., conferred the initiatory at its regular meeting last evening.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 260, F. and A. M., at its stated meeting last evening had work in the Fellowcraft degree.

Court Eclipse, No. 6972, A. O. F. of A. had an open meeting on Monday evening, 27th inst., in Welcome Hall, Odd Fellows' Building. Immediately after the business of the court was finished the doors were thrown open to the invited guests, and in less than ten minutes the magnificent and spacious court-room contained upward of 250 persons. The presentation of magnificent and costly gold and silver P. C. R. jewels to the various Past Chief Rangers of the court was made one of the features of the evening. F. D. Benner, C. R., in behalf of Court Eclipse welcomed the assemblage, after which a select and choice programme of literary and musical exercises was rendered. F. C. Hensley, H. T., made the presentation of P. C. R. jewels to the following Past Chief Rangers: J. O. Jephson, G. W. Sherman, George H. Evans, George Reade, George W. Strickland, M. F. Clausen, John W. Lord. Dancing was then indulged in and continued until midnight.

W. B. Kennedy, Supreme Secretary of the Endowment Rank Knights of Pythias, in his statement of the membership and financial condition of his office for the quarter ending September 30th, last, gives the following statistical information: Membership in the fourth class in force June 30, 1890, 22,022, with endowment amounting to $47,335,000; admitted during the quarter, new applicants, 935, with endowment of $1,900,000; readmissions, 19; endowment, $42,000; a total of 22,976 members and $49,360,000 endowment. Terminated during quarter—by forfeiture, 169, with endowment of $360,000; by resignation, 18, endowment $28,000, and by death, 57, endowment $123,000, a total loss of 244 members with endowment amounting to $511,000, leaving the membership in force at date of September 30th as 22,732, with endowments amounting to $48,849,000. In the first class there are now 35 members, second class 53, and third class 34. The receipts in the first class were $7, second class $7, third class $1, and combined for expense funds $1 50. The receipts in the fourth class amounted to $167,835 07, a total of $167,851 57 in all. The balance on hand October 1st last was $169,130 07, which includes the receipts for the quarter and balances on hand at last report. The total amount of endowments paid during the last quarter was $123,000, and for the entire period during the existence of the rank $2,542,000. To date the total benefits paid have been as follows: First class, 835 deaths, $809,866 67; second class, 1120 deaths, $2,177,017 33; third class, 29 deaths, $8,331, and fourth class, 1127 deaths, $2,542,000, or a grand total of 3111 deaths and $5,537,235 paid for benefits. Thirty-seven new sections were organized during the quarter as follows: Indiana 10, Ohio 3, Georgia 3, Alabama 2, Texas 2, Illinois 2, Missouri 2, Colorado 2, Mississippi 2 and New Hampshire, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, British Columbia, Nebraska, Kansas, South Carolina, West Virginia and Tennessee 1 each.

BLYTHE CASE APPEAL.

A Chicago Expert in the Employ of the Gypsy Claimants.

To enable the Williams claimants to join in the appeal from the decision awarding the Blythe estate to Florence, their attorneys appeared before Judge Coffey yesterday and had Robert H. Countryman appointed guardian over the interests of four minors who are now residing in Liverpool, England.

The Judge stated that on Saturday a notice had been filed of appeal from his decision, expressed as awarding a sum of money to Florence "for her support and maintenance." He had not awarded her anything for her support and maintenance and the appeal might be defective.

Dr. M. U. Piper, an expert of Chicago, is employed by the gypsy Blythes in examining the exhibits offered in evidence by the Williams claimants.

Public Money on Hand.

The report of J. P. Jackson, Assistant Treasurer of the United States in this city, shows the following cash on hand: October 31, 1890—United States notes, $116,703; National Bank notes, $5515; gold certificates, $13,580; silver certificates, $219,190; gold coin, $42,265,136 50; standard silver dollars, $19,653,934; subsidiary silver coin, $6,063,924 35; minor coin, $6,535 16; total, $67,338,548 01. The total amount of standard dollars shipped in the month of October was $248,410; total amount of fractional coin shipped in month of October, $75,530.

Trustee Necessary.

Lemuel A. Sanderson, executor of the will of Robert A. Sanderson, has entered suit against Frank S. Weeks and Florence J. Stetson to be appointed trustee in place of E. J. Weeks, who died in 1880. The estate is ready for distribution.

Kwong Yuen, manager of a Chinese mining company, is in Portland, Oregon, making arrangements to charter a vessel to carry lumber from Port Gamble to Chefoo. The machinery cost $140,000, came from Chicago and will be shipped by steamer from San Francisco.

SEA AND SHORE.

Stormy Passage of the British Ship Benlarig to Tacoma.

The Steamer Bertha Aground at Point No Point—Insurance on the Cargo of the Steamer Strathearn.

Captain Robert Plage of the British ship Benlarig has made the following interesting report to the Branch Hydrographic Office in this city of his voyage from Santa Rosalia, Mexico, to Tacoma: Sailed from Santa Rosalia August 22d; had variable winds to Cape St. Lucas, which was sighted September 4th. During the nights of the 27th and 29th of August and September 2d, when about half way down the Gulf of California, experienced what, on that coast, are termed "tobascos."

They give timely warning by incessant lightning and heavy thunder. They come up from east to south-southeast in the form of a large well-defined arch, with thick, white clouds on the upper part and heavy, black ragged-edged clouds on the lower part of the arch and clear sky underneath. They blow with terrific violence about an hour, more or less, sometimes accompanied by a perfect deluge of rain. After the squall has passed, it is usually calm for a few hours, then fresh southeast wind and clear weather follow. Strangers to the Gulf of California would do well to reduce sail as rapidly as possible, day or night, when the above indications appear.

On September 14th, in latitude 21° 39′ north, longitude 120° 20′ west, at 8 o'clock in the morning, the barometer fell rapidly from 30.10 to 29.60, the wind blowing in fitful gusts and rapidly shifting to and from northwest and northeast, weather gloomy and threatening. Reduced sail to three lower topsails and foresail. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon it was blowing very hard from northeast and increasing rapidly, with high confused sea. Took in the lower fore and mizzen topsails and hove the ship to under lower main topsail.

IT BLEW A HURRICANE.

From midnight on the 14th to 10 o'clock in the morning, September 15th, it blew a hurricane, accompanied by violent squalls, blinding rain, extraordinarily vivid lightning and deafening peals of thunder. During the passage of some of the squalls the sea for a short time would be comparatively smooth through the terrific force of the wind. A heavy southwest swell meeting the northeast sea caused the sea to rise in dangerous pyramidal heaps; several seas broke on board, but fortunately without any damage being done.

During the heaviest part of the gale the barometer was continually rising and falling from 29.65 to 29.50. The ship behaved splendidly throughout. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon on the 15th, a terrific squall, accompanied by a sort of a tidal wave, passed over the ship, after which the wind moderated and hauled east and the weather gradually cleared up. At 5 o'clock on the morning of October 17th sighted Cape Flattery light, and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon on that date it came on thick and dirty wind increasing to a gale.

From 8 o'clock on the evening of the 17th to 8 o'clock on the morning of the 18th blew a hard gale, with a heavy sea from southeast, during which the barometer only fell one-tenth from 30.30 to 30.20. At noon on the 18th, the wind hauled to southwest, moderating, and the weather cleared up. Entered the Straits of San Juan de Fuca at 6 o'clock in the morning on October 19th, and anchored at Port Townsend at 6 o'clock on the evening of the same date. On September 28th, in latitude 33° 12′ north, longitude 135° 19′ west, spoke the bark Richard III, from San Diego for Puget Sound, and on October 7th, in latitude 36° 50′ north, longitude 146° 30′ west, signaled the British iron bark Astoria from Maryport, England, for Vancouver.

THE OVERDUE STRATHEARN.

Up to a late hour last evening the steamer Strathearn, bound to this port from Java via Nagasaki, with a cargo of sugar for J. D. Spreckels & Brothers, had not been sighted. She left Nagasaki forty-six days ago and it is feared that she has met with some mishap. The steamer Remus, which left Nagasaki two days after the Strathearn, arrived here on October 17th and reported having encountered a terrific hurricane off the coast of Japan, during which her lee rail was under water for eighteen hours. The insurance on the steamer's cargo amounts to $275,000.

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected at the second convention of California Harbor, No. 15, American Brotherhood of Steamboat Pilots, on Saturday evening last: Captain William T. Forsman, Delegate to Grand Harbor; W. C. Tyler, alternate; W. C. Tyler, Captain; H. R. White, First Pilot; Clement Randall, Second Pilot; C. Titchworth, Purser; R. N. Pippey, Purser's Clerk; H. A. McLaughlin, Captain's clerk; George A. Allen, Chaplain; H. Merx, George Scott and D. H. Haskell, Trustees.

The weather was hazy at Point Lobos yesterday and the wind moderate from the northeast until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when it veered to the southwest. The barometer read: 8 o'clock in the morning, 30.19; noon, 30.15; 5 o'clock in the evening, 30.11.

THE BERTHA AGROUND.

It was learned yesterday that the Alaska Commercial Company's steamer Bertha, which recently returned from Oonalaska, where she delivered dispatches to the cutter Bear, was aground at Point No Point, about half way between Port Townsend and Seattle. When interviewed yesterday Mr. Sloss of the company said: "We have no definite information in regard to the vessel. Our last advices stated that the Bertha was leaving Port Townsend for Seattle. We telegraphed a message to Captain Anderson, and the telegraph company informed us that it could not deliver the message as the vessel was aground at Port No Point; that's all we know. It cannot be anything serious, or Captain Anderson would have found means to notify us."

The following item is taken from a Hong-Kong paper brought by the Oceanic: A new feature has been the chartering of the German steamer Amigo from Macao to Acapulco with emigrants, and more tonnage is wanted in the same direction.

The steamer Colima sailed yesterday for Panama and way ports. She took 52 cabin and 74 steerage passengers. Among the latter were 26 United States seamen, who are going to the Brooklyn Navy-yard to be paid off.

The steamer Alameda sailed from Auckland for this port yesterday at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and the San Juan sailed from Acapulco for Panama on the 31st ult.

SEAL-HUNTERS ORGANIZE.

At a meeting of seal-hunters held a few days ago it was resolved that the "lay," or proportion they should sign for, should be based on a value of $10 per skin. If the catch should be under 200 the hunters shall receive 10 per cent on that basis; over 200 and under 250, 15½ per cent; between 250 and 300, 15 per cent; between 300 and 400, 17 per cent, and for 400 and upward, 20 per cent. Should the price of skins go over $10 the hunters to receive more in proportion.

The steamer Humboldt, which ran on a rock while entering the harbor, has completed her repairs on the dry-dock and will sail to-morrow for Humboldt, having been delayed four days.

From a gentleman who arrived from Victoria it is learned that parties from there have gone East to procure eight schooners for the coast sealing trade.

The ship J. F. Chapman, for this port, was spoken on October 26th in latitude 3° 40′ south, longitude 26° 40′ west.

The steamer Australia came off the Hunters Point Dry-dock yesterday and will commence loading for Honolulu to-day.

A Scarcity of Gaugers.

A few weeks ago Collector Sears appointed six gaugers, and already three of them, E. N. Dodge, J. T. Thompson and John Rincke, have resigned, saying that there is no money in the appointment. R. E. Whitefield and Harrison White have been appointed in their stead. Collector Sears is allowed ten gaugers, but has only been able to obtain five.

Williams Claimants.

Robert H. Countryman has petitioned the Superior Court to be appointed guardian of Ann Ruth Williams, John Charles Williams, Margaret May Williams and Sarah Ann Hughes, who are minors and residents of Great Britain, and are claimants to an interest in the estate of the late Thomas H. Blythe. The petitioner has been appointed administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Powell, who died at Liverpool, England, on December 25, 1888, leaving real and personal property inherited as one of the heirs-at-law of the late Thomas H. Blythe. Mrs. Powell was a sister of the deceased millionaire, and Countryman maintains that she was entitled to one-fifth of the Blythe estate.

RAILROAD NOTES.

Annual Report of the Redondo Beach Company.

The last report filed with the Railroad Commissioners is that of the Redondo Railway Company, which was organized April 1, 1889. The line extends from Los Angeles to Redondo Beach, a distance of 16 3-10 miles. The officers are: George Ainsworth, President; R. G. Brewer, Secretary; L. Friel, Chief Engineer; J. N. Sutton, General Superintendent. The total cash capital is $161,000; total indebtedness, $29,354; equipment up to date, $50,580, and $132,360 has been expended on construction, making the total cost of construction and equipment $182,940.

A party of prominent officials connected with the Burlington road will arrive here to-morrow. President C. E. Perkins, Secretary J. M. Forbes and General Manager G. W. Holdredge are among the party.

G. W. Luce, General Agent of the Texas Pacific, will leave to-day for the East on business for the line which he represents.

Thomas M. Long, one of the oldest conductors in the employ of the Northern Pacific, is visiting friends in this city.

A. J. Hechtman, General Agent of the Union Pacific at Los Angeles, is in the city.

REAL ESTATE.

A Local Dealer's Views Concerning Public Improvements.

Sales Reported at the Various Offices Yesterday—Temporary Quarters for the Exchange Secured—Contracts.

Mr. C. E. Mayne of C. E. Mayne & Co. has, in reply to various questions, expressed his opinion on the general outlook as follows:

"What I want to say is that Eastern people who learn that our taxes here are higher than in any other city in the United States, seeing our horrible sewerage, dreadful cobble-stone pavements, unfinished parks, dirty streets and general air of decay, wonder where all the money goes to, and feel afraid to invest.

"I met capitalists in Chicago and other places on my recent trip who expressed their belief in San Francisco's future if public improvements were commenced and carried through on a scale commensurate with the importance and size of the city. If Chicago, or even small places such as St. Paul, Kansas City, Denver or Omaha, had our Golden Gate Park, do you suppose they would dilly-daily year after year with the improvements? By no means. They would finish it in one year. Do you suppose any other city in America would leave year after year the magnificent highway from the Cliff House south to the county line unimproved? No, sir—that would be finished in a few months. That driveway and Golden Gate Park finished would be the grandest in the world. They would make San Francisco famous the world over. If San Francisco would take advantage of her natural resources and improve them she would be the Paris of America. If extensive public improvements were commenced next spring, our streets repaired, decent pavements put down, Golden Gate Park pushed to completion, a grand boulevard built along the beach, more emigration would come to us than to any other city in the world. If such policy should be undertaken I would predict a population of 1,000,000 in ten years.

"I say that the taxes paid here every year would do all this if the city government was run on business principles and not in the interest of jobbers and rings. St. Paul, Omaha, Kansas City and Denver have more well-paved streets, finer parks and boulevards, better sewerage, cleaner streets, more magnificent school buildings, and do more toward public improvements every year than San Francisco does in ten, and their taxes are 25 per cent less per capita than ours. To visitors this is noticeable. They go away and give the city a bad name. Chicago has reached the position of the second largest city in the United States by push and public enterprise. San Francisco should occupy that position to-day and could have done so had the citizens made an effort."

SALES REPORTED.

Parker & Ford report the sale of a lot 25x120, south of Point Lobos on Second avenue, between Point Lobos and A, for $1000.

O. D. Baldwin and Joost & Mertens have disposed of the gore block, 141 feet on Mission street, 161 feet on Marshall, and 266 feet on Silver avenue, to Rocco Ferraro and Guisseppe Mazzeio, for $11,000, and lot 8, in Block 3, Mountain Spring Heights, for $800.

F. A. Dolan & Co. have sold Block 1096 for $5000.

President Bovee and J. J. O'Farrell of the San Francisco Real Estate Exchange have secured the front portion of 16 Post street, which will be used as temporary quarters for the new exchange, and the first meeting of members will be held there to-morrow.

The Real Estate Record, a monthly paper published by G. H. Umbsen & Co., discusses the question of improvement as follows:

The Real Estate Record is glad to see that many prominent citizens are considering the advisability of improving the city. During ordinary winters (that of 1889-90 was certainly an exception) the climate here is such as to make San Francisco a desirable place of residence, if not a pleasure resort. There are plenty of first-class hotels and comfortable boarding-houses, and living is remarkably cheap. Our theaters are numerous, well arranged, and the entertainments offered generally up to a high standard of excellence, and the city affords ample means of recreation. One thing is wanting, and that is fine driveways around the city, but this want is gradually being supplied. Circuitous roads are being cut around the Twin Peaks and surrounding hills; the Mission road is being widened; the San Bruno road is being placed in good order from Twenty-fourth street to the Fifteen-mile House, and the drives of the Golden Gate Park and Presidio are in course of extension and improvement.

THE CALL is the only morning newspaper that has recently devoted the usual space to realty reports and news. Its Sunday issue contains more real estate advertisements than are published in all the other dailies combined, and real estate agents aver that it produces better results than all the other city papers put together.

BUILDERS' CONTRACTS.

William Wanshowski with Schutt & Krecker, to build on south line of Jackson street, 137:6 east of Devisadero, east 27:6x127:3¾: $5775.

Ministerial Union.

The San Francisco Ministerial Union met at the Y. M. C. A. Hall, President Charles H. Hobart in the chair. An unusually large number of accessions was reported among the churches. The First Baptist Church, San Francisco, reports a new mission Sunday-school established, also that meetings of great interest are being conducted at the church by a converted Jewess from Australia. These meetings will continue every evening this week. At East Oakland the Twenty-third avenue Church was dedicated on Sunday, October 29th. By a vote of the union its meetings will hereafter be weekly instead of twice a month. A committee was also appointed to look up the interest of a Baptist Social Union.

A Family Difference.

John McGowan Jr. has brought suit against his father and mother, John and Winnifred McGowan, to set aside a judgment for $1745 against the plaintiff to quiet title to property located on the southeast corner of Church street and Church lane, and also to recover $1513 rents and profits of the land.

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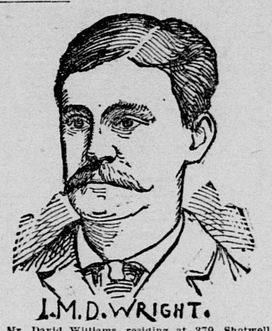
Narrow Escape of Several 'Frisco People.

Did you ever see a house-painter hanging from the roof of a high building and contemplate the great danger he ran? Well, there is another danger equally great. It is known as "painters' colic," and is created by inhaling the odors of fresh paint. I. M. D. Wright, a painter, living at 1324 Florida street, had it, and his case developed into lead-poisoning. He formerly resided in Gilroy and Watsonville, and was ill for nearly two years. He is a member of the trades union and is well known. He treated with several prominent physicians, but obtained no relief. He at length applied to the Cosmopolitan Dispensary, and in one week was permanently cured. Call on Mr. Wright and ask him about his case.



I. M. D. WRIGHT.

Mr. David Williams, residing at 379 Shotwell street, has been suffering for some years from abscesses and general weakness of the system. He was not able to walk, and for some months was confined to the house. Three weeks ago he was persuaded to visit the Cosmopolitan Dispensary. He tells of his experience in the following words:

David Williams.

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(Signed) "DAVID WILLIAMS."

Mr. Williams is engaged in a horseshoe factory, and is well known in the vicinity in which he lives. His experience at the Cosmopolitan Dispensary is merely a repetition of that of thousands of others. Mr. Williams is ready at any time to corroborate the above statement.

Mr. Alexander Wood, living at 505 Seventh street, is another one who has suffered. He is a garnet-cutter, and an expert in his line of business. He lets the public know his case in the following