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"High Rollers" of Stanford Parlor Hold High Revel.

A Merry Domino Party—Wistran Wedding Anniversary—Surprise on Point Lobos Road—Personal Notes.

National Parlor, No. 118, N. S. G. W., will hold its third anniversary party at Odd Fellows' Hall this evening.

Mrs. G. Palache and the Misses Palache will give a large luncheon this afternoon at their home, 900 Eddy street.

The Del Montes have postponed their fourteenth party from February 31 to Tuesday, April 7th, at Odd Fellows' Hall.

The members of the Physical Culture Club, organized as a prospective annex of the Olympic Club, met last Friday evening at the residence of Mrs. John Vance Cheney on O'Farrell street. Professor Warman was present and delighted the gathering with an exposition of the philosophy of the Delsarte system.

At the regular monthly meeting of St. Mary's C. T. A. and B. Association held yesterday the following officers were installed: H. Mahoney, President; M. J. Gavin, Vice-President; James Smith, Treasurer; Thomas Finn, Financial Secretary; G. T. Nicols, Recording Secretary; James Badger, J. F. Sullivan and Ed Mitchell, Auditing Committee; L. O'Connor, Sergeant-at-Arms.

On Thursday evening a delightful musicale was given in the music-hall of the Redondo Hotel in honor of Miss M. Rose Lyman of this city.

The East Oakland Whist Club met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. G. Kenna, on Thirteenth avenue, last Friday evening, and spent several hours very enjoyably with their favorite game.

Mrs. T. Mortensen of Buena Vista avenue, Alameda, gave an enjoyable lunch party at her residence on Wednesday, complimentary to Mrs. John Olson on her return from Europe, where the Misses Jessie and Edna Olson will remain to study for another year in Professor Lamperti's Conservatoire at Dresden, Germany.

Those entertained by Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Sherwood, at their residence on California street, an evening during the week, were: Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Redding, Mr. and Mrs. William Crocker, Miss Sperry, Miss Sherwood of New York, Mr. W. R. Sherwood, Mr. J. D. Sherwood and Mr. Oxnard.

A Prospective Trip to Bagdad.

It is desired to draw the attention of the public to a delightful movement on foot for the institution of a King's Daughters' Hospital for Incurables, to be strictly undenominational, the only passport necessary to admission being the sad one of chronic suffering. Such an object will command the sympathy of every one, especially those who understand the crying need that exists for supplementary institutions of this character. Prominent ladies in a local circle of King's Daughters have taken the matter to heart, and as a preliminary step for the benefit of their project have arranged an "Arabian Nights' Entertainment," to take place at Odd Fellows' Hall, on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 28th to the 31st inst. The programme, under the direction of Miss Ella Sterling Cummings, is expected to comprise some extraordinary novelties, particulars of which will no doubt leak out from time to time. The following well-known charitable ladies constitute the management of this branch of the King's Daughters: Mrs. J. A. Conklin, President; Mrs. Edwin S. Breyfogle, Secretary; Mrs. A. V. Wakefield, Treasurer; Directors—Mrs. A. A. Clark and Mrs. George W. Prescott.

The Stanford High-Rollers' Jinks.

One of the most unique entertainments of the winter season was given last evening by the Stanford High Rollers, a sappy offshoot from Stanford Parlor, one of the most desirable in the popular order of the Native Sons.

This was entitled "The Ladies' High Jinks," and, in honor of the occasion, the Native sisters were greeted with quaint decorations at Odd Fellows' Hall. The stage was draped with a lurid red and the proscenium arch embellished with an immense winking mask, leering villainously in its position before a big bear flag and between two national banners. Beneath the mask swung a gilded skull and cross bones, the usual emblem of the organization, having the word "High" inscribed upon it.

The jinks consisted of a succession of songs and recitations with peculiarly happy initiatory rites, etc., executed by a large band, attired in dress of red and having horns. The face of each Mephistopheles was painted and otherwise disguised, and the general effect as they sat in a semi-circle on the stage, with the Great High Roller behind in a chair of a state between burning candles stuck into exaggerated Bass beer-bottles, was effective in the extreme.

The swing were some of the numbers: Tenor solo, Mr. W. Ackerson; recitation, Mr. Gus Schleicher; whistling duet, Mr. G. Bornemann and Mr. W. Seeburst; tenor solo, Mr. E. J. Angelo; recitation, Mr. William Bannan; vocal solo, Mr. A. M. Thornton; bass solo, Mr. Frank Belcher; mandolin and guitar quintet; Hindoo incantations; ballet; seven Northerland sisters and their idea of the Delsarte movements.

The initiation ceremony when the brothers in red descended among the audience and pounced with a growl upon young Mr. Kenneal was very realistic and exciting. While the unfortunate victim was being blindfolded, the Great High Roller Martin fined various members of the audience for "smiling" and other offenses, and then the brothers returned through the audience, marching to slow music and bearing with them axes, a coffin, swords and other fateful paraphernalia. After being duly initiated, the unadored, tried by fire and tossed in a blanket, the compulsory candidate was passed with honor. The proceedings were followed by an enjoyable dance. Blum's music was quite a feature.

There was some very clever by-play between the "interlocutor" and "end men." The former was Mr. F. Powers and the latter Mr. E. Boaze and Mr. W. Seeburst. The officers of this merry crew and their official designations are: John R. Hillman, High Priest Roller; H. S. Martin, Great High Roller; William Bannan, Grand High Roller; R. J. Miller, First High Roller; E. J. Angelo, Second High Roller; Charles D. Steiger, High Coin Roller and Secretary; A. J. Evans, High Executioner; L. R. Ellert, Pill Roller; J. D. Brown, Type Roller; A. J. Raisch, Chief Rock Roller; T. A. Davies, Organ Roller.

Following composed the committees of the evening: Floor Committee—E. L. Head (Chairman), J. F. Maroney, James P. Sweeney, John R. Hillman, W. A. Coffee; floor-manager, William Bannan; Reception Committee—A. C. Trautvetter (Chairman), E. T. Sterling, J. D. Brown, G. H. Newman, F. G. Hammer, C. J. Meyer, Walter Teller, M. G. Bugbee, F. Van Deventer, H. F. Horstmann.

The gasaliers all round the hall were hung with little rollers tied with red ribbon, while the programmes were ornamented with the same significant article of domestic furniture. The make-up of the brothers was admirable.

A Pleasant Domino Party.

The employes of Newman & Levinson assembled Saturday evening at Irving Hall for a domino party. The maskers began to arrive at 8:30 o'clock, and when the grand march started at 9 o'clock, led by Mr. E. N. Boyle and Miss B. Warshawski, there were fifty couples on the floor.

The disguises were perfect in nearly every instance; voices were changed, and in many cases marked peculiarities of gesture and carriage were effectually concealed or adopted. But in a gathering of this kind, where every one is well known to everybody else, it is difficult to conceal one's identity very long, and generally the masker was discovered by some slight movement or some expression of voice, which revealed to the curious and persistent observer the personality of his companion. But as the dominoes were in general constructed on the same plan and were of the same color, the masker had the same difficulty in finding his partner again if he once lost sight of her. Nearly every one of the men are still wondering who the easy, graceful dancer was whom he picked up in one of the dances and was not able to find afterward, and many a girl would like to know who the fellow is who trod on her pet corn in the early part of the evening.

At 11 o'clock the order was given to remove masks, and many and varied were the expressions of surprise and consternation when some of the mashers discovered that their partners were not the persons they supposed them to be.

The party was a success in every sense of the word, and all the participants are sincere in their praises of the manner in which the affair was planned and carried out by the Committee of Arrangements. The smoothness and regularity with which the dance programme was conducted contributed largely to the success of the party, which was due to the capable and efficient management of Mr. E. N. Boyle, the floor manager, and the other members of the Floor Committee.

At 12 o'clock a grand march was again formed, led by the members of the firm, Messrs. W. J. and B. Newman, and their wives, and to the sounds of "The Hapsburg March" the dancers advanced to the stage, where a sumptuous supper was served, with the usual accompaniment of popping champagne corks, witty toasts and bon mots.

The first toast, "Our Employes," was feelingly responded to by Messrs. W. J. and B. Newman in neat speeches, which was followed by the full strength of the company in a grand chorus, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Short and appropriate speeches were also made by the floor-walkers and the managers of the different departments and also by Miss S. Levingston. Toasts were then drunk to the health of those employes who were unavoidably absent.

An incident which showed the success of the party was the enthusiastic reception of the suggestion that it be repeated soon. After everybody and everything had been toasted, and everybody who had anything to say had said it, the company descended to the main floor, where all joined in a grand melange of choruses, including: "La Marseillaise," "Die Wacht am Rhein" and "The Star-spangled Banner" (hooray). Dancing was then resumed, and after an exceptionally jolly Virginia Reel the party broke up (some more "broke up" than others) with wishes for another in the near future.

The success of the affair was due to the following committee: Floor Committee—E. N. Boyle, W. J. Kelly, G. St. J. Bremner, R. D. Davis, C. Meyer; Reception Committee—E. Newman, M. Block, J. Lewenthal, J. Bock, I. Reich; Committee of Arrangements—S. Weitz, G. Hartman, S. Newman.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. B. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. I. Lipman, Mr. and Mrs. A. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hartman; Misses F. Newman, I. Lipman, P. Eberhart, R. Elberg, T. Gallinger, R. Murray, J. Fanjoy, E. Cohn, N. Lynch, E. Hughes, M. Lennon, M. Loucks, R. Friedlander, S. Levingston, C. Miller, P. Gosliner, M. Berry, D. Berry, A. Berry, A. Rushing, A. Duffy, H. Lipman, A. Thieben, B. Warshawski, M. Fargus, A. Levy, B. Rice, C. Davis, J. Skelly, I. Schiller, E. Jacobs, I. Newhouse, K. McVerry, I. Peterson, A. Mallett, A. Broderick, L. Jacobs, A. Koch, K. Hanks, E. Abrahams, A. Daray; Messrs. S. W. Raveley, A. Newman, H. Rosenthal, S. Weitz, W. Kelly, R. D. Davis, E. Newman, J. Lewenthal, J. Block, G. St. J. Bremner, M. Block, S. Newman, J. Euerle, S. Aufrichtig, G. Stamper, A. Ballingall, F. Carter, E. Probert, M. Stern, A. J. la Brie, J. McManus, J. Popper, C. Meyer, W. Wise, T. McCulloch, A. Leipsic, I. Alexander, J. Capelis, H. Coop, I. Rosenzweig, A. Walters, S. Bestandig, F. Probasco, L. Block, H. Lyon, A. Kohn, A. Jackson, I. Cohn, J. G. McManus, C. Lohmyer, J. Wickelhausen, C. Franklin, M. Levy, I. Reich, A. Manderson, E. N. Boyle, J. Mallon, M. Lindner, B. Zacharias, J. Meyers, L. Mendelson, L. Levy, F. Rittigstein, K. Dixon, F. Armstrong, G. Taylor, E. Meyer, W. Somers, J. Callahan.

The Fraternal Guild Entertainment.

California Guild, No. 1, Fraternal Guild, gave a pleasant New Year social and hop last evening at Mystic Hall, Union-square Building.

A good attendance enjoyed the following programme: Vocal solo, Miss Broderick; recitation, Mr. Lonegan; solo, Miss Krehmke; duet, Misses Carrand Pratt; recitation, Professor Gambazu; remarks, J. P. Dockery, Supreme Guild Bursar.

Dancing was afterward enjoyed under the direction of Mr. Walter M. Brust. Following composed the Committee of Arrangements: Mr. J. C. Irvine, Mr. J. N. Russell Jr., Mr. W. B. Waldron, Mrs. Alger, Miss Schultz.

The Wistrand Wedding Anniversary.

A surprise party was given by the members and friends of the First Swedish M. E. Church, San Francisco, to their Sunday-school Superintendent, Mr. A. Wistrand, and his wife on the thirteenth anniversary of their wedding on Monday evening, the 5th inst., at their new and beautiful residence, 1810 Folsom street.

Rev. J. A. Andrews, pastor of the church, spoke feelingly in regard to their marriage, and of the thirteen years they have lived together in happiness, having been blessed with four children in their family; and also presented a beautiful presents from the members and friends, which were received with thanks by the young couple. The groom spoke of the happiness in their family, and of his good and better half, by whose side he hoped to live twenty-five years more in the same happiness as before.

The evening was spent in conversation and singing up to a late hour, when everybody went home highly pleased. Refreshments were served during the evening.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Wistrand, Rev. J. A. Andrews and wife, Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Witner, Mr. and Mrs. O. Hanson, Mrs. A. F. Fraser, Mrs. J. W. Danielson, Mrs. Nilson, Mrs. S. Jensen, Miss E. Andrews, Miss Anna Sandquist, Miss Jensen, Miss Hilda Anderson, Miss Rossling, Miss Hilma Wistrand, Miss Alma Wistrand, Mr. and Mrs. Carl N. S. Hager from Oakland, Miss M. Holquist, Miss Siderberg, Miss Sophie Andersen, Miss D. Lindeborg, Miss Alma Lindeborg, Miss Turner, Miss M. Andrews, Messrs. H. Kylberg, A. Carlson, C. J. Carlson, Bennie Anderson, R. Andrews, Nils Johnson, Andrew Wistrand, Aurtor Wistrand.

Surprise on Point Lobos Road.

A pleasant surprise party was given to Mr. W. E. Henderson at his residence, 813 Point Lobos road, on Saturday evening. There were present: Mrs. J. Henderson, Miss Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Ahlborn, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, Miss S. Andrews, Miss Tillie Andrews, Miss Eve Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Haverty, Miss Mamie Haverty, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reich, Mr. Henry Vorrath, Mr. and Mrs. Newman, Miss McGlochlin, Miss McGlochlin, Miss Annie Burns, Mr. Danrent, Mr. McCarty, Mr. Newbauer, Mr. W. Riley, Mr. A. Ahlborn, Mr. J. Johnson, Mr. E. Perry, Mr. C. Ahlborn, Mr. T. Kerr, Miss Jennie Kerr, Mr. W. Bell, Mr. A. Andrews, Mr. G. Andrews, Mr. J. Ogilvie, Mr. W. McMillen, Mr. Henry Wessling Jr., Mr. W. J. Henderson, Mr. T. Kelly, Mr. M. J. Eresmys, Mr. C. Eresmys, Mr. and Mrs. Elsie, Mr. G. Damm, Mr. T. Nichols, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Henry Wessling Sr. Refreshments were served and the festivities were kept up to a late hour.

A Family Reunion at Lockeford.

One of the most enjoyable affairs of the winter in Lockeford was the family reunion, held at the residence of Mrs. D. M. Locke on New Year's day, when about forty-five of the children, grand-children and great-grand-children of Deacon George Hammond met together. Quite a number of his descendants were unable to be present, there being about seventy of them, all told. But those who did attend had a delightful time. The young folks played games while the mothers were preparing a sumptuous feast, consisting of turkey, chickens, and all the delicacies of the season, and to which all did ample justice.

Society Personals.

Ex-Governor Romualdo Pacheco leaves on Wednesday for Central America. Dr. C. A. de la Mesa, who has been practicing medicine in Salt Lake City, will accompany the Minister as private Secretary. Mrs. Pacheco will remain on this Coast for the present, but may join her husband in the spring.

Mrs. Nina Macondray has gone on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Percival W. Selby, at Menlo Park.

Mrs. A. B. Dougherty leaves for New York via Panama next month.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Armstrong have returned from a week's trip to the snow-clad mountains of Eastern Fresno County, where they have been enjoying the pleasures of sleigh-riding and snow-shoeing.

Mrs. Powers, wife of Dr. George H. Powers, has gone East for a few months' visit to friends and relatives.

Miss Essie Gallick has arrived in Chicago, where she is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Charles K. Markman.

Mrs. A. A. Hibbard and daughter, Miss Geraldine Hibbard, have returned from a pleasant visit to friends in Chico.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Robinson will stay a month at the California.

Mr. James C. Dunphy will leave about the middle of February for Paris, with the intention of returning in May accompanied by his sister, Miss Jennie Dunphy, who is completing her musical education there.

Dr. and Mrs. David Cohn, Master George and Miss Edith Cohn, of this city, who have been abroad nearly a year, are now in Berlin. From there they go to Paris and London and then return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Paxton Little, of New York, are at the California for the season.

Mr. Louis E. Lovel, brother-in-law to ex-Mayor Pond, sailed yesterday for Kadak, Alaska, to be absent eighteen months.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bancroft have been passing several days at Sacramento, where they attended the inaugural ball.

Mr. W. E. Burton will sail for China on the steamer Belgic.

Mrs. Calvert Meade spent the recent holidays with her aunt, Mrs. Hiram Studley, at Hotel Bartholdi, Madison square, New York.

Dr. and Mrs. Gere have returned from Monterey, and will receive their friends on Wednesdays of this month at 112 Grant avenue.

Miss Susie Hamer of Ventura has joined her mother at the Palace Hotel, where she will remain for the winter. Miss Hamer graduated from the Van Ness Seminary with honor in the class of '89.

Mrs. Catherwood and the Misses Catherwood are passing this month in Florence, Italy.

Mr. J. B. Haggin returned from England early in the week and is in New York City.

Miss Mamie Woolrich has been in Los Angeles during the past fortnight on a visit to friends.

Mrs. E. B. Morris of San Luis Obispo has come to the city to visit her sister, Mrs. R. P. Jansen.

INDIAN PROBLEMS.

Will the Present Sioux Outbreak Last Six Months?

A Veteran Army Officer Tells of the Wrongs of the Red Men and of a Plan for Their Civilization.

There is a diversity of opinion among the army officers stationed at the Presidio in reference to the probable duration of the present Sioux outbreak. Some assert that under the vigorous policy of General Miles the trouble will be quickly quelled, while those who have been longest in the service predict the war will yet last six months. Various solutions of the Indian problem were advanced by officers to a CALL reporter yesterday while the question was being discussed, but that outlined by Colonel Anson Mills, who is in command at the Presidio, appears to be the most feasible. He has been in the service for thirty years, and during the last twenty years has taken an active part in subduing Indian outbreaks, particularly while serving under Generals Crook and Custer.

"Yes," he said, while speaking of the present troubles with the Sioux tribes, "I spent eight years among the Sioux while in the Department of the Platte. It was in '69 or '70 that I was last stationed among the Sioux, and I remained there until '78. My headquarters were at the Spotted Tail Agency, the largest reservation. I was then in the infantry and my regiment, the Eighteenth, was in the field during the Phil Kearny and Custer massacres. Have I participated in many battles with the redskins? Well, I should say I had, but I would rather some one else would tell of them.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

"While in command of a battalion—I was a captain then—I had a pretty tough battle on the outskirts of the village on the Little Big Horn, where the gallant Custer was killed a week later. We were reconnoitering when the Indians attacked us. General Crook ordered me into the village and I was greatly disapointed when he quickly countermanded the order, but I soon learned that had I led such a charge I should have met Custer's fate."

"What are your views on the Indian question?" was asked.

"My idea on the question is that neither Congress nor the people understand the Indian. He has rights as well as the white man. Because we are all powerful we assert our ways of living are right and his are wrong. The Indians are here, and have been living for generations in a certain way; that is, they are nomadic and have never been taught to labor, and if they are taught it must be in some of the simple methods. I consider the idea of teaching them to become farmers all wrong, for to be a farmer one must be something of a philosopher; that is, know how to lay stores by for the winter and calculate months ahead. There are few of the most civilized who can do this, most preferring to have daily occupation where they can have daily returns. The general public sentiment, and that of those who don't understand the Indian, is, in short, that he must be made to work or starve, and the most difficult vocation, that of farming, is selected for him, and as a rule the most forsaken lands to cultivate.

AN IMPOSSIBILITY.

"It is utterly impossible for the Indian to make himself self-sustaining under such conditions. It would be no less impossible for the refined people of this city to be taken by a more powerful race, stripped of their clothing and bedding and placed in tents without chimneys or floors, clad in smock-clouds or skins and required to earn their subsistence in the same manner as the Indian has done heretofore or starve. The Indian, as he is now situated on the reservation, is surrounded by the worst elements of our society. He is given the precept of no example. His children are taken North and educated and five or ten returned to villages of thousands, where they are dressed in our style of clothes, with our books in their hands, some of them having been taught to be blacksmiths and carpenters, with the task before them of turning all these thousands of savages to our ways, teach them to build houses, make shoes (which they have no use for) and to read books. Within ten days after their arrival they are ridiculed and degraded into the breech-cloth, and become worse than they would have been had they remained with their tribe. I think that people not acquainted with the ways of the red man would best understand the utter impracticability of the present method of civilizing the Indians by an illustration of this kind:

AN ILLUSTRATION.

"For twenty years the James and Younger boys held Clay County, Mo., in a state of terror as outlaws. Hundreds of people were killed and many of Pinkerton's best detectives were assassinated in trying to capture them. It would have been just as feasible twenty years ago to have taken ten nice young men from Boston of superior education and good moral standing and commissioned them to go to Clay County and reform by precept and example the outlaws there."

"In my judgment the true method of civilizing these Indians would be to take them forcibly from all their wild haunts in the West, break up entirely the tribal relations and the evil influence of the medicine men and carry them in families of twenty-five and fifty to the best-ordered manufacturing towns in the East. I would then place them under Federal supervision and support for a time. They would be surrounded by better influences, where all, even the young children, could procure work or employment, with sufficient compensation to house, feed and clothe them well. In attending and feeding the many small automatic machines for making such metallic articles as cartridge shells, spoons, knives, forks and the millions of small pressed articles that are daily use in manufactures they would find interesting employment. There the Indian would not be allowed to carry arms and the policeman on every street corner would give him the same protection as all others.

WOULD FORGET.

"They would soon forget the superstitions that are now instilled into them by the medicine man, and learn to take an interest in our civilization and blend their customs with ours. They would be useful, too, although it is probable that such a move would receive some opposition from those who cry out against cheap labor; but something of this kind ought to be done for the general good of the country and for both races."

"What do you think of the present outbreak at Pine Ridge Agency?"

"It will probably require six months' hard work to subdue the revolt, and when it is done, if the Indians are left in the same places and under the same conditions, within ten years we will have another war, with great suffering and loss of life. It will also occasion great expense and greatly retard Western progress. I have been stationed among nearly all tribes of North American Indians, and have made a careful study of their customs. They are all human and dress alike, all are afflicted with the same superstitions and all conscious of the bitter wrongs, which any one who knows anything about their history will frankly admit. Instead of cursing the Indian, as we do for his supposed wickedness, we should rather admire him for his brave resistance of what he knows is utter extermination. Look which way he will, under the present management, he sees nothing but extermination in store for his race. It is true that civilization cannot stop for this, but it is also true that it should halt at least long enough to provide some more humane method of removing the Indian out of the path of progress."

INDIANS DEFRAUDED.

"During your stay at different reservations has it come under your observation that the Indians were ever defrauded out of what is allowed them by the Government?"

"Yes, frequently. I will cite an instance at the Spotted Tail Agency in the winter of 1876. One Howard, who has since cropped up somewhere down South as a very rich man, was the agent there. I was very friendly with old Spotted Tail, and he frequently complained that his people were deprived of their rations to such an extent that many were starving. I investigated, and found that although not actually starving, many were dying of diseases caused by bad and insufficient food. To the Indians I issued thousands of dollars' worth of military stores upon my own responsibility to keep them from starving.

AGENTS GROW RICH.

"Indian agents receive a salary of $1500 a year, and to grow rich, as they frequently do, they must 'stand in' with the contractors. Upon my report a contractor for the Spotted Tail Agency, named McCann, was convicted in a United States court of Idaho and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment. He secured a new trial, however, and escaped punishment. The agent was, no doubt, equally culpable, but there was no proof against him. The teachers employed at the Indian schools often misrepresent the true state of affairs by quitting East and telling of the wonderful things they have accomplished in the way of civilization."

It seems that Colonel Mills' views on the best solution of the Indian troubles were recently given to General Miles, the two officers having been close friends for many years. General Miles, however, did not approve of the plan, and while declaring it impracticable, did not suggest a better one.

SIXTEENTH STREET.

The Commission Ascertaining Real Estate Values.

Commissioners Nealon, Clunie and McMahon, appointed by the Board of Supervisors to assess the cost of extending Sixteenth street over the proposed new lines, met again last night at the New City Hall. The agent representing the interests of George Hearst valued the four lots in Block 11 of the Flint Tract, owned by his principal, at $100 per front foot, they having a frontage of 150 feet. H. W. Hathorne, owning 60 feet front in the same block, valued his property at $100 per front foot.

These being all the property-owners represented last night, the Commissioners held an executive session to hear the report of the real estate agents who were appointed by the commission to value the property proposed to be condemned. This report will not be made public for some time, as other property-owners are expected to come before the commission and value their property.

It was stated prior to going into executive session that the real estate experts have so far made their estimates on nearly half of the proposed extension line, or about 3000 feet.

A FATAL QUARREL.

Killing of a Railroad Man by an Infuriated Waiter.

The Oakland Mole the Scene of the Tragedy. Brakeman Samuels the Victim—The Murderer's Remorse.

A sad homicide occurred at the restaurant at the end of the Oakland Mole at a little past 6 o'clock yesterday morning, when Robert McGregor, a waiter, aged 18, stabbed and mortally wounded a brakeman named C. S. Samuels, aged 23, with a bread knife. The young men had attended a dance on Saturday evening and had a falling out, which was continued until Sunday morning at breakfast and was not concluded until yesterday, when it ended in Samuels' death.

CAUSE OF THE TRAGEDY.

The latter's breakfast had been served and McGregor failed to give him a knife and fork. When Samuels asked for them the waiter, with an oath, told him he would have to wait, and being so angry came around and grabbed Samuels. The latter was a robust young man of 6 feet stature and about 180 pounds weight. After a short scuffle he laughingly laid McGregor down on the floor and held him there. He let him up after a while, and the little waiter, who is only 5 feet 5 inches, with 125 pounds weight, came from behind the counter again, and was again laid on the floor by the young brakeman. He was very angry, cursed Samuels roundly and called him names, till finally his good nature gave out. Samuels then got off the stool and started to go around the counter, when McGregor threatened him with the knife with which he was cutting bread. He continued to advance and said to McGregor: "Well, here I am, stab me if you dare." When he got near enough McGregor made a lunge and struck him in the right side, about four inches below and one inch to the right of the nipple.

A MORTAL WOUND.

The wounded man stepped back and said, "You little devil, you have cut me." To which he replied: "I know I did. I intended to do it, you——, and I'll do it again." Samuels staggered back and would have fallen, but he was caught by Conductor Morris of the Berkeley local and J. L. Peregoy and laid down on the floor. The last words he said were, "Oh, my God, Perry, I am killed." He died in less than half an hour after he was stabbed.

The knife was a very keen one, and had been ground down by constant usage until it was much like a stiletto with a long blade.

J. L. Peregoy, the ticket taker at the pier, was interviewed regarding the occurrence and stated that he was just entering the restaurant to get his breakfast when Samuels stepped back from the end of the lunch counter and exclaimed to McGregor, "You little devil, you have cut me," whereupon McGregor made the reply above noted. Almost immediately Samuels fell back into his arms, gasping, "My God, Perry, I am killed." He was then laid on the floor and expired in a few minutes.

THE PRISONER'S STORY.

McGregor was placed under arrest shortly afterward and taken to the City Prison. He is very remorseful and cries a great deal, saying he does not know what made him cut his best friend. After the death of his people he quieted down somewhat, and between his sobs told the following story of the occurence: "When Samuels first came into the restaurant he asked for a plug of tobacco, which I gave him. Almost immediately he began to grumble about something that occurred on a former occasion, but I did nothing. I took his order and as he continued to abuse me I stepped up to him and told him I would have no more of that. Being bigger and more powerful than me he threw me down and sat on me. I owned myself beaten, got up, served his order, but gave him no knife or fork. These he called for, but I told him I wouldn't give him any and if he didn't like it to get out.

"Then he said, 'I'll come around and get them myself.' I said, 'Don't you come around here.' But he came around to where I was cutting bread at the end. When he came at me I thought he was going to hit me, and I struck at him with the knife which I had in my hand."

HE DIDN'T INTEND IT.

The recital was followed by fresh tears and the statement that he did not intend to kill the man who had always been one of his best friends.

McGregor is a native of Providence, R. I., and has been a resident of Oakland for several years. Samuels, his victim, was universally liked by all the railroad boys, who say that he was not in the least quarrelsome and was always laughing and joking.

RANSACKED ROOMS.

Thieves at Work in a Howard-Street Lodging-House.

At an early hour on Sunday a thief or thieves entered the house occupied by J. C. Woods, at 1138 Howard street, and made away with considerable plunder.

Between 1 and 2 o'clock Mrs. Woods was in the kitchen, when a man opened the kitchen door, and as soon as he saw her he said: "Excuse me; I've made a mistake." As soon as possible she went out in the hall and saw the man running downstairs and evidently talking to some one on the way, so that it is thought he had a companion.

Mrs. Woods awoke her husband, and it was found that his room had been entered and a gold watch and chain, valued at $250, stolen from the bureau, his clothes had been been ransacked and 70 cents, all the change they contained, taken. The clothes were found lying out in the hallway. Two other rooms, whose occupants were asleep and who had left their doors unlocked, had also been entered. Two young men, who occupied one room, had $7 50 taken from their pockets, and Mr. Yokely, another roomer, mourns the loss of $2 50.

The stolen watch is a gold hunting-case key-winder, made by John Harrison of Liverpool, and is numbered 1174. The chain is a double-snake chain and is very heavy. Less than a month ago the same house was entered and two suits of clothes stolen.

AMATEUR BILLIARDS.

Opening of the Olympic's Handicap Tournament.

The annual handicap billiard tournament of the Olympic Club was begun last evening. There are two classes competing. In the first the names of twelve contestants figure on the board and in the second there are ten entries.

The result of the matches, as played last evening, is: First class—C. H. Williams played 300 points as against J. W. Beatty's 175. Williams won by 4 points. J. P. Kelly and E. J. Waugh also played 175 points each.

Second class—R. A. Williams played 200 points as against F. E. Tremper's 160, the latter winning by 30 points.

Joseph M. Farnan played 165 points as against H. H. Egbert's 150. The former ran out his full score while Egbert made 90 points.

The billiardists who will play this evening are: First class—E. T. Kruse 175 vs. O. B. Burns 250; H. B. Russ 250 vs. R. I. Bowie 175. Second class—F. G. Redding 165 vs. M. L. Espinosa 160; J. F. Moroney 200 vs. F. Sullivan 180. A good attendance witnessed the games last evening.

A Mark of Esteem.

Yesterday afternoon E. W. Williams, Chief Deputy County Clerk, was presented with a gold chain and locket, beautifully and richly set with diamonds, by his late subordinates of the Davies administration. Mr. Williams was completely bewildered with surprise, but recovered in time to make a neat and feeling response.

CRAFT AND GUILD.

Strike of Boys in Abrahamson's Bone-Factory.

Annual Jubilation Meeting of the Plasterers. A Strike of Printers Averted—The Shoe Clerks Unshaken in Their Faith.

An exciting time took place on the corner of Mission and Main streets yesterday morning, caused by a number of boys who had been employed by G. Abrahamson, a maker of corsets and combs. The boys had been paid $3 a week and on Saturday made a demand for 50 cents extra, which was refused. The juveniles, however, were impressed with union ideas, and determined to strike.

Accordingly they refused to go to work yesterday morning unless their terms were granted. The proprietor persisted in his refusal, and the strikers became so energetic in trying to obtain a favorable settlement that Abrahamson had to send for assistance to the North Harbor Police Station.

On the arrival of the officers quiet was restored, but the boys remained on the outside all day in the hope of inducing others to leave that had remained, and preventing substitutes from taking their places. The boys complain that the work is terribly dirty, and the pay insufficient. Abrahamson declares that he will employ no more boys.

RETAIL SHOE CLERKS.

Strong Faith in the Ultimate Success of Early Closing.

The stated meeting of the Retail Shoe Clerks' Association was held at B'nai B'rith Hall last night. The question of consolidation with the Retail Clerks' Association was considered at length, but final action was postponed till a special meeting, to be held on Thursday.

A committee was appointed with full power to act and to visit Mr. Katchinsky of a shoe-store on Third street, in order to endeavor to effect a settlement of the present boycott. This is the firm with which the clerks have been having so much trouble in the courts.

A sub-committee of the Executive Committee of the Federated Trades will be in attendance at the special meeting on Thursday night, in order to consider what action shall be taken in regard to Deasy Bros., whose refusal to close has given the association considerable trouble.

The committee on the retail shoe clerks' ball, which will take place on February 5d, reported that Odd Fellows' Hall had been secured, and that out of 1000 tickets sent out 600 had already been disposed of.

The members have the utmost confidence in the ultimate success of their efforts to secure early closing, and are not at all discouraged at the few stumbling blocks which have been placed in their way by recalcitrant firms.

JOLLY PLASTERERS.

An Evening Spent in Singing and in Discussing a Collation.

Instead of the usual business meeting last night the Plasterers' Union held its annual social reunion, and the reason for this jollification was the great prosperity of the union during the last year. The hope was expressed that the coming twelve months would result in the same continued prosperity.

Instead of the usual dry detail of routine matters the evening was spent in singing and in the discussion of a collation which had been prepared. Peter Roberts delivered an address on the work accomplished by the union during the year. The Horseshoe Glee Club, which was in attendance, furnished string music, and songs were sung by R. Downing, H. Langshaw, R. Crabb, with a quartet by Messrs. Derning, Roberts, Langshaw and Baily.

One of the features of the evening was the singing of "Pollywog in the Pool" by Messrs. Simpson, Duff, Corcoran and Keck, and Brother Richardson from the same company commanders, their rank will be as follows: Captain Bush, H; Tilden, G; Jansen, D (colors); Marshall, A; Margo, F; Cook, B, and Woodruff, C.

The election last evening was called for special business as far back as the 18th ult., but Company A, which also meets on Monday evening, stole a quiet march, and the orders calling for its election, though issued only last week, set Saturday according to plans suggested by the City Engineer. Charles Moebus was appointed on the police force vice Edward Woodruff, by the resignation of L. W. Schroeder. The annual report of the Street Superintendent showed the following sums were expended for improvements under public contracts: For laying artificial stone sidewalks, $288253; for sewers, $21,707 94; for grading and curbing, $15,922 71; for macadamizing, curbing and macadamizing, $79,683 78; for crossings, $2973 97, making a total of $147,770 44. In addition to this a large number of sidewalk and street improvements was made by private contract.

Two boys named Andrew Hubbard and Percy Hughes, neither over 14 years, were wandering along the beach last Saturday when they noticed a sail boat at the foot of Twentieth street. Without asking any one's permission they jumped into the boat, set the sails and started out on a trip. When a short distance from shore they were unable to manage their craft and commenced to drift. They were out all Saturday night, and the steamer Transit came very nearly running into their boat. The tide carried them to San Francisco, where they arrived about 7 o'clock on Sunday morning. The little fellows did not know how to return home except by the way they came, and again ventured on the deep. This time they were more fortunate, for the tide carried them almost directly to Alameda, where they arrived on Sunday at noon. Their parents were almost distracted over their disappearance, and were up all Saturday night looking for them. It was bitterly cold that night, and the boys suffered considerably.

Berkeley.

In spite of the fact that the Southern Pacific Company asserts that travel to Berkeley is not heavy enough to warrant half-hour trains through the day, the number of passengers that take the Berkeley local has doubled in two years. The trains have increased from four cars on the evening runs to seven, and on Friday night, for the first time, eight cars were attached, making the largest regular train that ever pulled out of the pier for Berkeley and way stations.

The Board of Education will have to do something to increase the capacity of the Kellogg School. Twenty-two new pupils were admitted to the school last week, and at present there is not a vacant seat in the building. There are at present 596 pupils attending the school, including the grade which goes to the North Berkeley School, numbering but seventy-five. In case any one applies for admission to the schools in this end of town they will be turned away until there is a vacant seat. Their applications will be carefully filed away, and the first applicant will be awarded the first vacant seat.

Republican League Officers.

The following officers were elected at a meeting of General Alger Camp, No. 1, Army and Navy Republican League: E. B. Griffith, Colonel; Albert Cressy, Lieutenant-Colonel; L. Howell, Major; G. D. Hovey, Adjutant; W. J. Park, Quartermaster; J. Q. Hatch, Commissary; A. L. Currie, Captain; B. J. Landergan, First Lieutenant; J. S. Sargent, Second Lieutenant; Directors—A. Cressy, M. C. Dunn, J. Q. Hatch, E. B. Griffith, J. E. Ball.

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"plug-uglies" on Market street last evening for begging. They worked in conjunction and were alarmingly persistent in their methods. They stopped eight persons on the most prominent block on Market street in one minute. They are said to belong to the gang which arrived here from Washington and Oregon last week, which will make five of the twenty already in the hands of the police.

FARMERS IN COUNCIL.

Meeting of the Alliance Executive Committee.

In the small hall adjoining the rooms of the State Board of Horticulture, at 220 Sutter street, the quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Farmers' Alliance was commenced yesterday afternoon. There were present: John Dore of Fresno, who acted as President; Secretary Jesse Poundstone of Colusa, David Reid of Monterey, James Morgan of Santa Barbara and E. M. Wardel of Los Angeles; also half a dozen agents representing firms with business to be transacted with the committee.

Professor Shinn