A SISTERLY SOIREE.

Literary Ladies Feted by the Women's Press Club.

Delightful Reception at the Hotel Pleasanton. Social Communion Cements the Camaraderie of Genius—The Details.

Never in San Francisco for a long time has a more interesting reunion taken place than that which crowded the hospitable precincts of the Hotel Pleasanton last evening.

The occasion was a reception arranged by the Pacific Coast Women's Press Association in honor of the visiting ladies of the International League of Press Clubs, now holding their convention in this city.

While their brothers feasted elsewhere, the ladies and a number of friends and interested guests enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The attendance, in spite of the fatigue already undergone by the principal guests, was immense, surpassing the fondest expectations.

Thanks to the excellent arrangements of the committees in charge everything passed off without a hitch, and numerous acquaintances and friendships were inaugurated or renewed, such as will be remembered for all time, and will go far to cement the good feeling and elevated aspirations at present in vogue among the sisters of the quill throughout the continent.

A CHARMED CIRCLE.

Only a limited number of invitations had been issued, but it is safe to say that there were no regrets, except under compulsion. Some of the literary ladies came late, but nearly all of note were represented. Everyone was in full dress, and the ladies toilets were the cynosure of all eyes.

Mrs. Pendleton had decorated the rooms with remarkable taste. The reception-rooms and halls were made to bourgeon out on all sides with lovely exotic plants, and overhead swung countless cordons of smilax, cunningly interlaced. An excellent orchestra, ensconced in the hall, played selections during the evening.

The proceedings were entirely informal, albeit a skeleton programme had been formulated by the Entertainment Committee. Mrs. Nellie Blessing Eyster was President of the evening, and introduced the various participants.

SPARKS OF GENIUS.

Among the stimulating exercises, which were in many cases impromptu, were: A brief "talk" from Miss Kate Field, who congratulated her sisters on being admitted to the men's press club, and warned them to be sure about the sentiments of their brothers in regard to cobanqueting on any future occasion when they might be tempted to commit themselves to an alleged partnership. She was followed by Mr. George T. Gaden, who read a brief paper eulogizing the work of women and that of intellectual women in particular. Miss Avery of Oakland, Ohio, made a substitute paper, an impromptu speech in which she expatiated eloquently on the delights of her California trip.

Mrs. Upham of Boston was induced to say a few vigorous words, alluding gracefully to the distinguished women of Massachusetts, including Julia Ward Howe, Mrs. Merrill and Sallie Joy White, "the godmother of the local Women's Press Association." She assured her listeners that the latch-string of the Boston sisterhood would always be out for California, and if they could not make the wines flow as freely they could at least give them the freedom of their Boston teapot—"the teapot of the world."

Mrs. Nellie Eyster was compelled to speak, and made a happy point by simply bidding all welcome, and inviting them to the dining-room where refreshments awaited them.

A WOMAN CHAMPION.

Mrs. Frank Leslie-Wilde arrived with her husband after 10 o'clock. She was handsomely attired in an evening dress of black silk, trimmed with lace, and her throat and corsage ornamented with magnificent diamonds. In response to insistent solicitations she recited "The Battlefield of Women," the poem composed by Joaquin Miller and dedicated to herself. The lines were given with much dramatic feeling, and elicited a storm of applause.

Musical selections were rendered by the orchestra under the direction of Frederick Knell. The other vocal numbers were: Soprano solo, "Oh, Joyous Day! Oh, Happy Day!" Miss Emma Felter; barytone solo (selected), Henry Kirke White Jr.; a waltz, "La Capricciosa" (Litzl), was brilliantly rendered by Signor Saville.

Again the orchestra played—this time lively selections from "Simbad"—and the brilliant assemblage intermeaded and formed little chatting groups throughout the corridors and stairway. To accommodate the crush the dining-rooms, which were also elaborately decorated, had to be thrown open.

Throughout the memorable evening flashlight pictures were taken by artists specially retained for the occasion, the first representing the Executive Board, grouped on the stairway, being the most formal of those secured. They will be preserved as souvenirs by the Local Women's Press Association.

The whole affair was characterized by a charming atmosphere of camaraderie and total absence of frigidity or class division. The local association so conducted according to the general opinion in demonstrating their perfect accord with their literary sisters from afar, and at the same time managed to give them the most delightful and congenial reception they had yet encountered.

THE GUESTS.

The invited guests, exclusive of the association members, included:

Mr. and Mrs. William Alvord, Mrs. Gertrude Atherton, Mrs. Mary Wood Allen, M.D., Mrs. D. W. Alden, Miss Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ayres, Mr. Adams, Mrs. Fisher Ames.

Mrs. Beattie, Chief Justice Beatty, Mr. Bigland, Mrs. Bigland, Miss Mary Bowen, Mr. Andrew Brown, Mr. Walter Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Black, Mr. F. F. Barbone, Mr. E. J. Le Breton, Mrs. Julia Le Breton, Mrs. F. F. Barbone, Mr. Will Bancroft, Mr. Dr. Barnett, Mr. Henry Brainard, Dr. Edwin Breyfogle, Mrs. Edwin Breyfogle, Mr. C. H. Bird, Miss Alice G. Braid, Mr. and Mrs. Blake Blakestone, Mr. Walter Bollard, Dr. and Mrs. Bazet, Mrs. L. Babcock, Mrs. Mary E. Brooks, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Bentley, Hon. and Mrs. L. Edlard Beans, Miss Jessie Banks, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bouvier, Mrs. James Brady, Mrs. K. Bare, Mr. P. B. Cornwall, Mr. S. B. Carleton, Mr. Frank Cool y, Mr. Scipio Craig, Ella Sterling Cummins and daughter, Mrs. D. D. Colton, Will Clemens, J. B. Cluesl y, Judge I. V. Coffey, Mrs. Croly, Mr. John Chretein, Mrs. John Chretelin, Mr. Henry Clement, Mrs. Henry Clement, Mr. M. B. Cole of the Vallejo Chronicle, Major and Mrs. Chapman, Mr. McCraney, Judge McCann, Mr. John Vance Cheney, Mrs. John Vance Cheney, Mrs. McCraney, Mrs. M. B. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Calkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Coleman, Mrs. and Miss Canty, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Cole, Dr. N. Coulson, Miss McClure, Mr. William McClure, Mrs. S. S. Chamberlain, Mrs. Florence Chick, Mrs. S. J. Churchill, Miss Cosgrave, Mrs. Paul Cowles.

Mr. Sam Davis, Dr. F. W. d'Evelyn, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Daniels, Mr. Durst, Mr. Warren F. Ewer, Mrs. Warren F. Ewer, Mr. and Mrs. William Doxey, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Dick, Mr. and Mrs. C. Anthony Doyle, Mrs. Deane, Miss Mamie Deane, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dargie, Dr. M. J. Dunn, Mrs. Frances Davies, Miss Davies, Mrs. C. C. Dwinelle.

Mr. R. Ellis, Miss Ella, Rev. Thomas C. Easton, Mrs. Thomas C. Easton, Mr. Bruce Elder, Mr. Paul Elder, Mrs. Scott Elder, Mrs. George Edwards, Colonel George Edwards, Mrs. Annie E. Evans, Miss Elizabeth Eastman.

Mr. C. W. R. Ford, Mr. Will Fulton, Mr. G. M. Francis, Mrs. Will Fulton, Judge Fitzgerald, Mr. Charles Farnam, Mrs. Charles Farnam, Mr. Samuel Lynde Foster, Mr. Fred Tracy, Mrs. G. M. Francis, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. J. F. Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Forbes, Mrs. E. K. B. Fisher, Miss Grace Fisher, Miss Ferguson, Mrs. Lucius Foote, General Lucius Foote, Mr. and Mrs. William Felter, Miss Emma Felter, Mr. Robert L. Fitzgerald, Mr. Thomas Flynn, Mrs. Marian Beatie Foster, Miss Julia French, Mrs. Rose M. French.

Professor Gayley, Mr. McGrew, Miss Lillie Gallagher, Mr. George T. Gaden, Mrs. McGrew, Professor Frithiof Garbelie, Mrs. Ella E. Greenan, Mrs. Lucy P. Gastelle, Mr. and Mrs. Franz Goldstein, Miss Nettie Godfrey, Mrs. E. G. Greene, Professor Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Glass, Rev. and Mrs. Philip Graff.

Mr. J. W. Hellman, Major Hooper, Mrs. Alexander Hamilton, Mrs. Charles F. Holder, Colonel A. S. Hubbard, Mr. J. W. Hartzell, Mr. George Heazleton, Dr. and Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. J. W. Hartzell, Mrs. A. A. Hubbard, Miss Libbie Hall, Professor Charles F. Holder, Miss Andrea Hof r, Miss Elodie Hogan, Miss Elizabeth Hogan, Mrs. J. W. Hellman, Mr. Theodore Hittell, Miss Bertha Herrick, Mr. A. K. P. Harmon, Mrs. Hooper, Miss Harvey, Miss Sarah Horton, Miss Lida B. Hall, Mr. Herrick, Mrs. A. K. P. Harmon, Mrs. Phebe Hearst, Arthur W. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hocking, Mrs. L. Holden, Attorney-General and Mrs. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hudson, Mr. George B. Hilliard, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hindes, Mr. Sebastian Hogan, Mrs. Hallowell, M. D., Mrs. M. E. Hodges, Mrs. H. Hume, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Carleton H. Johnson, Professor David S. Jordan.

Mrs. Henry James, Mrs. McKinstry, Mrs. C. C. Keeney, Professor John Knell, Judge McKinstry, Mrs. Keith, Mr. F. K. Krauth, Eleanor Kirk, Louis Knell, Miss Augusta Knell, Frederick Knell, Homer B. King, Mrs. Homer B. King, Miss Isabelle Knight, T. B. Kent, Mr. M. J. Keller, Miss Laura Kimball, Mr. F. C. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. I. Moulton, Mrs. M. W. Kincaid.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Leake, Dr. Seeley F. Long, Mrs. John A. Logan, Miss Nanon Leas, Miss Loughlin, Miss Layton, Mrs. Charles Lux, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lohse, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Lemmon, Mrs. J. A. Low, Mr. and Mrs. L. Le Moir, Mr. and Mrs. Loughead, Mrs. Captain Leale, Mr. and Mrs. D. Libby.

Mrs. C. T. Mills, Dr. and Mrs. J. T. MacDonald, Mrs. McChesney, Professor McChesney, Judge McCracklin, Mr. R. H. McDonald Jr., Dr. R. H. McDonald, Mrs. F. D. Morrell, Mr. Thomas Mellersh, Mr. T. W. Macfarlane, Mrs. H. H. Markham, Governor H. H. Markham, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Murdock, Mr. Matheson, Mr. George Mitchell, Rev. Father Montgomery, Mrs. William H. Mills, Mr. William H. Mills, Mrs. Mary F. Munson, M.D., Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Miller, Mr. John McNaught, Miss Fanny Mooney, Dr. George W. Merritt, Mrs. Emma Sutro Merritt, David W. Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moffitt, Rev. Henry Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Magee, Mrs. and Miss Maddox, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Morrow, Rev. and Mrs. Henry Minton, Mr. Mars Macdonald, Rev. and Mrs. Frederick Masters, Miss Julia Michelson and Rev. and Mrs. O. P. Miller.

Mr. James Neall, Mr. John Neal, Mr. J. O. Newhall, Mr. and Mrs. Nye, Miss Juana Neal, Mr. C. H. Norman, Miss Mary E. Norton, Miss Bessie A. North, Mr. J. G. North.

Mrs. L. K. Osgood, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. George Oulton, Don Pablo Ochoa.

Mrs. Pendleton, Mr. J. H. Powell, Miss Powell, Mr. R. H. Pratt, Mr. Willis E. Peaslee, Mr. John W. Parkhurst, Colonel and Mrs. Albert A. Pope, Miss Dawn Prescott, Mr. James Phelan, Senator Preston, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Percy, Mr. and Mrs. William Prisk, Mrs. Nettie Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Pellett, Mr. George Turner Phelps, Mrs. B. Stutzwani Pee.

Mrs. Parthenia Rue, Mr. George Riddell, Miss la Ransieur, Judge and Mrs. Van Reynegom, Professor Leon Richardson, Miss Carrie Roma, Miss Marie Roper, Miss Alice Rideout, Mrs. J. W. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. John Rourke.

Judge Charles Slack, Mrs. Charles Slack, A. P. Stanton, Judge J. McM. Shafter, Miss Millicent Shinn, Mr. Charles Shinn, Mr. Jacob Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Strange, General J. F. Sheenan, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shay, George Sontwick, Mr. Prentiss Selby, Rev. and Mrs. Horatio Stebbins, Mr. John Swett, Mayor Sanderson, Dr. and Mrs. John Spencer, Mrs. Prentiss Selby, Mr. Frederick Stratton, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Stock, Mr. John L. Sabin, Mr. H. O. Smith, Mr. H. O. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Spaulding, Mr. Rufus Shoemaker, Mrs. M. M. Sayre, Mrs. John L. Sabin, Mr. Adolph Sutro, Miss Clara Sutro, Mr. O. M. Sanford, Mr. S. Symington, Dr. G. F. Shiels, Miss Shiels, Mrs. Dorcas Spencer, Mr. Howard V. Sutherland, Mrs. E. H. Steel, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Sanderson, Mr. Charles Scharf, Mrs. Ellen Stanton, Colonel Homer B. Sprague, Mrs. Homer B. Sprague, Mrs. J. A. Shanklin, Mrs. Sanderson, Mrs. Frederick Stratton.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Tevis, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Tevis, Mr. Edwin Taylor, Judge Towle, Mr. J. S. Tyler, Miss Helen Tobin, Miss Terry, Mr. and Mrs. George Towle, Mrs. Captain R. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Townsend, Mrs. H. M. Tod, Mrs. A. B. Tucker, Mrs. Josiah Tripp.

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Van Ness, Mrs. H. P. Van Kirk.

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Mr. Charles Young, Mr. C. S. Young.

Miss Alice Ziska.

THE DELEGATES.

The honored delegates were: Mr. W. B. Jerome, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Yager, Miss Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Boyle, Mary Allen West, Miss Belle Gorton, Miss F. E. Owens, Mr. Greenblatt, Arthur Koenig, Julius Schmat, Rev. Dr. William Nichols, H. F. True and lady, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Watson, E. H. O'Hara, Mr. and Mrs. John Dompman, Mr. and Mrs. T. Henry Martin, Miss Keenan, T. J. Keenan, L. D. Bancroft and lady, William H. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Welshons, Mrs. Lulu S. Upham, John Stillman, Mrs. William King, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Muehle, Judge and Mrs. T. K. Albaugh, Mr. E. B. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hoechster, Mrs. Elroy M. Avery, Dr. John Frederich, Eugene J. Fleury, Byron R. Newton, William B. Smart, E. J. Carpenter, Miss Chamberlain, William C. Grout, J. S. Keeler, Miss Parlon, William V. Alexander, J. C. Morse, J. Seaver Page, G. H. Lowerre, M. H. Brown, Elita Proctor Otis, Foster Coates, Kate Field, Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Hunter, Mr. Wilde and Mrs. Leslie Wilde, W. N. Penny, Marshall P. Wilder, Samuel C. Austin, Mrs. Cottrell, Charles H. George, Miss Kellogg, E. B. Phelps, Miss Mattison, Alfred E. Pearsall, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Charlouis, Major and Mrs. T. P. McElrath, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Worrall, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Price, Mr. and Mrs. William Berri.

THE HOSTESSES.

The Executive Board of the Women's Press Association consists of: President, Mrs. Nellie Blessing Eyster; First Vice-President, Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Jeanne C. Carr; Third Vice-President, Mrs. R. S. Ballard; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. T. Y. Parkhurst; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Emily Browne Powell; Assistant Recording Secretary, Miss F. W. d'Evelyn; Treasurer, Mrs. Florence Percy Matheson; Auditor, Mrs. Isabel Raymond; Librarian, Mrs. Sara E. Reamer.

Among the other members present were: Mrs. N. E. Boyd, Mrs. Rose Bushnell, Mrs. J. Torrey Connor, Mrs. M. G. C. Edholm, Mrs. Marian Beatie Foster, Miss Gertrude Gallagher, Mrs. Virginia S. Hillard, Mrs. Abba Lord Holton, Miss E. D. Keith, Miss Adeline E. Knapp, Miss Mary Lambert, Mrs. Mary V. Lawrence, Miss Minnie V. Lewis, Mrs. Florence Hardman Millar, Mrs. Emmeline M. Nolan, Mrs. Sarah Sanford, Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Stetson, Mrs. Ada Van Pelt, Mrs. Laura Lyons White, Mrs. Nettie B. Wilcox, Miss S. M. Williamson, Miss Alice Carey Waterman, Mme. Bertha Ziska, Miss Alma Aiden, Mrs. W. L. Bauerfeind, Miss Donna Beaumont, Mrs. Catherine M. Tilden-Brown, Mrs. Alice Kingsbury Cooley, Mrs. S. I. Darling, Mrs. Mary W. Glascock, Miss Emma H. Hanson, Mrs. Mary Lynde Hoffman, Mrs. Alice G. Howard, Miss Lucy Jerome, Mrs. M. R. Johnson, Miss Agnes Manning, Mrs. James Newall, Mrs. J. O. Newhall, Mrs. Lillian Plunkett, Miss Emmeline Poole, Mrs. Marian Taylor, Miss Walberg, Miss Hattie Cooper, Mrs. P. B. Cornwall, Miss Emily Curtis, Mrs. E. A. Dohrman, Mrs. Frances Edgerton, Miss Leila Ellis, Mrs. D. C. Gelwicks, Miss B. F. Hamilton, Mrs. Theodore Hittell, Mrs. Barbara Knell, Miss Kate Leffler, Mrs. George Mitchell, Mrs. Juana Akey Neal, Mrs. Louise Humphrey Smith.

THE COMMITTEES.

The special committees were as follows:

Programme—Mrs. Juliette Mathis (Chairman), Mrs. A. D. Smith, Mrs. Lydia Pedgett, Mrs. Alice Kingsbury Cooley, Mrs. M. R. Johnson, Miss Mary Lambert, Mrs. Marian Foster.

Reception—Mrs. Lillian Plunkett (Chairman), Mrs. Juana Achey Neal, Mrs. Juliette Mathis, Mrs. Louise Humphrey Smith, Mrs. Frances Edgerton, Mrs. Leila Ellis, Mrs. Mary Lynde Hoffman, Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper, Miss Minna V. Lewis.

Entertainment—Mrs. Barbara Knell (Chairman), Mrs. Florence Percy Matheson, Mrs. Alice Carey Waterman, Mrs. A. W. d'Evelyn, Mrs. Lillian Plunkett, Miss Juliette Mathis.

The Gentlemen's Reception Committee consisted of: Messrs. George T. Gaden, D. F. W. d'Evelyn, Louis C. Knell, J. W. Parkhurst, C. F. Young.

AROUND THE BOARD.

Newspaper-Workers Gathered at the Banquet Table.

One hundred and fifty members of press clubs located in all parts of the United States met last night in the drawing-rooms of the Palace Hotel.

At 9 o'clock the last comer had made his appearance, and the procession started for the banquet-room, the American dining-room of the hotel.

In the center of the table of honor was seated the toastmaster, W. H. L. Barnes. At his right sat Hugh Hume of San Francisco and General Thomas H. Ruger, U. S. A. To his left were Mayor Sanderson and T. J. Keenan, President of the International League of Press Clubs. The Board of Governors of the league were grouped on either side. Five other tables were placed in a rectangular position.

The menu was in the form of a report from the Banquet Committee.

During the service of the courses the orchestra, stationed in an alcove at the west end of the room, played pleasant selections from familiar operas. All wines except the champagne were of California vintage.

After a praiseworthy discussion of the menu, Hugh Hume, President of the local club, commenced the speech-making by a brief address, introducing the Chairman of the evening, W. H. L. Barnes, who was received with loud applause.

Mr. Barnes said that the previous speaker was near the truth when he stated that he (Barnes) was an editor. He then narrated how he had once filled the editorial chair of a country newspaper for a week.

He paid some high compliments to the press of the United States, its power and its influence, recapitulating the history of journalism from the days of ancient Rome to the present time.

"Our Nation and Its President" was received with cheers, the band playing the national anthem. Governor Markham was programmed to respond to the toast, "Our State and Its Executive," but a telegram was read from the Governor regretting his inability to be present at the banquet.

T. J. Keenan, President of the league, responded to the toast to that organization, recapitulating its history and prophesying that its future influence would be exercised in behalf of the working newspaper man wherever he is located.

General Thomas A. Ruger responded to "The Army and Navy," and in speaking of the improved equipment of the national troops alluded to the services rendered by the volunteers, and referred to the need of the Pacific Coast for better naval defenses.

"Our City" brought Mayor Sanderson to his feet in a lengthy address laudatory of San Francisco.

Marshall P. Wilder's name was coupled with "The Ministry of Mirth," as its high priest. His stature increased by the height of a chair, he told a funny story about prohibition in Kansas and brought down the house.

E. F. Moran took care of "The Local Press," narrating his experience on a recent trip to Auburn. His toast was "This Is God's Own Country and We Are the People."

Foster Coates of New York was loudly cheered as he rose to reply to "The Founders of the League."

William Berri of New York acknowledged "The Press of the Far East."

Other speeches were made by Joseph D. Redding, W. N. Hart, Lynn R. Meekins of Baltimore, and J. Seaver Page of New York. The after-dinner pleasures were prolonged for several hours, a number of gentlemen offering impromptu sentiments, which found a ready response.

Those present were: William Berri, Brooklyn Standard-Union, and wife; Charles W. Price, Electrical Review, New York; W. R. Worrall, Mail and Express, New York; Major T. P. McRath, American Analyst, New York; J. I. Charlouis, School Journal, New York; George F. Lyon, Law Journal; Thomas H. Evans, New York representative Chicago Tribune; Alfred E. Pearsall, Commercial Advertiser; E. B. Phelps, The Club; Charles H. George, New York correspondent Baltimore American; Samuel C. Austin, Associated Press; Marshall P. Wilder, Sunday Advertiser, New York; W. N. Penny, United Press; Foster Coates, New York Mail and Express; W. Wilde, New York; J. C. Morse, Boston Herald; William V. Alexander, Transcript; J. S. Keeler, Herald; William C. Grout, Herald; E. J. Carpenter, Advertiser; William B. Smart, Post of Boston; Byron R. Newton, Buffalo Daily News; Eugene J. Fleury, Buffalo Express; Dr. John Frederick, Amerikanische Schweizer Zeitung, New York; Emil Hoechster, of Chicago; E. B. Fisher, Grand Rapids; T. R. Albaugh, Canton Democrat; Julius Muehle, Milwaukee; John Stillman, Buffalo American; George H. Welshons and wife, Pittsburg Times; William H. Davis, Commercial Gazette; L. D. Bancroft and lady, Dispatch; T. J. Keenan, Pittsburg Press; J. Henry Martin, Philadelphia Item; John B. Dampman, Reading Herald; E. H. O'Hara, Syracuse Herald; Irving Watson and H. F. True, Narranganset Herald and Tribune; Julius Schmahl, St. Paul; Dr. Arthur Koenig, Milwaukee Post; P. C. Boyle, Toledo Commercial; M. P. Murphy, Toledo Bee; M. H. Brown, New York Electrical Review; Lynn R. Lowerre, New York Mail and Express; W. B. Jerome, Chicago; J. Seaver Page, New York; Lynn R. Meekins, Baltimore; H. D. Vought and S. G. Lapham, New York; F. J. Parker, Walla Walla; General Thomas Ruger, Mayor Sanderson, Judge John Lord Love, Judge H. L. Joachimsen, Judge Hunt, W. H. L. Barnes, Charles A. Low, Dr. C. A. May, M. Greenblatt, Charles J. Hirsch, Sam Davis, Jeremiah Lynch, General John McComb, Dr. James Simpson, John E. Steelhammer, Alfred Bouvier, Varney Gaskill, Harry Mann, John W. McGillvray, E. H. Hamilton, Judge Garber, Charles Ulrich, Judge Charles A. Slack, Joseph D. Redding, Isaac Trumbo, S. M. Shortridge, H. I. Kowalsky, M. Rountree, J. L. M. Sleeth, S. T. Conrad, W. D. Bogart and members of the local club.

MODEST MICHAEL.

A Fine Example of Journalistic Generosity.

The ambition of De Young to become President of the International League of Press Clubs is not a recent conception. He attended the meeting of the league at Pittsburg last year, and by a lavish expenditure of money at bars and cigar-stands, and his repeated assurance that he was the only journalist on the Pacific Coast, he managed to exact from the delegates pledges of support for his candidacy. He even made his new-found friends believe that he himself had really written the articles published over his signature in one or two monthly magazines.

Perceiving the strong animosity existing in the Press Club of San Francisco against his election to the league presidency as a representative local journalist, and appreciating the fact that the club was about to elect as delegates to the convention members who repeatedly stated their opposition to him, De Young announced that he would not be a candidate for President of the league, and that if nominated he would withdraw his name. Solely on this understanding he was elected a delegate to the convention, the members of the club voting for him on their belief in his promise.

There are many members of the local Press Club who even go so far as to say that if the Eastern delegates, in view of their enlightenment, since their arrival in this city, regarding De Young's position in social and journalistic circles, will still adhere to pledges made under a misapprehension of the individual and ignorant of his record, the club, in the event of De Young's securing the presidency of the league, would feel obliged to withdraw from that organization.

MIKE AND HIS MEN.

De Young has assured his Eastern acquaintances that he is the warm friend of the working newspaper man, and his reporters appreciate the generosity of their employer when some poor fellow, struggling for a living on De Young's paper, turns in 20 cents' worth of "space," and in order to secure payment is obliged, according to De Young's rule, to spend a nickel of the amount due him to procure a copy of the paper containing his "space."

A striking instance of the sympathetic Michael's appreciation of and desire to relieve the unpleasantness of reportorial duty occurred recently when he made one of his series of assaults against the closed door leading to San Francisco society.

One of these bright reporters on his paper was summoned to the private office of De Young. "I have instructed the city editor," said the latter, "to detail you for the dinner party at my house. I shall expect you to wear evening dress, but, of course, I can't have a reporter sitting at my table, so you can just stand behind the servants and listen to the speeches."

"A sort of upper flunkey, I suppose?" queried the reporter, sarcastically.

HID IN A CLOSET.

"Well, no; I don't mean that," said his sympathetic employer. "You can just stand about, and my guests will suppose you have charge of the servants."

With an epithet not usually considered complimentary, the reporter declined this flattering assignment, consigned his employer to very tropical regions, and resigned his position on the paper.

A few days ago De Young's paper scooped all its contemporaries in a three-column article containing a modest account of a dinner party given to the members of the Governing Board of the league at the house occupied by De Young on California street. A reporter was sent to the residence, with directions to report with elaborateness of detail every movement of the host and his journalistic guests. Although it was a dinner given by one who claims to be a newspaper man to newspapermen, "the reporter, of course, could not be given a seat at my table," but, instead, was smuggled into a small closet or pantry adjoining the dining-room.

LABOR NOTES.

The White Cigar-Makers to Send a Petition to Congress.

Carpenters' Union, No. 483, held last night an open meeting, which was well attended, Addresses were made by W. J. McIver, M. L. Farland, M. McGlynn and J. R. Mills. The speakers advocated Government ownership of railroads and telegraphs. The union gave its moral support to the Brewery Workmen's Union. A copy of a memorial given to General Grant during the early days of the eight-hour agitation was presented to the union by James Duncan.

The Agitation Board of the Cigar-makers' Union met last night. Plans for inducing dealers to patronize goods made by the white labor of this city were discussed. The cigar-makers assert that the public seems to prefer goods made in the East, and they will do what they can to stir up a demand for the home-made article. About forty of the 300 members of the union are out of employment. The union will petition Congress to pass a new Chinese exclusion act.

The Molders' Union indorsed the barbers' card; also the brewery workmen.

The horseshoers will give a ball on the 27th inst. in B'nai B'rith Hall. The union indorsed the brewery workmen.

The Plasterers' Union last night indorsed the brewery workmen.

Negotiations for affiliation with the International Plasterers' Union are nearly completed.

Explosion of Natural Gas.

COLUMBUS (Ohio), Jan. 18.—A terrific explosion of natural gas, in which a fine residence was destroyed, two churches partially demolished and about fifty houses damaged, and in which the family of Judge John S. Brasse had a narrow escape from death, or serious injury, occurred this morning at Lancaster, Ohio. The house was leveled to the ground, and its occupants hurled in different directions and slightly injured. The financial loss will be quite heavy.

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BELL'S JEOPARDY.

Latest Developments in the Jacobson Murder.

One of Detective Brown's Witnesses on the Rack—He Makes a Damaging Admission—Two New Affidavits.

Sidney Bell left Judge Murphy's courtroom somewhat depressed by the result of yesterday's proceedings in the hearing of the motion for a new trial.

The closing scenes of the day were sensationally picturesque. District Attorney Barnes was having an inning, and Captain Lees and his adjutant detectives were rubbing their knees with glee.

The young prosecutor for the People of California had one of the new witnesses for Bell under great mental torture the last hour. He was the man for whom the officers had been looking all of Saturday.

Mr. Barnes asked him whether he was the same Walter W. Avey that was convicted in the United States court in 1887 and sentenced to one year's imprisonment for the crime of using the United States mails to transmit prohibited articles.

MADE THE ADMISSION.

Staggered by the question, and before Bell's counsel could interpose their objection to any answer, Avey admitted he was the same man.

His answer was stricken out, but not until

BARCLAY HENLEY OBJECTS.

Judges Murphy, Troutt and Slack had thumbed the law-books to see whether Avey's offense was a felony or a misdemeanor. Under the Penal Code a witness can be compelled to answer under oath whether he has ever been convicted of a felony, but he need not answer if he has been convicted of a misdemeanor. So Avey's use of the mails for the purpose stated being a misdemeanor, he need not have answered the District Attorney's question.

His premature admission, however, was damaging, and his subsequent manner on the stand with his evasive parries of the District Attorney's questions to ascertain whether he had been prompted by mercenary motives to testify hurt him and Bell's cause still more.

Avey is the man who, residing near the Jacobson residence, claims to have seen Jacobson going into his house on the night of the tragedy. Avey came out that night to drop letters in the lamp mail-box.

A SILENT THRONG.

The usual throng was in the court-room morning and afternoon. Bell listened eagerly to every word. He rarely turned his face from the bench. The crowd in the court-room stood up for hours, and kept as silent as a funeral pageant.

The morning passed with the reading of two new affidavits, and with a struggle by Bell's counsel to prevent the oral examination of their witnesses on any point other than that they had made their affidavits in good faith.

The fight began when the District Attorney called Rev. T. C. Easton to the witness-stand for cross-examination.

The Judges and listening throng were during this struggle treated to a passionate oration from the lips of the Chicago lawyer, M. P. Brady, whose mellow voice, shaping resonant periods, proved him to be a spell-binder of extraordinary power.

THE COMMON LAW INVOKED.

Mr. Brady was exerting himself to convince Judge Murphy that he would be usurping the functions of a jury if he allowed witnesses to be heard at this stage on matters of fact which involved the question of the prisoner's guilt. Mr. Brady invoked the beauty and majesty and godlike attributes of the principles of the common law as inducements for the court to exclude all oral testimony calculated to impeach the veracity of the affidavits subscribed by Bell's witnesses.

A ruling on this point was promised at 2 o'clock, to which hour an adjournment was had at noon.

A NEW AFFIDAVIT.

The affidavit of James D. Hicks, read by Barclay Henley, contained some new matter. His story is as follows:

I am 28 years of age. I will be 29 years old the 3d of July next. I live at the residence of my mother, 2107 Bush street, and have been living there nearly four years. My occupation has been that of a butcher. I am acquainted with the Jacobson family, living on the northwest corner of Webster and California streets. I became acquainted with said family about six years ago in delivering meat from a butcher-shop in the neighborhood.

On the night of the shooting and upon hearing of the event, I went from a saloon near Fillmore and California streets to the Jacobson house, where I met Mr. Bell in company with a police officer named Warnock and attempted to enter. This was a very short time after the shooting. Mrs. Jacobson objected, saying that she did not want any police in the house. The officer seemed to hesitate about going in. I then said, "Go in there; it is your business to get it." He then went in the door, and I tried to follow him, and he said, "You had better remain out," which I did.

I then went down the steps and started down the sidewalk and encountered Miss Harriet Jacobson coming out of Dr. Fuller's house, and as I met her she spoke about a hack being so slow in coming. I then suggested that I would go with her to the West End Stables, and together we went to the stable. Arriving there we found the horse was about half hitched up to the hack. I assisted in hitching up, and on the way to the stable Miss Harriet was very impatient to get the coupe, and she remarked in very strong language and in a quite excited manner, "The police are poking in the house where they are not wanted." Then she quickly said to me, "Do you know how this thing happened?" Before I could reply she said, "There were two or three footpads that shot my brother, and they had big bull's-eye lanterns." Her excited manner continued as we went along to the livery stable, and she was jerking out remarks which I do not now recall, and nearly all the time was nervously ringing her hands. When we got to the stable she was very impatient with the man who was harnessing up the horse, and she thought he was very slow. Then I turned and helped the man, but she was so impatient that she did not wait for us to get the coupe ready, but went out and hurried up the hill. I hastened up the hill after her, and by the time the coupe got to the top of the hill Miss Harriet Jacobson got in and Lauders got on the box with the driver and it drove away.

When I got back to the Jacobson house Miss Angie Jacobson, Miss Harriet's sister, came out. She had gone a couple of doors when she turned around and came back. She asked me to go with her; that she was scared. I went with her to Gove's drug-store. From there we went to Bromell's drug-store, and from there back to the house. While walking with Miss Angie I asked her where her brother was shot, and she pointed with her hand to a part of the stomach, and then she remarked that if the police did not leave mamma and Harriet alone they would worry them to death. Angie was excited and crying. I went back into the house with her, and while in the parlor I saw Mr. Weil going up the stairs. Miss Angie was not dressed in the usual street dress. She had hastily put on her wrapper or ulster as she got up. Miss Harriet Jacobson when I first saw her that night seemed to me to be fully dressed.

During the night, while I was there, I saw an Examiner newspaper reporter by the name of Cooney. The next day after Mr. Jacobson was shot Mr. Cooney called on me with another gentleman, who said he also was a reporter. Cooney asked me if I remembered the remark I made to him when I saw him in the Jacobson house, which remark was this: While I was in the Jacobson house Mr. Cooney, the reporter, had a talk with Mr. Weil, and, after that talk, I said to Mr. Cooney, the reporter, "You must not believe all you hear; the thing may be different from what is stated to you; I will see you on the sidewalk when we get out of here, and I will tell you what I think of this thing." I meant to have Mr. Cooney understand by this remark that I thought it very queer that the Jacobson people should have been unwilling, as I had already stated here, to admit the policeman to the house, and I also meant to tell him what my own view of the case was at that time. I did not talk to Mr. Cooney on the sidewalk after I left the Jacobson house, because