THE LAW MILL GRINDS BRISKLY.

Legislators Continue to Introduce New Bills.

A Measure for the Supervision of Water Companies—Lifting Taxes From Mortgages—Free School-Books.

Special to THE MORNING CALL.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 31.—Both Mayor Glascock and W. W. Camron have sent to the Assembly denials of the utterances attributed to them by an evening paper of San Francisco. These denials were read this morning and Mr. Gould, who instigated the investigation of the charge that members of the House were holding out to be bribed to vote for the electric bills at once, moved to end the investigation there and then, but McCall of Alameda was determined that it should go on. He declared it to be the duty of the House to ascertain by whom these reports had been spread, and whether there was any foundation to them. Seeing that the man from Alameda was in earnest Gould withdrew his motion and the investigation will proceed.

OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

G. M. Cotrell of Los Angeles, who styles himself "Seventh-day Baptist Missionary to California, from Atchison County, Kansas," has sent a petition to the Assembly, urging it to pass a law to close business places on Sunday that will take into consideration those who "observe the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath." Such a law as the Assembly proposes to pass, the missionary to California says, would be a manifest injustice to the class of citizens he represents, "as well as in direct opposition to the Constitution of the United States, which grants religious liberty to all. Therefore in behalf of the hundreds or thousands of conscientious and law-abiding citizens of California who observe the seventh day," he urges that they be exempted from the provisions of the law.

TAXING TIMBER LANDS.

Clark of Yolo introduced the following resolution calling for much needed legislation relative to timber land:

WHEREAS, Under the present law of the United States the timber lands of the United States may be purchased by one qualified person in quantities of 160 acres; and, whereas, under the present law such person may receive a patent to such land within three months after his application therefor; and, whereas, foreign and other corporations are taking advantage of the law as it now stands, and procuring "dummies" to locate large bodies of the timber lands of this State, which "dummies" transfer said lands to said corporations immediately after they receive patents therefor, to the exclusion of the citizens of this State, and of the United States, who ought to have such lands reserved for their use; and, whereas, such corporations fail to place their deeds to such lands on record, thereby preventing the same from being taxed, and thereby escaping their just burden of taxation; therefore,

Resolved, That the people of the State of California call upon their Senators and Representatives in Congress to amend the present land laws relating to the sale of timber lands so that no one person can purchase more than forty acres of the same, and that Registers and Receivers shall, on the first day of February of each year, furnish a list of all applications to purchase timber lands to the Assessors of the counties where such lands are situated, and a list of all patents issued therefor during the present year.

MORTGAGE TAXES.

An amendment to the Constitution affecting every holder of a mortgage, and, in fact, every tax-payer in the State, is a special order for Monday. It is the following:

All property in this State, not exempt under the laws of the United States, shall be taxed in proportion to its value, to be ascertained as provided by law. The word property, as used in this article and section, is hereby declared to include all moneys, credits, bonds, stocks, deeds, franchises, and all other matters and things, real, personal, and mixed, capable of private ownership; provided, that growing crops, mortgages, trust deeds, property used exclusively for public schools, and such as may belong to the United States, this State, or any county, or municipal corporation within this State, shall be exempt from taxation. The Legislature may provide for a reduction from credits or debts due bona fide residents of this State.

This amendment was introduced by Mr. Matthews. Its very apparent purpose is to relieve holders of mortgages from paying taxes on them, and, it is believed, was introduced for the purpose of lifting out of the tough into which they had fallen, the money-lenders who hold mortgages on property in Southern California where values went down with the collapse of the boom. It is by no means certain that it will pass the House, for more than one member from the north is "laying for it."

WRANGLING MEDICOS.

Allopath and homeopath have locked horns over the bill to regulate the practice of medicine in this State, which is known as House Bill 240, and which creates a Board of Examiners who are to determine who shall be permitted to practice medicine in this State. A pamphlet, allopathic in quantity but homeopathic in quality, has been sent to each member of the Legislature, in which a vigorous attack is made upon the bill.

The writer says: "Inspection of this bill plainly shows that it is not intended to protect the public from abuses in the medical profession, but to create and perpetuate a ring, or trust, with power to reduce the profession to a single school of medicine, and to reduce the numbers of that school to suit the views of the trust. The bill creates, under the guise of a Board of Examiners, a court of record, with power to issue process, hear and determine causes, render judgment, adopt rules of procedure, clothes it with both judicial and juridicial powers, and from whose judgments and proceedings there is no appeal or review. It establishes another State bureau, the cost of which can only be imagined, but with good nursing can be made $20,000 or $30,000 a year. And all for what? To gratify the malice of doctors toward one another, the hatred of the so-called 'regular' school against all others, and to enable the trust to destroy its rivals in the profession. Only this and nothing more. And the machinery of this bill accomplishes that object by giving this board power to drive any doctor out of practice on a mere question of ethics. It establishes an unbridled and irresponsible censorship in what is called the 'ethics of the profession.' All the provisions of the bill center on this—all are but means to this end."

The World's Fair bills will be made the special order in the House and Senate for Monday.

FREE SCHOOL BOOKS.

Assemblyman Clark kept his promise relative to Tennis' bill providing that school books shall be sold at the actual cost of printing and distributing. He said yesterday afternoon that there was an African in the bill and this morning he produced his African. At present, in accordance with the Constitution, the books are sold at an increase of 1 per cent on the cost of production. This increase enables the State to keep up the printing plant; but if the books are sold at cost the fund for keeping up the plant would soon be exhausted and the work would have to be suspended. Wherefore, Mr. Clark moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill passed.

Assemblyman Dibble said the bill was framed for a righteous purpose. It is a well-known fact that book-sellers in San Francisco are charging 40 per cent increase on the cost of school-books, and they keep within the letter of the law by saying that they are charging but the actual cost of the books with postage added. That is, they charge for each book as if it had been singly sent through the mail from the printing office, whereas they actually receive the books by freight. He thought it would be well to let the matter stand as it was, as there is little doubt that a law will be passed making school-books free, and a bill for that purpose has already passed the Senate.

WATER LEGISLATION.

Just before the Senate adjourned to-day, and when half of the seats were empty, Mahoney of San Francisco asked permission to introduce a bill out of order. Permission being granted, he sent up a bill the title of which gave no suggestion of its contents. The bill will be nice Sunday reading for the Spring Valley Water Company. The company will probably call it a hoary-headed "cinch," but others may find a milder term to designate it. It provides that all corporations, companies or persons supplying water to any city and county, city or town, must furnish pure water at reasonable rates for family use without distinction of persons, and for all municipal purposes free of charge. An abundant supply must always be on hand. The rates the company shall charge shall be determined by the Board of Supervisors so as to allow such corporation a profit on its business not to exceed 6 per cent per annum in cities of 100,000 inhabitants or more, nor more than 8 per cent in cities of less population, on a cash value of the real and personal property of said corporation and over and above the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the legitimate and economical management and carrying on of such business. Meters only shall be used at the option of the consumer or on a permit granted by the Supervisors, and a permit shall only be granted in cases where conclusive proof is given by the corporation of an excessive use of water by the consumer. Such corporation shall furnish a detailed statement, attested by the President and Secretary, showing the actual cash value of the property necessary to carry on the business and the cost of operating, and no water rates shall be collected until such statement is made. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to examine the books, accounts and real and personal property of the corporation to verify its statements. Officers, agents or employes of a company making false statements to the examiner for the Supervisors are punishable by fine of not less than $200 or more than $1000, or imprisonment for not less than ninety days, and the company shall forfeit all rights under its charter to carry on business. Informers shall receive half of fines collected.

CHECKING THE NEW COUNTY FEVER.

Secretary Berry has framed a bill that, if passed, will have a tendency to allay the existing fever for creating new counties. The bill was introduced in the Senate today and provides that before a new county can be formed a petition signed by a majority of the freeholders outside of the cities desiring to create a new county must be presented to the Board of Supervisors of the county from which the largest portion of the new county is to be taken, specifying the name of the new county; that the new county-seat petition shall then be sent to the Governor, who shall appoint five disinterested citizens as a commission to acquaint itself with all matters appertaining to the creation of the new county; they shall decide whether by creating a new county an injustice would be done any other county, and shall decide what portion of the indebtedness of each county from which the new county was formed, the new county shall pay. If the Commissioners report in favor of creating a new county, it shall proceed to organize under the County Government Act; if the decision is adverse, no further proceedings in the matter can be taken for four years.

A bill has been introduced in the Senate for the incorporation of the town of Red Bluff.

A GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE.

Another bill was introduced appropriating $70,000 for the purchase of a building for a residence for the Governor. The bill does not specify what portion of the city the residence shall be located in. It places the funds for the purpose in the hands of the Capitol Commissioners.

Senator Campbell of Solano to-day presented a bill repealing the act appropriating $160,000 for the purchase of jute machinery for San Quentin. The appropriation was made in 1889, but the Directors used but a few hundred dollars of it, and Campbell thinks it better to put the money where it cannot be reached except by an act of the Leislature.

Shanahan made an attempt in the House to have the joint resolution calling upon Congress to do all it can to resuscitate foreign commerce amended so as to read "without granting subsidies to steamship companies." The Assembly would have none of it and the tail man from Shasta sat down discomfitted.

LIVERMORE.

Developing the Mineral Industry of That Section.

Editor Morning Call: Let it not be supposed that the sole wealth of the Livermore Valley lies in its vast grain-fields, its incipient orchards or even in its famous vineyards. The renown of Livermore hay and wheat has sounded to the length and breadth of the State; it has recently been demonstrated that oranges will grow here without irrigation, bearing good crops of fine-flavored fruits, and the products of Livermore vineyards have spoken for themselves in no uncertain tones.

Not so much is known, however, of the mineral wealth of this section, though those familiar with the region are not slow to declare that it is rich in mineral possibilities. Gold, silver, quicksilver, coal, coal-oil, building-stone, chrome, sulphur and marble have been all discovered hereabouts, but with the exception of the stone and coal but few attempts at practical working have been made with these. From time to time, since the first discovery of coal in Murray Township, which was as early as 1860, by Captain O'Brien, who formed a company, on working the vein found by him in Corral Hollow, coal-mining enterprises have been set afoot here, but only to be abandoned wholly, or in part, for lack of adequate facilities.

The mines opened and operated by Captain O'Brien's company were after a few years sold to W. T. Coleman of San Francisco, and under his ownership allowed to lie idle. Other fine veins have been discovered since then, and more or less successfully worked—a clean, pure, excellent bituminous coal being taken out, which makes a very hot fire, with but very little blaze or smoke, and is capital for steam purposes. In no instance, however, have the possibilities of the many veins in the immediate vicinity of Livermore been developed to anything like perfection. Companies have been formed and large sums have been invested to bring from a distance coal of an inferior quality, when right here, within less than fifty miles of our greatest city, lies potentially the most profitable and prosperous coal-field on the Coast.

A new epoch is dawning for the mines of the Livermore region, however. About ten miles from town the Eureka Company is sinking a shaft, and will soon begin operating the Eureka Mine, an enterprise which, it is estimated, will put a large amount of first-class coal upon the market, while at the same time it will redound to the immediate benefit of this town, bringing, as it will, from fifty to a hundred families within our borders, while the local market will receive its share from the $20,000 or $30,000 which it is anticipated will be paid monthly to the wage-earners of this new accession to our population.

In this same connection another enterprise for which Livermore's rustling citizens are working is a road up the Arroyo Mocha to avoid the difficult and for many purposes inaccessible Crane's Ridge, which presents a formidable barrier to the development of the very important section of country which the proposed road would open up. There are desirable timber tracts to be thus reached, a chrome deposit excelling any other ever found hereabouts, while at the head of the Arroyo Mocha are extensive deposits of manganese that can never be worked until an outlet is afforded for the product. A number of other mines, with this road further outleted, could also be profitably worked, and our thriving town would enter upon an era of new and assured prosperity. Matters about town have been very quiet of late.

The demand for Livermore hay is slowly but surely emptying the warehouses, large shipments being made almost daily. Quite an amount of building is going on. J. H. Pagat is adding a substantial two-story building to his shop facilities, and various other improvements are making in different parts of town.

The Catholics, under the able generalship of Rev. Father Powers, are building a beautiful new edifice, to cost, when completed, between $17,000 and $18,000. It is expected that the building will be dedicated about March 17th. Four beautiful memorial windows are to be put in the building, the gifts of Mrs. M. Hupers, Mrs. M. Mulqueny, Mr. James Concannon and Mr. Peter McKeany.

One of Livermore's best-known residents, Hon. James Beazell, is again about after a painful and dangerous illness. Mr. Beazell was obliged, about two months ago, to undergo amputation of an arm. Blood poisoning set in and he has been critically ill. There is no more popular man in the county, and his friends are rejoiced to see him about again.

Since January 1st daily services have been held in the Methodist Church, with large attendance and excellent results. A large number of pastors from San Francisco and Oakland have been present to assist Dr. Haswell in conducting the meetings and the interest has been well sustained. A. E. K.

Livermore, Jan. 31, 1891.

Foundlings' Benefit.

On Monday, March 30th, and every night during the week following, the New York Comedy Company will present at the Grand Opera House the spectacular drama entitled "Out at Sea, or the Waif on the Sands," for the benefit of the San Francisco Foundling Home, located at 201 California street. The home is in need of funds for the erection of a suitable building of its own and its managers have adopted this plan of appealing to the public for aid. In the meanwhile, pending the completion of arrangements, solicitors will be sent out to canvass the city for subscriptions.

Burglary of a Barn.

Cornelius Shay was arrested last evening for the burglary on the 21st ult. of a barn owned by John Finn on Kisling street. A valise put there by William Farland for safe keeping was cut open and a diamond ring and cuff buttons carried away. Shay has been identified.

Caused by an Oil Lamp.

The explosion of a coal-oil lamp caused a fire in the dwelling of Michael Earles at 18 Dore street at 6:15 o'clock last evening and Box 185 was turned in. The damages amounted to only $35.

EVENTS IN THE SOCIAL WORLD.

Brilliant Closing Meeting of the Oakland Cotillion Club.

THE DEAN SOIREE DANSANTE.

Announcements of Interesting Events—School Entertainment at South San Francisco—A Nationalist Surprise at Ocean View—The Wade Tin Wedding—An Alameda Anniversary.

The tenth anniversary ball of the San Francisco Ladies' Benevolent Society will take place at Irving Hall this evening.

The completion of the twenty-fourth year of Emmanuel Mission Sunday-school was observed on Thursday evening by an entertainment in the hall, 928 Harrison street, when, besides the usual songs and recitations of the pupils, a number of pieces were played by the American Brass Band, under the direction of the leader, Mr. Hines, and at the close of the exercises Santa Claus made his appearance, bringing with him an abundance of candy and cakes, which were fairly distributed, the whole making the occasion a very enjoyable one indeed.

The Junior Western Addition Literary and Social Club held its first meeting on last Monday and elected the following officers: President, Mortimer de Witt; Secretary, Robert Belser; Treasurer, Roscoe Perkins. It is the intention of the club to inaugurate a series of monthly entertainments, the first of which will take place early in February at the residence of Mrs. M. de Witt, on the corner of Oak and Webster streets.

The marriage of Captain Ysak Ely of the yacht Sappho and Miss Maria K. Halkola was solemnized in Sausalito last Tuesday evening. After the ceremony the newly married couple repaired to the San Francisco Yacht Club-house, where a sumptuous supper was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hooper of the Bella Vista gave an elegant dinner on Thursday evening.

The College Theater at Santa Clara will be the scene on February 10th of a very interesting entertainment. After some humorous recitations by Mr. Hill of this city a play entitled "The Hidden Gem" will be given by the members of the Sodality Debating Society. The entertainment will conclude with the final award of the piano presented to the church by Miss Kate May Dillon of this city.

The San Francisco Grutli Verein gave a highly successful masquerade ball last evening at Saratoga Hall. The costumes were unusually elaborate, and the fun was kept up far into the night.

A ball will be given by Galileo Grove, No. 37, A. O. U. W., at New Bersaglieri Hall, on the corner of Stockton and Union streets, this evening.

The Arabian Nights entertainment and Merchants' Caravan, held by the King's Daughters during the latter part of the week at Odd Fellows' Hall, closed last evening.

An evening to be devoted to drama and music has been contemplated, and is at present well advanced in its development by Mrs. A. S. Langstroth and Mr. J. I. Houseman. The Tuesday evening just before Lent has been selected, and a number of society people have formed parties to be present at Irving Hall on the occasion. Mrs. Edgerton will participate in the programme as will also Miss Spring, who possesses a soprano voice of pleasant quality. Mr. Richard M. Hotaling lends a peculiar interest to the entertainment by appearing as Miss Florence Marigold in "My Uncle's Will." Mr. Housman will take a part in a comedy sketch, and will also present the character of Sir Peter Teazle. As a whole, the evening promises to be pleasant and interesting.

The Dean Reception.

The approach of Lent is creating an enhanced interest among society's favorite entertainers, and no affair has for a long time given more pleasure than the reception held last Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dean, at their residence, 240 San Jose avenue.

The guests were pleasantly welcomed by the host and hostess, assisted by their daughter, Miss Sarah Dean, a bright string of Japanese lanterns across the lawn having guided the visitors to the scene of hospitality. The large ball-room was specially decorated for the occasion with Japanese lanterns and umbrellas, while scarlet berries, ferns and clusters of flowers charmingly distinguished the hallway and reception-rooms.

Dancing to the music of Brand's Orchestra continued throughout the evening until 2 o'clock, a pleasant intermission at 2 o'clock occurring for the service of an elaborate supper.

Among those participating in the delightful affair were: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dean, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bandmann, Miss Sarah Dean, Miss Maude Badlam, Miss Emma McMillan, Miss Alice Mau, Miss Julia Mau, Miss Minnie Nightingale, Miss Georgie Nightingale, Miss Wagner, Miss Eichbaum, Miss Lou Hayes, Miss Mamie Hayes, Miss Ethel Martel, Miss Adele Martel, Miss Bertie Hyde, Miss Anita Plum; the Messrs. Dean, George F. Mearns, Robert Lloyd, John N. Featherston, Robert McMillan, Mr. Macintosh, J. Frank Brown, Henry E. Wise, A. W. Scott Jr., Dr. William G. Mizner, Dr. William Simpson, A. E. Shattuck, E. Heller.

The Oakland Cotillon Club.

On Friday evening the last, and in many ways their most successful, german of the season was given at Simmons' Hall by the Oakland Cotillon Club. Many of the guests were present from this city.

Mr. H. B. Houghton led, and the order of dances was as follows: Grand right and left, the gliding lines, double counter march, pyramid (each set dancing one of the above figures), revolving circles, marching in columns of four, single counter march and Greek cross.

Brandt's Orchestra officiated most satisfactorily. The decorations were tasteful, and a calcium flash lent a charm to the tableau vivant. Supper was served at midnight.

Altogether the club has much to congratulate itself upon in reviewing the past season. In the face of much difficulty it has maintained the lead and increased the interest generally felt in the club by society at large. This has been largely due to the leaders, Messrs. Harry Houghton, Athearn Folger and Rhodes Borden, with a few colleagues.

Those taking part in the first set on this occasion were: Miss Anita Whitney, Miss Jessie Coleman, Miss Nellie McKee, Miss Helen Borden, Miss Gertrude Bayley, Miss Bessie Wheaton, Miss Emma Farrier, Miss Annie Sessions, Miss Kate Clement, Miss Mattie Knowles, Miss Mamie Dunham, Miss Mollie Hutchinson, Miss Florine Brown, Miss Nannie Prather; Messrs. J. A. Folger, A. S. Macdonald, Jim McKee, Rhodes Borden, Will Powning, Vernon Gray, Ralph Moore, Frank Drum, Henry Wadsworth, Cutler Paige, George Wheaton, A. N. Bayley.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. William F. Bowers, Mrs. F. E. Brigham, Mr. and Mrs. Al Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Glascock, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Henshaw, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. G. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. T. Watkinson, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Alexander, Mrs. Ralston, Mrs. Sessions, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Orr, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. McKee, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Wheaton, Mrs. Wall, Mrs. Albert Miller, Mrs. Wadsworth, Mrs. Handy, Mrs. Knowles, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Coleman, Miss Pardow of New York, Miss Woolrich of Menlo Park, Miss Eva Shafter, Miss Hoffman of San Francisco, Miss Nellie Woods, Mrs. Woods of San Francisco, Miss Beaman of Mare Island, Miss Blanche Cornwall of San Francisco, Miss Grace Barstow, Miss Gertrude Bayley, Miss Helen Borden, Miss Booth, Miss Floy Brown, Miss Brigham, Miss Nellie Chabot, Miss Cohn, Miss Clement, Miss Coleman, Miss de Fremery, Miss Esma Dean, Miss Dunham, Miss Farrier, Miss Goodall, Miss Harris, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Martie Hutchinson, Miss Knowles, Miss Mamie Knowles, Miss Miller, Miss Annie Miller, Miss Nellie McKee, Miss Amy McKee, Miss Moore, Miss Annie Moore, Miss Orr, Miss Nancie Prather, Miss Claire Ralston, Miss Sessions, Miss Watt, Miss Bessie Wall, Miss Ella Wall, Miss Wheaton, Miss May Williams, Miss Violet Whitney, Miss Anita Whitney, Miss Stephanie Whitney, Miss Coffin, Miss Lelia Carroll, Miss Minnie Hathaway, Miss Una Handy, Miss Cassie Drum, Miss Phillips.

Messrs. Edson Adams, Henry Adams, A. P. Brayton, Rhodes Borden, Samuel Breck Jr., Harry Coleman, Alfred Clement, Robert M. Fitzgerald, Athearn Folger, Cleveland Forbes, Edward Harris, E. S. Heller, Harry Haight, Louis Haight, Charles P. Hubbard, H. B. Loughton, P. Hutchinson, A. R. James, Harry Knowles, S. B. McKee, James C. McKee, Horace Miller, Harry Miller, William Meek, William Magee, John McGillivray, Ferd Reis, A. S. Macdonald, William Powning, B. H. Pendleton, Ed Pringle, Carter Tevis, Andy Stone, Ben Taylor, Harry Wilson, Stedman Van Wyck, George Wheaton, H. P. Squire, Charles W. Howard, Paxton Howard, H. E. Wadsworth, A. A. Bayley, Fred Lake, Arthur Hutton, E. L. Brayton, B. H. Wyman, Frank Drum, F. H. Loring, Ralph Moore, Joe Hooper, Lieutenant West, U. S. N.; Lieutenant Bell, U. S. N.; John T. Scott, Lester Herrick, Cutler Paige; Lieutenant John McDonald, U. S. N.; Frank B. B. Petterson, William S. McMurtry, Dr. George Augur, H. H. Watson, George James, Vernon Gray, Lansing Wood; H. C. Poundstone., U. S. N.; Mr. Gibbons, U. S. N.

A Complimentary Surprise in Ocean View.

The Ocean View Nationalist Club gave an invitation party on Friday, January 30th, which was largely attended by the elite of the neighborhood, as well as many visitors from the city, Oakland, Alameda, etc.

The affair was in the nature of a surprise party to the President, Mrs. Florence M. Sully, and Mr. H. A. Sully, the Corresponding Secretary of the club, and originated in a desire on the part of their comrades to give them a good "send-off" upon their removal to the city.

Not a word had been said to indicate that anything outside the ordinary club routine was contemplated, but after the regular business had been transacted and the resignations of the two officers accepted Comrade Hughes took the floor and moved that a handsome plush cushion, which had been donated to the club, be presented to Mr. Sully as a small token of the esteem in which he and Mrs. Sully were held by their comrades and in recognition of his services as inaugurator of the Nationalist Club in Ocean View.

He was followed by Comrade John Perry, who waxed eloquent as he described the indefatigable zeal and energy shown by Mr. Sully in the cause of humanity as represented by the club. He said: "Personally I am under deep obligations to the comrade who is now leaving us. Since he came to Ocean View, about a year and a half ago, I have learned to admire his broad, liberal views, his mental acquirements and his mature judgment; but more than this, I have learned to love him for his great, warm heart and never-flagging sympathy for his fellow-man. This community is better for his coming, and in losing him we lose one whose place it will be almost impossible to fill."

Other members followed with warm eulogies and fraternal manifestations, and it was held to be the sense of the meeting that all the encomiums bestowed on Mr. Sully were to apply also to his wife, the retiring President, who had filled the chair for more than six months in the most praiseworthy manner, and had upheld and maintained the dignity of her office to the fullest extent.

The recipients of all these honors found the occasion almost too deep for words, and were thoroughly overwhelmed by so much glory, but managed to express their thanks for all the kindness shown, and declare their abiding trust and confidence in the future of the club.

An elegant lunch was served to all present, and with music, dance and song the guests enjoyed themselves until the morning.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sully and Master Harry Sully, Mr. and Mrs. Tozer, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Winkler, Mr. John Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Grace, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hughes, Mrs. Boyce, Mrs. Hoover, Mrs. Hamilton, Miss G. Hughes, Miss B. McKay, Miss G. Boyce, Miss Snyder, Miss I. D. Thistleton, Mrs. Stettler, and Messrs. H. Hughes, H. McKay, G. Engle, J. Roper, all of Ocean View; Mr. George Baldwin, Miss Maggie Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Vest, Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Davis, of this city; Mr. and Mrs. Held, Mr. Sund and Miss Schultz, Lakeview; the Misses Ada and Mabel McDonald from Alameda.

The event will long be remembered in the pretty little suburb of Ocean View.

South San Francisco School Entertainment.

The South San Francisco School on last Friday afternoon inaugurated a series of "Friday Literaries."

The principal has been engaged for the past three months in building up some enthusiasm in the important branch of reading, and his labors culminated on Friday in a very pleasant reunion of pupils. The songs, recitations and readings were all rendered with excellent taste and great spirit, and the pupils expressed themselves highly delighted with their literary undertaking.

The following programmes were rendered in the various grammar grades:

Miss E. V. Hanford's class—Class song; reading, "Lily's Ball," Matilda Fanser; reading, "Buttercups and Daisies," Eva Knobloch; reading, "Hunting Mignonette," Maggie Rojas; song, "By a Cottage," Nellie Burress; reading, "Lament of Mother Robin," Octavia Tonna; reading, "Climbing," Tony Lubke; reading, "The Unseen Playmate," Henry Crockard; reading, "Christmas Eve," Gussie Jackson; class song; reading, "Marjorie's Almanac," Annie Daley; reading, "Tulips," Sadie Wright; reading, "Beautiful Things," Alfred Gibsen; reading, "The Fairy Artist," John Purcell; reading, "The Wind," Victor Lograve; reading, "The Summer Sun," Addie Walrath; class song; reading, "The Bluebird's song," Rosie Tonna; reading, "It Is a Bird," Rosie Heine; class song.

Miss McGinnis' class—Readings, "Cruelty," Loretto Lahaney; "Waterfowl," Ella Sayer; "Voices," Bella Rose; "Summer," class song; readings, "Our Dog Nip," Lottie Gilmore and Josie Hallinan; "The Frost," Annie Ayers; "He Never Smiled Again," Rosie McWilliams; "The Heritage," B. Peguillan; "The Deep-toned Bell," Louisa Godfrey; "Curfew Bell," Alma Pederson; "Ben Battle," Mollie Regan; "Star of Bethlehem," Ella Roche; remarks by the principal, "America."

Mr. Brown's class—Opening song, "Mill May," by class; recitation, "Massachusetts," Hugo Munder; recitation, "Charity," Harry Hyde; reading, "The Stilly Night," Letitia Tonnar; reading, "The Retort," Maggie Flaherty; essay, "Truth," Annie Orchard; song, "Springtime," by class; reading, "Blue and Gray," Genova Williams; recitation, "Hamlet's Soliloquy," A. Barry; recitation, "Somebody's Darling," N. Burress; recitation, "Dress," A. Tully; reading, "Our Country," Arvilla Guider; reading, "Breathes There a Man," Mamie Adams; reading, "Father's at the Helm," Laura O'Connor; reading, "What I Live For," Irene Graves; song by the class, "The Blacksmith"; recitation, "The Boys," Mary McDonald; reading, "Polonius to His Son," Annie Desrosier; reading, "Psalm of Life," Mary Sullivan; reading, "Story of the Locusts," Frances Hamilton; reading, "The Grandfather," Katie Purcell; reading, "Heat," Mertie Wright and Lydia Rojas.

A Tin Wedding on Rausch Street.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Wade celebrated the tenth anniversary of their wedding last evening at their residence, on Rausch street. A number of relatives and friends gathered in the handsomely decorated parlors, and, after proffering warm congratulations to the host and hostess upon the auspicious occasion, enjoyed music and pleasant social converse until the service of an excellent supper, when the health of the bride and groom of ten years' standing was duly toasted. An hour or two of unstinted enjoyment followed. Mr. and Mrs. Wade were the recipients of some handsome presents, including an elegant book-case and secretary, from friends on the city front.

A Surprise Party.

A pleasant surprise party was recently given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Lundstrum at their residence, 24 Douglass street. The following programme was rendered, which was highly appreciated by the guests: Recitation, Mr. Harry Glick; vocal solo, Miss Morrow Tucker; recitation, Mr. T. G. Woodward; piano solo, Miss Laura Bates; comic song, Mr. E. P. Duggan; recitation, Miss Carrie Colman; Chinese song, Mr. W. F. Rudolph; recitation, Dr. F. L. Hultberg. After the exercises a bountiful supper was served. The remainder of the evening was spent dancing.

The Eola Club Party.

Another enjoyable party was given last evening at new Teutonia Hall by the Eola Club. Handsome souvenirs in the form of albums and photographs were awarded and a large attendance enjoyed the occasion.

Mr. Otto Tillman and Miss Jennie Dumont led the grand march to the music of Hyman & Hetzel's Orchestra, dancing continuing until 1 o'clock.

Mr. Rudolf Groswood acted as floor manager, and the Arrangement Committee consisted of Messrs. Leon Frank, George M. Walton, William Kramer, S. Levinson, D. H. Byrne, John R. Hansen, William Nolan.

Party on Howard Street.

On last Friday evening a very pleasant party was given at the residence of Mrs. William Jones, 1244 Howard street. The evening was spent in dancing and vocal and instrumental music. At 12 o'clock the guests repaired to the dining-room, where a sumptuous repast awaited them.

Among those present were: Miss Edria J. Cox, Miss Lizzie Odell, Miss Annie Odell, Miss Murphy, Miss Porter, Miss Vona Stephens, Miss McCandless, Mr. and Mrs. Mosher, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner, Messrs. A. Cormery, F. Myrick, George Farrall, W. Krattz, H. Britt, W. M. Nichols, H. Miller, I. Shealmidine, E. C. Bluxome, J. Buckley, Mr. Nugent, C. C. Pence, Louis Whiteman, H. Roy Stephens.

Pleasant Birthday Party.

On Tuesday evening the friends of Miss Alsagrazia Perez tendered her a surprise party at the residence of her parents, 1019½ Pacific street.

The event marked the eighteenth birthday anniversary of Miss Perez and was a very enjoyable affair throughout. During the evening the guests were royally entertained by their charming young hostess, assisted by her sister, Miss Rosaura Perez. The festivities comprised music and singing, interspersed with dancing, and continued until midnight.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Perez, Miss Lupa Torres, Mrs. Torres, Miss Elvera Noe, Miss Lily Behrens, Miss Rosaura Soto, Miss Nettie Dietz, Miss Pauline Blankenhorn, Miss Emelia Menke, Miss Alsagrazia Perez, Miss Rosaura Perez, Mrs. E. Gieschen, Mr. and Mrs. Eckley, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, Miss Letty Marshall, Mr. Martinez, Messrs. Miguel Esqueda, Frank Esqueda, Pedro Pota, E. F. Abrams.

Robertson Crystal Wedding in Alameda.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Robertson celebrated their crystal wedding at their residence on Encinal avenue, Alameda, last Saturday evening, and many of their friends gathered there to congratulate them on the happy occasion. The evening was one of enjoyment, and was spent in songs, recitations, games and dancing.

The singing of Mrs. Gray of this city was especially fine. The host and hostess were the recipients of many useful and elegant presents, which will serve as a reminder of the happy event. A tempting supper was served, and the merry gathering did not disperse until midnight.

Following is a list of the guests present: Mr. and Mrs. John T. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. James Bourbin, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Glass Sr., Mr. Milton Glass Jr., Miss Rosie Glass, Miss Rosie Carlo, Miss May Carlo, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Peter Short, Miss Moses, Mrs. E. Robertson, Mr. H. Frodsham, Mr. Dwire, Mr. Apple, Miss Mamie Cull, Miss Maggie Cull, all of San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lyons, of Selma; Captain and Mrs. S. J. Robertson, Folsom; Captain and Mrs. Brown, Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. Lovel, Oakland; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, Berkeley; Mrs. Winter, Miss Anna Wise, Miss Hillery, Miss Maggie Ronaldson, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Vollmer, Mr. and Mrs. O. Lubbock, Mrs. F. Mandler, Miss Mandler, Mr. J. L. Nield, Mr. S. Stephenson, Mr. L. Brehaut, Mr. and Mrs. Whelp, Mr. Lindon, Mr. Powell, of Alameda.

Society Personals.

Mr. Wilson Mizner visited Benicia during the week. Hon. L. L. Mizner and family are domiciled at the Pleasanton Hotel.

Colonel J. R. Bowler, lately of San Jose, is managing the Hotel Green of Pasadena.

Miss Grace M. Spencer of San Jose will be here in a few days as the guest of her sister, Mrs. James de la Montanya Jr.

Mr. Harry E. Wise will pass the next two weeks in Southern California.

Mrs. T. B. Bishop and family have returned from their Eastern trip.

Mr. Cecil Brown of Honolulu is here on a visit, and is stopping at the California.

Mrs. George C. Shreve has been enjoying a visit to Santa Barbara.

Mr. Albert L. Stetson has returned from a tour to the southern part of the State.

The following San Franciscans are in Nice, France, and will remain for the carnival: Mrs. James Irvine, Mr. James W. Byrne, Mrs. A. M. Greene and Miss Amy Greene, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Buckley, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Driscoll, Mr. Cal Byrne, Mr. Joseph Rosenberg, Mr. H. Liebes and son, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hewston, Mr. E. S. Wangenheim and Mr. and Mrs. A. Green.

GOWNS FOR MOTHERS AND FOR AUNTS.

A Moss-Green Bengaline House Dress—A Handsome Walking Dress.

All in the golden light, the golden light of the west,
Bathed in the kindly warmth, the flowers of the garden grew,
Till with its envious fingers the demon of autumn sought them,
Crushed all their tenderness from them, and left them disfigured and faded. *Tennyson.*

NEW YORK, Jan. 26, 1891.—Many persons think that because most of the Redfern sketches are reproductions of dresses designed expressly for buds and society belles the great tailor works entirely for their benefit, and that those who have passed the dreaded Rubicon of 30 years or who are well on in the forties never receive the careful attention enjoyed by their younger sisters. The two sketches given to-day may help to dispel this illusion, and show that he is just as adroit in draping the handsome, matured woman and accentuating her most pleasing charms as in gowning the slender, sylph-like girls whom one meets so often on Fifth avenue.

A House Dress.

Sketch 1 is a moss-green bengaline house dress, trimmed on bodice and on the front of the skirt with velvet several shades darker. The sleeves and vest are embroidered in pale green silk, and the same embroidery shows at the foot of the skirt.

Ladies should pay particular attention to their style of wearing the hair, and see that it is in keeping with the appearance of the robe. The hair here is simply gathered at the back, and a few fluffy curls are worn about the face.

A Walking Dress.

This other sketch is of a handsome walking-dress and mantle, made for the same lady. The robe is of walnut-brown cloth, braided with brown and old-gold twisted braids. The mantle is of seal plush, embroidered with brown and gold, and trimmed with a silken fringe and golden ostrich feather trimming. The natty little bonnet is of walnut-brown velvet, and is fastened under the chin in the way that the Princess of Wales has made so fashionable—the two ends being simply crossed and fastened on each side by dainty jeweled bonnet pins. R.

FUR SEALS PLENTIFUL.

Affidavits That May Affect the Behring Sea Controversy.

SEATTLE, Jan. 31.—James G. Swan of Port Townsend has obtained and published the affidavits of numerous sealers that fur seals are born all along the coast, and that the pups can swim as soon as born. If this can be proven it is said it will change the whole Behring Sea controversy, as it is claimed now that fur seals breed only on the Pribyloff Islands, and that the species would be exterminated if the hunters were not excluded from