THE SOCIAL WORLD.

A Pleasant Tea Given in Honor of Miss Emelie Hager.

Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Curtis Welcomed Home. The Buffaloes' Party—Reading on "Isms." A Deestrick Skule—Personals.

The San Francisco Letter-carriers' Mutual Aid Association will give its third anniversary ball at Odd Fellows' Hall this evening—the eve of Washington's birthday.

Mr. H. J. Stewart has been intrusted with the musical direction of the pretty little opera "Girofle-Girofla," which is to be produced under the auspices of the Art Association soon after Lent at the Grand Opera House. Several prominent society people will take part.

The Corinthian Yacht Club has made ample preparations for the annual dinner which takes place to-day. The club is in a very sound condition financially, and the opening day, April 25th, will be celebrated in the customary manner by the jolly Corinthians.

The masquerade ball of the Verein Eintracht will take place at the Mechanics' Pavilion this evening.

The wedding of Miss Mayfield, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Mayfield of this city, and Mr. Adolph Simon, will take place at Pioneer Hall to-morrow evening.

The Star Minstrel Club will give an entertainment and social at Mission Turn Verein this evening.

Mrs. J. Getz will receive her friends on the second Friday of each month.

Messrs. Sturcken and Stephens will give a specialty entertainment and ball this evening at Irving Hall.

California Chapter, No. 4, O. E. S., gave a pleasant apron-and-necktie party last evening at Benevolence Hall, B'nai B'rith Building. Dancing was the order of the evening, and was participated in by a fair attendance. Following was the Committee of Arrangements: Mrs. T. Horton, Mrs. M. F. Douglas, Mrs. George W. Daywalt, Mrs. E. L. Hevener, Miss Elsie Iverson, Dr. A. H. Millbury, Captain W. A. Phillips and Mr. Charles Dowling.

The Kerry Benevolent Association will give its first ball at Irish-American Hall this evening.

At Miss West's school, 2014 Van Ness avenue, an exhibition of etchings and engravings will be held for the Library Fund this afternoon and evening.

Templar Grove, No. 19, U. A. O. D., has sent out invitations for its twentieth anniversary ball to be given at Union-square Hall, 421 Post street, this evening.

Mme. Billont-Zifferer gave another informal musicale last Wednesday at her residence on California street, which, like the previous ones, was greatly enjoyed by all her friends present.

An elaborate banquet, in celebration of Washington's birthday, will be given at Tubbs Hotel, East Oakland, on Monday evening. Professor D. P. Hughes, Mr. J. C. Hughes and members of the Loring Club will be present and manage the music.

Mr. James Brett Stokes gave a tea on Tuesday last in honor of Miss Emelie Hager, who only recently returned from New York. Among the guests were Miss Minnie Houghton and Mr. W. R. Sherwood.

The California Institute, a select private school and kindergarten, conducted by Miss A. G. Ware and Miss F. E. Ware, at 717 Turk street, announces an exhibition of the elocution class, under the direction of Miss Emmie Wilmot, at Union-square Hall, 421 Post street, to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Misses Ware are well and favorably known to the public as successful educators of the young, and those who attend will doubtless derive enjoyment from the "children's hour."

The Woodbridge Church Reception.

A notable reception was tendered last evening to Rev. T. J. and Mrs. Curtis by their friends and the members of Woodbridge Church, in the church parlors, at the corner of Twentieth and Capp streets.

The occasion was the recent return of the pastor and his wife from a trip to Australia, and the reception had been organized by the Ladies' Aid Society of the church.

The parlors were appropriately decorated with palms, ferns and festoons of evergreens, while large floral pieces sent by friends further testified to the interest taken in the occasion by Mr. Curtis' people. On one wall was noticed the legend, "Welcome Home," in white letters.

A large attendance enjoyed the following programme: Duet and zither, Mrs. Jacobs and Miss Federlein; song, "Soquel," Mrs. Curtis; reading, "The Relief of Lucknow," Miss Schunhoff; song, "The Love I Should Forget," Miss Genevieve Cummins; address by Rev. T. J. Curtis, who gave a brief and interesting account of his trip, and emphasized his own and Mrs. Curtis' pleasure in returning home, with new strength, to take up work among their own people once more; also by Rev. Mr. Pond and others.

Delicious refreshments were served before the friends dispersed, the arrangements for this and for the pleasant entertainment being the peculiar care of the ladies of the Aid Society, officered by: Mrs. G. F. Hanson, President; Miss Lucy Gamble, Secretary; Mrs. A. Woodbridge, Treasurer.

A Pleasant Reading.

Miss Yorke's reading on Thursday afternoon attracted a large number of ladies, who appeared delighted with her treatment of the subject "Fads and Isms." The thread upon which Miss Yorke's bright pearls of thought and fancy were strung was "The Song of Isms," being a supplement of the London Christmas Truth. Its witty, critical style formed a delightful vehicle for the talented reader's theme. Among those who took tickets for the reading were: Mrs. W. F. Goad, Mrs. Sampson Tams, Mrs. Gerstle, Mrs. Alexander Loughborough, Miss Harvey, Mrs. Hussey Fyfe, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Stebbins, the Misses Hoge, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. de Laud, Mrs. Arnold, Miss Douglass, Miss McPherson, Mrs. Seward Randall, Mrs. Bigelow of San Rafael, Mrs. Alexander Forbes, Miss Forbes, Mrs. Harrington, Mrs. Oxhard, Mrs. McBean, Mrs. Helmann, Miss Dimond, Miss Wallis, Mrs. Sloss, Mrs. Carolan, Mrs. Rideout, Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Mrs. G. Bloomfield, Mrs. Warburton, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. J. F. Merrill.

Emanuel Baptist Church Entertainment.

A highly enjoyable representation of an old-fashioned district school was given last evening by the Mission Y's, Y.W. C. T.U., at the Emanuel Baptist Church on Bartlett street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets.

Mrs. Deborah Kittery (Mrs. L. O. Hodgkins) was once more the inimitable teacher, and the street and school scenes, classes, declamations and other amusing scholastic numbers were interspersed with the following entertaining selections: Vocal solo, Mrs. W. J. King; recitation, Miss Frankie Willis; vocal solo, Miss Alma Berghuri, one man orchestra (eight instruments), Mr. W. O. Moorman; vocal duet, Mrs. C. H. Gabriel and Mrs. J. J. Newbegin.

A large audience paid for admittance and thoroughly enjoyed the varied evening. Some of those taking part in the laughable exercises were: The Misses Butters, Miss Beaumont, Mr. Booth, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Cushman, Miss Dornin, Mr. Foster, Miss Foster, Miss French, Miss Goss, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Harrington, Mr. Lewis, Miss Martin, Mr. Martin, Mr. Medley, Mr. Meyerderks, Mr. Mysell, the Misses Nisbet, Mr. Perry, Miss Kenwick, Mr. Rogers, Miss Silsby, Miss Spencer, Miss Williams, Miss Walker, Mr. Wales, Miss Wilson.

The Buffaloes' Party.

The Buffaloes gave another of their enjoyable hops last evening at Odd Fellows' Hall. It was their third venture of the kind, and despite the season it proved as successful as any of its predecessors.

Dancing was rather late in commencing, the grand march not taking place until 9:30 o'clock. When it did take place it was led by Miss Alice Russ and Mr. G. N. Habenicht, followed by over one hundred couples. The feature of the evening was the music by Blum, who introduced some novel effects, with fog-signals, fire-alarm bells and Hottentot gourds, making up a dance which was heartily enjoyed, and repeated by request. During the intermission Miss N. Giusti rendered a very pleasing vocal solo. The pleasant affair did not break up till after midnight.

The officers of the club are: President, W. E. McCreery; Vice-President, G. N. Habenicht; Secretary, Joseph Rowell; Treasurer, W. F. Lucas. The Reception committee consisted of W. E. McCreery, A. C. Trautvetter, J. F. Burns; director, G. N. Habenicht; Floor Committee, The Buffaloes.

The Pacific Council Entertainment.

Pacific Council, the largest council in the Order of Chosen Friends, having a membership of nearly 400, gave a very enjoyable entertainment and dance last evening at Washington Hall. This council is ably officered and a spirit of sociability pervades the members, making admission much sought after.

Every Friday evening an entertainment is enjoyed at Washington Hall, followed by dancing. On this occasion the entertainment consisted of a piano solo, Miss Murdock; song, Miss Schmidtz; recitation, "A Briar Rose" and "Popping the Question," by Miss Josie Kean; character song, Master Eddie Miller; recitation, Mr. M. E. Sullivan, vocal solo, "You'll Soon Forget, Kathleen," Mr. Thomas F. Burns; song, Miss Emily Hansen. Miss Kean's recitations and Master Miller's songs were particularly well received. Dancing followed, lasting till midnight.

The Committee of Arrangements consisted of Mr. T. Kortick (Chairman), T. J. Wunn, Mrs. L. J. Pinckham, Mrs. Clark, Mr. J. J. Holtslander, Mr. Lane. Mr. J. J. Holtslander acted as floor manager.

Society Personals.

Lieutenant-Commander Henry B. Mansfield, Captain of the survey steamer Patterson, has returned from his Eastern trip.

Hon. S. M. White is seriously ill at Los Angeles.

Surgeon and Mrs. A. M. Moore of Mare Island have been visiting Santa Barbara.

Mrs. J. C. Flood and Miss Flood registered at the Palace Hotel on Thursday.

Colonel Albert E. Castle and Mr. Joseph Livingston, of the firm of Castle Bros., are at the Hoffman House in New York City.

Mrs. M. Porter is sojourning at the Hotel Pleasanton.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Kilgariff will occupy one of the cottages at Sausalito the coming spring.

Mr. Joseph D. Redding visited Los Angeles on Thursday. He is expected back this week.

Miss Wade left last Thursday to spend a few days at Del Monte.

Miss Powers will spend the summer in San Rafael.

Mr. L. G. Nesmith of San Jose visited Sacramento Thursday.

Commodore and Mrs. C. H. Harrison have returned to Sausalito after several weeks' stay in this city, where Mrs. Harrison was under the doctor's care. She is now thoroughly convalescent.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mooney and Master Frank Mooney have left Sacramento, and will hereafter reside in this city.

Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Maar have returned to Niles from their wedding trip.

Mr. W. W. Coulter was visiting in Santa Cruz yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Simpson of Stockton are at the Occidental.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Bunker of Portland, Oregon, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. French of 1617 Jackson street.

Miss Bettie Ashe returned from a long visit to relatives and friends in the East the first part of the week.

Mr. Ulysses S. Grant Jr., accompanied by his wife and family, was in New Orleans last week, having just returned from a trip through Mexico. The family expect to make a tour through California before returning East. Last Wednesday they were in Los Angeles.

Mrs. E. R. Hamilton of Sacramento is a guest at the Hotel Pleasanton.

A GOAT'S TEMPTATION.

A Cabbage Patch in a Telegraph-Hill Street.

Telegraph Hill overlooks an L-shaped alley in the southeast portion of the block bounded by Vallejo, Kearny, Dupont and Green, having entrances from Kearny and Vallejo street, the former being known as St. Charles, and the latter bearing the appelation of St. Antonio street.

The dwellings in the locality are built closely together, with no waste space. Lawns and ornamental grounds are not in great demand in this neighborhood, and the quadrapeds from Nanny-goat alley are obliged to vegetate chiefly upon tin cans and glass bottles. The eagerness with which an animal of the genus goat, accustomed only to this rather indigestible diet, would contemplate the luxuriant vegetation of a well-stocked kitchen garden needs no description.

It is universally conceded that the fertility of California's soil is only equaled by the salubriousness of her climate, and tourists are invariably astonished at the wealth of production obtained from land apparently sandy and sterile. Those uninitiated in the chemical analysis of our soils would probably consider cobble-stones and pavements comparatively useless as fertilizers, and the most enterprising of San Francisco's real estate agents, in explaining our resources to Eastern people, has never dilated upon the productiveness of our streets in the growth of vegetables.

If any one skeptical regarding the illimitable extent of California's agricultural possibilities will walk out Kearny street to St. Charles, and follow this latter thoroughfare as far as its junction with St. Antonio, his doubts will be effectually set at rest, he will receive a practical lesson in the art of economizing space, and he will understand the prophet's reference to the blooming of waste places.

Twenty-five feet, comprising the width of St. Charles and fourteen feet, the breadth of St. Antonio, have been inclosed with a lath fence through which the goats gaze longingly, and with difficulty refrain from breaking the eighth commandment. That fence incloses a patch of cabbages, as fresh, green and succulent as the most epicurean goat could desire. Busy toilers hurry along these little alleys to the crowded tenements, but pause a moment to look at this little patch of green, an oasis in a desert, the only vegetable life that is visible, and the pride and glory of the whole neighborhood.

Emily S. Ryder will, in The Sunday Call, present some views of the relics of old Monterey, and tell some matters of interest in relation to them.

SCHOOL CELEBRATION.

Washington's Birthday Exercises at South San Francisco.

In anticipation of Washington's Birthday the pupils of the public school at South San Francisco held memorial exercises yesterday at both the morning and afternoon sessions. The morning exercises were of a general literary character, while those of the afternoon were decidedly patriotic. A feature of the former was the recitation of a dramatic incident of the war, written by W. W. Stone, the principal, and recited by Charles Widman, to the accompaniment of the Miserere, from "Il Trovatore," by a chorus of twenty voices. This was so catching that, by request, it was repeated in the afternoon. Among the papers of a patriotic character read in the afternoon exercises was one in which the principal gave his personal recollections, called forth by the death of General Sherman. This was very effectively read by Miss Lydia Rojas.

The morning programme was as follows: Opening song, by the class; "Memories," Letitia Toma; "Double Dealing," Annie Ayres; "Somebody's Mother," Loretta Labaney; song, by the class; "School Days," Eva Knobloch; "Boy and Butterfly," Mamie Adams; "Pilgrim Fathers," Matilda Fauser; "Grant," Tonna; "Dorothy," Maggie Rojas; "Ship of State," Annie Desroser; school song, by the class; "Aunt Jemima," Lottie Gilmore; "Sir Ralph," Laura O'Connor; "The Frog," Gussie Jackson; "Incident in Shenandoah," Arvilla Ginder; "A Southern Traveler," Josie Hallman; "The Incubus," Nellie Burress; "Ye Horrid Butcher," Joseph Norton; song, by the class; recitation, "Remorse," accompanied by the Miserere, Charles Widman.

Afternoon—Opening song, "Come Into the Meadows," class; "Modern Times," Tony Lubke; essay, "Washington," Bessie Gillen; song, "Mt. Vernon Bells," by class; "Barbara Freitchie," Annie Hammar; "Dying Soldier," Irene Gee Graves; "At Shiloh," Mertie Wright; reading, "Thoughts Suggested by the Death of Sherman," Lydia Rojas; song, "Summer's Going," class; "Veteran's Appeal," Mary Sullivan; "Blue and Gray," Louisa Godfrey; "But One," Sadie Wright; song, "Summer's Gone," by select class; Drake's "Ode to the Flag," Ella Sayers; reading, "Incident in Southern Life," Josie Hallman; "Jacob Strauss," Geneva Williams; "Sinking of the Cumberland by the Confederate Merrimac in 1862," Alma Pederson; recitation, "Remorse," by Charles Widman, accompanied by a full chorus, rendering the "Miserere" from "Il Trovatore."

AT POINT OF PISTOLS.

How Louis Davis Says He Was Induced to Marry Belle Martin.

Louis Davis, a dealer in cigars, has sued Belle Martin Davis, his wife of one week, for annulment of marriage. The union was solemnized by Rev. Falk Vidaver under the following somewhat romantic circumstances: Davis, on the stated date, received a summons from the defendant to come to her residence at 441 Eddy street, but had no sooner entered the house than she importuned him to marry her. Upon his refusal, as is alleged, one John Doe Hart, whose real name is unknown to the plaintiff, pointed a pistol at his head, saying: "If you don't marry Belle Martin I will kill you"; and at the same time Hannah Martin, the girl's mother, exhibited a pistol, which she had in her pocket, and said: "I will kill you if you don't marry my daughter." The hostile demonstrations so terrified the youth that forthwith the marriage was solemnized.

Robert Louis Stevenson will tell in The Sunday Call of his reception at the Marquesas Islands.

Electric Wire Conduit Patent.

John Lynch of Washington, D. C., who claims to hold an original patent for a certain electric wire conduit, has brought suit in this city for an injunction against the Bell Telephone Company to restrain it from further use of the patent.

From San Quentin to China.

Next April a Chinese named Sing Lee will be deported by order of the United States Government to his native land. He is now serving a four years' sentence for false personation on a certificate of entry, and on the expiration of his sentence will be sent back.

ACROSS THE BAY.

Late Inquiries Concerning a Suicide's Remains.

Claims in the Walkerley Estate—William Collins' Funeral—Filing of the Trust Deed in the Merritt Estate.

A sister of Percy Phinney, the young man who committed suicide nearly three weeks ago, at a lodging-house on Broadway, has written to George Miller of East Oakland, making inquiry in an incredulous way about her brother's death. From her letter, it would seem that she has an idea that Californians are little better than heathens, and the boasted Athenians of Oakland as bad as the Hottentots of Africa, or bunco sharps. Two or three letters from the young man's sisters, "Aggie" and "Sade," were found in his pockets, but whether they were married or single could not be told, as only the one word was signed. The Coroner telegraphed to persons named in the letters, presumably friends, but received no answer, and has not yet, but in her letter to Mr. Miller, she intimates that the telegrams were the work of an evil-minded person, who wanted money from them. She desires to know whether there is a Coroner in Oakland named Henry Evers. The Clerk of Police also received a letter from the Chief of Police of Waltham making the same inquiries. Accompanying the letter of Mrs. D. B. Patrick Jr. (the sister Aggie), is a telegram of about 2 inches in length from a Boston paper, dated San Francisco, giving the particulars of the suicide on the day after it occurred. Coroner Evers had, contrary to usage and on account of the letters found on his person, embalmed the body and held it nearly two weeks before he finally buried it on Tuesday in the potter's field. Full explanations have been sent to Waltham.

IN THE WALKERLEY ESTATE.

The claim of Frederick E. Whitney for legal services in the Walkerley estate as attorney for the absent heirs was heard yesterday before Judge Hunt of San Francisco. Whitney claims $12,000 in addition to $3000 already allowed him. The matter was taken under advisement. The matter of Columbus Bartlett's claim for $5250 for extraordinary services as attorney for the executors was taken up, but the testimony was not finished when the court adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning. B. B. Newman was on hand with his attorney and suggested much of the cross-examination. He could hardly keep his seat at some of the answers of the attorneys as to what Mr. Whitney's services were worth, especially when some placed the amount higher than Mr. Whitney claimed. He is the husband of Mrs. Betsy Walkerley Newman, a niece of the deceased, and was present in court. He disputed the fact that an application had been made by Mrs. Walkerley for an additional family allowance, increasing the amount from $420 to $816 per month, when the fact is the petition was filed several months ago and is still pending. This was to contradict Mr. Bartlett. Mrs. Walkerley is a quiet spectator of the proceedings.

C. Theodore Jacobus was adjudged incompetent about three years ago and his wife, Honora Jacobus, was appointed guardian. The property has been appraised annually and a new appraisement was filed yesterday, showing the value to be $8185.

LAID TO A FINAL REST.

There was a very large attendance at the funeral of the late William Collins at the residence at Mountain View Cemetery yesterday afternoon. Rev. Dr. McLean conducted the services and Rev. Dr. M. S. Levy made a few remarks in behalf of the Hebrew congregation, Rev. Dr. Coyle assisting Dr. McLean. The body was borne by eight employes of the cemetery. The pall-bearers were H. A. Powell, Hiram Tubbs, A. K. P. Harmon, Peter Thomson, R. W. Kirkham, C. W. Kellogg, W. C. Mason, A. H. Moore, E. M. Hall, J. S. Emery, George E. Grant and J. W. Phillips from the Mountain View Cemetery Association; John P. Irish and J. C. Martin from Oak Leaf Lodge, No. 161, of Masons; W. E. Hale, Jacob Samm, S. F. Daniels and George W. Kelley from among his personal friends and neighbors, and J. P. Taylor and Robert Dalziel from St. Andrew's Society.

A trust deed, in accordance with the agreement in the Merritt estate, was filed yesterday from Mrs. Catherine M. Garcelon to J. N. Knowles, as Trustee of her nephews, Fred and James P. Merritt. The property is valued at $300,000, and the nephews virtually only receive a life estate in the property given in the deed. At their death the property goes to the residuary legatees, provided the nephews die without issue. If they have widow or issue, however, the trust estate runs.

At the end of a two days' trial, Judge Henshaw yesterday granted Mae West a divorce from Robert West on the ground of extreme cruelty, with the custody of the child, $75 for attorney's fees and $20 per month alimony. West's own witnesses testified against him.

PRIMARIES AND CAUCUSES.

The Republican City Central Committee held a meeting at Pharmacy Chauncey's office last night and settled upon the polling-places and appointed officers for the several precincts at the primaries to be held on the 28th inst., after which it adjourned to meet again on Wednesday evening and complete the list. Several caucuses were also held last evening in the interest of the various candidates for city offices.

Alameda.

The Alameda Olympic Club is making big preparations for its boxing exhibition on Saturday evening next.

Frank Archard, a young Frenchman, was tried yesterday on a charge of stealing shells from a dyke of A. McCartney on Bay Farm Island. He was found guilty and will be sentenced to-day.

The Boys' Brigade of the Presbyterian Church will go to San Francisco next Monday and participate in the parade and battalion drill on Van Ness avenue. The brigade has a membership of about forty.

Some of the friends of Dr. Hoffmann do not give credence to the report which reached here from Belgium that he is dead. They think that if he was dead they would have been so informed before this time.

A considerable quantity of water has collected in the bed of the tidal canal excavation, and it is likely that the Board of Health will request the Government engineers to have it pumped out, as it will soon become stagnant and thus be a menace to the health of the community.

A boy named Thomas Edwards was arrested on a charge of malicious mischief. It is alleged that he and others threw stones at a house on the Hinchman place, on Fourteenth street, breaking some of the windows. The other boys paid for the damage they committed, but Young Thomas refused to do so, maintaining that he threw no stones at the house.

Berkeley.

The library of the late Professor J. M. Phillips, Professor of Hebrew and Sanscrit at the University, has been sent to the Bacon Library and Art Building and added to the library. The books are principally Hebrew and Sanscrit.

The roadbed of the Oakland and Berkeley Rapid Transit Company was badly washed in places by Saturday and Sunday's storm, but it has been repaired. The time for opening the line has not yet been definitely set, but it is said that it will soon be running. One of the dynamos has been placed in the power-house and another is expected daily.

COURSING MEETING.

Draw for the Next Dog-Races of the Occidental Club.

Quite a number of the members of the Occidental Club met at their rooms last evening to witness the draw for Monday's meeting, which was as follows:

J. F. Carroll's Monarch III vs. A. Tracy's May Boy; J. F. Carroll's Volunteer vs. M. Curtis' Skyrocket, J. J. Redemaker's Al Farrow vs. J. F. Carroll's Nora, S. Millikin's Laurelwood vs. F. Ryan's Juno, J. Shea's McGinty vs. T. J. Cronin's Depend on Me, James Byrn's Nelly Bly vs. T. J. Cronin's Sam Nash, J. F. Carroll's Havoc vs. T. Coony's Dandy Jim, J. Byrn's Pippin Jr. vs. T. J. Cronin's Chicopee Lass.

The Sapling stake—A. McCoy's Ben Ali vs. W. H. McComb's Cuyetteno Chief, D. J. Healy's Rosalind vs. T. Coony's Queen Bess, D. J. Healy's Lady Carbine vs. a bye.

The prizes in the all-aged are: First dog, $75; second, $45; third and fourth, $15 each. The saplings will divide $15 and $10 each.

Music for the County Jail.

Charles Vissering, convicted of malicious mischief, was sentenced by Judge Rix yesterday to serve forty days in the County Jail. He was a chorus-singer in the Hess Opera Company and smashed a window at the Powell-street Theater because there was a dispute over the payment of his salary. He was a druggist at Milwaukee before becoming a singer.

For Restoration to Capacity.

Laura H. McWilliams, lately discharged from the Napa Asylum, where she was committed on June 20th, has petitioned through her father, Simon Pettingill, for restoration to capacity. Her husband is also insane and confined in the Agnews Asylum.

A. Jewell's Estate.

Edwin C. Flagg, with the concurrence of Lydia E. Jewell, the widow, has petitioned for letters on the estate of Ammi Mitchell Jewell, valued at $45,000. The latter died on the 3d inst., leaving improved property on Twenty-first and Capp streets valued at $28,000, and also half of the capital stock of the Excelsior Redwood Company, valued at $20,000, and household furniture worth $1000. The heirs are the widow and two daughters.

RELIGIOUS NEWS.

Items of Interest From All Denominations.

Rev. D. M. Connolly, pastor of St. Peter's Church, this city, is dangerously sick with pneumonia.

Rev. James Cranwell, assistant at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Oakland, is very seriously sick at the parochial residence. He was taken suddenly sick while attending the funeral of the late Father Tavares a little over a week ago.

Right Rev. Bishop Mora of Los Angeles has issued a pastoral letter to the priests of his diocese, calling upon them to recite the prayer for rain in the holy sacrifice of the mass whenever the rubrics permit it until the last day of April. There is danger to crops on account of the lack of rain in that part of the State.

Nine members of the Queen's Privy Council and seventy-six members of the House of Commons are Roman Catholics. Of the latter only five represent English constituencies. There are 2300 ordained priests in England and Scotland.

The Society of Jesus has sustained a grave loss in the death of the illustrious Father Cardella, the successor of the famous Father Peronne in the chair of theology of the Roman College and later the chief editor of the learned review, the Civilta Catolica.

There are 2 Bishops, 58 priests, 77 religious women, 137 churches and chapels, 7 seminaries, 1 university, 15 convents and 130 schools, with 79,000 Catholics in 41 parishes in Newfoundland. The Catholic inhabitants of the island are chiefly the descendants of Irish immigrants. In 1836 the entire population was 75,000. It has now reached 185,000.

Rev. P. J. Hurth, C.S.C., President of St. Edward's College, Austin, Tex., opened the present Legislature of that State with prayer, the first time such an office was performed by a priest in that State.

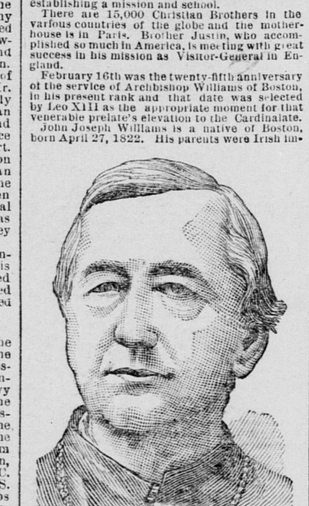
Rev. E. J. Vattmann of the diocese of Cleveland, Ohio, who has been appointed a post chaplain in the United States Army by President Harrison, is a native of Westphalia, where he was born on September 11, 1840. He was ordained a priest on April 1, 1865, and joined the Cleveland diocese two years later. The pay and allowance of a chaplain amounts to $2500 a year.

La Semaine Religieuse announces that in a few days three nuns of the Convent of Lachine, Canada, will leave for Kosarlifsky in Alaska, a distance of some 6000 miles, for the purpose of establishing a mission and school.

There are 15,000 Christian Brothers in the various countries of the globe and the mother-house is in Paris. Brother Justin, who accomplished so much in America, is meeting with great success in his mission as Visitor-General in England.

February 16th was the twenty-fifth anniversary of his service of Archbishop Williams of Boston, in his present rank and that date was selected by Leo XIII as the appropriate moment for that venerable prelate's elevation to the Cardinalate.

John Joseph Williams is a native of Boston, born April 27, 1822. His parents were Irish immigrants. In 1833 he entered the College of Montreal, where he spent eight years and of which he is a graduate. From Montreal he went to the great seminary of the Sulpitians in Paris, where he made his theological course. He was ordained in Paris, in 1845, and soon after returned to the city of his birth.



John Joseph Williams.

Among the Churches.

The Presbytery of Idaho was organized eleven years ago with five ministers. Now four Presbyteries are in its place, with forty-four ministers and 2000 members.

Statistical returns show 180 Congregational churches in the State, sixty of these belonging to the association of Southern California, i. e., within the territory of the eight southern counties.

The Rev. T. J. Curtis, pastor of the Woodbridge Presbyterian Church of this city, and wife returned from their trip around the world last Sunday. Tomorrow he will preach in his church at 11 o'clock in the morning, and at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Society of California will be held on Thursday, March 12th, at the First Baptist Church, San Francisco. The Programme Committee have arranged for an all-day meeting.

The Riverside Press of the 18th inst. contains the following announcement which will be of interest to many persons in this city: "Rev. John Doughty is much better to-day, and if the weather is good will lecture at Y. M. C. A. Hall to-morrow night. If he cannot speak some one else will—there will be a lecture if it does not rain."

HIS FIRST SERMON.

The Rev. Frumentí W. Winters, who, a week ago was ordained a deacon of the Greco-Russian Church, will preach the sermon at the services at the Russian Cathedral on Powell street, to-morrow morning.

An unusual religious interest has been manifested this winter among all the classes connected with Mills College. The Sabbath services, at which Rev. Dr. Chapman of East Oakland has preached, have been full of deep interest, and the special meetings for prayer have been well attended.

Plymouth Congregational Church will observe the anniversary of Washington's Birthday by a memorial service to-morrow morning in respect to the memory of General Sherman, and with a service in honor of George Washington in the evening. There will be special music at both services, and the church will be appropriately decorated by the Temple Workers.

THE JEWISH FAITH.

David Lubin, President of the International Society for the Colonization of Russian Jews, is traveling in Oregon and Washington in the interests of the society.

Rev. A. Blum, recently arrived from Los Angeles, will preach in the Mason-street Synagogue to-day.

The congregation of the Jewish Temple Emanu-El, in Fifth avenue, this city, which is considered one of the largest places of worship for the Hebrew faith in the world, has called Rabbi Sparger of Brooklyn, and he has accepted the charge.

A Jewish social club in Baltimore has decided not to have any public entertainments on the Sabbath evening, nor to offer its guests food prohibited by the Jewish dietary laws. We expect some of our Jewish literary and social organizations in this city, says the Jewish Progress, to follow suit, as Baltimore has always been accepted as a criterion in regulating the four hundred. But we are afraid that the entire social fabric will take a tumble if chol-kes and chrem-zeis are insisted upon as a substitute for oysters and terrapin.

Baroness Althea Salvador, writing from Paris to The Sunday Call, tells of the first performance of "Thermidor" at the Theatre Francais.

IN BONNIE SCOTLAND.

Dr. C. H. Steele's Lecture on Its Scenery and Romantic History.

The clans gathered in great numbers last evening at Scottish Hall, 105 Larkin street, and listened attentively to a very interesting and instructive lecture on the scenery and history of Bonnie Scotland, delivered by Dr. C. H. Steele, for the benefit of St. Andrew's Society. The lecturer illustrated his remarks by stereopticon views of many cities and places of interest. Among others the following were carefully described:

Edinburgh—New and old town, the Court of Mary Queen of Scots, the haunted Rosslin Chapel, Abbotsford and its surroundings—The Melrose Abbey, along the border, the "Twa Brigs," Ayr and the birth-place of Burns. Glasgow—Cathedral, university, scenes in the "Lord of the Isles," the royal tombs, Fingal's Cave, Highland costumes, through the Caledonian Canal. The scenes of "Macbeth," Aberdeen, Queen Victoria's residence (Balmoral), Perth, lauderane at Dunkeld, up Killiecrankie Pass, the falls of Blair, castle and ruins, the grave of Rob Roy, the lakes of the Highlands, the home of "The Lady of the Lake," the Gate of the Highlands, Loch Levin, the royal castles at Stirling and Linlithgow, the tomb of Robert Bruce.

The lecture was interspersed with Scottish songs, which were received by the audience with well-deserved applause. Professor R. D. Burness presided at the piano, and, after a medley of Scottish airs, Mrs. M. L. Anderson sang "Within a Mile of Edinbro Town." This was followed by a duet, "Ye Banks and Braes," rendered in a very happy manner by Mrs. M. L. Anderson and daughter. David Finnie sang "The Green Oak Tree," the audience joining in the chorus. George St. J. Bremner received a storm of applause when he sang "Lochnagar," and Maxwell L. Crowe rendered the last number on the programme, "Battle of Stirling."

How a shrewd wide-awake American girl prevented an aeronaut from murdering her in midair is told by Joseph Montet in The Sunday Call.

MEN ABOUT TOWN.

Short Stories Gathered in the Hotel Corridors.

The Queer Currency of the Argentine Republic—Foreign Statesmen Compared With the Local Product.

George Walker, who is now stopping at the Baldwin, was for a time a resident of the Argentine Republic, and spent three years at Buenos Ayres in the employ of an English mercantile firm. "They have always had trouble down there with their currency," he said last night, "and it is not a matter of surprise to those who know their peculiar financial methods. When I was there, a New Yorker named Lawson came to Buenos Ayres and opened a saloon on the American plan. It was such a novelty that money poured over the bar in a perfect stream. The sales were not large enough to suit the proprietor, however, who cast about for a plan to increase his receipts. He had a lot of 10-cent metallic checks made, and when a customer paid for a drink he would be given change in Lawson's private checks. They passed at their face value at all of the stores, and in a few months the city was literally flooded with them, while Lawson salted down the silver. One fine morning he quietly slipped out of town and left his checks on the market. The residents seemed to think nothing of it, and when I left, a year later, the checks were still in circulation."

Thought It Was a Cyclone.

A most exciting incident occurred on Fourth street, near Townsend, yesterday, in which the principal actors were a prominent lumber-dealer, a runaway steer and a small dog. The steer escaped from the railroad corral and had started out to take in the town. He had but recently arrived from his quiet country home, and the bonds of captivity had fretted his proud soul until he had been wrought up to the highest pitch of rage. There was blood in his eye as he turned into Fourth street, and the ominous shake of his head betokened trouble. A few feet away he espied the lumberman quietly walking along the street, and as the steer paused for an instant to get his bearings and size up the man a small dog sprang from a doorway and gave vent to a vicious bark. A moment later he made a dash at the steer's heels. The lumberman, with his back turned to the scene, continued on his way.

Without warning the steer dashed toward him with head lowered, and the lumberman landed upon his back, rolling away into the gutter. When he arose the animal had disappeared around an adjacent corner and was seen no more. The man gazed with an air of bewilderment in all directions, glanced suspiciously at the sky, picked up his hat and limped away. A policeman, who had witnessed the incident from a distance, explained the nature of the accident, and found it difficult to make the victim of the mishap believe that it was not a cyclone that had passed suddenly down the street.

Foreign Statesmen.

A. Ruef, the attorney, is not a believer in the prevalent idea that European statesmen are superior to those of America. "I had been taught to believe," he remarked yesterday, "that the public men of France were away above and beyond those of the United States, and when the French Minister of Instruction visited this city a few years ago, I looked forward for weeks for his arrival, anticipating a rare treat in store. He came at last, and I went among the first to call on him. I need only tell you that I found him a man of only mediocre talents and not a whit more intelligent than the average member of the Legislature. Despite this fact he was regarded as one of the able men of France."

A Conductor's Quandary.

A Montgomery-avenue car-conductor had a peculiar experience a few days ago. On the car were seventeen passengers, including three Chinese, and the conductor, who needed change, discovered that but one of the entire number besides himself could speak English intelligently. He was puzzled at this he fell into conversation with the other and here again he was staggered. The man could speak English with fluency, but his accent revealed the fact that he was a foreigner. The conductor is still wondering what country he came from and is inclined to think he let one or two get away.

POKER AT THE CAPITAL.

Some of Those Who Participated in the Senatorial Game.

Poker-playing is, of course, as popular an amusement in Washington as it ever was. Games may come and games may go, but poker is the only species of card-gambling that has taken a lasting hold on the affections of Washingtonians. A few years ago the game of hearts was dragged from oblivion and for a time seemed to threaten the supremacy of the great American game. Hearts had its day, but that day is gone, and poker again reigns supreme. It is more popular than ever, and it is rare that men in Washington who sit down for a quiet little game indulge in any other species of gambling. Poker is played in the clubs universally, and some pretty big stories are told about games for high stakes indulged in by Senators and Representatives, officers of the army and navy, civilian officials and men about town. There are many cliques of these men who play so constantly that the games are almost continuous and names are given to distinguish them. There are, for instance, the army game, the navy game, the dude's game, the club game, the hotel game, the official game, and the Senatorial game.

The last game is the one which attracts the most attention. Time and again denials have been made, apparently based on good authority, that any Senatorial game exists. The fact is, however, and it is well known by everybody who keeps posted on what is going on in Washington, that there is a Senatorial game, and that it is in progress almost constantly night and day for several months in each year. This game is as well known to men who play cards as any of the theaters or hotels are, and during the time when Congress is in session any man who is properly introduced can join this little game and be assured of meeting congenial company of his steel. The Senatorial game is located in a so-called hotel uptown and is composed, as regular players, of some of the most prominent and well-known men in the Senate. These men form what is known as the charter members of the club, and those who are taken in from time to time are called recruits. There are three or four members of the House who are almost daily seated at the Senatorial game, and, strangely enough, two of them have never been suspected of playing by their colleagues. One of them is a member from Chicago, and, in addition to being a poker-player, it is said that he is a member of the alleged silver pool, and that his persistent efforts to secure increased coinage of silver at the last session were largely due to his heavy investments in bullion.

The third member of the House who belongs to the Senatorial game is the representative of a rural constituency in Kansas, and there is probably not one man in the House who has not personal knowledge on the subject who would believe for an instant that this man ever saw a game of poker. Yet, according to the statement of one of constant participants in the game, this hayseed member is one of the most expert players who ever opened a jackpot. He has a face that no man can read and an appearance of utter childlike innocence. It is said that he plays like a vulture, not for amusement, but for money, and that when endeavoring to free his competitors of their cash he takes no note of time and cares not to either eat or drink. Washington Correspondence St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

SOMETHING TO LAUGH AT.