THE SOCIAL WORLD.

Party and Drill by California Drill Corps No. 2.

Wilson Reception—The Beulah Club Entertainment — Loyola Assembly Social. Party in Alvarado—Notes.

Mrs. Leland Stanford will give a lunch party to-day.

Mrs. Sarah Cowell le Moyne will repeat "Pippa Passes" this evening at Mission Music Hall, on the corner of Howard and Twenty-first streets.

The County Club set free eighteen pheasants on their preserves in Bear Valley, near Olema, Marin County. Several of the members enjoyed a couple of days' outing on the place the first part of the week.

An entertainment and dance will be given this evening at Washington Hall by the Society of Progressive Spiritualists.

Mr. and Mrs. Dietle of 230 Page street held a pleasant reception on last Saturday night in honor of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Westerfeld, who lately returned from Europe.

The third annual ball of the American Sugar Refinery Mutual Aid Society, for the benefit of the relief fund, will take place in Odd Fellows' Hall this evening.

A testimonial benefit has been arranged by several young ladies on behalf of a family in need, to take place at Irving Hall this evening. A choice entertainment is promised, to be followed by a dance.

The Wilson Reception.

A most delightful reception was given by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilson at their residence on Bush street, Wednesday evening, complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. William Cook of New York.

The parlors were elegantly decorated with flowers and foliage. Dancing, vocal and instrumental music were the order of the evening. The grounds surrounding the house were brilliantly illuminated with Japanese lanterns and the various apartments throughout the house were attractively prepared for the occasion. At 10:30 o'clock the guests repaired to the dining hall, where an elegant repast was served. After supper piano solos, songs and recitations were rendered.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. William Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rudy, Mr. and Mrs. Webster, Mr. and Mrs. E. Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. McAllister, Miss Addie Morrison, Miss Belle Clark, Miss Irene Kaufman, Miss Susie Taylor, Miss Aileen Greenway, Messrs. George Thompson, David Corbitt, Warren McCoy, David Tobin, Ellis Porter, Forrest Glenbrook.

Langstroth Musicale in Alameda.

Mrs. A. S. Langstroth gave a pleasant musicale last Thursday evening at her father's residence in Alameda. Amid pretty floral decorations choice selections were rendered by Mrs. Frances Edgerton, Misses Sherwood of Oakland, Mr. Housman and the hostess. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Homer S. King, Mrs. Frances Edgerton, Mrs. Spring, Miss M. M. Spring, J. I. Housman, Miss Gerald, Miss M. Gerald, Mrs. Anthony, Miss Hitchcock, Mr. Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Murdock, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Hickox and others.

The Beulah Club Entertainment.

The Beulah Club gave another of their recherche entertainments last evening at Mission Opera Hall, which was crowded with friends.

Following was the programme: Overture, Blum's Orchestra; valse song, "Per Sampre," Mrs. Ida de Seminario, accompanied by Professor Gustav A. Scott; song, "Voices of the Wood," Miss Ella McCloskey. "A Box of Monkeys," Sadik Amateurs. Dramatis personæ—Mrs. Ondego Jhones, Miss Bertha Johnson; Sierra Bengaline, Miss Halcyn Lightner; Lady Gainevere Llandpoore, Miss Josie L. Stone; Edward Ralston, Mr. Marvin Curtis; Chauncey Oglethorpe, Mr. Charles Haseltine.

After the curtain fell for the last time dancing was indulged in till 1 o'clock, Blum's Orchestra officiating. The success of this club is conceded, and its monthly entertainments are always sure to bring something new. Its reputation has been largely built up by the officers as follows: Mrs. G. H. Morrison, President; Mrs. J. B. F. Davis, Vice-President; Mrs. W. H. Loring, Treasurer; Mrs. H. N. Stevens, Secretary; Mr. H. F. Marsh, Literary Director.

The California Drill Corps' Party.

An exhibition drill and ball took place last evening at Odd Fellows' Hall under the auspices of California Drill Corps, No. 2, N. S. G. W. There was a large attendance.

The drill took place between the fourth and fifth numbers and comprised some particularly symmetrical figures and sword movements, which were executed with a precision that elicited much applause from among the audience. The grand march was led by Captain Hanlan and the participants included many belles in becoming evening toilets. Johnson & Gutman furnished the music until 1 o'clock.

Following composed the active committees: Committee on Arrangements—D. J. Tobin, George Lewis, H. Mayer, R. W. Dyer, A. Silverberg; floor manager, Captain B. F. Hanlan; Floor Committee—H. Umbsen, P. J. Conley, E. J. Quillinan, M. J. Chaplan, G. H. Dyer, E. L. Fisher, Lieutenant C. A. Boldemann; Reception Committee—E. Wolff, A. N. Levy, M. D. McLaughlin, L. B. Feigenbaum, F. Cummings, G. Lubbert, G. Holmberg.

The Loyola Assembly Social.

Friday evening, the 31st of October last, was the time selected by Loyola Assembly, No. 1, Y. M. C. U., for another of its pleasant socials at their hall, corner of Tenth and Market streets. The friends of the assembly are legion, and notwithstanding other attractions in the way of political gatherings, the familiar faces were all present. The entertainment commenced with a violin solo by Mr. W. C. Schneider, vocal solo, Mrs. John T. Grey (formerly Miss Alice Waltz); recitation, Mr. W. J. Lonergan; vocal solo, Mr. R. E. Barry; instrumental solo, Mr. Frank Pratt; comic song, Mr. W. J. Harrold; banjo selections, Mr. Frank Patterson; vocal solo, Mrs. E. Kehrlein; recitation, Mr. Vincent Tobin. At the conclusion of the musical and literary part the floor was cleared and all danced till midnight.

The Orlando Club Entertainment.

The second annual entertainment and social of the Orlando Literary and Social Club took place last evening at Union-square Hall. The hall was early crowded, and before the entertainment closed extra chairs were in requisition while many late-comers were obliged to stand.

The entertainment consisted of the presentation of the one-act farce entitled "Sarah's Young Man," with the following cast: Sarah Tibbs, Miss Carrie Jacobs; Mrs. Moggridge, Miss Blanche Lavenson; Araminta, Miss Susie Solomon; Sam Sloeleaf, Mr. M. G. Jonas; Mr. Moggridge, Mr. Bert Kahn; Harry Fielding, Mr. B. Livingston. Mr. Jonas' acting was as successful as his make-up, and kept the "house" in a constant bubble of laughter. He was ably supported by Miss Jacobs, while Mr. Livingston made a gallant admirer of Araminta, prettily played by Miss Solomon. Miss Lavenson was almost too pretty a "mamma," and it was not to be wondered that she completely enchained Mr. Kahn's fancy and aroused his jealousy. Altogether the play went capitally.

Dancing was afterward enjoyed, many of the select audience taking part, while others looked on and discussed every subject from the successful play just over to the next entertainment to be given by the popular Orlandos.

Golden Gate Alliance Gathering.

On last Thursday evening the members of Golden Gate Alliance, No. 2, gave a "high jinks" social at Knights of the Red Branch Hall, on the corner of O'Farrell and Mason streets. Invitations were sent out to Alliances Nos. 1, 3 and 5, which made a very large gathering, fully 400 members being present.

Speeches were delivered by President J. J. McGrath, Messrs. John Ganey, T. C. Finnegan, A. J. Reavey, T. Eagan, F. A. Orr and F. J. McDermott. Recitations were given by Mr. Thomas F. Graham and Mr. Charles O'Brien. A number of songs appropriate to the occasion were rendered by Messrs. R. J. Barry, M. Lawless and R. Sullivan.

Afterward refreshments were served, and a most enjoyable time was passed by all present. The affair lasted until the small hours, when all went away with a high opinion of Golden Gate Alliance.

The Vigilantes' Party.

The third session of the Vigilantes was held last evening at Mission Opera Hall. This social club is composed of some of the most enterprising members of the order in the Mission, many belonging to Hesperian Parlor. Their original sessions are always the occasion of much enjoyment.

The members appeared in the regulation red shirts and soft black hats, with other clothing to match, the "Judge" being distinguished by an enormous tall silk hat. The session opened with a short and telling programme, which was followed by dancing. Judge W. F. Cordes led the grand march with Miss Albertine Meyer. Blum furnished the music, introducing his "La Chinoise" waltz among other novelties. The session continued until 1 o'clock, when, no other business coming up, the members adjourned until their next merry meeting.

The officers of the organization are original and run as follows: Past Judge, Charles W. Etting; Judge, W. F. Cordes; First Vice-Judge, G. A. Montell; Second Vice-Judge, H. A. Anderson; Scribbler, C. R. Puckhaber: The Mint, F. J. Clausen; Rope-tender, H. C. Bach; Historion, H. W. Furlong; Poet, F. L. Walbel; Picket, W. B. Bradbury; Trustee, Charles W. Etting; Trustee, George A. Montell.

Following composed the committees of the evening: Committee of Arrangements—Charles W. Etting (Chairman), H. A. Anderson, W. B. Bradbury; floor manager, Our Judge W. F. Cordes; Floor Committee—G. A. Montell, G. H. Mower, H. C. Bach, F. W. Bert, C. R. Puckhaber, O. J. Olson; Reception Committee—F. J. Smith, F. J. Clausen, J. E. Firmstone, C. F. Meyer, L. A. Moore, H. M. Smith.

Party at Alvarado.

Last Saturday evening a number of friends, among whom was the Triangle Club of San Francisco, paid a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Behrmann of Alvarado and ascertaining that the following day was the birthday of the hostess, the party concluded to remain over Sunday and celebrate the occasion in a becoming manner. Dancing and games were indulged in until midnight, when supper was partaken of, and recitations and songs agreably occupied the time until 2 o'clock, when all retired. On Sunday the party enjoyed a ride through the neighboring country. The following were in attendance: Mrs. Henry Behrmann, Mrs. Peter Koppen, Mrs. M. M. Smith, Mrs. Yagts, Miss Tina Behrmann, Miss Annie Behrmann, Miss Katie Yagts, Miss Mary F. Hiegel, Miss Tina Koppen, Messrs. Henry Behrmann Sr., Peter Koppen, Jere H. Smith, Frank A. Hiegel, Frank Behrmann, John Grubbe, Henry Grabau, Rorabach Behrmann, Henry Behrmann Jr., J. Azel and Mr. Downey.

Comstock-Cullen Wedding in Oakland.

On Thursday morning, Mr. Charles N. Comstock and Miss Marion B. Cullen were united in marriage at the Church of the Advent in East Oakland. The church had been beautifully decorated under the direction of Mrs. Kline, and was a veritable bower of roses, ferns and tropical plants.

Messrs. Pringle and Potter officiated as ushers, and the ceremony was performed by the rector, Rev. Dr. Lathrop. The maid of honor was Miss Edith Cullen, and the bridesmaids were Miss Alice Cullen and Miss Minnie Francis. After a bountiful wedding breakfast at the residence of the bride's parents in East Oakland, the couple departed for a short wedding tour.

Mr. and Mrs. Comstock will make San Francisco their home upon their return.

Among those present were: Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Comstock, Mrs. Cullen, Miss Edith Cullen, Miss Alice Cullen, Miss Minnie Francis, Miss Craft, Miss de Ette Price, Miss Caro Kimball, Mr. H. Hunt, Mr. Pringle, Mr. Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Gilman, Miss Minna Crane, Miss Florence Herrick, Mr. Guy Bray, Mr. Bert Bray, Mr. and Mrs. Wheaton, Mr. Nelson Phelps, Mr. George Campbell, Miss Margie Gaskill, Miss Bessie Gaskill, Miss Minnie Walker, Miss Booth, Miss Florence Gardiner, Miss Lizzie Harold, Mr. W. Richardson, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Ransome, Miss Violet Ransome, Miss May Bates, Miss Edith Cochead, Miss Myra Prather, Miss Lou Beauvais, Miss Eva Berry, Miss Nanny Prather, Miss Fanny Orr, Miss Albright, Mrs. E. E. Potter, Mrs. Breach, Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Kline, Miss Helen Lathrop, Miss Albright, Mrs. Cheesbrough, Mrs. Gardiner, Mrs. A. A. Moore, Mrs. G. G. Francis, Misses Welman, Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Henshaw, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Gardiner, Miss Gardiner, and Miss Dennett.

Pacific Coast Weddings.

An alarming accident last spring, in which two prominent San Diegans were thrown by a fractious horse over a dangerous precipice, developed its happy sequel on Sunday when Mr. Milton Santee and Mrs. Jennie B. Cowles were united by Rev. B. F. McDaniel. Mr. Santee is President of the Santa Maria Land and Water Company, and Mrs. Santee is one of the largest owners of El Cajon Valley realty.

In San Jose, on the 21st ult., Miss Grace Hanson of that city, and Mr. G. P. Vance of Eureka were married. The bride is a great favorite among her friends, and the groom belongs to one of the wealthiest and most prominent families of Humboldt County. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Bertie Hanson, and Charles Pratt of San Francisco, son of United States Surveyor-General Pratt, acted as best man.

Society Personals.

Mrs. Leland Stanford will be at home to receive the remaining Tuesday afternoons in November.

Mr. Peter Dean has been visiting Chico.

General Robert B. Beath of Pennsylvania, Past Commander-in-Chief G. A. R., is visiting the city. Mr. Beath is the author of the History of the G. A. R., and has a splendid record as a soldier. He was at one time Surveyor-General of Pennsylvania.

Manager S. F. Thorn of the Palace and Grand hotels left yesterday to join Mrs. Thorn, who is a guest of Colonel D. S. Gordon at Camp Huachuca, Ariz.

Mrs. Leland Stanford visited Del Coronado when south.

Judge Dwyer, who has been seriously ill at his Napa Valley home, is now at his Vallejo home, 136 Georgia street, slowly recovering.

Mr. A. J. Ralston and family are here from Oakland, occupying apartments at the Palace Hotel.

Mrs. Lathrop and her daughter, Mrs. Wright, have returned from their visit to Coronado Beach. They expect to return there next January.

Ex-Senator J. G. Fair has been visiting his property near Woodland.

Mr. Henry McLean Martin is at Rawlins, Wyo., en route to this coast to spend the winter with Mrs. Martin at their home in this city.

Mr. W. G. Irwin of Honolulu, who recently accompanied Mrs. Irwin and Miss Ivers on their trip East, returned on Wednesday, and is making a stay at the Palace Hotel.

Mrs. Alfred Bannister and family have returned from their three years' trip to Europe, and have rented the residence of Mr. A. D. Starr, Seventeenth and Grove streets, Oakland.

Sir William and Lady Plowden of London, England, and Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Allan of Glasgow, Scotland, have returned from their tour of the Yosemite Valley, and are again at the Occidental Hotel.

Mrs. Major Frank McLaughlin and Miss Agnes McLaughlin left Oroville last week for the East, owing to the illness of Mrs. McLaughlin's mother.

Mrs. Bane and Miss Kate Bane, of this city, are visiting the Misses Oullahan of Stockton.

Mr. John Barton and family have closed their beautiful residence on Central avenue for the winter and have taken apartments at the Palace Hotel.

James R. Pierce of Santa Clara has joined his family at the Hotel Pleasanton, where they have made arrangements to spend the winter.

Mrs. John Tully and Miss Anita Tully, of Stockton, are visiting in this city. Miss Tully will make an extended stay for the benefit of her health.

Captain R. Thompson and party have arrived at Redondo Beach on their return from their Eastern trip. They will tarry in the southern part of the State.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton H. Heynemann have been making a short visit to Captain and Mrs. I. D. Hamilton of Stockton.

Lieutenant Randolph, the military instructor at Berkeley, will take up his residence on Euclid avenue, near Twentieth street, Alameda, where he will reside with his parents.

Captain T. O. Selfridge, U. S. N., President of the board to establish a navy-yard on Puget Sound, is in San Francisco, where he will remain for several days before proceeding to Washington.

Dr. C. L. Tisdale of Alameda has left for Chicago to meet his wife and children on their return from the East, where they have been visiting for several months.

Theodore Wores, the well-known artist, who has devoted much time to the study of Japanese subjects, has left England en route for this city, where he for some years made his home.

Miss Estelle and Miss Bertha Simpson are visiting friends here from Stockton.

Mrs. Ira Bishop and family of Oakland have taken apartments for the winter at the Pleasanton Hotel.

Mrs. Harvey Walter is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Goodell of Stockton.

The friends of M. Stuart Taylor will regret to hear of his continued illness. He is having a hard struggle, but hopes are entertained for his ultimate recovery.

Mr. Southard Hoffman, who spent most of the summer in San Rafael, is staying for a few days at the Occidental Hotel.

Property-Owners Protest.

Twenty-five property-owners filed a communication with the Board of Supervisors yesterday protesting against the remacadamizing of the crossing of Golden Gate avenue and Lyon street, as recommended by the Street Superintendent.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

au9 2y SaTuTh

ACROSS THE BAY.

President Huntington's Visit to the Railroad Shops.

Litigation Over Piedmont Springs Hotel—A Traveler's Journey Ended by Death—Fibush's Promised Donkey Ride.

The visits of President Huntington to the railroad shops and yards at West Oakland had some significance, as has at last been made manifest. The offices of the Superintendent of Track and of his assistant, of the division roadmaster and of the Superintendent of Bridges and Buildings have been abolished and the office created of Engineer of Maintenance of Way, who will under the General Manager have charge of the departments consolidated. Division Superintendents will have the immediate supervision of all men employed in the department of maintenance of way and in their respective divisions. W. G. Curtiss, the former Superintendent of Track, is now Assistant General Manager and maintenance of way, and his assistants are J. H. Wallace and Arthur Brown, with headquarters in San Francisco. N. B. Kellogg is Resident Engineer in charge of all the lines between San Francisco, Truckee, Lathrop, Roseville Junction, Dansville and the South Pacific Coast Division. It is said that A. D. Wilder in addition to the duties at present performed will be appointed Division Superintendent of the California Pacific.

PIEDMONT SPRINGS HOTEL.

James B. Marvin sued F. D. Black yesterday afternoon, and in his complaint asserts that the plaintiff and himself entered into a partnership on September 11th of this year to conduct in a first-class manner the Piedmont Springs Hotel, and for that purpose obtained a lease of the hotel and the springs. He charges that the defendant has taken entire charge of the premises and refuses to allow him to inspect the books and accounts or let him know anything about the receipts and disbursements. He further alleges that frequently since the commencement of the partnership Black has permitted persons of both sexes to frequent the said hotel for immoral purposes, against his protest and his declaration that he would not permit it, the defendant persisting in so allowing it to be used. Mervin asks the Court to dissolve the partnership and to appoint a receiver, that an accounting be taken and a restraining order be issued, and that the property be sold and the partnership debts paid. The matter will be heard by Judge Ellsworth, who has issued a temporary restraining order.

HER LIFE'S JOURNEY ENDED.

A colored woman named Amada Best fell and died last evening as she was going up the steps at the Oakland pier to take the boat for San Francisco. She had just come on the Sunset route Atlantic express from Missouri, and was apparently in the best of health as she left the train. She was about 35 years of age and Coroner Evers being notified the remains were removed to the Oakland Morgue.

The suit against the city of Oakland by Conrad Helmke for $3000 alleged damages to his property by the filling in of Broadway, near Twentieth street, has been commenced before Judge Ellsworth.

The wife of Robert Farmer, a fruit and vegetable dealer at East Oakland, "picked up" and left him on Thursday afternoon during his brief absence, taking the household furniture with her.

Only $29,386 34 of the $403,710 35 taxes has been paid in to the City Treasurer of Oakland.

PAYING OFF AN ELECTION BET.

An amusing time is expected this evening at 8 o'clock, when Harry Fibush will ride a donkey from Fourteenth street to Seventh, down Broadway, amid the explosion of fireworks and the burning of colored lights, etc., in payment of an election bet lost on John P. Irish. The donkey will be led by the seven-foot high colored man often seen on the streets.

John E. Ryer, the engineer of the planing-mill at Washington and Third streets, was caught in a belting yesterday and thrown around a shaft three times, causing the breaking of two ribs and a general bruising. He was taken to his home at East Oakland.

George T. Hawley, one of the directors of the Oakland Young Men's Christian Association, has agreed to pay the deficiency required to complete the building.

The excavation for the new $18,000 engine-house on Fifteenth street is being dug. The foundation will be commenced next week.

The estate of Henry Graffelman has been appraised at $9808.

ALAMEDA.

Another Point of Difference on Commutation Tickets.

Eddie Frear, a little boy, was run over last evening by a two-wheeled cart and severely injured while playing on Willow street. He was taken to his home on Santa Clara avenue, near Willow street.

Andrew Corneilson was sued yesterday on a charge of battery, preferred by his former partner, Martin Olsen, but was acquitted. The two recently had a savage quarrel in a barn, but the jury could not determine who was to blame.

Persons holding commutation tickets between Alameda and San Francisco cannot use them to go to Oakland and return. Several patrons of the railroad who attempted to do so were put off the train, having refused to pay the 10 cents demanded by the conductor. This state of affairs was considered at the meeting of the Alameda Improvement Association, and it was decided to request the railroad company to honor these tickets to Oakland and return. Several months ago an order went into effect prohibiting stop-over privileges on commutation tickets to San Francisco, but it is reasoned that going to Oakland and then returning is not making use of any stop-over privilege, the holder of the ticket simply relinquishing his right to go the full distance which his ticket permits him.

There was a small attendance at the concert last evening in Park Opera House given by the Alameda City Band, although an excellent programme was rendered. It was thought that the fact that half the proceeds were to go toward improving the town park would attract a large audience, but there was a disappointment. One thing which militated against a greater success of the affair was the unpleasant incident at a ball recently given by the Alameda Olympic Club. The band agreed to furnish music, but it was not of the kind which the club wanted, and some uncharitable words were uttered, which caused a strained feeling to exist between the two organizations, and, in consequence, the Olympic Club and its friends refused to attend the concert last evening, notwithstanding that the object was a worthy one.

ALONG THE RAIL.

Work on the San Ramon Valley Line Commenced at Last.

C. P. Huntington and family left the city yesterday for a few days' sojourn at Monterey.

Chief Engineer Hood of the Southern Pacific has returned from Merced. Of the Oakdale line he says a large force has been employed for the past seven months on construction and the work will be completed by December 31st, according to the terms of the contract. The much-talked-of San Ramon line is at last commenced, and grading begun at Avon and Concord. A force of twenty men at each place are working toward each other. Fitzgerald Bros. of Oakland secured the contract for this line, which will connect Avon and San Ramon, a distance of twenty-one miles.

A special train of fourteen cars, loaded with Milwaukee beer, and consigned to a Market-street firm, will arrive here next week over the Texas Pacific. This is the first "beer special" ever sent to the Pacific Coast.

A Raymond and Whitcomb excursion arrived here yesterday with forty-one people from New York and Boston. They will visit Santa Cruz Tuesday and return East a few days later via New Orleans.

The arriving time of No. 4, the fast mail, will not be changed by the new schedule, which goes into effect November 16th, and it will reach this city at 11:45 in the morning, instead of 12:15 in the afternoon, as previously announced.

D. W. Hitchcock, ex-General Agent of the Union Pacific Railway, has gone north with the party of Burlington officials, which recently arrived in this city.

E. A. Holbrook, General Traffic Manager of the Northwestern, accompanied by his family, will inspect the Donahue line to-day, traveling in President Burgin's private car.

Associated Charities.

Following is the Registrar's report of the work performed by the Associated Charities for the week ending November 7th: Men cared for 9, women 22, disposed of as follows: Favorably to Mayor, 1; adversely to Mayor, 1; rejected, 3; referred favorably to Helpers' Society, 1; referred unfavorably to Helpers' Society, 2; referred unfavorably to Doctor's Daughters, 1; referred favorably to Society of Christian Work, 1; referred favorably to St. Vincent de Paul Benevolent Society, 2; referred favorably to Ladies' Catholic Aid Society, 2; referred favorably to French Benevolent Society (ladies), 1; referred unfavorably to Pacific Rescue Home, 1; referred unfavorably to individuals, 1; referred favorably to individuals, 1; work obtained for, 3; assisted out of Johnstown Fund (this office), 3; assisted out of Johnstown Fund (Society Christian Work), 1; sent to City and County Hospital, 1; sent to Montgomery's Hotel, 2; false address, 3; total, 31.

PRISON DIRECTORS.

Bids for the Erection of the New Reform School at Ione.

The Board of Prison Directors held a special session in its rooms in the Phelan Building last evening for the purpose of considering and awarding contracts for the erection of the new Reform School at Ione. There were present Directors Sonntag, Craig, Devlin and De Pue. According to the specifications contractors were instructed to bid on three buildings, one composed of a sandstone front and sides, with brick backings; another built of pressed brick with sandstone trimmings, and a third to be of common brick with sandstone trimmings. The bids received for the respective styles were as follows:

Richardson & Gale, stone, $71,450; pressed brick, $63,950; plain brick, $62,200.

B. Kreuzberger, stone, $75,622; pressed brick, $65,516; plain brick, $62,879.

California Bridge Company, $68,172; $72,775; $71,988. George D. Nagle, $74,178; $67,770; $66,010. J. H. Mackay, $74,890; $68,400; $67,000.

In the opinion of the board all the bids were entirely too high, and the advisability of cutting off or reducing the size of the tower was seriously contemplated. If possible the Directors favored a building of sand stone, but if the cost proved too high for the appropriation they deemed it best to use the next best material—pressed brick with stone trimmings. Before awarding the contract Architect Schultz was instructed to alter the plans in such a manner as to reduce the cost of material. A meeting will be held this morning at 9 o'clock for the purpose of receiving his report.

CLOSING ACCOUNTS.

Native Sons Wrestling With a Knotty Subject.

Disbursements Amount to Over Forty Thousand Dollars—A Large Balance Yet to Be Distributed.

It has been so long since the members of the Native Sons' Admission Day Celebration Committee have been called together that the fact that its affairs had not been terminated was lost sight of, and it was exceedingly difficult to get a fair representation at a meeting called for last evening. When the roll was called at 8:30 o'clock—a half-hour after the appointed time—only thirty-six of a committee of nearly one hundred answered to their names. W. H. Chamberlain, Chairman of the committee, was present, and presided during a greater part of the proceedings.

The Auditing Committee reported that all of the subscriptions except $73 50 had been collected, and that $30 of this may yet be collected. The committee also reported the disbursement of funds by committees as follows: Committee on Native Daughters, $1186 45; Night Parade, $660 20; Press, $432 55; Bulletin, $702 30; Books and Stationery, $14 75; Badges and Regalias, $345 25; Carriages and Local Transportation, $876 25; Decorations, $14,677 40; Entertainment, $2217; Excursion, $1851 25; Grand Ball, $1819 95; Hotels and Accommodations, $201 90; Invitations, $37 60; Literary, $653; Music, $5019 60; Parade, Halls and Headquarters, $1862 75; Pioneers, $172 75; Parade, $1968 40; Regatta, $1468 30; Special Invitations, $35 55; Reception, $85 50; Finance, $545 80; General Expenses, $2740 15, making a grand total of $40,484 65 disbursed according to the report of the Auditing Committee.

The larger expenses of the several committees are as follows: Decoration Committee—Arch, $2500; flags and streamers, $6024 60; lumber and labor, $1179 60; bunting, $893; putting up the street decorations, $325; taking them down after the celebration, $300. Entertainment Committee—Fireworks, $2075. Music Committee—Bands for the 9th of September parade, $2415; bands for the concert, $1305. Parade Committee—Advertising for the parade, $1090 60. Regatta Committee—Prizes for the regatta and races, $1227 95. General expenses—Salaries, $424.

Treasurer James P. Dockery's report showed total receipts $46,483 10 and disbursements $40,484 65, leaving a balance of $5998 45; but the actual collections were $45,102 25, which reduces the actual balance. Reports of the several committees were made, but all are contained in the Auditing Committee's report. All were adopted without comment and without hesitation.

After a dozen motions, amendments and substitutions it was decided to divide the large flags used in decorating among the city parlors, and to leave the small ones and other decorations in care of the Executive Committee, subject to its judgment for disposal.

The Executive Committee, hitherto composed only of the officers of the committee, was enlarged by the addition of the Chairmen of the many sub-committees. To this enlarged committee was left for consideration during the next thirty days the subject of the final disposition of funds now remaining in the hands of the Celebration Committee.

ARCTIC WHALERS.

Six of the Fleet Arrive With Good Catches.

Six whaling vessels arrived in port yesterday up to midnight. The record is as follows: Brig Francis A. Barstow, Captain Devoll, 22 days from Fox Islands, 90 barrels of oil and 2500 pounds bone, to L. F. and R. Brightman; bark Andrew Hicks, 19 days from Fox Islands, 110 barrels oil, 60 pounds ivory, 3500 pounds bone, to William Lewis; bark William Bayliss, 22 days from Fox Islands, 200 barrels oil, 7000 pounds bone, to William Lewis; bark Mars, 22 days from Fox Islands, 3 barrels oil, to S. Foster; schooner Rosario, 22 days from Fox Islands, 3500 pounds bone, to Wright, Bowne & Co., and the bark E. F. Herriman, Captain Vaubn, 22 days from the Okhotsk Sea, 20 barrels oil and 2000 pounds of bone for Magee & Battles.

There are only ten more of this season's fleet yet to arrive.

BLYTHE ESTATE.

How the Millions Were Nearly Swallowed Up at One Time.

The account presented by Dr. R. H. Taylor, who was appointed by the Court to guard the interests of the Blythe estate until an heir was decided upon, was canvassed before Judge Coffey yesterday, the attorneys for the several claimants being evidently anxious that Mr. Taylor shall have as little as possible for his services.

According to Mr. Taylor's statement he has devoted 250 days' time in looking after the estate, and performed severe labor in straightening up Blythe's affairs in Mexico, more especially in the matter of the extensive hog ranch and the colonization scheme there.

The latter, he said, threatened at one time to bankrupt the estate, owing to the enormous expense in forwarding supplies to colonists in order that they would remain on the land, and thus insure the contract with the Mexican Government.

HORSE-THIEVES.

Three Young Men Who Rode Free Horses to Their Sorrow.

Henry Grant lost a couple of horses from his corral, on the corner of Lombard and Webster streets, on the 24th of July last. He recovered them at the pound a couple of days later. The police was notified that the horses had been stolen, and last evening Detectives Bee and Harper arrested Tim Mahoney, John Barton and James Theron, who were charged with stealing the horses. They were booked for grand larceny. They admitted that they had taken the horses and rode them until they were tired, and then turned them into the pound and then received a dollar for each.

State Floral Exhibition.

There was a large attendance yesterday, both in the afternoon and evening, at the flower show of the State Floral Society in the Academy of Sciences Building on Market street, near Fourth. The really excellent display of chrysanthemums is duly appreciated by the visitors, especially the ladies, who take the greatest interest in all the new fancy blooms of the fashionable flower of the day. They keep the exhibitors busy answering their numerous questions, and if the chrysanthemum craze does not break out afresh with renewed ardor the ladies certainly will not be to blame. The flowers are all keeping in excellent order and are apparently as fresh as when they were first brought in. The exhibition closes this evening at 10 o'clock.

CHAUTAUQUA CIRCLE.

Series of Interesting Lectures Inaugurated.

Arranged by the Pacific Coast Branch—Dr. A. C. Hirst's Address on "Culture and Philosophy."

A lecture was delivered last night by Dr. A. C. Hirst, President of the University of the Pacific, at the First Congregational Church, corner of Post and Mason streets, under the auspices of the Pacific Coast Branch of the Chautauqua Circle. The audience was drawn from the cultured circles of society, and was entertained by thoughts eloquently expressed, and drawn from a well-stored and inspired mind.

Rev. Thomas Filben, pastor of Bush-street Methodist Episcopal Church and an executive officer of the Pacific Coast Branch of the Chautauqua Circle, presided. He announced that the lecture to be delivered would inaugurate a series of high-class lectures, to be given during the winter and spring, with intervals of three or four weeks and in different parts of the city. They are to be conducted under the auspices of the Pacific Coast Branch of the Chautauqua Circle, and are to be entirely free to all who wish to take advantage of the desirable means for culture. The next lecture will be held in the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, on Mission street, between Sixth and Seventh, on Friday evening, Nov. 28th. Dr. J. H. Wythe, a prominent authority upon microscopy, will tell a story of "The Old Stump," and illustrate his subject with a stereopticon. Mr. Filben intimated that all matters concerning the work of the Chautauqua Circle in this city would be published in THE CALL. He then introduced the lecturer.

EDUCATION IS A NECESSITY.

Dr. Hirst said he felt at home because he was not a stranger to the desk before him, and he was also in the presence of Chautauquans. He introduced his subject—"Culture and Philosophy"—by stating that in every succeeding age of the world the good and the wise have taught that education is essential to the improvement of mankind. Referring to the progress of education, he pointed out that the girl has proved herself as susceptible to culture of the mind as the boy, and the fact has been welcomed by the ringing of college bells and the throwing open of college doors to both sexes.

The doctor gave considerable attention to a portrayal of Athens when that city was the seat of learning for the world. He mentioned the names of a number of men then and there illustrious in letters and thought, and from among them he singled out Socrates to throne him for his high culture and education, his massive mind and boundless soul and his philosophy greater than all philosophers.

Bringing his hearers with him to the present day, the doctor compared the educational systems of the two periods, and spoke with regret for the tendency of modern students to be more desirous of impressing the quantity than the quality of their learning upon the world. He made an exception in favor of the Chautauqua University, declaring that in that institution the ambition of teachers and students is to acquire the symmetrical development and real culture.

A LACK OF VITALITY.

Continuing his criticism of modern educational development, the doctor facetiously asserted that astronomy is studied through a smoked glass and people tie bladders under their arms to learn to swim. He found no vitality in the present manner of learning and noted the absence of concentrated thought. In picturing the honest and honored student he said that the men who are the head-lights on the path through life are those who have given years to concentrated thought upon philosophical subjects. They probe the hearts of their fellow-men and incite them to serious reflection upon the ways and means of life.

Philosophizing himself upon the subject he criticized, the doctor said that it is not the amount of knowledge which is injected into the mind that educates man, but the quantity and the quality of the thought generated in the mind by the accumulation of knowledge. The power to delve gives the power to climb.

The talents inherited by mankind, he considered, were of a character to give perfection under well-disciplined training. The poetic, the philosophic and the god-like—a combination which is a common inheritance of human beings—are a groundwork from which any one may build and construct a perfect man.

Another combination was presented by the doctor as a means of attaining perfection in mortals. He named the Hellenic form of cultivation, which gave Kings and Emperors to nations, and is yet a recognized factor in education; the manner in which the Romans sought for physical culture, and the Hebrew idea of separating the clean from the unclean.

EDUCATION IN NATURE.

The doctor drew a well-marked line between the philosophy which eliminates divinity and that which accepts the presence and power of a supernatural being. He said a writer had declared that education in nature alone would bring culture and happiness to mankind. He disagreed with that writer, and asserted his belief that the soul is King and divine education is necessary to culture and happiness. His leading argument was that without a belief in divinity a philosopher cannot hope to influence his fellow-men with his teachings. He instanced the fact that law originates nothing and only regulates, and the law-giver supplies the real power. Applying the example to nature, he reasoned that there must a superanatural law-giver to the power that regulates the works of nature.

He ended his interesting lecture by remarking that religion, science and philosophy are wedded in the development of true culture, and honors are transitory, riches are uncertain and culture always remains.

THE TRAMP'S WARNING.

Mysterious Work That Resulted in the Boycott of a Boarding-House.

I know of one house that is not troubled by tramps. It is the boarding-house of Mrs. K., which has been singularly free from these pests ever since one beautiful spring morning in 1887. On that morning a dilapidated pedestrian applied to Mrs. K. for "a bite to eat," and that lady, feeling the inspiration of the joyous day, and the exhilaration of the acquisition of the new boarder, had given him a cup of coffee and some bread and butter. He sipped the coffee, took a nibble of the buttered bread, thanked Mrs. K., and, remarking that there were times when it seemed a profanation of one's spiritual nature to eat slowly departed, with a far-away look in his eyes and a melancholy lassitude in his steps, pausing long enough at the gate to cut an odd-looking hieroglyphic on the bark of a tree.

Since that day Mrs. K. has never been bothered by a tramp. Occasionally one would reach the gate, but on seeing the tree would turn and pursue his pilgrimage.

This naturally excited curiosity among the boarders of Mrs. K., as well as in the bosom of that good lady herself—a curiosity which was not gratified until one evening last week. It was just after supper and Mrs. K. and most of her boarders were sitting outside in the summer twilight, when a tramp approached, beheld the hieroglyphic and, turning to leave, was hailed by the star boarder and questioned as to the meaning of the inscription on the tree. The wanderer was non-committal at first, refusing point blank a bribe of a square meal from Mrs. K., and not consenting until the star boarder had taken up a subscription of 35 cents as an inducement.

"I will not translate the character orally," said the tramp, pocketing the fund. "There are some things which can always be better written than spoken. I will write out the translation of the mark on the tree, and when I am gone you may read it."

Then he scratched something on the star boarder's newspaper and vanished.

This is what the star boarder, with unmistakable feeling and appreciation, read aloud: "The sign on the tree means: 'Pass on, boys; this house uses oleomargarine.'"—Pittsburg Dispatch.

REAL ESTATE.

Special Auction Sale of Property in Oakland To-Day.

William J. Dingee of Oakland, in conjunction with Easton, Eldrid