OUT GOES THE COIN.

More Paid Offices Under the World's Fair Commission.

Mr. Thompson Appointed Secretary at a Yearly Salary of $2000—One-Sixth of the Appropriation Spent.

The adjourned meeting of the Local Commissioners of the World's Fair was an important one in many respects. At the morning session James D. Phelan presided in the absence of Irving M. Scott.

It was agreed that the commission visit the Southern Pacific officials to-day to confer about freight rates.

Messrs. Thompson, McMurray and Hatch were appointed a committee of three to revise and prepare rules and regulations governing the relations of the commission with exhibitors.

The Commissioners also adopted a resolution by Mr. Phelan empowering them to confer with the Board of Supervisors of this city and county relative to securing the State's exhibit of imperishable products and stuffed specimens of animals with a view to forming a museum at Golden Gate Park at the close of the World's Fair.

Commissioner Thompson introduced resolutions calling for a convention in San Francisco of two representatives from each county of the State, to be elected by the local World's Fair Associations or by the County Boards of Supervisors, such delegates to receive instructions from the Commissioners as to what they can do in the way of displays and exhibits for the exposition.

The afternoon session commenced at 2 o'clock, President Scott in the chair. Commissioners Rose, McMurray, Thompson and Phelan were present.

It was agreed, after an informal discussion, that Southern California should have half of the five acres allotted to the State, and in addition as much of the remaining two and a half acres as may not be required by Northern California for a horticultural and agricultural display. The object of the increase is to enable Southern California to make a display of semi-tropical trees.

MORE OFFICES CREATED.

Commissioner Thompson then brought up a resolution providing for the creation of four new offices—an Assistant Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Financial Secretary and a Secretary of Publicity and Information. He mentioned the fact that there were 100 applications for various positions on file.

After some discussion the offices were created, with salaries of $150 per month for each. John Craig, now acting as Assistant Secretary, was elected to that position, with salary dating from January 1st of the present year; and it was also decided that he should be paid at the rate of $100 a month for services rendered in his acting capacity during the past year. A balance of $200 is due him on this basis, and a check was drawn in his favor for the amount.

Commissioner McMurray named a candidate for Corresponding Secretary, but as there was some uncertainty as to his acceptance of the position it was decided not to fill this office or the publication secretaryship till the next meeting.

A. J. Moulder was appointed to the office of Financial Secretary.

Winfield Scott, Secretary of the Viticultural Commission, said that at a session held that morning the commission had selected about thirty names of wine-makers, table-grape growers, raisin-producers and wine-merchants to act as a committee in the Viticultural Department. These gentlemen only wanted their traveling expenses. He estimated that about one-fifth of the State's floor space would be required. He also stated that the wine men are adverse to anything in the shape of a liquor bar, but want the privilege of selling wines in bottle at the tables.

ANOTHER ASSAULT ON THE SACK.

Commissioner McMurray read a lengthy resolution calling for a grant of $40,000 for a properly selected and classified exhibit of the mining products of the State.

It having been remarked that a good exhibit had been made by the State at New Orleans for less than $10,000, Mr. Irelan, who was present, said that the exhibit referred to was much smaller than the one proposed.

By this time attention was called to the fact that the Commissioners have now only about $250,000 available for everything, but this did not prevent the bringing up of the question of remunerating the Secretary. Commissioner Thompson at present fills the office, and simultaneously a recommendation was adopted empowering him to act as Superintendent in charge of State buildings and executive officer. Mr. Thompson frankly stated that if he was to do the work he expected to be paid for it. The Commissioners took an open ballot on the amount of the remuneration to be paid Mr. Thompson, on the assumption that Attorney-General Hart would render an official opinion sanctioning the acceptance of the office by a Commissioner. Three of the votes were for $300 a month, one for $400 a month, and one for $250. It was finally agreed that Mr. Thompson be paid $300 a month for two full years, dating from October, 1891, $750 in all.

Checks were drawn for $500, the traveling expenses of members of the commission from July 1, 1891, to June 1, 1892.

The board adopted a resolution by Mr. Phelan calling for the opinion of Attorney-General Hart in the matter of the secretaryship, and then adjourned till 11 o'clock this forenoon.

GOVERNMENT AGENTS.

How the Western Union Would Escape Taxation.

State Senator Carpenter of Los Angeles, attorney for the Western Union Telegraph Company, appeared before the Supreme Court yesterday as the representative of the corporation in the appeal in the suit against the company by this city. The city has not only assessed the company for its visible property, but has taxed its franchise at $50,000. The company has paid the taxes levied on its poles, wires and offices, but appealed from the judgment that it is also required to pay for its franchise.

Mr. Carpenter, in giving his reasons why the company should not and could not be made to pay for its franchise argued that it was organized in New York and obtained its franchise from the Government of the United States by observing the requirements of an act of Congress passed in 1866. It is practically an agent of the Government, and as such is required to transmit Government messages before all others at rates established by the Postmaster-General. As a Government agent the company's franchise cannot be taxed by this or any other State.

In support of the position Senator Carpenter cited the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the case of the Pensacola Telegraph Company against the Western Union Telegraph Company, in which it was held that the latter was an agent of the Government, and insisted that it is an instrument of foreign and interstate commerce and of the postal service and therefore exempt. When the State undertook to tax the franchise of the Central Pacific Railroad the United States Supreme Court held that no State had such authority, because the Central Pacific is bound by its franchise to carry troops and munitions of war for the Government at the same rates charged other customers. If it, he asked, is a Government agent whose franchise is exempt from State taxes, how much more so is the Western Union such an agent.

The argument will be continued this morning, Attorney-General Hart and W. A. S. Nicholson representing the State and city,

Alleged Fraud on Creditors.

Suit has been brought by L. S. Stackweather against A. C. Freese, administrator of the estate of Jane Mars and Julia Monroe, to have a certain transfer declared fraudulent. He avers that in September he recovered judgment against Freese as administrator for $1588 37, but that after the note upon which the judgment was given was executed the debtor assigned her property to persons in trust for her sister, Julia Monroe, from which property the trustees have received $2954 95 and deposited the same in the San Francisco Savings Union. It is this transfer which is sought to set aside as a fraud upon creditors.

Defrauding the Revenue.

Internal Revenue Inspectors Gilchrist and Clapp made a seizure of fourteen five-tael cans of opium yesterday at 55 Spofford alley. The ground for the seizure lay in the fact that the drug proved, on examination, to be of domestic manufacture, while the revenue stamps showed that it ought to have been imported. Ah Fook, the proprietor, was taken along with his goods and turned over to the United States Marshal on a charge of defrauding the revenue by refilling the cans.

An Old-Time Merchant Returns.

Mr. Meyer Jonasson, head of the well-known firm of Meyer Jonasson & Co. of New York, the largest ladies' cloak manufacturing concern in the world, which was brought so prominently before the business community as the firm who drove the entering wedge toward abolishing what is known as the sweating or tenement-house system by erecting and maintaining an immense manufacturing plant in which all employes are under the direct supervision of foremen and their hours of labor shortened, will arrive in this city to-morrow on a brief visit, after an absence of twenty-three years. He was formerly engaged in business in San Francisco, and is one of the best known as well as one of the most successful among our early pioneer merchants. The visit to this Coast, being his first since 1869, will no doubt prove both a surprise and gratification in witnessing the numerous changes of San Francisco since that time, and his friends, who are numbered by the score, will hasten to accord him the welcome he has so many times extended to them during their New York visits. Mr. Jonasson will reside at the Palace during his sojourn in San Francisco.

FRISCO AGAIN DEFEATED.

They Were Nearly Shut Out by the Webfooters.

In the third game of the Portland-San Francisco series yesterday Kid Camp had the home team shut out up to the ninth inning, when he gave them a tally by throwing to first base while Mr. Dooley was temporarily absent. Power batted in another run later on, and the game ended with a score of 6 to 2.

J. Peek Sharp pitched for Harris, Knell playing short. Mr. Sharp got along very well indeed; he had nice control, but those Oregon men would swat the ball now and then for three-baggers and doubles. His accomplices started in early to bungle, and kept it up, with short intermissions, until the end. The audience, while not large, was highly appreciative.

Young Mr. Camp proved very effective, the Friscos getting but two hits in eight innings. Jim McDonald was the author of both hits, which were singles. In the last Mr. Sharp got away on a single, Levy was given his base and then Camp tried to nip him off the bag. He turned quickly and threw before Dooley knew what was going on. The ball went far away, and Sharp scored. Levy scored on Power's single.

The Webfooters scored one each in the second and third and two each in the fifth and sixth. Work and Dooley knocked out triples, while Cousin Park and Jiggs each touched off a two-bagger. Another game will be played this afternoon at the usual hour. Following is the score:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, JANUARY 15, 1892.

PORTLANDS.	AB.	R.	BH.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Cantillion, 2 b	5	1	0	1	2	1	0
Wilson, c	4	0	1	0	5	1	1
Van Haltren, r. f	4	0	0	0	1	0	0
Work, l. f	4	2	3	0	2	1	0
Lange, c. f	4	0	1	0	3	0	0
Shea, s. s	2	1	0	0	3	3	0
Dooley, 1 b	4	1	1	0	9	0	2
Parrott, 3 b	4	1	2	0	2	0	0
Camp, p	4	1	1	0	0	5	1
Totals	35	6	9	1	27	11	4

SAN FRANCISCOS.	AB.	R.	BH.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Sweeney, c. f	4	0	0	0	1	0	1
Sharp, p	4	1	1	0	0	1	0
Smith, 3 b	3	0	0	0	2	2	1
Levy, l. f	3	1	0	0	1	1	0
Power, 1 b	4	0	1	0	6	0	0
McDonald, 2 b	4	0	2	0	5	2	0
Swett, r. f	3	0	0	0	1	1	1
Clark, c	3	0	0	0	7	1	2
Knell, s. s	3	0	0	0	1	2	3
Totals	31	2	4	0	24	10	8

SCORE BY INNINGS.

Portlands	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	*	—6
Base hits	0	1	0	0	2	3	1	2	*—9
San Franciscos	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	—2
Base hits	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2—4

Three-base hits—Work, Dooley. Two-base hits—Parrott, Wilson, Sacrifice hits—Dooley 2, Power, McDonald. First base on errors—San Franciscos 1, Portlands 4. First base on called balls—San Franciscos 2, Portlands 1. Left on bases—San Franciscos 5, Portlands 7. Struck out—By Sharp 3, by Camp 4. Hit by pitcher—Smith, Shea. Double plays—Levy to Smith. Time of game—1 hour and 22 minutes. Umpire—Sheridan. Official scorer—Stapleton.

TARGET SEASON.

Practice With Small Arms at the Posts in the Department.

The target season for small arms at posts in the Department of California has been announced for the current year as follows:

Rifle and carbine for infantry and cavalry—May and June for Angel Island, Benicia Barracks, forts Bidwell, Gaston and Mason and the Presidio.

Rifle practice for artillery foot companies—June for Alcatraz Island, Fort Mason and Presidio.

Pistol practice for cavalry—July for Fort Bidwell and the Presidio.

The practice for troops stationed at Benicia Barracks will be held at the Presidio at such times as may be hereafter directed. The preliminary instructions required by the Small-arm Firing Regulations, will be had for cavalry and infantry four times a week during the month of April, and for recruits during the month of March also; and for foot batteries of artillery during the month of March. Commanding officers have been ordered to see that troops stationed at their respective posts are thoroughly instructed in the preliminary exercises, especially in aiming and sighting, and in estimating distances by the various methods. The above order will affect artillery troops to such an extent only as they are required to practice with the rifle.

TOOK A FEW DOLLARS OFF.

When the landlady entered the room he rose from his chair and said:

"You have a room to rent, I believe?"

"Yes, sir—front room on the second floor," she replied. "Are you one of the gentlemen who advertised for a room with board?"

"I'm one of the men who advertised for a fair-sized room well lighted."

"Not a refined gentleman."

"One of the men?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"How did your advertisement read?"

"Oh, I just said, 'A business man desires a fair-sized room, with board; within a mile of the busiest part of the city.'"

"The advertisement read 'a man?'"

"Certainly."

"Not 'a refined gentleman'?"

"No, indeed."

"Well, I'll take a few dollars off the price, then. I've been looking for a 'man.' I'm rather tired of 'refined gentlemen.' They generally play poker all night, and leave without paying their bills."—Chicago Tribune.

Park Improvements.

The following semi-annual report of the Park Commissioners was filed yesterday with the Board of Supervisors: During the six months from July 1st to December 31, 1891, the receipts of the commission amounted to $143,422 15, of which $140,989 75 was from general taxation. The receipts of the children's quarters amounted to $839 54. The disbursements were as follows: Construction and improvement, $43,172 95; maintenance, $36,113 39; stock, $631 40; miscellaneous, $1738 85; salaries of Superintendent and Secretary, $2100. Total, $83,756 59. The principal charges in the maintenance account are the police and watchmen, $6609 49, and maintaining the garden and flower plats, $13,606 86.

Fire Commission Squabble.

Judge Wallace yesterday heard the arguments of counsel representing John Daly, William Proll, A. J. Martin and Fred Jones, who claim membership in the Board of Fire Commissioners. Attorneys Knight and Haggerty, who represented Daly and Proll, contended that the Governor had a right to appoint members of the board. J. C. Bates, for Jones, declared that it would be useless to argue the case, as the points involved would soon be settled by the Supreme Court. Fifteen days was given in which to file briefs.

Counterfeiters Raided.

Twenty-five pounds of alloy and $125 in spurious coin, together with a full kit of counterfeiter's tools and dies for the manufacture of imitations of dimes and half-dollars, have been seized by Secret Service agents at Loomis, Placer County. The counterfeiters escaped, but the officers have under surveillance a couple of suspicious characters who are known to have passed some of the imitations of coin.

Changed a Confederate Bill.

Mrs. Lipson of 201 Ash avenue reported to the police yesterday that she had been swindled by a smooth-tongued confidence operator, who called at her house and said he owed her husband $3. He handed her a Confederate bill and received $2 in change.

I USED Simmons Liver Regulator for indigestion, with immediate relief.—G. G. Sparks, ex-Mayor Macon, Ga.

FRATERNAL INDEX.

Amount Contributed for a Masonic Home in Texas.

Gain in Membership of the I. O. O. F. in Michigan Last Year—National A. O. U. W. Headquarters at the World's Fair.

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Official Assessment Table.

NAME.	Number of Assessments.	Date of Call.		Delinquent by Members.	
A. L. of H.	223	Jan.	1	Jan.	20
A. O. U. W.	1-2-3	Jan.	1-8	Jan.	28
Workmen's Guar. F. A.	1-2	Jan.	1	Jan.	28
Knights of Honor	324-325	Jan.	1	Jan.	31
Knights and L. of H.	315-316	Jan.	1	Jan.	31
Order Chosen Friends	193	Jan.	1	Jan.	31
Royal Arcanum	160	Jan.	1	Jan.	31
United Ent'r Associates	91-92-93	Jan.	1	Jan.	31
U. E. A. special E. F.	11	Jan.	1	Jan.	31
Am. Fraternal Circle	29	Jan.	15	Feb.	15
Order Golden Shore	1	Jan.	1	Jan.	31
I. O. B. B.	21-22	Jan.	1	Jan.	31
End. R. F., A. O. F. A.	198	Dec.	18	Jan.	18
End. B. F., A. O. F. A.	199	Jan.	1	Feb.	1
End. B. F., A. O. F. A.	200	Jan.	12	Feb.	12
National Union	107	Jan.	10	Feb.	10
Equitable Aid Union	207-208	Dec.	30	Feb.	10
Order Scottish Clans	126-127	Jan.	1	Jan.	31
End. Fd. I. O. R. M.	21	Jan.	5	Feb.	11

There will be no assessment for January in the Young Men's Institute and Young Ladies' Institute.

Doric Lodge, No. 216, F. and A. M., at its called meeting on Thursday evening had work in the Fellowcraft degree.

Pacific Lodge, No. 155, I. O. O. F., at its regular meeting on Thursday evening conferred the initiatory.

California Lodge, No. 1, F. and A. M., at its called meeting on Thursday evening had a "raising."

Templar Rebekah Lodge, No. 19, I. O. O. F., will present a fine programme of exercises at its regular meeting this evening.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 120, F. and A. M., at its called meeting on Thursday evening had work in the Master Mason's degree.

Excelsior Degree Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., will confer the degree of Brotherly Love and Truth on a number of candidates at its regular meeting this evening.

California Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, conferred the Order of the Temple at its called assembly last evening. This commandery will celebrate its fortiethanniversary by a reception and ball at Odd Fellows' Hall, on Thursday evening, the 28th inst.

Oriental Encampment, No. 57, I. O. O. F., meets this evening, when there will probably be work in the degrees.

The thirty-second degree, or Masters of the Royal Secret was conferred on a large number of candidates at the annual communication of the Grand Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, on Thursday evening. A banquet followed, at which addresses were delivered and a general good time had.

California Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., meets this evening, when an interesting programme of exercises will be presented.

Texas is to raise the sum of $100,000 for the purpose of establishing a Masonic home.

Walhalla Encampment, No. 7, I. O. O. F., met last evening, when its newly elected officers were installed.

Islam Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, gives a theater party at the Baldwin next Wednesday evening. Three hundred seats have been reserved for the Nobles and their ladies.

A gain of 2000 was made in the I. O. O. F. in Michigan last year.

Grand Recorder Mayo of the Grand Commandery of Missouri, Knights Templar, has complied the statistics for 1890. He reports 848 commanderies in the United States and 84,516 Knights Templar. The amount of money in the treasuries of the different Grand Commanderies is $78,509 64.

A national A. O. U. W. headquarters at the World's Fair is contemplated. It is the intention of the projectors to make it a "meeting place" for all members of the order who may visit Chicago in 1893.

IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN.

Deserved Recognition for Services Rendered by a Past Great Incohonee.

On Monday evening Pohonachee Tribe, No. 10, adopted two palefaces. Last term this tribe made a large increase in membership, and have begun the new one with a determination to outdo the record of the one just closed. On next Monday evening a literary and social entertainment will be given.

The chiefs of Miantonomah Tribe, No. 9, were raised up on Tuesday evening last by A. Jackson, D. D. G. S., assisted by the great chiefs. The attendance of members and visiting brothers was very large.

Tuesday evening Manzanita Tribe, No. 4, adopted two palefaces. The work was excellently well performed by the new chiefs, and the attendance was large. H. Bader, P. S. of Oneida Tribe, No. 11, New York, was present, and gave a very interesting account of the progress of the order in the Empire State.

Seminole Tribe, No. 57, on Wednesday evening conferred the Warrior's and Chief's degrees upon several candidates, L. C. Bertin officiating as Degree Sachem, assisted by the chiefs of the tribe.

On Wednesday the great chiefs visited Otonkah Tribe, No. 56, Napa, and raised up the chiefs of the tribe. There was a large attendance and a very enjoyable time was had.

Thursday evening Sotoyome Tribe, No. 12, adopted two palefaces. Next Thursday the chiefs will be raised up by W. H. Fiske, D. D. G. S.

On Tuesday evening Miantonomah Tribe, No. 9, adopted a paleface. This tribe is doing remarkably well.

Pawnee Tribe, No. 67, Alameda, had a public raising up of chiefs on Thursday evening, concluding with a literary entertainment and ball at Park Opera House. All the great chiefs were present and a large delegation of visiting brethren.

Tahoe Chieftain's League, No. 3, will hold its regular council this evening. The chiefs will be raised up by Adam Smith, Past Supreme Chieftain.

On Wednesday evening Adam Smith, P. G. I., was the recipient of a magnificent badge, emblematic of the order, from Manzanita Tribe, No. 4, for faithful services rendered the tribe. "Uncle Adam," as he is called by those who know him—and who in the order in the great reservation does not known and love him?—proposed nineteen palefaces and they were adopted into the tribe during the last term, and the brothers desiring to show their appreciation of this veteran Red Man's efforts in behalf of the tribe and the order prepared the testimonial for him. P. S. Black, P. S., presented the badge, to which Mr. Smith feelingly responded.

The chiefs of Pocahontas Tribe, No. 11, and Winnemucca Tribe, No. 61, were raised up last evening.

The public raising up of the chiefs of White Cloud Tribe, No. 69, on Saturday evening last was a grand success. The hall was crowded, the work excellently done, and the corn and venison that followed the entertainment were heartily enjoyed by all.

U. A. O. D.

A New Circle Instituted Last Week at St. Helena.

From a letter received from N. S. Wight, D. D. G. A. of Portland, it is learned that the order in that city is in a progressive condition. Cosmopolitan Grove has during the winter given several socials, all of which have been successful. In membership and finances the grove is continually gaining.

Hesperian Grove, No. 17, will celebrate its twenty-third anniversary by a ball at Union-square Hall this evening. The committees have been working hard to make the affair a success. George H. Buck, N. G. A., escorted by the grand officers, will be present.

Another good result of one of the official visits of George H. Buck, N. G. A., was realized last week by the institution of a new circle at St. Helena by L. G. Schord, S. A., assisted by C. Lorenzen, D. S. A., for circles on the Pacific Coast. There were twenty-nine charter members. After the institution a supper and dance followed.

Galileo Grove, No. 37, had another big meeting on Tuesday evening. The second and third degrees were conferred in excellent shape. The grove made a good record this term.

Tomales Grove, No. 83, will celebrate its first anniversary next Wednesday evening by a ball. M. L. Murphy, the Druidic student of Tomales, will deliver an address. A new circle will soon be ready for institution.

Elvin Grove, No. 16, conferred the second and third degrees on two members on Monday evening.

Laurel Grove, No. 17, has interesting meetings every Friday evening. Since the change in the night of meeting the attendance has greatly increased. The grove is slowly but surely progressing, all of which is due to the efficient corps of officers.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

Officers Installed in Several Local and Interior Lodges.

The officers of America Lodge, No. 2229, were installed on the 7th inst. by J. Meyer, D. D. G. D. There was a good attendance, and among the visitors present was the G. R., who made a short address.

J. W. Rourke, G. D., installed the officers of Far West Lodge, No. 2324, on Thursday evening, 7th inst. Several visitors were present, among whom were Deputies Bullis, Brown and Meyer and C. H. M. Curry, G. R.

Last Saturday evening J. M. Cohen, D. D. G. D., installed the officers of Tahoe Lodge, No. 1876, at West Berkeley. A number of visitors from this city and Oakland were present, among whom were J. W. Rourke, G. D.; W. H. Wood, G. A. D.; C. H. M. Curry, G. R.; F. W. Zehfuss, G. T.; G. W. Branch, G. T.; J. Meyer, D. D. G. D.; T. Brown, D. D. G. D.; W. W. Morison, P. D., and A. J. Beecher, P. D. At the close of the exercises in the lodge-room as guests of the lodge all repaired to a neighboring restaurant, where a collation was found in waiting. This lodge pays weekly sick benefits and is in a prosperous condition.

The G. D. installed the officers of Clinton Lodge, No. 2019, at East Oakland, on Monday evening last. At the close of the lodge session refreshments were served and addresses were made.

The G. D., G. A. D. and G. R. visited San Jose Lodge, No. 1808, on Tuesday last and publicly installed the officers. A large number were present to witness the ceremonies.

The officers of Eureka Lodge, No. 1756, were installed by P. L. Archibald, D. G. G. D., last Wednesday evening.

Thomas Brown, D. D. G. D., installed the officers of Occidental Lodge, No. 1999, on Wednesday evening last. The G. D., G. R. and J. Meyer, D. D. G. D., were present and assisted in the ceremonies. At the close of the business session a banquet was served at a neighboring restaurant.

On Thursday evening last I. M. Cohen, D. D. G. D., assisted by C. H. M. Curry, G. R., installed the officers of Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 1889, at West Oakland. The usual hospitalities in the shape of refreshments were enjoyed by all present.

Charles H. Holcomb, D. D. G. D., assisted by J. Meyer, D. D. G. D., and Butler Burris, P. D., installed the newly elected officers of Confidence Lodge, No. 2282, last Tuesday evening.

On Friday evening, the 8th inst., the officers of Ivy Lodge, No. 1716, were publicly installed by Edgar C. Rust, D. D. G. D., assisted by the G. D., G. R. and Mr. Lane, P. D. of Friendship Lodge, witnessed by a large number of members and their lady friends. At the conclusion of business the entertainment commenced and the presentation on behalf of the lodge to the retiring Dictator of a handsome P. D. badge of office, to which the recipient, Mr. Boegler, responded. Installation being next in order, was followed by a programme, most excellently rendered. A visit to the banquet-hall was had, where ample justice was done to the bountiful repast so thoughtfully provided by the Entertainment Committee, after which dancing was indulged in till a late hour.

K. AND L. OF H.

The Order Prospering in Oregon and a Grand Lodge Contemplated.

Empire Lodge will probably install its new officers next Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Kate J. Young, D. S. P., is doing some excellent work in Oregon. She has organized three lodges, and now has the charter lists nearly filled for three more. At this rate, Oregon will have a representative in the next Supreme Lodge.

The officers of Triumph Lodge were installed by Deputy Trephagen on Monday evening, the 4th inst. The ceremonies were followed by a social dance and banquet. On Monday evening, February 1st, the lodge will give an invitation masquerade. The lodge has gained a reputation for giving only select parties, and in this instance only persons receiving invitations will be admitted.

The pleasant and commodious hall in which Harmony Lodge, Sacramento, holds its meetings was filled to its doors last Friday evening, when the new officers of the lodge were publicly installed by J. P. Counts, D. D. G. P., assisted by T. C. Medley as G. G. and Miss Lizzie O'Brien as G. C., all of Equity Lodge. T. H. Berkey, G. P., was present, and a large delegation from Equity Lodge; also S. B. Carleton, G. S.; M. S. Horan, G. T., and Dr. and Mrs. C. C. O'Donnell and Mrs. Klein, P. P.'s, of the city. On conclusion of the installation ceremonies Judge C. M. Post was called to the chair, when an excellent programme was rendered. Refreshments were served at the close. Every number on the programme merited favorable mention.

T. H. Berkey, G. P., and S. B. Carleton, G. S., paid an official visit to Star Lodge, Sonora, on Thursday evening, 7th inst., and were accorded a hearty reception by the members. The following officers were publicly installed by the G. P., assisted by the G. S.: Mrs. Belle W. Conrad, G. C., and Miss L. A. Keefe as G. C. On conclusion of the ceremony a brief but entertaining programme was rendered. Then followed a tempting banquet and "toasting," the G. P. responding to "The Widows," and the G. S. paying his compliments to "The Ladies."

Last Monday evening was a gala one for Pacific Lodge, the occasion being the installation of the new officers. The hall artistically decorated with garlands and wreaths of evergreens, bouquets of fragrant flowers upon the stands at the various stations, the lady members prettily attired, all served to present a most beautiful picture. The installing officer, F. Kemp Van Ee, D. D. G. P., was assisted by Mrs. M. A. Noyes as G. G., and Mrs. R. W. Dexter as G. C. Many prominent members of the order were present and addressed the lodge with interesting speeches. But the most taking remarks and interesting event of the evening was when Mrs. M. E. Pearl, P. P., was called upon, and voiced the sentiments of the entire lodge in paying a high tribute to the retiring P. P., Mrs. E. M. Vincent, for the able manner in which she had presided and conducted the affairs of the lodge during the past term, and in closing presented to Mrs. Vincent on behalf of the lodge an elegant emblematic pin of most unique design, with diamond setting. Following this refreshments were served and dancing indulged in until midnight.

A. L. OF H.

A Number of Applications for Membership in Local Councils.

Occident Council, No. 502, installed its officers Saturday evening last. J. W. Disbrow, D. D. G. C., officiated, assisted by C. O. Burton, G. S. At the close remarks were made by W. D. Mansfield, G. C., the G. S., J. C. Palmer, D. D. G. C., and others.

Washington Council, No. 480, had a very enjoyable time at its meeting on Tuesday evening. The attendance was good and a delegation from Myrtle Council was present. The officers were installed by E. M. Reading, acting D. D. G. C., assisted by C. O. Burton, G. S. This council has five applications pending.

Protective Council, No. 593, installed its officers on Wednesday evening last. J. C. Palmer, D. D. G. C., conducted the ceremony, assisted by C. O. Burton, G. S. Brief addresses were made by the grand officers present, and others. Two candidates were initiated.

Alta Council, No. 147, held its installation last evening, W. D. Mansfield, G. G., and other grand officers being present. I. C. Palmer, D. D. G. C., assisted by C. O. Burton, G. S., officiated as installing officers.

Metropolis Council, No. 640, and Mystic Council, No. 674, will have a joint installation this evening in Red Men's Hall.

Golden Council, No. 118, will install next Wednesday evening at A. O. F. Hall.

The grand officers will soon visit the councils at Oakland.

The several councils in the city have over twenty applications for membership on hand.

UNITED ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATES.

Annual Session of the Grand Lodge in This City Next Month.

Protection Lodge, No. 39, installed its officers last Monday night, at which there was a fair attendance. Mrs. Washburn, D. D. G. C., was the installing officer, who, with her assistants, did the work in a creditable manner.

Yosemite Lodge, No. 4, installed its officers last Saturday evening. M. Cooney, G. C.; J. C. Miller, P. G. C.; G. Pohlman, V. G. C., assisted. There was a good attendance and much enthusiasm was manifested by the members.

Dante Lodge, No. 21, had installation of officers last Monday night. W. H. Dolliug, D. D. G. C., was the installing officer. Mrs. Struckmeyer, P. G. G.; Mr. Krall, D. D. G. C.; Mrs. Trewin, G. G., and others were present and assisted. After the regular business was over the grand officers and members of the lodge partook of a very excellent banquet, at which interesting remarks were made.

Fraternity Lodge, No. 37, was visited by the G. C. and others last Tuesday night. The lodge decided to install officers in joint session with Eureka, No. 9, on Thursday evening. A district meeting of Eureka, Fraternity and California lodges will take place on the same night.

Friendship Lodge, No. 17, held a public installation of officers last Thursday evening. A number of the grand officers were present. F. D. Brandon, D. D. G. C., was the installing officer.

C. J. King and J. C. Miller each received their money on their first matured coupon on last Wednesday, and felt so happy over it that they invited a number of the grand officers to a banquet on the same evening. It was quite an elaborate affair and passed off very pleasantly.

Mrs. C. Haislip of Modesto has been appointed D. G. C. for the county of Stanislaus.

The Grand Secretary has paid out $10,000 for matured coupons during the past week.

The eighth annual session of the Grand Lodge will be held in new Foresters' Building, 102 O'Farrell street, beginning Tuesday, February 16th, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

ALONG THE RAIL.

The Railroad Commission Has Issued Its Annual Apology.

The Railroad Commission has nothing to do these days. There are no complaints on file, which, of course, indicates that the shippers throughout the State are satisfied with the Southern Pacific. In an annual report the Commissioners make the following apology to the people:

Much has been said in the past of the failure of this commission to accomplish the end sought for by the Constitution when the commission was established. We are unable to determine whether this so-called failure is due wholly to the personnel that have composed it in the past, or whether it is attributable, in a measure at least, to the lack of power to regulate and adjust the many questions that have come before it, or whether the people have not availed themselves of the opportunities of presenting their grievances to this commission. Be it as it may, we can only discuss the facts as we find them and the results that have followed.

The shipments of California fruit overland for December embraced 2,106,300 pounds of canned goods, 6,991,800 pounds of dried fruit, 72,700 pounds of ripe fruit and 3,298,500 pounds of raisins. There were 23,500 pounds of oranges from Los Angeles in the ripe fruit shipments in December, first of the season. The total for the calendar year was as follows:

Canned goods, pounds	46,480,400
Dried fruit	58,074,800
Ripe fruit	169,625,200
Raisins	36,658,400
Total	250,838,800

The shipments of canned goods in 1890 were 80,690,900 pounds, the largest ever reported. The totals for the previous three years were 33,268,600 pounds, 38,092,600 and 44,269,200. The shipments of all other descriptions in 1891 were the largest ever reported.

The following is the report of passengers passing over the lines of the Southern Pacific Company during the month of December, 1891: Eastward, first class, 1471; second class, 2225; total, 3696. Westward, first class, 1387; second class, 5017; total, 7304. The total number of passengers of all classes was 10,000.

W. H. Hurlburt, Assistant General Passenger Agent of the Union Pacific at Portland, is visiting friends in this city. He was stationed in this city for some time prior to January, 1891, and is one of the most popular men in the profession.

General Agent Clinton Jones of the Rock Island will leave on Monday for a business trip to Chicago and New York. He will be accompanied by Frederick Thompson, representative of the road at Los Angeles.

General Superintendent J. A. Fillmore of the Southern Pacific will arrive to-day from his inspection of the Southern lines.

W. D. Sanborn, Pacific Coast Agent of the Burlington, has returned from an Eastern trip.

PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT.

Professor John K. Paine of Harvard is to write the instrumental music for the opening of the Columbian Exhibition buildings next October.

The managers of the asylum in which M. Guy de Maupassant is confined says that the insanity with which the author is suffering dates back two years.

General Kirby Smith sustained a severe loss by the burning of his residence at Sewanee, Tenn., for the insurance on the house amounted to only $3000.

Whatever they may think of their Q's, the Kansans are particularly attached to their P's. Before they had Plumb and Peffer, and now it is Pfeffer and Perkins.

Bishop Potter, who has been much run down by overwork, has gone to the Mediterranean for a few weeks, by the advice of his physician, in search of a change and rest.

The Begum of Bhopal is trying to introduce civilization into her country and takes much interest in the account of the American schools which has been forwarded to her.

Sir Edwin Arnold is accused by Yabake Sangin, a native Jap living in this country, of taking a too poetic view of the Japanese and of praising their cleanliness too gushingly.

Lady Salisbury, wife of the British Premier, has become a member of the Women's Committee formed to look after the exhibits of English women at the World's Fair to be held at Chicago.

The retirement of Arthur Locker from the editorial chair of the London Graphic, which was the first illustrated daily newspaper in the world, removes a notable figure from journalism in England.

Sir John Lubbock, one of the leading bankers and scientists of England, who is equally at home in negotiating national loans as he is in dissecting a butterfly, is a religious man and constant attendant at church.

Emperor William has addressed a letter of congratulation to Herr von Korn, the proprietor of the Schlesische Zeitung, in London, on the occasion of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of that journal.

A noteworthy friendship exists between Secretaries Rusk and Foster. It is said that during Mr. Foster's illness "a man could not be more devoted to his own brother than the big Secretary of Agriculture was to his friend of the Treasury Department."

Alarming rumors have been circulated concerning the health of the King of Spain. It was stated that he had been attacked by grip, but it has been learned that he is only suffering from a cold. No anxiety is felt as to his condition.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, whose address in Boston the other day created such a disturbance in the religious atmosphere, is quite unlike his predecessor in the Plymouth Church pulpit, Mr. Beecher, in physique at least. He is tall and slender, and he looks as if his health were fragile.

General Butler is one of the richest men around Boston and, besides owning a lot of valuable property in Massachusetts, has big investments scattered around the country, and as much land in the South and West as would put him on a level with any of the lordly estate-owners of Scotland.

Dr. Graves Was Self-Convicted.

"Denver is wild over the Graves case," said S. A. Josephi of that city at the Auditorium. "The case is a wonderful one, of course, and will go down into the history of criminal jurisprudence. Besides its own intrinsic interest and legal value, besides its circumstances and its complications, the fact that Dr. Graves is probably the handsomest man in Denver and has a sweet little wife, a cultured and refined lady, does as much to draw the interest of the public and shed a romantic glory on the case as anything else could. His wife is nearly crazed over the outcome. Dr. Graves never would have been convicted in this world if he had not gone on the stand himself. The evidence was all circumstantial, and the chain was minus many links. Dr. Graves on the stand proved him