THE SOCIAL WORLD.

How Thanksgiving Eve Was Spent at Various Halls.

The Van Duzer Dinner—A Pastor Surprised. Musicale in Oakland—The Kehrlein Surprise—Personals.

The marriage of Captain Ward and Miss Nora Bioletti will take place to-day.

A delightful luncheon, given by Mrs. A. P. Van Duzer in honor of her guest, Miss Julia Shober of Lancaster, Pa., was enjoyed by those who were present, as follows: Mrs. Charles Hathaway, Mrs. H. S. McElroy, Miss Julia Shober, Mrs. J. C. B. Hebbard, Mrs. S. Roberts, Mrs. Boynton, Mrs. F. H. Deakin, Mrs. T. H. Hatch, Miss Hare.

The first ball of the reorganized Canadian Association will take place at B'nai B'rith Hall to-night.

The Los Angeles Express of Monday says: Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McKee of San Francisco are guests at the Westminster. Mrs. McKee will be remembered as Miss Boole, who, two years ago, charmed every one by her singing at the Moody meetings held in Hazard's Pavilion. Last evening her sweet voice was heard again in the Presbyterian Church, much to the delight of the large congregation who listened to her.

"Aunt Deborah's Singin' Skewl," to be held to-morrow evening at the parlors of the First Presbyterian Church on Van Ness avenue, promises to be very amusing. Quaintly worded programmes announce a varied menu of pretty selections, served in old-fashioned style appropriate to the occasion.

The young ladies of the Emergency Circle will hold their entertainment and social in the lecture-room of the Howard-street M. E. Church this Thanksgiving evening, at 8 o'clock. An interesting programme has been prepared, one of the chief features of which will be a "tray drill" by twelve young ladies, under the leadership of Miss Mayhery. Vocal solos will be rendered by Mrs. Martin Schultz and also Miss Wittram. Besides this there will be recitations, vocal and instrumental music of a high order, the programme concluding with a dialogue entitled, "Aunt Bethiah's Journey." After the literary exercises refreshments will be served.

The Barstow Musicale.

The second musicale given by Judge and Mrs. Alfred Barstow at their residence, 1018 Tenth street, Oakland, last Monday evening, was, like its predecessors, a great success. Too much praise cannot be given to the playing of the amateur orchestra.

The gem of the whole programme was Miss Grace Barstow's playing of Leonard's beautiful and difficult "Souvenir de Haydn." This is a number deemed a test among professional violinists, yet this young lady gave it with a correctness and ease of execution, a breadth of tone and a depth of feeling truly remarkable in one so young. It is a matter for congratulation that Miss Barstow will soon go to Berlin, where her great gift may be developed under the teaching of one of the great masters of the violin.

At the close of the musical programme dainty refreshments were served.

Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. F. Marion Smith, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Stratton, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Miller, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Wheaton, Mrs. Kate G. Forster, the Misses Snell, Mr. R. B. Snell, the Misses McKee, Mr. Sam Bell McKee, Mr. A. M. Benham, Mr. D. P. Hughes, Mr. A. P. Brayton Jr., Miss Bessie Wheaton, Mr. George H. Wheaton Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Everson, Miss Everson, Miss Fox, Miss Tucker, Mr. Robert L. McKisick, Mr. Harry A. Melvin, Mrs. E. R. Clement, Mr. Clement, Dr. J. M. Dunn, Miss Laura Brayton.

The Rincon Parlor Party.

Rincon Parlor, No. 72, N. S. G. W., has always held its anniversary party on Thanksgiving eve and last night its fifth annual ball at Odd Fellows' Hall was well remembered by its friends. Pretty decorations, chiefly of the national colors, lit up the stage, where the First Regiment Band discourse excellent music for the dancers.

The officers of the parlor are: Past Presidents—W. J. Winn, A. Ruef, Thomas H. Vivian, W. E. Foley, John F. Finn, F. A. Tibbits, John W. Kelleher, L. K. Hagenkamp; President, John P. Hettich; First Vice-President, Joseph H. Ault; Second Vice-President, J. J. Hack; Third Vice-President, Osmer Andersen; Recording Secretary, William J. Holgersen; Financial Secretary, F. A. Tibbits; Treasurer, Thomas H. Vivian; Marshal, J. A. Murphy; Surgeons, D. F. Ragan, C. M. Enright; Trustees, J. D. Lennon, William Coyle, C. Cullen; Inside Sentinel, James F. Jones; Outside Sentinel, Louis Sericano.

Many came in at a late hour from other parties, and at no time did the interest of the evening flag. This was largely due to the following committees: Committee of Arrangements—Messrs. J. P. Donovan (Chairman), W. J. Wynn, John W. Kelleher, L. K. Hagenkamp, O. A. Clegg, George H. S. Dryden, A. N. Raconillat; Reception Committee—J. C. Dunn (Chairman), J. J. Perkins, E. P. Donovan, E. H. Barnett, J. F. Meagher, J. J. Carroll, H. J. Mahoney, F. E. Wallace, H. Ryan; floor manager, John W. Kelleher; Floor Committee—Joseph Finn, J. F. Jones, F. J. Kelley, J. J. McDaid, F. E. Sands, T. Smiddy, Joseph Feig, M. W. Gilbride, J. D. Hendry, H. C. Kaufman.

A Pastor Surprised.

Dr. Hartwell, pastor of the Chinese Baptist Church of this city and Superintendent of the Chinese Baptist mission work of the State, was pleasantly surprised last Tuesday evening by some of the ladies of the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of California in recognition of Dr. Hartwell's courtesies to missionaries passing en route for other fields of labor.

The surprise took place at the chapel on Sacramento street, and upon the doctor's arrival he was amazed to find a large number of friends and to be presented with a handsome sum of money, accompanied by neat addresses by Captain G. A. Hall and Mr. William H. Barnes. Dr. Hartwell made a suitable reply, speaking also on behalf of Mrs. Hartwell, who was the recipient of a liberal store of household delicacies. The pleasant affair concluded with the service of refreshments.

The Franklins' Party.

The First Infantry Regiment is fortunate in possessing ideal drill-accommodation that can be converted into an ideal ball-room. This was demonstrated last evening when the Franklins, Company D, First Infantry Regiment, N. G. C., gave a reception and hop at their armory, 1328 Market street.

Very elaborate decorations enhanced the elegance and airy proportions of the scene, which was one bright "study" in red, white and blue tastefully arranged, streamers, flags, banners and lanterns contributing to the effective picture.

Nearly 250 couples were present and dancing was general from the start. The First Infantry Band officiated. Lemonades and refreshing punches were on hand throughout the evening for every thirsty soul. Several of the Veteran Guard attended in full uniform, and altogether, with the commingling of military and civilian attire, the appearance of this second ball of the Franklins was most effective.

Following composed the acting committees: Committee of Arrangements—Rudolph Meiners (Chairman), Lieutenant E. H. Gielow, D. J. Riordan, D. E. Murden, J. G. Fitzgerald, David Stapleton, J. Byrne. Floor Committee—Floor manager, William F. Coyle; assistants, Sergeant E. J. Hughes, Corporal Charles H. Gielow, L. W. Clarke, Sergeant J. R. Clark, Corporal J. J. Shields, H. H. Fritxh, G. F. Anbertine. Reception Committee—Captain Charles Jansen, Lieutenant E. A. Lindberg, Corporal E. P. Schafer, Charles J. Gerlach, John Tyrell, F. J. Baker, William Simmons, A. H. Geo Sr. Mr. W. F. Coyle led the grand march with Miss Rose Gerlach.

The Bay City Lodge Party.

The first ball given by Bay City Lodge, No. 619, K. and L. of H., was bravely set for last evening, and in spite of the numerous other attractions proved quite successful. Saratoga Hall was the chosen scene of the festivities.

Blum's Orchestra provided music for the bright succession of dances, which commenced with a grand march headed by Mr. W. G. Young and Miss Pope. The ladies mustered in force, and were graciously pleased to express approval of the conduct of the party. All appeared thoroughly to enjoy the occasion.

Following composed the committees of the evening: Committee of Arrangements—H. L. Brown, C. A. Nutt, W. G. Young, Miss M. E. Pope, Miss E. W. Lacey, G. E. McCartney, J. C. Geisinger; Reception Committee—G. C. Luce, G. E. McCartney, Miss M. E. Pope; floor manager, W. G. Young; Floor Committee—H. L. Brown, Miss B. Gerson, C. P. Rasmussen, Mrs. F. T. Mann, Miss E. W. Lacey, J. L. Wildy.

A Foresters' Banquet.

An elegant banquet was given in honor of Mr. Lewis Thorne of Los Angeles, the High Chief Ranger of the Ancient Order of Foresters of America (American Foresters), last evening, at the Pup Rotisserie, by members of the order.

Mr. S. B. Carleton, Supreme Representative, presided, and bade welcome to the guest of the evening, which was heartily responded to by Mr. Lewis Thorne, H. C. R.

The other toasts and responses were as follows: "Social Advantages of Forestry," J. D. Case, H. S. C. R.; "The Supreme Jurisdiction," C. H. Bremer, High Secretary; "Finances of the Order," Fred C. Hensley, High Treasurer; "Knights of Sherwood Forest," G. W. Bayrentiher, H. S. R.; "The Ladies," M. H. Wasserwitz, D. H. C. R.; "Our Municipality," E. I. Wolfe, Supreme Representative; "The D. D.'s," James Healing, D. H. C. R.; "The Duties of a Supervisor," D. D. Hunt, High Trustee; "Our Next Grand Court," F. H. Livingston, High Trustee; "Companion of the Forest," J. Calmann, Supreme Representative; "Our Sister Courts," Henry Ryan, D. H. C. C.; "An Ideal Forester," Sol Peiser, D. H. C. R.

A German Ball.

Between 200 and 300 people were present at the grand march, opening the ball given last evening at the Turn Verein Hall, on Turk street, by the shooting section of the San Francisco Turn Verein. Captain and Mrs. Zimmer led to the music of Von der Mehden's orchestra. A highly enjoyable evening was spent. Following composed the special committees appointed on the occasion: Committee of Arrangements—Louis Markus (Chairman), D. Frank, L. Thierbach, Joe Castor, Philip Gretsch, H. Turk; Reception Committee—L. Markus, C. K. Zimmer, F. Kommer, O. Hauser, A. Hagedorn; floor manager, F. Hansmann; Floor Committee—R. Cook, W. Hinz, W. Zaretzky.

The Seven Pines Circle Entertainment.

Seven Pines Circle, No. 3, L. of G. A. R., gave an enjoyable open meeting on Monday evening. Following was the programme: Piano solo, Miss M. L. Greenburg; vocal solo, Mr. James Fuller; guitar selections, Mr. Fuller, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Hostetter; vocal duet, Mrs. Chamberlain and Saidee Cook; recitation, Miss Adelaide Dohs; banjo solo, Miss Daisy Livingston; vocal duet, Miss Dohs and Mrs. Zahn; "Bingen on the Rhine," Mr. Walter Leman. The evening concluded with dancing and the service of ice-cream and cake.

The St. Joseph's Council Entertainment.

The third entertainment and social of St. Joseph's Council, No. 89, Young Men's Institute, took place last evening at B'nai B'rith Hall.

A fair audience enjoyed the opening exercises: Overture, Corel's Orchestra; opening remarks, President T. E. Treacy; vocal solo, Mrs. E. Coret; recitation, Eugene Sullivan; the popular author and comedian, Herman Ehrent, late of the Carleton Opera Company, in a choice selection of his latest songs; specialties by Little Irene, the child wonder and favorite little actress of all theater-goers; address, John J. McDade; song, Thomas Burns; musical selections—A. W. Corbus, J. W. Douglas and Master Stephen A. Douglas; vocal duet, Waldo and Emily Pool; the Sarsfields in their musical specialties; vocal solo, Miss Nellie Kenny.

The stage was prettily decorated with red, white and blue drapery for the dancing which followed and was maintained until late.

The committees of the evening were composed as follows: Committee of Arrangements—J. McKinnon (Chairman), J. Cremer, W. Bell, D. Brosnan, H. Caveney, P. Geraghty; Reception Committee—J. W. Rafferty (Chairman), D. Redmond, W. Barry, A. Howard, J. Daily, Dr. J. H. Barbett; floor manager, W. Gallagher; assistant floor manager, J. P. Brady; Floor Committee—J. Renault, J. Lynch, F. Dowling, F. Tyrrell, J. Kennedy, S. Littleton.

The Triton Club Surprise Party.

On Saturday evening last the Triton's club-house was the scene of a bright gathering, the occasion being a surprise party tendered to President Valentine Kehrlein and his bride by members of the club. The friends sent a delegation to their residence to escort the surprised couple to the club-house, with its brilliant illuminations and decorations of bunting and Chinese lanterns.

After the usual congratulations there ensued a souvenir march to supper, at which Mrs. Val Kehrlein presented each guest with a photograph of the club-house. The tables were set upstairs, and well laden. After partaking of a substantial supper several toasts were honored to the health of the young couple. The rest of the evening was spent in songs, recitations and dancing, which were kept up until the small hours of the morning.

Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Val Kehrlein, Mr. and Mrs. Fortune Aureguy, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Seibel, Mr. and Mrs. George Duffield Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. Jewell of San Rafael, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred R. Tuckey, Mr. and Mrs. Ed J. Duffield, Mrs. James S. Hailer, Mr. and Mrs. F. Shupert, Mrs. A. Harnsman, Miss Grace Pierce, Miss Sarah Creber, Miss Nettie Smith, Miss Grace Dillon, Miss M. Ils, Miss Anita Lastretto, Miss H. Gambs, Miss L. Ils, Miss Theresa Lastretto, Miss Emma Duffield; Messrs. J. L. Kehrlein, S. Soloman, H. Tuckey, John Creber, B. F. Kehrlein, Frank Duffield, Don Turre, R. G. Zahn, Frank A. Bartlett, Walter Creber, John Coughlan, W. Schneider, Richard Barry, Arthur Behring, A. Creg, B. Tuckey, Paul Cleu, C. Artegues, G. Blum, John Quinn.

Pacific Coast Weddings.

The presence of the rector of Ascension Church, Vallejo, was a matter of no slight curiosity to the people of the thriving town of Cordelia on Thursday. But so well kept had been the secret that not until returning homeward did it become known that Captain Shillaber of that place had given in marriage his niece, Miss Mary Alexandra Williams, to Mr. W. S. Crocker, an attorney of San Francisco, well known and much esteemed by many in Solano County.

At the home of the bride's parents in Ukiah, Sunday, were celebrated the nuptials of Mr. Meredith R. Davies and Miss Kate Hegar. The ceremony was performed by Rev. I. N. Waterman. The happy couple came to San Francisco to remain a few days, thence east to the State of Kansas, where the parents of the groom reside.

A rare occurrence is a double wedding, but still more so is the marriage of two worthy brothers to two amiable and excellent sisters, as was the case at Florin on the 18th, when Rev. W. R. Gober, assisted by Rev. R. Rodda, united in wedlock Mr. William D. Whitman to Miss Ella H. Dresser. At the same time and place, by the same parties, Mr. Albert Lincoln Whitman was married to Miss Effie R. Dresser, all of Florin.

Mr. Charles C. Craig and Miss Rose E. Dean of this city were quietly married at San Mateo, by the Rev. W. H. McDougall.

A brilliant wedding took place last Thursday morning, at the Cathedral, Sacramento, the high contracting parties being Miss Mary E. Healy of this city and Mr. Peter H. Kerns of Marysville. The happy couple came to this city, but their future home will be in Marysville.

Society Personals.

Mr. David D. Shattuck has returned from a visit to the Eastern States.

Miss Ora Runyon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sol Runyon, of Mills Seminary, Alameda County, is in this city, stopping at the Grand Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Runyon of Courtland, Sacramento County, are in town, stopping at the Grand Hotel.

Charles Goodall and family have left their beautiful country residence at Menlo Park and returned to San Francisco for the winter month.

Mr. S. T. Barton of the Bohemian Club is on a visit to the Eastern States.

Miss Addie Perrin is expected to remain in Washington until after the first of the new year. She has been visiting old schoolmates in Baltimore the past six weeks.

Mrs. Milton S. Latham is making preparations to spend the winter in New York. She will leave for the Atlantic Coast next week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Harrington and Miss Mamie Harrington have gone to the Palace Hotel for the winter season.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar B. Carroll (nee Hanchett) reached Portland, Oregon, on Friday, on their bridal trip north.

Mr. Fred W. Sharon arrived from the East on Sunday and will remain here several weeks.

Mr. E. M. Greenway returned on Sunday evening from his visit East, and is stopping at the Baldwin Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Crocker have been spending the past six weeks at the Hotel Rafael.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Willey have rented their residence, 2115 California street, and are staying at the Palace Hotel. In a few days they will start for an extended trip in the East and Europe, proposing to winter in Rome or the Riviera.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Jennings have returned to the Hotel Rafael, after a pleasant visit of several weeks to friends and relatives in the East. They will spend the winter at the Hotel Rafael.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Cooper have left Santa Cruz for Del Monte.

Miss Leila Carroll is here from Sacramento and is stopping at 2028 Scott street.

Mr. Henry W. Redington and Mr. Harry Babcock have gone to the Palace Hotel for the season.

Lieutenant-Colonel Anson Mills, Fourth Cavalry, U. S. A., has been enjoying a brief leave of absence.

Miss Bettie Ashe is being entertained by Mrs. Farragut in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Pierce of Santa Clara are stopping at the Hotel Pleasanton.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Willcutt of Oakland will pass the winter at the Hotel Pleasanton.

Mrs. Jeremiah Clarke and Miss Lottie Clarke, who have been visiting Lieutenant and Mrs. Charles G. Lyman, U. S. A., in Arizona, returned to the city a week ago, but will soon leave for New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Romualdo Pacheco are sojourning in New York City for the present.

ACROSS THE BAY.

Services Announced for Thanksgiving Day.

An Action for Damages—Approval of an Ordinance—The Agassiz Professorship—Strike of Iron-Workers at Emeryville.

Union Thanksgiving services will be held in Central Oakland at 11 o'clock this morning in the First Congregational Church, the pastors being present, and Rev. Dr. Boyns of the Asbury Methodist Church South preaching the sermon. At West Oakland the services will be held in the Chase-street Congregational Church, Rev. H. H. Rice of the Second Presbyterian Church preaching the sermon. At East Oakland the union services will be held in the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Rev. Frank Dixon of the Tenth-avenue Baptist Church delivering the sermon. Separate services will be held in St. Paul's, St. John's and St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal churches, and in the First Hebrew Synagogue. The First United Presbyterian congregation will unite with the San Francisco churches of that denomination in the First United Presbyterian Church of that city, Rev. J. Charles Hanna of Oakland delivering the sermon.

Rev. Mr. Gray, a colored man, pastor of the Mission Baptist Church, is a candidate for Chaplain of the Assembly.

FOR PERSONAL INJURIES RECEIVED.

Walter and Martha A. Renwick have sued R. R. Thompson to recover $50,000 damages for personal injuries sustained by Mrs. Renwick on the 27th of last February. They allege that on that date the roadway of High street, adjacent to the property of the defendant bordering on that street, was obstructed by a large amount of cuttings and large branches of trees and brush negligently placed there by the servants of Thompson, and that while driving along said street the plaintiff, Martha A. Renwick, was thrown to the ground from the vehicle in which she was driving and received divers injuries from which she has only partially recovered, and it may be that she will never entirely recover.

Major J. R. Pico says he will bring suit against H. H. Bancroft to recover $500, the value of certain historical documents loaned by him to Bancroft and not returned.

Mayor Glascock has returned to the Council with his approval the ordinance requiring the vacating of buildings unfit for human habitation.

It is understood that Edson F. Adams and Thomas Prather have become interested in the electric street-railroad from Oakland to Haywards.

THE AGASSIZ PROFESSORSHIP.

The conditions under which the late Edward Tompkins of Oakland endowed the Agassiz Professorship of Oriental Languages and Literature in the State University have been fulfilled. Mr. Tompkins bequeathed, in 1872, forty-seven acres of land on New Broadway, with the provision that it should be held until the whole or part should be sold for $50,000, this sum to be devoted to the endowment of the chair. The land has been sold for $50,000.

The hearing on the charge against William Ardell was continued in the Police Court yesterday until to-morrow morning to allow a complaint to be made out. The charge is grand larceny. Ardell claims to be from St. Paul, but the police believe that he is an expert sneak-thief.

H. W. Quitzow Jr. has sued John D. Wilson to recover—as the assignee of Edward Mills, George Staut and Mrs. Kate Martin—1000 shares of Leigh Gravel mining stock, valued at $1250.

The suit of William Davis against the Southern Pacific Company has been compromised and dismissed. He was injured in the accident on May 30th at the Webster-street bridge, and sued for $15,156 damages.

It is said that a new morning paper will be started in Oakland about January 1st, to be Republican in politics, with E. M. Gibson as editor.

MORTGAGED TO THE REGENTS.

Henry R. Miller has mortgaged to the Regents of the University of California the Camron Block on Fourteenth street, between Broadway and Washington, for $51,000. He has also deeded the same property to Antoine Borel, subject to the mortgage. Miller is a mining man, and recently purchased the Camron Block, which he remodeled from a theater to a lodging-house and changed the name to Park House.

Justice Fox of the Supreme Court has remanded Thomas Carey on habeas corpus for trial, thus sustaining Judge Ellsworth, who had previously remanded him, and also sustaining Judge Gibson, before whom Carey was originally tried, and who also refused to discharge him.

The hearing of the petition of Margaret Regen on habeas corpus for the possession of her four-year-old boy, Robert, was yesterday continued until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, Judge Gibson stating that he had inadvertently set it for this morning.

Bart Morgan, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, and County Auditor James E. Crane, counted the cash in the Treasury yesterday, and found $131,871 50. The amount at the last count was $91,444 60.

It is believed that J. K. Dillman, arrested in San Francisco, is the man who successfully worked the forged-check business in Oakland a few months ago.

ALAMEDA.

Municipal Politics Are Already Being Discussed.

It is very doubtful whether the new Christ Episcopal Church will be completed in time to hold Christmas services in it.

The Board of Fire Delegates will hold a meeting to-morrow evening, when Thomas J. Smith will tender his resignation.

The production of the opera "The Little Duke," by the Alameda Operatic Society, has been postponed until next January.

William Jellings of San Francisco has purchased a home on San Jose avenue, near Eighteenth street, paying $3250 for it.

William F. Schulte, Inspector of Plumbing and Drainage, will tender his resignation at the next meeting of the Board of Health, to take effect on January 1st.

The position of the County Board of Supervisors for a bridge over the tidal canal excavation at Park street and Twenty-third avenue has been forwarded to the Secretary of War.

E. G. Waite, Secretary of State-elect, has gone to Sacramento on invitation of Hon. W. C. Hendricks, to familiarize himself with the duties of his office.

An entertainment will be given this evening in Park Opera House under the auspices of Young Men's Institute No. 24. The comedy "Our Boys" will be produced by a local cast.

The improvement of Liberty and Garfield avenues in the Hirschfeld tract will take place simultaneously with the improvement of High street.

The Unitarian Ladies' Society will hold its Christmas bazaar in Harmony Hall on Wednesday and Thursday, December 3d and 4th, commencing at 10 o'clock in the morning and continuing until evening.

Municipal politics are already being discussed, although the election does not take place until next April. James B. Barker is mentioned as a possible candidate for City Clerk to succeed James Millington, and some friends of Deputy Sheriff Jamieson are urging his candidacy for City Assessor. Several persons at Bay-street Station want to see W. J. Hamilton a member of the Board of City Trustees.

BERKELEY AND EMERYVILLE.

A Strike of Iron-Workers at the Judson Works.

L. H. Long, Justice of the Peace-elect, has received his certificate of election from the County Clerk. He will file his bond immediately and begin his duties on the first Monday of January next.

Almon Ames, Assemblyman-elect from the Forty-sixth District and a resident of Berkeley, has been elected Chairman of the Alameda County delegation in the Assembly. The delegation is composed of six Assemblymen.

The articles of incorporation of the Berkeley Investment Association were filed yesterday morning, with a capital stock of $500,000. The Directors are: W. E. Sell, J. S. Eastman, E. J. Wickson, J. G. Liebert Jr., J. K. Stewart, W. P. Moore, Richard Stevenson, John Finn, John M. Foy Jr., all residents of Berkeley.

There is considerable talk now about having half-hour trains all day on the Berkeley local line. At present there are only hourly trains between the hours of 10 in the morning and 3 in the afternoon. The travel on the local line has doubled itself during the past two years, and yet there are no better accommodations to-day than there were then. There is no question that the travel on the local line at the present time warrants half-hourly trains during the middle of the day, and it is hoped that the railroad company will make the change as soon as possible.

The ironworkers at the Judson Works, Emeryville, have gone on a strike because the Superintendent, Napoleon Beauregard, had discharged a water tender named Willis Drake, and refuses to reinstate him. The strikers number 125, and by their action 75 more are thrown out of work. The members of the Iron-worker's Union, now on the strike, prepared the iron for the molders. The rolling-mills at the works are closed, and orders have been issued to allow none of the strikers in the buildings of the company or inside the fences surrounding the works. The strikers have fitted up headquarters at the Commercial Hotel, Emeryville, and appointed a committee consisting of W. Mullender, Edward Murphay, J. O'Connor, William Kitto, Edward Rockhill. They demand that Drake be reinstated before they will go to work again. This the Superintendent says will not be done and that as soon as the pay-rolls can be made out the strikers will be paid off and discharged. He says the rolling-mills will remain closed for the remainder of this week, but will be opened for work again on Monday with a new force of men. He denies most emphatically the charge that Drake was discharged because he was an enthusiastic union man, and says that the only reason was that he believed he could employ another man to better advantage as water-tender, who would do better for the company than Drake was doing, and that union or non-union had nothing whatever to do with the matter.

COAST ITEMS.

Brief Notes From Pacific Coast States and Territories.

A Chinese farmer of Ventura sold his Lima-bean crop last week for $12,000.

Seven thousand head of beef cattle are being fed at Mountain Meadows, Nev.

James Miller, a pioneer of 1846, died at San Rafael last Tuesday, aged 76 years.

Mayor H. T. Hazard has been renominated by the Republicans of Los Angeles.

Seed wheat brings $1 50 in Sutter County, while seed barley is hard to get at $1 75 a cental.

Some of the miners of Cocopah District, San Diego County, are making $15 a day in dry digging.

The Grass Valley Telegraph says the output of gold from that section since 1851 has been $100,000,000.

The office of the Western Star, at Butte, Mont., was destroyed by fire last Tuesday night. Loss $5000.

The Shasta boys are so bashful, says the Courier, that the girls are driven to flirting with the man in the moon.

In one car-load of beans shipped from Ventura recently 721 sacks were handled. They weighed 46,662 pounds.

A teamster named Venturas was thrown from his wagon near Clayton, Contra Costa County, last Friday, and was killed.

The fruit-growers of Marion County, Oregon, have called a meeting for December 12th, when they will form a union.

While sinking a well near Tacoma a rancher struck a vein of black sand twenty-eight feet thick. It was rich with iron ore.

The Treasurer of Lander County, Nev., received $18,000 last Saturday, being taxes paid by the Central Pacific Railroad for 1890.

The Austin Reveille says that another whisky-mill has had to close down owing to the dull times. Another sign of a hard winter.

The iron-workers at the Judson Rolling-mill, near Oakland, went out on a strike last Tuesday. This throws 300 men out of work.

San Joaquin County has the lowest tax rate in the State, $1 12; Colusa stands next, $1 20, while Alpine County has the highest, $8.

The San Diego papers say that heavy shipments of honey and raisins are going forward from that county by steamer and railroad.

The Colusa Gazette says it is not the McKinley bill that troubles farmers in that country so much as playing draw poker and "cinch."

Chicago papers are received in Astoria, Or., the fourth day after publication, and one day ahead of San Francisco papers of same date.

Robert Noble, the sheep king of Idaho, was dangerously stabbed at Reynolds Creek last Friday, by one of his herders named Mike Dolan.

To repair the three breaks in the Feather River levee, near Marysville, required the handling of 14,000 cubic yards of earth, says the Appeal.

A fire broke out on the second story of the Court-house at The Dalles, on Sunday, and did $6000 worth of damage before it was extinguished.

Alexander Marshall of Creston, San Luis Obispo County, shot himself dead last Friday morning. He was an old citizen and much respected.

William Armes of Beckwith, Plumas County, made 7500 pounds of cheese this summer, which was sold readily in his own county and in Sierra.

A San Diego County horticulturist is going to graft the many live oaks on his place with chestnuts, which he has learned will succeed well on oak trees.

One of the Mexicans who was badly beaten by Indians near Redlands last Sunday died at the County Hospital a few hours after being removed there.

John Alexander, a veteran prospector, left Independence last Saturday for a trip to Death Valley. He took five pack animals and grub sufficient to be gone several weeks.

Indians are catching large numbers of cod just outside of the sand spit at Port Angeles, Wash. They go in canoes, and think nothing of hauling in fish that weigh forty pounds each.

The salmon hatchery at Clackamas, Oregon, has closed for the season and the result is very satisfactory. More than 5,000,000 eggs have been prepared for planting in the Columbia River.

Three toughs of Westport, Mendocino County, threw a bottle at a young man last Friday night. He was hit in the face and one eye was knocked out. The offenders got off with 100 days each in the county cooler.

A tough character has been arrested in Missoula, Mont., called "Jack the Cutter." His method is to carry a knife in his hand concealed by a handkerchief. When his victim is near enough he makes a thrust and slashes out an eye. He was arrested last Saturday for trying the game on a man named Bethune.

The Phœnix (Ariz.) Gazette says Governor Zulick has cut and stacked 1600 tons of fine alfalfa hay, and has 600 acres again ready for the mowing machine, besides getting several thousand dollars income from pasturage. He is burning 200,000 brick on his farm, and will at once begin the erection of a fine residence.

Dr. Carl Eigenmann has been collecting fish in San Diego for some years. In making up a collection recently for the British Museum he found a new specimen of herring that has pocket membranes for slipping in the dorsal, pictoral and ventral fins. The scales are large, the eyes have a glassy covering, and most of the head is transparent.

The Boise Statesman of Friday says: The strange spectacle of the United States standard flying from the staff on the High School, union down, was presented yesterday afternoon. Inquiry at the building failed to reveal any cause of distress. The flag was hoisted by a young man whose military training should have taught him which was the top of the flag.

The Grant County News says: We understand buyers are endeavoring to contract for beef cattle in this county at $35 per head, to be delivered next spring. This is another indication that beef is rapidly increasing in value. If you have steers and slathers of hay and plenty of time to feed it to the cattle, the News would say to feed it and sell your beeves next summer.

The Burbank Times says: Fifty car-loads of sheep manure have been purchased by Messrs. Ross and Thom to fertilize their orange orchards. It is brought to Tropico from San Pedro in cars, each car holding about thirty tons, and thence hauled in wagons; the cost is $3 per ton, laid down at Tropico, or an aggregate of $4500 for the fifty cars. Still orange growing pays.

Says the Pomona Progress: The life of a rural editor is not always one of supreme joy and bliss. Last Thursday we were blown sky-high by a father because of an omission to mention the arrival of a new baby in his house. Two hours later an equally angry man denounced the Pomona press because it had "invaded the privacy and sanctity of his home circle" and published the fact that he was father of another boy.

The Portland Oregonian says: A terrific explosion occurred at Second and Stevens streets, Spokane Falls, Friday morning, which did $10,000 damages to the buildings in the vicinity. A carpenter, who was cleaning out a store, found a can containing some decayed vegetables and threw them into a fire of rubbish burning in front of the store. The vegetables were dynamite. The force of the explosion blew out the front of the building and wrecked the Colored Methodist Church across the street. Numerous other buildings in the vicinity were badly wrecked and windows within a radius of two blocks were entirely shattered.

MEN ABOUT TOWN.

Peculiar Bits of Information From Here and There.

Judge Blanchard Claims His Election—Curiosities of Irrigation—One of Colonel Markham's Stories.

Judge George G. Blanchard, who was the Republican nominee for Congress in the Second District, and who was supposed to have been beaten by Mr. Caminetti, his opponent, is in town and registered at the Palace Hotel.

In discussing the situation last night he said: "It has been reported that I was in the minority, but in spite of this fact I am confident of my election. My friends have looked into the matter very carefully, and have discovered a large number of errors in the count, and all in my favor. The entire trouble is due to the Story method of counting the ballots, and we shall have a recount. When this is done it will undoubtedly show a majority in my favor, and I think I will take my seat. The Democrats have already so large a majority, and have made such a hue and cry about the unseating of members of their own party in the present Congress, that there is reason to believe that they will endeavor to make political capital by giving the seats to those who can show that they were really elected."

WASTED ORATORY.

George H. Knight sat at a dinner last night with a party of friends and the conversation by some chance drifted around to the subject of oratory. George, of course, has had no little experience in that line, and he was looked to as something of an authority on the subject.

"The man who starts out with the idea of being an orator is liable," he said, "to run across an unpleasant occurrence occasionally, and at times these incidents are ludicrous as well. Several years ago, I remember, when I yearned for fame, I was invited to deliver a Fourth of July oration at a small town in Humboldt County, and you can readily imagine, as it was my first effort in that line, what elaborate preparations I made. I felt certain of carrying everybody by storm. Well, the day arrived, and when the crowd had gathered I arose to speak. I launched out with all the fervor of a young orator, and was doing my very best when a tall, gawky fellow, who sat almost in front of me, wearing a broad-brim white hat and with a bandana handkerchief about his neck, sprang suddenly to his feet, and pointing, as I thought, in my direction, shouted: 'See the—cuss buck!' I had an impression that he referred to me, but a moment later the audience had disappeared. Following them with my eyes I saw a man coming down the hill on a bucking horse, and the crowd making for him helter-skelter. I never finished my oration."

HE HOPED HE HAD.

"And that reminds me," said J. C. Campbell, who formed one of the party, "of a setback I had when I was somewhat younger than I am now, and which proved a most valuable lesson, in spite of its severity. I was making my first political canvass, and, as I thought, covering myself with glory. I had been out some two or three weeks, and chancing across a very old and dear friend I said to him: 'Have you heard my last speech?'

"My friend eyed me critically for a moment, and, with chilling sarcasm, replied: 'That is a pretty hard question to answer, Joe, but to be candid with you, I hope to heaven that I have.'"

NEWSPAPERS BARRED OUT.

Colonel Markham, it is said, has a peculiar aversion to the reading of newspapers, and he is credited with having said that from the time he entered the contest for the gubernatorial nomination until after the election he did not read a single paper of any description. Some of his friends once took upon themselves, while the campaign was at its height, to call his attention to certain criticisms of the press, and he answered them by relating the story of the two Irishmen just over, who for the first time, while traveling through the country, heard some frogs croaking in a pond. Of course the noise was new to them, and one of them went ahead to make a reconnoissance. He crawled up to the edge of the pond, and, looking about him, was unable to discover any cause for the peculiar sounds. Hastening back to his companion he said, "Never mind, Jerry, it's nothing at all; it's only a noise."

WONDERS OF IRRIGATION.

Judge F. H. Short of Fresno, who is in the city on business, spoke yesterday of the marvelous changes wrought by irrigation in the section of the State from which he hails.

"When the immense ditches," he said, "that now line Fresno County were first dug, farmers and vineyardists were compelled, in sinking wells, to go down to a depth of not less than 70 to 80 feet, while water is now to be found within six feet of the surface in many places. In fact the ground has become so thoroughly saturated that the owners of the large Eisen vineyard, near the city of Fresno, were compelled this past season to expend nearly $10,000 in draining their land to draw off from the ground the water which was beginning to injure the vines."

GOOD AS A BAROMETER.

"Do you know that this is about as good a barometer as one could wish for?" asked a Kearny-street cigar-dealer, as he paused for a moment and took a careful look at the surface of a show-case which he had been industriously rubbing with a piece of chamois-skin. "I have watch it very carefully, and I can tell almost to a certainty by the amount of moisture that accumulates on a glass what the character of the weather is to be. The least change in the atmospheric condition can be detected at once, and with as much accuracy as by the Signal Service Department."

Fruit-Growing Companies.

The Nipomo Orchard and Packing Company filed articles of incorporation yesterday with a capital stock of $50,000, of which $5000 has been subscribed by the following-named directors: J. H. Wylie, J. C. Currier, C. H. Reed, James O'Neil and Fred W. Vaughn.

The Verona Vine and Orchard Company has also incorporated with the following named as directors: Bernard Schwartz, Herman and Louis Nathan, David Davis and Abraham R. Bloch. The capital stock is $100,000, all of which has been subscribed.

Penalties for Crime.

John White was convicted of grand larceny yesterday before Judge Murphy.

Judge Murphy sentenced William Siebert, convicted of burglary, to seven years in Folsom.

Sam You, convicted of burglary, was sentenced to San Quentin for two and a half years by Judge Van Reynegom.

George Plamodon, another burglar, was consigned to Folsom for three years by Judge Shafter.

Cramps of the Muscles Cured.

John I. Wood of Stratford, Ont., was cured of cramps in the legs by wearing ALLCOCK'S POROUS PLASTERS. Mr. Wood says:

"Some three months ago I was taken very sick with severe pain in the small of my back over the kidneys. The pain was excruciating. I applied an ALLCOCK'S POROUS PLASTER over the affected region and had relief almost within an hour. At the same time, in conjunction with this trouble, I had very great nervous disturbance, affecting my legs with cramps so I could scarcely sleep. Meeting with such success with my back I applied a plaster under the knee on each leg, and in three days was completely