THE SOCIAL WORLD.

Interesting Entertainments Held Throughout the City.

The Wilson Tea—At the Old Ladies' Home—A Donation Party—Several Announcements—Personal Notes.

The Entre Nous Club will give their second party this evening at Lunt's Hall on Polk street. It will be a cotillion party simple, the fancy-dress meeting having been reserved for December.

Mrs. Horace Wilson gave a delightful tea yesterday at her residence, 1307 Taylor street. Upward of 200 friends called between 3 and 7 o'clock and were agreeably entertained. The floral decorations were much admired, and the refreshments, served by Cusin, quite a feature of the enjoyable occasion. The hostess was assisted in receiving by a number of young ladies.

A bazaar for the benefit of St. Alban's Sunday-school will take place at the residence of Mrs. A. Trueworthy, 2610 Webster street, on Thursday, December 3d, from 10 o'clock in the morning till 11 in the evening. Mrs. Trueworthy and daughters have been very active and successful in securing the means necessary to make the bazaar a success, and all the young ladies of the Sunday-school are taking a lively interest in the undertaking.

An enjoyable entertainment was given last evening by the Crocker Auxiliary at the Old Ladies' Home, on the corner of Pierce and Pine streets.

The Vendomes will give their next party at New Bersaglieri Hall, corner Stockton and Union streets, next Wednesday evening.

The wedding of Mr. Frank J. Dolan and Miss Lizzie Hudson will take place on Wednesday evening next at St. Mary's Cathedral.

A musical and literary entertainment will be given by Miantonomah Tribe, No. 9, I. O. R. M., in Council Hall, Red Men's Building, this evening.

No less than eight States contributed the ushers to the wedding of Miss Anna W. Caldwell and Mr. Joseph Hamblen Sears on Thursday last at St. Thomas Church, New York. There were a large number of guests from Philadelphia, Boston and San Francisco, both at the church and the reception later, at 64 East Fifty-eighth street.

The inaugural party of the Sinbad Club, assisted by the Peerless Club, will take place at Union-square Hall this evening.

An enjoyable entertainment and dance was given by Pohonachee Tribe, No. 10, I. O. R. M., on Saturday evening at Irving Hall. Mr. R. W. Dyer officiated as floor manager.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Gyle of Tehama will celebrate the bar-mitz-wah of their son Abe at the Geary-street Temple on Saturday, the 28th inst. A reception will be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Feder, 914 O'Farrell street, Saturday afternoon and Sunday evening, November 28th and 29th, when Mr. and Mrs. Gyle will be pleased to welcome their friends.

To-day Mrs. Remi Chabot will entertain a large number of friends at her residence, on the corner of Madison and Eleventh streets, Oakland. The hours named are from 3 to 6 o'clock and from 8 to 12.

Wedding Reception on Thirteenth Street.

Quite an enjoyable time was had at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Schussler at 230 Thirteenth street on Saturday evening, the 14th inst., the occasion being the return of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Schussler from their wedding tour.

The parlors were tastefully arranged with flowers and smilax, but the most noticeable feature was a large floral piece extending across the front parlor bearing the words "Welcome Home," in pinks and tea roses, and the names of the bride and groom in heliotropes and marguerites. Dancing, singing, recitations and games were the order of the evening. About midnight the guests repaired to the dining-room, where a plentiful supper was enjoyed. The host and hostess were the recipients of many ornamental and useful presents.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Schussler, Mr. and Mrs. Al Wright, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hucklus, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Riley, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Bechtel, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. William Feeney, Mrs. Abe Jarrett, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Thornagle, Mrs. W. Schussler, Mrs. W. Coleman, Mrs. N. Peterson, Mrs. J. Conroy, Mrs. F. Morrish, Mrs. Fred Rakeman, Mrs. M. Bigger, Mrs. Sadie Lambert, Mrs. Gus Engleke, Mrs. Fred C. Henry, Miss Aggie Hucklus, Miss Katie Jarrett, Miss Maggie Wright, Miss Lizzie McGeary, Miss Minnie Beucrer, Miss Kitty Conroy, Miss Hazel Gordon, Miss Mamie Sullivan, Miss Mamie Lowe, Miss Maude Riley, Miss Maude Riley, Miss Tessy Engleke, Miss Louisa Bechtel, Miss Emma Bechtel, Miss Mamie Sutherland, Miss Flora Williams, Miss Mamie Hews, Miss A. McNamara, Miss Katie Nealon, Miss Nellie Riley and others.

Party on Mission Street.

A birthday party was given to Miss Kate Brydges by her parents at their residence, 1230 Mission street, on Monday evening last, it being the eighteenth anniversary of her birth.

The parlors were gracefully decorated with smilax and chrysanthemums for the occasion. The pleasures of the evening opened with dancing, Professor Moore presiding at the piano, followed by an impromptu programme. At midnight a sumptuous supper was served, after which dancing was resumed until a late hour, when the enjoyable affair ended.

Among those present were: The Misses Mary, Lou and Lizzie Dirkin, Miss Ella Aiken, Miss Emma Everding, the Misses May and Josie Shoreley, Miss Annie Kelly, Miss Florence Wilson, Miss Annie Donovan, the Misses Hattie and Kittie Murray, Miss Annie Lawrence, Miss Fanny Grogieness, Miss Mamie Gorman, Miss Nellie Lawrence, the Misses Mollie and Susie McGrath, Miss Tillie Ehman of Vallejo, Miss Annie Kelly, Miss Mollie Whelan, Miss Tray Hines, Miss Kittie Gorman, Miss Kate Brydges; Messrs. Robert Jones, W. Taylor, John Donovan, James Murphy, John Carr, E. Brandon, Frank Mahoney, W. King, Erwin Lawrence, J. Ward, John Holden, W. Ellis, Henry Goertzinin, E. Hanly, C. Ward, George Stanton, Richard Murphy, Adolph Everding, T. Murphy, Max Sillenfeld, L. Barrere, W. Kenney, F. Wilson, E. Hall, M. Brydges; Mr. and Mrs. Brydges, Mr. and Mrs. Garman, Mr. and Mrs. Baumgard, Mr. and Mrs. Donovan, Mr. and Mrs. Carr, Mr. and Mrs. Tinkham, Professor and Mrs. Kolander, Mr. and Mrs. Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Van Vleck.

Young Ladies' Institute No. 2.

Odd Fellows' Hall presented a scene of unusual gayety and bonhomie last night, the occasion being the fourth annual Thanksgiving donation party of the institute, the proceeds to be given to St. Joseph's Home for Incurables and the Girls' Directory. These useful charities are non-sectarian, and the people showed their appreciation of the efforts being made by the ladies by crowding the hall and bringing with them arm-loads of everything that could be of service to or comfort for the afflicted sufferers. Money and provisions were handed in liberally until the lobby was piled with the latter and the purses of the lady managers were plethoric with the former. During the course of the evening the following programme was rendered in a very acceptable and gratifying manner:

Overture, orchestra; vocal selection, Mr. Francis J. Lenahan; select reading, Miss May Blythe; vocal solo, Miss Nora Ford; recitation, Mr. C. H. Young; vocal solo, Miss C. E. Shattuck; song (selected), Mr. S. J. Sandy; selections, Bree Musical Club; stereopticon views, "A Trip Around the World," kindly loaned by Mr. Richard H. McDonald Jr.; overture, orchestra. After which dancing was indulged in until a late hour. In order that the fund might be swelled to as great an extent as possible, a large reduction was made in the rent of the hall, and the gas was given free. The ladies will be happy to receive any further donations at Room 72, Murphy Building, and presents of suitable clothing will also be thankfully received.

Golden Gate Chapter, No. 1, O. E. S.

Laurel Hall, Shiels Building, 32 O'Farrell street, was crowded last night to its utmost with handsome ladies and gallant gentlemen, the occasion being the installation of the newly elected officers of Golden Gate Chapter, No. 1, Order of the Eastern Star. The officers installed were: Worthy Matron, Mrs. Annie Evans; Worthy Patron, Mr. Harry Scott; Associate Matron, Mrs. Frank Morgan; Secretary, Mrs. Kate Willetts; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary J. Hawley; Conductress, Mrs. Dora Brown; Assistant Conductress, Miss Naomi Johnson; Chaplain, Mrs. H. A. Hobe; Marshal, Mrs. Mary Moore; Inside Warder, Mrs. Ida Smith; Organist, Mrs. M. E. Joost; Points of the Star—Adah, Miss Louisa Stevenson; Ruth, Miss Fanny Downing; Esther, Miss Emma Henley; Martha, Miss Tillie Scott; Electa, Mrs. Addie E. Rollins.

As each officer was installed the act was accompanied by a musical selection very beautifully rendered. After the installation Mrs. Julia Fisher, the retiring Past Matron, was presented with a magnificent jewel, a diamond star, the emblem of the order, and Mr. Henry S. Smith, Past Patron, was the recipient of a diamond ring, the jewels being set in the form of a star. Mrs. Fisher then presented Mrs. Kate Willetts, Past and Present Secretary, with a beautiful basket of flowers, and also Mrs. Hobe, Past Worthy Matron. The ceremonies concluded, the floor was cleared of chairs and the company danced until nearly midnight. It is only necessary to add that the ladies were dressed in their handsomest toilets, and that the affair was brilliant throughout.

Daughters of St. George.

The members of Alexandra Lodge, No. 62, Order of Daughters of St. George, crowded their hall in the Union-square Building last night, the occasion being an entertainment and dance in honor of their anniversary. The officers are: Past President, Mrs. Dr. Anna Booth; President, Mrs. S. Wyatt; Vice-President, Mrs. E. Sawyer; Chaplain, Mrs. M. A. Jones. During the course of the evening the following programme was rendered: Overture, Sister Barstow; song, Mr. Isador Mayer; piano solo, Miss Hope; recitation, Mrs. Stockton; quartet, Mrs. Scott, Miss Bennett, Mr. Mayer and Mr. Palmer; banjo duet, Messrs. Isaaber and Anderson; song, Mrs. Gray; song, Mrs. Renfro; song, Mr. Mayer. The company was a brilliant one, the ladies wearing their most bewitching costumes, besides which each officer wore upon her breast one of the handsomest badges that was ever conceived for a similar occasion. After the programme dancing was indulged in until after midnight.

Surprise on Thirteenth Street.

A very enjoyable surprise party was tendered to Mr. George Springer on last Saturday evening at his residence, 29 Thirteenth street. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Springer, the Misses Emily and Annie McNamara, Miss Kitty Koppleus, Miss May Springer, Miss Mabel Smith, Miss Nellie Carey, Miss Fanny Springer, Miss Annie Johnson, Miss Ella Hall, Miss Edna Handson; Messrs. Edward Waugh, Charles Tate, George Springer, George Boyle, Warren Irelan, Louis Springer, Frank Irelan, James Ordway, Harry Hart, Fred Thompson.

Society Personals.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baruch (nee Hyman) have returned from their wedding trip and are at the Palace Hotel.

Mrs. J. D. Redding and Miss Myra Redding are settled in Paris for the winter.

Miss Lelia Carroll of Sacramento is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. O. Alexander.

Miss Domitt, who went East to attend the W. C. T. U. National Convention in Boston, her native city, is at present the guest of Mrs. Thomas at The Tudor. Her many friends will be glad to hear of her pleasant surroundings and good health.

Dr. and Mrs. D. F. Ragan (nee Sweeney) have returned from their wedding tour and are at the Hotel Fairmount, preparatory to taking up housekeeping.

Mr. Alfred Lewis Meyerstein of the firm of Lewis Meyerstein of this city has gone to New York on an extended business journey for the house.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Hill have returned to town from Sausalito.

Mrs. J. K. Franklin and Miss Franklin have moved to 2930 California street, and will receive on the second and fourth Wednesdays in the month.

Mrs. Flora Haines Loughead, formerly of this city, now of Santa Barbara, is about to publish her own short stories in book form every month.

Senator Jones of Nevada is expected to arrive on the Coast in a few days. During his visit his affairs in the East will be managed by his brother, Mr. S. L. Jones, who left for New York a short time ago.

NEW ENTERPRISES.

Articles of Incorporation Filed by Five Companies.

Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday by the following:

Acme Filter Company—Capital, $100,000; subscribed, $14,000; Directors—M. Kraker, Max Israel, M. S. Eisner, William McDonald, J. P. Currier, Nathan Delbance, Dr. Jules Simon.

The Home Building Company—Capital, $50,000; subscribed, $25,000; Directors—F. Shaw, W. A. Harvey, D. W. Ross, O. W. Forsyth, H. B. Soltan.

The Westward Vineyard and Orchard Company—Capital subscribed and authorized, $500,000; Directors—S. J. Hendy, C. V. Manner, W. E. Lutz, J. H. Hendy, C. W. Tozer.

United Tree and Stump Extracting Company—Capital, $15,000,000, of which $25,000 has been subscribed; Directors—Alfred Taylor, E. J. Mahoney, J. W. Shaw, R. A. Donald and E. J. Mahoney Jr.

The International Electric Supply and Construction Company—Capital, $5,000,000, of which $9000 has been subscribed. The Directors are Columbus Waterhouse, James Sniers, H. S. Crocker, C. O. Swanberg, C. S. Benedict, A. F. Johns, E. E. Parsons, C. Montgomery and Andrew Brown.

O'CONNOR'S GOAT.

G. B. Pierri Suffers for Ending Its Peaceful Life.

Daniel O'Connor and G. B. Pierri are neighbors and would be friendly neighbors had it not been for the fact that O'Connor added to the attractions of his domain a lusty Angora goat, a member of the sterner sex. Soon after the goat arrived he ascertained that there were toothsome cabbages in the garden of Pierri, and with all a goat's disdain for vested rights made frequent raids upon them. That is what Pierri says, and that is the reason that was given in Justice Campbell's court yesterday for the destruction of the animal, who was recently found dead with a bullet hole in his heart by a member of the house of O'Connor. O'Connor brought suit to recover $100 for the death of the goat, but Justice Campbell decided that $25 would amply repay him for the loss he had sustained and gave judgment in accordance.

Tests of Cement.

Supervisor Burling has always doubted the quality of cement used by the several municipal departments, and, to satisfy himself, has had Professor Ogden, analyst at the State Mining Bureau, test the various kinds. Following is the report, which signifies the tensile strength at seven days, and includes all the varieties of cement in the San Francisco market:

	Lbs.		Lbs.
Lacose & Levie	750	Union	393
Neu & Russell	610	Gillingham	375
North's Portland	510	Hardners & Weight	325
Alson	510	Eagle	315
Wallsend	480	Dyckerhoff	310
Johnson's	474	White Bros	300
Buffalo	435	Robins	298
Dia. O California	430	Jumel (California)	280
K. B. & S.	425	Trowell	256

Giarnata's Ingenious Plea.

A. Giarnata, arrested for having lottery tickets in his possession, came up for trial yesterday in Police Judge Rix's court. Walter Gallagher, representing Prosecuting Attorney Nicholson, who was absent at the new City Hall on another case, stated that Giarnata had lately lost his son and had drunk heavily to drown his grief. On returning home drunk he put on his son's coat, went out again and was arrested for being drunk. On being searched at the new City Hall a lottery ticket bought by his dead son was found in the coat that he had on. The ticket did not belong to the accused, nor did he know anything about it. On this representation the charge was dismissed.

Opium Raid in Oakland.

Internal Revenue Inspector H. A. Clapp raided an opium factory in the rear of a Chinese laundry on Webster street, near Fifteenth, in Oakland yesterday. He found fifty pounds of yen shee and sixty pounds of opium, which he seized. The cooking utensils, including copper boiling pans, streamers, lifters and the furnaces, he destroyed. The value of the seizure is $400.

Highbinders as Canners.

The case of Low Ying against the Boston Fishing and Trading Company is being tried before Judge Levy. The plaintiff seeks to recover $5885 75 for supplying the company with laborers for its canneries in Alaska. The company contends that the men sent by Low Ying were highbinders and would not work.

Cable-Car Extension.

It is stated that cars will be running out Fulton street from Stanyan to Seventh avenue over the McAllister-street cable-line extension by the first of the year. The terminus of the extension is at the north entrance to the park. When the extension is completed more cars will be placed on McAllister street.

Cars to Run All Night.

A project of providing an all-night street-car service for the Western Addition is being considered by the Southern Pacific Company. The company owns the Central road on Turk street, and announces that cars may soon be run all night on that line.

The Hale & Norcross Suit.

The suit against the Hale & Norcross mine, which was to have been tried in Judge Hebbard's department yesterday, went over to to-day on account of the illness of Attorney R. S. Mesick.

A Week's Postponement.

The calling of the term calendar of the United States Circuit Court was postponed yesterday for a week.

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ACROSS THE BAY.

A Haul of $4000 in Cash Made by Burglars.

Favoring a Change in Text-Books—A Fortune of $48,000—Tailors Mourned by Creditors—Completing the Bridge.

It leaked out yesterday that a burglary had occurred in the vicinity of Tenth and Brush streets on Sunday evening and $4000 had been stolen, but it was some time before definite information was learned as to whose money was stolen. The house was that of C. T. H. Meyer, a capitalist, with whom lived his son-in-law, Ed H. Benjamin, and wife. Mr. Meyer was spending the day in Berkeley and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin in San Francisco. The only servant in the house was reading in a room downstairs and did not hear any noise. She went upstairs a few minutes before 6 o'clock in the evening to light up and was alarmed to find the doors locked. She rushed downstairs and just then Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin arrived. The former burst open the door of Mr. Meyer's room and found everything turned upside down, while the top of the desk was torn off. An hour or two later Mr. Meyer arrived at home and then it was learned that the burglar had secured something over $4000. The window to the room showed that the fastening had been removed to one side with a chisel and an entrance and exit made in that way. The bags in which the coin had been kept were found on the street afterward. Mr. Meyer explained that he had kept the money in the house so that the family would have plenty of cash on hand to await the settlement of his estate. He is quite prostrated over the affair, being upward of 70 years of age.

CHANGING TEXT-BOOKS.

At the recent Institute of Alameda County Teachers a committee was appointed to devise means to secure a change in the text-books at the next session of the Legislature. The committee consists of the County Superintendents, the Superintendents of Oakland, Alameda and Berkeley, and a number of principals. At a meeting of the committee the matter was discussed and the Chairman and Secretary were appointed a special sub-committee to prepare an address in accordance with the views of the committee on the matter, and send it to other counties in the State and awaken their interest in the matter.

An attachment has been issued for David G. Stegeman by Judge Henshaw for refusing to answer a citation to appear and show why he had not paid alimony to his wife. Stegeman is an employe of Studebaker Bros.

The lease of the Macdonough Theater, now building, to George Mothersole, for five years, from September 1, 1892, at $500 per month, was recorded yesterday. The building will be completed by September 1st of next year.

HEIR TO A FORTUNE.

A young man named Carl Friese, residing in Oakland, has recently come into a fortune of $48,000 by the death of an aunt in Germany, who remembered him to that extent in her will. He is somewhat of a musician, and while on a mission to Germany to study met the aunt who has made him rich. He has been driving one of the tank wagons of the Standard Oil Company in Oakland to make a living for himself and his young wife, but he will now return to Germany and complete his musical education.

Invitations have been sent out announcing a Thanksgiving day celebration by the class of '92 of St. Mary's College. The pupils will entertain their guests at the college, commencing at 7:30 o'clock P. M. on Thursday.

August Schirmer has sued for a divorce from his wife, Emma, on the ground of her deserting him. He is in the wine and liquor business in San Francisco.

MOURNED BY CREDITORS.

A firm of tailors calling itself Bunster Bros. opened up a shop in a fine location on Washington street about six weeks ago, and commenced making $30 and $40 suits for $15 and $20. They were apparently doing a good business, and consequently, it is said, were given considerable credit. A few mornings ago it was discovered that they had picked up and gone, and left between two days, leaving a sorrowing landlord and other creditors.

The Grand Jury labored all day yesterday with the controversy between the City Council and Auditor Snow. Ex-Councilman McAvoy, Auditor Snow and City Clerk Brady went through an examination. Mr. Brady had to haul down several of the tomes in which are kept the records of the city's business, and the end is not yet.

Chief Tompkins has issued the remarkable order that every member of his force must wear full uniforms through the night. His men and the public ridicule the edict.

Alameda.

The tug-of-war tournament of the Olympic Club is well patronized. There are six teams, and great interest centers in the contests.

Several property-owners on Park street have signed a petition to have the street paved with bituminous rock, but there is little likelihood that a majority of the owners will sign it.

At the meeting of the City Trustees last evening the compensation of the Commissioners of Haight avenue was fixed at $50 per month. The payment of $3650 was ordered made to the contractors of the new Wilson School-house. Ordinances were introduced opening Louisa street and reducing the width of Oak street, north of Pacific avenue, from 36 to 30 feet. The improvements that were recently ordered made to the boilers of the electric light works at a cost of $2500 were reported completed. The board will hold a meeting on Friday evening, and will consider the ordinance increasing the salary of the City Attorney and City Clerk.

A steam-roller weighing about twenty tons will be run over the new Government steel bridge across the tidal canal in a few days to test the strength of the structure. Preparations are in progress for the celebration of its completion, and it promises to be a great affair. The two military companies of Oakland will attend and there will be two brass bands. The sum of $200 will be appropriated for fireworks, which will include a set piece representing two clasped hands, with the word "shake" over them, symbolic of the union of Oakland and Alameda made by the bridge. There will be illumination by bonfires and Japanese lanterns, and if the evening is a pleasant one there will be speeches and possibly a poem by Joaquin Miller. The Finance Committee in Alameda and in Oakland is now collecting money to defray the expenses of the celebration, which will most likely be held within a couple of weeks.

FOUND DEAD IN THE HOLD.

Awful End of a Stowaway on the Steamship Moravia.

One awful discovery, that caused their hearts momentarily to stand still, was recently made by the stevedores at work in the hold of the steamship Moravia, unloading sugar at Hoboken yesterday. In the deep gloom forward of the main hatch and close to the vessel's port side, one of the men noticed a peculiar, yellow, flickering light. Pulling away a bag of sugar, the man yelled with fright at bringing into full view the figure of a man, with outstretched arm and index finger pointing straight ahead. All about him was the peculiar light which had attracted the stevedore's attention.

His cry of horror had been heard by the other men, and when they saw the figure they all bolted up the ladder to the deck, where with chattering teeth they told the officer in charge of their discovery. He ordered them back, but they would not go until the ghost, as they called it, had gone. The officer and two of the crew went below, but failed to see what had alarmed the stevedores. They were again told to go down, but again refused.

Finding they were firm in their determination the first engineer and a squad of men went into the hold and the electric lights were turned on. The ghost was discovered. It was the corpse of a man. It stood upright, one arm resting upon a projecting beam and the index finger pointing into space. The man had been dead a long time, and the light which had surrounded the body was the phosphorescent rays which decomposing bodies emit.

No one aboard knew the man, and he is believed to have stowed himself away in the hold while the vessel was being loaded at Hamburg, and being unable to extricate himself suffered a terrible death.

The man was well dressed and had evidently been a Russian. Nothing was found on the body except a passport with the name written so badly that it could not be deciphered.—N. Y. Press.

Two Dromios in Real Life.

A somewhat remarkable case of "the fellow who looks like me" occurred at the Burnett House when William Harris of New York and William Harris of Boston met. William Harris of New York was the first to register, and when William Harris of Boston subscribed his name a few lines below that of William Harris of New York he was not sure but that he had committed the blunder of registering twice, so near a perfect facsimile was the one signature of the other. The coincidence did not stop here, for when they met the facial resemblance was, if anything, fully as remarkable. Both were rather handsome men and were similarly dressed, and would have passed anywhere as twin brothers. Mr. Harris of New York is a prosperous traveling man, and Mr. Harris of Boston is a member of the firm of Rich & Harris of comedy fame.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The Indians in Northern Idaho have enlisted in the regular army.

The Chinese are not permitted to own guns or possess gunpowder.

Kanorado is in Sherman County, Kans. It is a combine of Kansas and Colorado.

Nothing is imported direct from the United States by Siam except kerosene oil.

Though the Fifty-second Congress has not yet held a session, seven members of it have died.

Wheeling, W. Va., has on exhibition two pumpkins, one weighing 125 and the other 138 pounds.

A recent Pittsburg municipal ordinance strictly prohibits masquerade balls, either public or private.

From the American aloe tree is made thread, ropes, cables, paper, clothing, soap, sugar and brandy.

Harwinton, Conn., mourns the death of its oldest resident, Enos Frisbee, aged 100 years and 4 months.

Millet's famous picture, "The Angelus," is kept insured for $140,000, and Meissonier's "1814" for $120,000.

A story comes from Patten, Me., about a turtle which makes a journey of fifty miles every year to deposit her eggs in a certain place.

Nothing is more disheartening to a man than the discovery that he has married a woman who loves to keep his writing-table in order.

A bear walking on his hind feet and carrying a porcupine in his fore paws, was seen by a resident of Copper Falls, Mich., a few days ago.

"Uncle" Jacob Gress, the Pocono Mountain hunter, has killed eighty-two bears and hundreds of deer. He is 87 years old, but still lusty.

The almost incredible report comes from Keyport, N. J., that an old resident of that place was found frozen to death on the 25th of October.

The sturgeon is toothless and draws in its food by suction, but the shark has hundreds of teeth set in rows that sometimes number ten.

A Millville (N. J.) man has a tomato plant which measures ten feet in height and twenty-seven feet around it. He has picked 238 tomatoes from it.

An island near Menominee, Mich., is literally alive with worms that swarm over everything, and another one is so infested with snakes that no one will visit it.

If a graceful young man prefers to cultivate his foot at the expense of his head, why let him do it. He may have to waltz around from house to house after his meals some day.

If you want to get married cheaply go to Jeffersonville, Ind. The Justices of the Peace there are engaged in a bitter rivalry and are marrying couples free of charge except a kiss from the bride.

In September last 1483 prisoners were committed by Justice Dryer at the Tombs Police Court, New York. This is the largest number ever committed in one month at any police court in that city.

A farmer who lives near Mount Vernon, Mich, and who takes the cake in the procrastination line, is now just husking his 1890 corn crop, being compelled to get at it in order to prepare for his fall seeding.

Cats are a nuisance, but be careful how you shoot at them. The Brooklyn young man who shot at one and hit a boy in the leg is evidently one of those people who do not understand that it takes genius to kill a cat.

The arrest and confinement of a Lowell (Mass.) man as a deserter from the army has proved a case of mistaken identity, and the aggrieved man will sue both the private detective who arrested him and the Government.

A White Pigeon (Mich.) barber-shop takes a new grip on public favor in the announcement that the proprietor, having purchased 300 face-towels, wont have to use the same towel on more than one customer before it is washed.

The people of the West are darker than those of the East. It is easy to see that. They live more in the open air. They are browned by the sun and roughened by the winds of the prairies. This is as true of the women as of the men.

About $2500 in bank notes and jewelry have been found concealed on the person of a recently arrived woman immigrant at New York. It is said that she deserted and robbed her husband in Saxony. She will probably be returned.

The Delaware Indians have just received $454,000, being half the sum given them by the Government for lands in the Indian Territory. There has never been an instance of such benevolence toward an equal number of white men in this country.

An attractive bit of furniture that one has planned one's self possesses an especial charm. It may be only a simple wall cabinet to hold one's choicest bric-a-brac, but who so well as the owner can plan the position and space to be given to each piece?

The Crown Prince of Japan, who is a pupil in the School for Nobles, in Tokio, is said to be a bright and industrious boy. He has just finished the fourth year in the elementary department. It is said that he did not miss one day at school during the last year.

Among the effects of a victim of a recent railroad accident at Malden, Mass., were twenty-seven pounds of silver coin—all $1 pieces. He was an employe of the company, and always insisted upon his pay in silver dollars, which he carried with him in a gripsack.

Manuela Fimbres, the only woman convict in the Arizona Territorial Prison, was pardoned by the Governor and discharged recently. She was provided with plenty of comfortable clothing and sent to Tucson, where the Sheriff of Pima County sent her on to Mexico.

The most powerful telescope yet made has just been finished in Munich. Its ordinary power is 11,000, which can be increased to 16,000. An electric lamp of minute type is used in it, and a special device which sprays minute particles of liquid carbonic acid is used to keep it cool.

Samantha Phillips (colored) of Jeffersonville, Ind., claims to be 106 years old. She is very small, weighing but ninety pounds, and is only four feet in height. Every day she walks one mile, carrying dinner to her great-great-grandson, who is employed in the Government depot.

It is said that the Princess of Wales is forming a secret society for the purpose of stamping out the habit of tarrying too long at the wine, now very prevalent among the high-born women of England. Let it be hoped she will succeed ere red noses become a fashionable fad.

One of the most useful and valuable libraries in the country is that of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. It is the property of the commonwealth, but is free from partisan interference and has legislative aid. The library now numbers about 80,000 volumes and 60,000 pamphlets.

Two Kentucky women have just graduated from the Cincinnati Technical School. Their names are Mary Riggs and Julia Bedinger. They took the course of engineering and carpenter work and became experts in the use of carpenters' tools and are familiar with the manipulation of steam machinery.

Mrs. Eunice Ross Davis, the only surviving member of the Woman's Anti-Slavery Board of Boston, and the oldest woman abolitionist, has celebrated her ninety-first birthday anniversary. She was born in North Andover, Mass., of parents of mixed blood, her mother being Indian, while her father was an African.

James Parton, in a little talk about Charles Kingsley at the time the latter author visited America in 1879, declared that the perusal of "Alton Locke," up in a New York garret, gave him more pain than any experience he had ever had before or since, so harrowing was the delineation of suffering and degradation.

The tallow tree of China is so called from the fact that it produces a substance resembling tallow and which is used for similar purposes. The fruit is inclosed within a pod. A white pulp is found within and this substance the Chinese use in making candles, mixing a little oil with it to make it softer and more pliable.

A friendship between a rat and a dog is the latest curious story of animal attachments. The dog, which lives in Northamptonshire, England, is a sworn enemy of all rats except one, and has made a good record for ridding his master's premises of them. His favorite, however, is allowed to feed around the kennel; and when the master attempted to kill this rat, a decided demonstration on the dog's part warned him to stop.

Fought Under Napoleon the Great.

Lieutenant Francis Radoux, who fought under the first Napoleon, has just died at the age of 97. Of the more than million of men who once kept step to the war-drums of the Corsican leader, Lieutenant Radoux was probably the last one left on this side of the Atlantic, and possibly in the world.

But it is not only as a survivor of Waterloo that Radoux has a history. In his day he was the best violinist in Maine, and as such, and as a popular teacher of dancing, his services in the winter months were in constant demand.

He was a nice-looking, polished, delightful old gentleman.—Portland (Me.) dispatch to Boston Herald.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

Disastrous Effects on Business of the Recent Earthquake.

An Account of the Trembling Copied From One of the Japanese Newspapers—Late Items From Hong-Kong.

The steamer China arrived yesterday from China and Japan, bringing Hong-Kong exchanges to October 30th and Yokohama dates as late as November 9th.

Japan.

The Japan Mail says: Terrible details of the destruction wrought by the earthquake continue to arrive in Tokio. The Official Gazette publishes a telegram to the effect that in the province of Echizen, exclusive of the town of Fukui, concerning which intelligence has already been received, 210 houses and 100 fire-proof godowns were completely overthrown, 146 houses and 55 godowns being partially ruined. Seven lives were lost and 38 persons were injured. These figures raise the totals for Echizen—Fukui, the chief town, included—to 8 persons killed, 60 wounded, 296 houses and 126 godowns wholly destroyed, and 195 houses and 91 godowns partially overthrown. The Official Gazette further states that in the Ono district of the same province a landslip, 80 yards long by 30 feet high, has blocked the course of the Managawa and produced an inundation.

Under any circumstances it appears tolerably certain that 1500 to 2000 people have been killed, from two to three thousand injured, and some 1200 houses overthrown, to say nothing of damaged dwellings, inundations and so forth. It is an appalling calamity. The eruption at Bandaisan sinks into insignificance by the side of such figures.

His Imperial Highness Prince Fushimi has started from Tokio with the intention of visiting the whole of the localities where the calamity occurred. The Prince will ride on horseback wherever the railway is not available. The sum of 3000 yen has been given by the Emperor and Empress for the relief of the sufferers.

The earthquake has effected business to a considerable extent, and the papers have little to say about trade. The metal trade is looking up, and kerosene begins to move, though prices have not changed. Sugar market weak, with little doing. The principal export has again been heavily dealt in, and good silk commands full prices. There have also been large transactions in waste silk at holders' figures, which are high. The tea trade is dull, but though quotations remain unaltered. Exchange has fluctuated, the general tendency being toward decline, and apparently there is not much stability in present rates.

The marriage of his Imperial Highness Prince Kanin Kotohito to Princess Chiyeko, eldest daughter of the late Prince Sanjo, which was to take place on the 4th inst., has been postponed in consequence of the death of his Imperial Highness Prince Kuni.

The work of laying rails between Fukuyama and Onomichi on the Kansai Railway Company's line has been completed. The section was opened for traffic on the 4th inst.

One effect of the earthquake has been the crumbling away of a part of the mountain Komagatake in Shinshu. This mountain lies considerably to the north of the Fukui-Gifu-Nagoya line, along which the shock developed its greatest intensity, and there is consequently some difficulty in understanding why a landship should have occurred at such a place. A development of volcanic activity on the part of the mountain itself has been suggested, but Komagatake is, we believe, of granite formation, so that the volcanic hypothesis can scarcely be entertained. The incident will be one among the many points of interest which this earthquake offers to seismologists.

The Naval Department have decided to ask the sanction of Parliament to devote the sum of $2,700,000 for the construction of a cruiser of 2700 tons burden, and a dispatch-boat of 1800 tons burden, the cost to be included in the budget for the next fiscal year. It is proposed to build the cruiser at Yokosuka, and the dispatch-boat at Kure.

China.

The head authorities in the disturbed districts seem to be anxious to restore quiet. Several headmen of the Kolao Hui have been arrested and executed at Nanking and Chinkiang. Negotiations with regard to the indemnities are progressing. There is still, however, much unrest in Hunan. The agitators there have discovered that burning mission stations is unprofitable work, and they have issued a manifesto recommending the boycotting and persistent annoyance of Christian converts as more likely to stop the progress of what they call the pigeadevil religion. A powder factory was blown up the week ending October 24th, at Heungshan, between Canton and Macao, killing fourteen men and wounding 150.

There are some signs of a disturbance in Hainan, anti-foreign placards having been posted near mission stations at Holhow.

Some Formosan aborigines lately made a raid on some villages, carried off some plunder and killed a few braves. After this they were again driven into the mountains. But this little disturbance gave the Acting Governor a chance to exchange two commanders of the garrison camps, on the charge of negligence, while the General got three black marks.

The Dell Courant of October 14th estimates at no more than 10,000 the number of coolies likely to be thrown out of employment owing to the fall in tobacco values there.

News was received in Shanghai on the 18th of October from Nanking that a Kolao Hui chief had just been escorted into the city by 200 soldiers, and was to be executed at once.

The Shanghai Mercury understands the water between Ichang and Hankow is already so low that the chartered steamship Ella, with the English blue-jackets on board, will likely have to remain where she is until next spring.

Work in connection with raising the British bark Cape City in Nagasaki Harbor is reported to be progressing favorably, and the contractor, Mr. E. Lake, has very sanguine hopes of having her afloat again in a very short time.

Hong-Kong.

The Opium bills have passed through committee with few alterations. Certificates of proficiency in the work of the St. John's Ambulance Society were presented by the Acting Governor October 24th to some thirty ladies and several members of the police force. Mr. E. L. Woodin, Superintendent of the Peninsular and Oriental Company, has been arrested in Japan on a charge of embezzlement, and is to be brought to Hong-Kong for trial.

Decrease in the Rainfall.

No signs of rain are reported by the Weather Bureau, and the seasonal deficiency is growing marked. Comparisons with the precipitations of previous years show an average falling off in this city of 1.82 inches, and a similar decrease at other points in the State. Fair weather for San Francisco and cold nights in the interior are predicted. The need of rain is being seriously felt at certain interior points.

JESSE JAMES' BRAIN.

It Is Preserved in Alcohol in a St. Joseph Doctor's Office.

"A great many things have been written about Jesse James, and at times it has seemed to me as if the papers were taxing their readers severely with their tireless efforts to preserve a strained interest in the career of the great highwayman," said a prominent citizen of Northwest Missouri at the Southern Hotel, St. Louis. "A certain little post-obit incident has never found its way into the press, however, and the reason no doubt is that it has been kept an inviolate secret among the few who were given an opportunity to know about it for fear of bringing trouble on those who were responsible for it. The facts are simply these: While Mrs. Samuels, the mother of Jesse James, was watching like a lynx every incident connected with the arrangements for conveying the dead desperado from St. Joseph, the day after his death, to her farm near Kearney, where he was to be buried, a number of enterprising physicians quietly removed his brain and put it in a jar of alcohol, in which condition it is now exhibited, labeled or unlabeled, at one of the St. Joseph medical colleges.

"As soon as I heard of the shooting of Jesse James," continued the narrator, "I boarded a train and went to St. Joseph. The excitement was something remarkable. The town was full of witnesses, officers and idlers from Kansas City, Omaha and from towns 200