Although the resumption of school duties has recalled many families to the city, hotel-keepers and cottage proprietors out of town are by no means altogether downcast. Enough San Franciscans remain at some of the popular watering-places to afford "good business," and in many places the summer harvest is only just beginning. July and August are usually delightful months for out-of-door recreation, and, as will be noted in the subjoined review, general society has fully taken advantage of the opening amenities of the first-named month.

Del Monte will hardly be at its fashionable best until the 1st prox., when society makes the resort its Mecca for a month or two. Bathing is the great resource at present. Miss Hager led a pretty german last week and gave an enjoyable picnic. Mr. Bruguiere also gave a picnic. Afternoon teas are not unknown among the ripples which vary the placid surface of a dolce far niente existence.

San Rafael is reported to be "enjoying" a dull season. Miss Maude Morrow gave a campfire, which was the event of the week. Music was enjoyed on rugs spread around a blazing fire in the prettily illuminated cottage grounds. Afterward there was a delicious supper. Many of the hotel guests leave in August for "pastures new."

The young lady guests at Castle Crags Tavern have made a bathing resort out of a deep pool in the Sacramento River. A bridge is near and forms a good "taking off" place for divers.

Mrs. Peyton recently entertained at breakfast at her home in Santa Cruz, Mrs. John R. Jarboe, Miss Jarboe, Mrs. Monroe Salisbury and Miss Mercado.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pullman celebrated their silver wedding anniversary at Chicago on the 13th ult. very happily with an elaborate dinner. Mrs. and Miss Pullman will soon take possession of their cottage at Long Branch.

Mrs. Stephen Sears of Tacoma gave a pansy luncheon on Wednesday in honor of Mrs. James H. Sears, wife of Lieutenant H. Sears of the United States cruiser Baltimore.

The ladies of the Educational and Industrial Union gave their usual interesting Tuesday evening entertainment on the 12th inst. The attendance was quite large and the evening's programme very attractive, especially a new feature just introduced. This is a class in physical culture, which the members are invited to join free of charge. This gives the working class a good opportunity to take part in these exercises, which are not alone beneficial but beautiful and instructive.

Mr. A. S. Adams was married Thursday evening at the residence of the bride's daughter, Mrs. E. B. de Golia, in Alameda, to Mrs. Sophia B. Gates. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John Quincy Adams of San Francisco.

Mrs. J. W. Pinkerton of Tacoma has been entertaining for a week Mrs. Captain Moss of this city, who has just returned home. Other guests at her home have been Mr. Mark Sheldon and Mr. Harry Hutchinson, capitalists of this city, who are pleased with their northern stay.

Mr. J. E. Bryne of St. Helena recently entertained at dinner Mrs. Remi Chabot, Miss Chabot, Mrs. D. B. Hinckley and Mr. C. Hinckley.

The Danish Ladies' Society Dagmar installed their new officers on Friday, as follows: President, C. Miller (re-elected); vice-president, K. Hansen; secretary, H. Petersen (re-elected); treasurer, S. Jacobson; Marshal, J. Petersen. The society, which is making good progress and constantly enrolling new members, meets now at Washington Hall, on Eddy street.

The Copenhagen Club, composed largely of members of Excelsior Lodge, Knights and Ladies of Honor, enjoyed a private picnic to Moraga Valley yesterday.

Spanish dinners are becoming popular. One was given Monday at a restaurant by Signor Antholdi and Signor Locher to Mrs. Splivalo. Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Palmer also gave a Spanish dinner on Wednesday evening in the Mexican quarter. The scene was illuminated with Japanese lanterns and the menu was discussed amid the rendition of Spanish airs and dances. Mr. Nathan Landsberger, Mr. Dan Polk, Miss Daisy Polk and the hostess afterward rendered selections.

Miss Fannie V. Steiner and Mr. Jonas Erlanger were married last Sunday evening by Rev. Dr. Voorsanger at the residence of the bride's parents, 918 Eddy street. Miss Emma Steiner was maid-of-honor, Mr. Simon Erlanger was groomsman, and the bridesmaids were: Miss Hilda Steiner, Miss Inez Steinberger, Miss Toby Steiner, Miss Fannie Gallinger, Miss Julia Gallinger, Miss Essie Erlanger and Miss Rosie Goldenheim.

The Wanderers gave an enjoyable private picnic and ride to Willows Grove, Millbrae, on Sunday last in the busses Young America and California Chief.

On last Tuesday evening the wedding of Miss Jennie Levy of this city and Mr. A. E. Selig of Brooklyn, N. Y., was celebrated at the residence of the bride's parents, 1303 Golden Gate avenue, with great eclat. Mr. and Mrs. Selig left for their honeymoon trip last Wednesday evening for Portland, Or.

Garfield Circle No. 17, of Los Gatos, held its first anniversary on the 12th inst., with a good programme. Visiting members from sister circles in San Francisco, San Jose and Oakland, were hospitably entertained. The circle is in a prosperous condition.

A most enjoyable straw ride was tended the boarders at Rogerville Nicasio, on the eve of July 1, by Mr. Frank Rodgers Jr. It was a beautiful moonlight evening, and the music, the four dashing horses and the agreeable company made it a very pleasant affair.

At a meeting held by the San Francisco Operatic Society Monday last, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing term: President, A. M. Thornton; vice-president, D. Wise; secretary and treasurer, I. W. Madden; stage manager, A. Luttinger; assistant stage manager, F. Jung; librarian, A. F. Schleicher. The society, of which Mr. F. Delleplane is the efficient musical director, is studying Planquette's "Nell Gwynne" for production in the near future.

The Y. P. S. of C. E. of Trinity Presbyterian Church will give a series of lectures on the picturesque countries of the world on the last two Friday evenings in September and every Friday evening in October, in the parlors of the church, corner Twenty-third and Capp streets. The lectures are under the auspices of Dr. Steele and will be illustrated by stereopticon views.

San Jose is attracting numerous prominent visitors at this season. Hops and moonlight drives have been the rule of late. Among recent arrivals have been: Mr. E. M. Greenaway, Mrs. George C. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fries, Miss Helen Walker, Miss de Forest, Mr. Shafter Howard, Mr. Rhodes Borden, Dr. W. S. Thorne, Mr. and Mrs. Zook, Mrs. William Cluff, Mrs. Leon Mason, Mr. W. T. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hotaling, Mr. and Mrs. John O. Reis.

Engagement Notes.

The engagement is announced of Miss Estelle Woods Hush, eldest daughter of Hon. and Mrs. Valentine Goldsmith Hush of Fruitvale, to Mr. Thomas Magee Jr., son of the well-known real-estate dealer in San Francisco.

The engagement is also announced of Miss Harriet Louise Hush, daughter of Hon. and Mrs. V. G. Hush, to William A. Magee, eldest son of Mr. Thomas Magee of San Francisco. The marriages will shortly take place, after which the young people will go abroad. Owing to the death of Mrs. Thomas Magee last February the wedding ceremonies will be quietly performed.

The engagement is announced of Lieutenant Sidney S. Jordan, Fifth United States Artillery, to Miss Dora Curtis, only daughter of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Herbert Pelham Curtis, U. S. A.

The wedding of Mr. Charles Shainwald to Miss Mary Reinstein will be celebrated by Rev. Dr. Voorsanger at the residence of the bride's parents to-morrow. The happy pair, who have been made the recipients of much social attention during the past week, will reside in Australia.

The marriage of Miss Carrie Northey-Roma, the charming vocalist, to Mr. Jesse E. Douglas, is set for the 27th inst. at the First Presbyterian Church, Oakland.

The wedding of Miss Fanny B. Mosman, youngest daughter of Mrs. F. M. Holley of San Jose to Mr. Evans Dent of the Willows, will take place to-morrow at the family residence on St. John street, San Jose.

The engagement is announced of Miss Matilda Dannenbaum of Wilmington, N. C., to Mr. L. Seibenhauer of this city.

The engagement is announced of Miss Ethel Sargent of Healdsburg to Mr. F. D. Moore of Oakland.

The engagement is announced of Miss Maria Douglass, daughter of Captain Douglass of the police department, to Mr. J. Connell of San Diego.

The wedding of Miss Lizzie Strehl to Mr. Frank O. Stallman will be quietly celebrated to-morrow.

The engagement is announced in Oakland of Mr. Frank Smith to Miss Goodhue of Eighth street, in that city.

Next Wednesday evening Miss Louise Augusta Vermeil, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Vermeil, will be married to Mr. William J. Resing at the Church of Notre Dame des Victoires.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Maud Weir and Professor Baldwin.

The wedding of Mr. Isaac Frohman, the attorney, and Miss Rose Stern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Stern, will take place next Wednesday.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Frank Risdorph and Miss Lizzie Pinckney. Both are well known in Oakland. The wedding will take place in the near future.

The engagement is announced of Miss Tessie B. Englander of this city to Mr. Ferdinand Falk of Newark. They will receive their friends at 726 Golden Gate avenue on Sunday afternoon next and the following Wednesday afternoon, the 27th inst.

The engagement is announced of Miss Ada Talcott Park, oldest daughter of Mrs. Julia S. Park, to Mr. Charles A. Allardyce. The wedding will take place on Wednesday, August 3, at Howard Presbyterian Church.

The Howard Luncheon.

No more charming hostess can be found in pretty San Mateo than Mrs. George H. Howard, who last Tuesday gave one of her characteristically delightful luncheons at her summer residence. The table decorations, the culinary "effects" and the subsequent entertainment of the privileged guests were all pleasantly instinct with the spirit of an elegant hospitality. The friends entertained were: Mrs. William H. Crocker, Mrs. Ansel Easton, Miss Babette Howard, Mrs. Beverly McMonagle, Mrs. Frederick L. Moody, Miss Jessie Bowie and Miss Beth Sperry.

At Santa Cruz.

Of all the watering-places Santa Cruz appears to be having the largest patronage from this city. Encampment week is being looked forward to with general anticipation of pleasure. Besides numerous camp receptions special receptions will be given at Golden Gate Villa in honor of Governor Markham and staff and General Dimond and staff. Mrs. R. T. Carroll, Mrs. Lake Robinson, the Misses Enright and Hon. Jeremiah Lynch, who rode down and spends half his time on horseback, were among the entertainers of private parties last week. Surf-bathing, beach-lounging, moonlight wanderings and hotel hops fill up the days' pleasant programme.

The James-Cosack Wedding.

The wedding of Thomas I. James, M. D., and Miss Tryphinne B. Cosack, M. D., took place on the 5th inst.

It was a very quiet affair, no one being present but the immediate relatives and a few intimate friends. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. C. Christian. Miss May Shelby supported the bride and Mr. Rudolph Horner acted as best man.

Dr. and Mrs. Dr. James will receive their friends at 719 McAllister street on Tuesdays after August 1.

A Cyclist Ladies' Night.

The "ladies' night" of the San Francisco Bicycle Club, which was held at their club-rooms on Friday evening last, was in every way a decided success. The members and their lady friends turned out in large numbers and the rooms were crowded.

The programme, consisting of vocal and instrumental music and recitations, was rendered in masterly style and the stage coach affair of Mr. Cobden, the secretary, was voted the suc ess of the evening.

After a little light refreshment and dancing the party broke broke up at a late hour.

Society at Mare Island.

Admiral and Mrs. Irwin and their daughter, Miss Lulu Irwin, have been spending a couple of days during the latter part of the week in San Francisco.

Assistant Surgeon C. F. Stokes, lately at the hospital, is leaving this week with his wife for the East. He expects to return in September and to be appointed to proceed to duty on the Asiatic station.

Paymaster J. R. Stanton, Naval Constructor J. H. Linnard, Mrs. J. R. Stanton, Mrs. J. B. Hillhouse and Miss Lena Maynard started for Napa Soda Springs, Saturday morning, for a few days' recreation.

The family of Medical Inspector George W. Woods, in charge of the naval hospital, will soon arrive from the East and take up their residence in the yard. Mrs. Woods and her niece have been in Europe several months, the latter part of the time having been spent in Paris. As soon as the new residence is completed it will be occupied by the surgeon and his family. They will be welcomed back to the island.

A pleasant social hop was held in the sail loft on Tuesday evening, which was attended by about forty or fifty persons. Music was furnished by the Independence band, and during the evening light refreshments were served.

The weather being so pleasant, the lawn-tennis court is occupied almost every hour during the day by both pretty and expert lady players and handsome and manly naval officers. The two Misses Clark and Miss Beaman are considered among the most expert of the lady players. Some talk has been had of organizing an archery club. Fine grounds for this pastime could be had, as there is still plenty of room on the island.

The Buck-King Wedding.

An interesting wedding took place on Thursday at Redwood City, where Hon. George H. Buck, Judge of the Superior Court of San Mateo County, was united to Miss Lizzie King, daughter of Mr. Henry King of that city.

Rev. Father Sullivan performed the ceremony at 11 o'clock amid beautiful floral decorations. The bride was attired in plain white satin. Miss Ella Donlon acted as bridesmaid, while Mr. W. F. Herbert of San Mateo officiated in the capacity of best man. After the ceremony congratulations were extended to the happy pair and a sumptuous breakfast was enjoyed.

Judge and Mrs. Buck will remain at Del Monte for two weeks and on the 1st prox. will depart for the East on an extended tour.

Notes From Niles Canyon.

Camp Robin Hood ended its season in grand style. On Saturday evening, July 2, the camp gave the most delightful masquerade ever given in the canyon. The merry masokers came from miles around and none were disappointed in their anticipations.

The costumes, considering the distance from the city, were surprisingly elegant and unique. The characters were, as a whole, well sustained, notably those of Topsy by Miss M. V. Alberti, peddler woman by Miss Shine, Ophelia by Miss R. Stack, Vivandieri by Miss C. Stack, and others too numerous to mention. Dancing was indulged in until long after midnight.

The next evening the camp enjoyed a lovely moonlight ride to Mission San Jose and Irvington. The glorious Fourth was royally celebrated. In the morning the entire camp took an immense bus for Newark, where the party was delightfully entertained by the people of the place, which is noted for its hospitality. On their return the campers made the canyon re-echo with the noise of the festive firecracker, etc. In the evening an immense campfire and red lights lit up the surroundings until the tired campers were compelled to seek repose. The last week was spent in exchanging visits with the other campers.

In addition to those whose names appeared last week there were present celebrating the holidays: Miss L. Shine, Miss M. Moncur, Miss L. Cordes, Miss Weaver, Mrs. Galbraith, the Misses Galbraith, and Messrs. G. M. Alberti, J. Galbraith and Frank Seering.

The Shrier-Levy Wedding.

Miss Esther Shrier and Mr. J. Levy were united in marriage by the Rev. Dr. Davissen of Stockton, an old friend of the family, on Sunday evening at the residence of the bride's parents, 411 Van Ness avenue.

The wedding was a quiet family affair, only a few of the nearest friends and relatives of each being invited. Miss Esther being the only daughter, nothing was left undone to make the evening one of great pleasure to all. Congratulatory telegrams were received from all parts of the State as well as Europe, and the guests were all surprised to see the large number received.

The bride was very elegantly attired in cream-colored faille Francaise, bell train, trimmings of pearls and feathers; ornaments orange blossoms. The presents were numerous and costly. The parents have known the young man ever since his childhood.

The happy couple left for Monterey, where they expect to spend their honeymoon, and on their return they will stay temporarily with the parents of the bride.

In Mill Valley.

Camp Goodfellow, so popular last season at Niles Canyon, has this week pitched tents in Mill Valley to spend the months of July and August.

The founders of Camp Goodfellow this season are: W. W. Ackerson, captain; T. J. Walsh, first lieutenant; A. Anderson, second lieutenant; T. J. Curley, color-bearer; M. Welch Jr., bugler; F. Eavens, B. Riddell and D. Wolf, corporals; William J. White, manager, and D. P. Dolan, superintendent, to whom all communications should be addressed.

California Parlor's Anniversary.

The principal event of the week in Native Sons' circles was the celebration of their seventeenth anniversary by California Parlor No. 1. A brilliant company taxed the seating capacity and standing accommodations of Odd Fellows' Hall on Friday night during the recherche musical and dramatic entertainment.

Professor Kincaid enchained the audience in the characters of Louis XI and others, albeit, attired in the uncompromising evening dress of the nineteenth century; Mlle. Julie Cotle sang sweetly; Hother Wismar gave two delightful selections in masterly style; Miss Rogers charmed all with her rich contralto voice. Then followed "Richelieu," elaborately staged and carefully played. Mr. Quillinan at times rose to undoubted power as the cardinal at bay; Miss Hoff again displayed remarkable histrionic ability, while Messrs. Kincaid, Minor, Melendy, Ogilvie and Calcutt were unexceptionable in their roles.

A large portion of the audience, which included some of the rarest ladies in the city, remained to dance until 1 o'clock.

California Parlor was the first parlor of the order of Native Sons organized. It started with 50 charter members and now has 575. Its officers are: T. E. Keough, past president; Henry P. Umbsen, president; E. J. Quillinan, first vice-president; Henry Stern, second vice-president; J. W. Lemmon, third vice-president; Frank B. Ryan, recording secretary; B. F. Hanlon, financial secretary; B. R. Harwood, treasurer; J. F. Lind-trom, marshal. Board of trustees—F. H. Folsom, Frank P. Sherman, H. L. Folsom. Surgeons—J. F. Morse, V. A. Chaignaud, D. Ruhstaller, J. Austig, B. F. Clarke, F. D. Tait, F. H. Stable.

Private Entertainments.

Mr. and Mrs. Jutton were tendered a pleasant surprise party at their residence, 1418 Geary street, on Thursday evening, the 7th inst. There were about 40 young people present, and a very enjoyable evening was spent in listening to vocal and instrumental music contributed by Mrs. T. Jader, Mrs. Brown and others. At 11 o'clock a choice repast was served, and the hostess was neatly toasted by Dr. Milbery and others. After the repast dancing was indulged in until an early hour in the morning.

Miss Maggie Quinn celebrated the twentieth anniversary of her birth most agreeably last Saturday evening by inviting a number of young friends to her residence, 2323 Fillmore street. The decorations were elaborate, and the whole entertainment, including the toasting of the young hostess by her uncle, Captain Richard Smith, most successful.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the residence of Miss Mary Coffey, 1770 Howard street, on Saturday evening, by her young friends under the direction of the "Sociable Four."

An elaborate birthday party was given to Mr. Simon Glucksman on his twenty-first birthday anniversary, at his residence, 538 Third street. The feature was the production of "Michael Strogoff," the principal roles being taken by Miss Stella Robin, Mrs. Silberstein, Miss Cesarine Robin, Messrs. Simon Glucksman, Maurice Lipman, Oscar Leon. All acted cleverly.

A very pleasant birthday party was recently tendered to Miss Medea Mason at the residence of Mrs. Easting, 1212 Folsom street.

The Sero Club gave an enjoyable birthday party to Mr. Isidore Muller on Saturday evening at his residence, 462 Clementina street. This is the tenth party given by the Sero Club, which has only been in existence nine months.

A very successful surprise party was given to Mr. John J. Cordy on Saturday evening at his residence, 516 Jersey street, in honor of his birthday anniversary. Twenty-five guests enjoyed the festivities.

Several of the friends of Miss Loretta Weller planned to give her a surprise party at Warm Springs on the 8th inst., and it was very successfully carried out. Many guests were present from neighboring towns.

Mr. and Mrs. George Connan were surprised last Wednesday evening by a number of friends, headed by Pipe-Major E. Ross, marching to their residence at 22 Dorland street. Among the guests was Mr. F. McGregor, an old schoolmate of Mr. Connan, who only met him four months ago for the first time in 30 years. Together they spent part of the evening discussing fond reminiscences of early days when boys in the lovely village of Keith, Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Connan extended the party a hearty welcome, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

Picnics in Prospect.

Ignatian Council No. 35, Y. M. I., will hold an excursion, reunion and picnic at Camp Taylor on Admission day, September 9 next.

The Del Montes' picnic to Fairfax Park, where an extraordinary effort is to be made to entain all, will be held next Sunday.

A bullshead breakfast will be given by the Independent Old Friends at Sausalito next Sunday at 1 o'clock.

Parties to Take Place.

Seven Pines Circle No. 3, Ladies of the G. A. R. will delight their friends on the evening of the 28th of July, at Irving Hall, with a varied and unique entertainment in the form of a "Farmers' Festival." Besides the literary portion of the entertainment there will be a table abounding in luxuries dear to the memory of the old days on the farm, served by the fair daughters of the old homestead, while the costumes of the home and farm will be in order both for members and guests of both sexes. Good music and the merry dance will continue until a late hour.

The Western Addition Literary and Social Club will hold their July meeting at Odd Fellows' Hall next Wednesday evening.

Mission Parlor, No. 38, N. S. G. W., will hold an installation of officers and reception at Excelsior Hall, 2319 Mission street, next Wednesday evening.

John A. Logan Circle, Oakland, will celebrate its anniversary on Friday evening next at G. A. R. Hall. A good programme is promised attending guests.

The Anchor Yachting Club will give their first party next Sunday evening at Germania Hall.

The Blue Jeans have issued invitations for their initial hop at Union-square Hall next Thursday evening.

Irvine's classes will give their next social on Wednesday evening at Academy Hall, 927 Mission street.

The Thursday night class of Anderson's Academy will give a party this week at Saratoga Hall.

The Del Montes will hold their fourth anniversary party at Union-square Hall tomorrow evening.

The Incogs will give a literary entertainment and dance next Friday evening at Irving Hall. A feature will be the farce "Who's Who?"

San Francisco Council No. 7, Y. M. I., will hold its annual installation of officers and social at Washington Hall next Wednesday evening.

The monthly social of Bickerdyke Camp No. 2, Daughters of Veterans, will take place at Mozart Hall, 1356 Market street, tomorrow evening.

Meade Corps, W. R. C., No. 61, G. A. R., will give a musical, literary and orange social to-morrow evening at 102 O'Farrell street. Comrades invited.

Society Personals.

President and Mrs. Harrison left Washington last week for their cottage at Loon Lake, Adirondacks. Mrs. McKee nee (Harrison) has gone to Beverley, Mass., with her family for the summer. Mrs. Russell Harrison will pass the season at the President's cottage at Cape May, where the President will go at intervals, alternating with visits to the Adirondacks.

Hon. and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid will leave "Ophir Hall" in August for a visit to the Adirondacks, where they will remain some time.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. G. Miller will return from their European trip about the middle of next month.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Garratt are now in Geneva and will spend the winter in Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Belden are at San Jose for three weeks.

Vice-President and Mrs. L. P. Morton are entertaining a large company of friends at "Ellerslie," Rhinebeck-on-Hudson, their country seat.

Judge Jackson Temple and family have gone to Del Coronado.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Dick are expected in a few months to return to this coast, where they will reside permanently.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Dodge and Miss Jennie Blair have sailed from New York for Europe.

Hon. M. M. Estee has been staying at "Hedgeside," near Napa. Yesterday he went to Sacramento to attend the funeral of the late Governor Booth.

Supreme Justice Charles N. Fox, Mrs. Fox and Miss Fox are recent visitors to Santa Cruz.

Miss Julie McKenna, the accomplished daughter of Judge McKenna, is passing a few days in Oakland with her friend, Miss Josie Pierce. Miss McKenna recently graduated with honors at the convent of Georgetown at Washington, D. C.

The family of James Phelan, with their equipages, etc., have gone down to Santa Cruz for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Polk have taken a house in Mill Valley for the remainder of the summer. They are entertaining Miss Roberta E. Le Wright, Mr. Ernest Pelxotto and Mr. Nathan Landsburger.

Mr. A. D. Sharon has returned from Santa Cruz to the Palace Hotel.

Rev. R. Boag and wife have come up from Los Angeles to visit their daughter, Mrs. W. H. Moulthrop, and to attend the marriage of their son, Mr. Charles E. Boag.

General Chipman has returned home to Red Bluff.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Oyster returned on Tuesday to town. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Tubbs and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tubbs still remain at Billcrest, near Calistoga.

Mr. Robert Sherwood leaves for the East and Europe to-morrow.

Mrs. Austin Sperry, Mr. Austin Sperry, Mrs. A. Sutro and Miss Clara Sutro are recent visitors to Del Coronado.

Major Lord Chase and family arrived yesterday from Japan after a delightful visit in the land of the Mikado.

Mrs. W. D. K. Gibson and the Spreckels family have returned to the city from Del Coronado.

Mr. Francis Murphy, the celebrated temperance orator, with his wife, son and daughter-in-law, are occupying a cottage at Byron Hot Springs.

Miss Delmas is visiting Mrs. Fisher Ames.

Mrs. Ella Sterling Cummins and Miss Genevieve Cummins returned last week from their trip to Oregon and Shasta.

Mrs. W. P. Bush and sons have returned from a pleasant sojourn with friends in Healdsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Camblien have just returned from a most enjoyable trip to the Klamath Hot Springs.

Miss Elsie A. Duncan is camping in Mill Valley with Mrs. and Miss Darling.

Mr. and Mrs. S. de Laus and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon and family and Miss Birtie Leeds are camping in Mill Valley.

Dr. F. W. Skaife of this city left Thursday night for Montreal, and will return in September.

Mrs. C. Lipp, Miss Bell Lipp, Mrs. C. L. Armstrong, Masters Cranson and Robbie Armstrong, Mrs. H. Marten, Mr. Ed Marten and Miss Alice Dorgan have been visiting Mrs. I. A. Merrell at Silver Dale Ranch, San Jose.

Mr. Joseph D. Lynch of Los Angeles, with his friend Mr. William C. McGregor, will leave for the Yosemite Valley on the 26th inst.

Mrs. M. Nutall and daughter are spending some time at the Ætna Springs.

Mrs. P. J. Davies of Victoria, B. C., arrived in San Francisco last Saturday and is going to spend a few months with her mother at 437 Fell street, where she will be pleased to meet her friends.

Hon. W. C. Burette and family are at the Ætna Springs.

Mr. Henry W. Lunceford left San Francisco last Tuesday to visit his parents in San Bernardino.

Miss Daisy Dyer of Washington, D. C., is at the Ætna Springs.

Mrs. Ingraham Stolling of 1207½ Laguna street, returned home after spending her vacation at Sunol and San Jose.

Mrs. L. Moss and her youngest daughter left on the 15th of July on a visit to her children in Central America and expected to return by the latter part of November.

Miss Nellie Ginch and her friend, Miss E. Van Orden, have returned from Southern California and Avalon, Catalina Island.

Mme. Bernheim and daughter, who have been residing in this city during the past five years, have returned to New York, their former home.

Mr. R. T. Acres of the firm of Acres & Williams is staying at San Gregorio for a few weeks, and reports plenty of sport in the way of trout, doves and young rabbits.

Miss Josie Handley and Miss Mamie Curran are spending a few weeks at Santa Cruz.

Master Frankie Roop of Calistoga is visiting his aunt, Mrs. A. W. Morgan, of 818 Grove street, for a few days.

Mrs. E. Roop Show and daughter, of La Grange, Ind., are making a tour of the Pacific States, and are now visiting her cousin, Mrs. A. W. Morgan. Mrs. Show will take the steamer this week for Portland, where she will visit relatives, and thence will proceed on the Canadian Pacific homeward.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Fischbeck and Miss Hettie Fischbeck are occupying their cottage at Mozart Valley.

Mrs. H. Myers of Portland, Or., leaves for home Wednesday evening next after a pleasant visit of six weeks.

Miss Minnie Ward of Los Angeles is visiting her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Miller of 1809 Devisadero street.

Mrs. Emery la Vallee and children and Miss Agnes Zissing have returned from a month's visit to Santa Cruz.

Mrs. L. G. Stesovich and children are spending their summer vacation at their residence at Capitola.

Mrs. I. A. de la Roza of San Jose and two accomplished daughters, Mollie and Rosie, accompanied by Miss Gertrude, daughter of Mr. John Quinn of Stockton, leave for the Sandwich Islands July 22.

The Misses Fanny and Pauline Aaron and Miss Susie Holden are guests at Mendenhall Springs, above Livermore.

Messrs. Robert P. Legge, W. A. W. Monahan and Louis P. Trumbell returned last week from their week's camping tour to the Yosemite Valley.

Mr. Henry L. Kohn has returned from Haywards, and has left for a tour through the Southern States with Dr. and Mrs. Lautenbaugh of Salt Lake City.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Legoria and son of San Francisco spent the Fourth with her friend Miss Nellie I. Pierce at Madrone.

Miss Kate Dalton of San Francisco spent a few days with her friend Miss Nellie I. Pierce at Madrone.

Miss Clara F. Coyne of Saurance station spent a few days with her cousin, Nellie I. Pierce, at Madrone.

Miss Nellie I. Pierce and Miss May K. Pierce of Madrone are camping at the Soda Springs.

Mr. A. S. Cook and family have returned from their Santa Cruz trip after a very enjoyable visit.

The Misses Pauline and Lottie Schlueter have returned to the city after spending the vacation at Rogerville, Nicasio.

Mrs. C. H. Leavitt and her daughter, Miss Jennie McConald, have gone to San Jose, where they will remain for about two months.

Mrs. Nellie Hamblin and Mrs. E. T. Randall have returned from New York by the steamer San Jose. During their stay in the East Mrs. Hamblin visited her nieces, the Misses Patton, at Washington, D. C.

Mr. John Llewellyn of Llewellyn Bros., Los Angeles, has arrived in this city to meet his brother Llew, who is expected home from Europe in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Netter, who have moved to 929 Fillmore street, are entertaining their son, Henry H. Netter, and his wife and daughter of Philadelphia, and are at home to their friends on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Samish receive on Wednesday.

Mrs. Harry Edwards is the guest of Mrs. Alpheus Bull, Leavenworth and Francisco streets.

Mrs. D. A. Meyer of 2626 Bush street is rusticating in San Rafael.

Miss Minnie Meyer of 2626 Bush street is visiting relatives in Petaluma.

Mr. Charles Meyer of 2626 Bush street is sojourning at Blue Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Creely (nee Cerini) of Oakland and Miss Nellie Mitrovich of San Francisco have returned from their trip to the Geysers.

FROM MARE ISLAND.

A Large Force of Men at Work on the Monadnock.

The Training-Ship Project—Captain Howison to Be Captain of the Yard—A New Tug Wanted.

Correspondence of THE MORNING CALL.

VALLEJO, July 17.—The steam engineering and construction departments at the navy-yard have at the present time the greater number of their men employed on the Monadnock. It is not believed that the shutting down of the Bethlehem mills will have much effect or hinder the supplying of the plates for use as armor, for the reason that the company takes its own time in furnishing the material. This yard being so far away from the seat of government it seems as though Eastern contractors can have any time given that they may require. It is not the fault of those in charge or at work upon the monitor if she is delayed in completion. The men work fast and well.

The engines of the Boston have just received a complete overhauling, and by reason of certain changes made they are now better than when she first went into commission. The ship is ready for sea, and if it were not for the court of inquiry now being held at the yard, of which the commander, Captain G. C. Wiltse, is the presiding officer, she would before now be on her way to the Islands to relieve the San Francisco. The latter ship on her arrival here will be at once taken in the granite dock and have her hull scraped and painted. From here the flagship will be sent up to Puget Sound to visit each of the ports there. The Baltimore and Charleston will then, it is expected, return to the navy-yard for a short stay and then cruise down the coast.

THE THETIS.

No intimation has as yet been given out regarding the destination of the Thetis, now lying alongside of the quaywall. It is often remarked that it would be strange when poor workmanship is attributed to the steam engineering department on the Ranger if the same would not have occurred in the case of the Thetis, which underwent about the same style and class of repairs to her engines. This little ship, just pulled out from the yard, went up north, then down to the Sandwich Islands, remained there for some time, hoisted up anchor at four bells, the word "go ahead" was given and she came across to San Francisco without a hot journal or an empty oil feeder, arriving back to the yard with her engines in as good trim as when she started out. She is a trim little ship, and Captain Reiter is pretty proud of her and her capabilities.

THE TRAINING-SHIP PROJECT.

No word has yet been received regarding the possibilites of one of the ships lying out in the stream being fitted up for a training-ship, although it is said that the Secretary of the Navy is in favor of the Swatara being altered and fitted for such purpose. Estimates as to the cost have been forwarded to the department. There are other ships, it is said, that would be better adapted, and could probably be fitted up with better conveniences and more economically in the end. The Pensacola or Omaha may be cited; either are better than the Swatara. They are large enough, so there would be no need of taking out the boilers and engines to obtain the necessary amount of room. The Pensacola would probably require a new spardeck, as the one now on is in a bad condition. If she should ever go to sea again the deck would have to be replaced. It might as well be done at this as at any other time. There are plenty of idle ship-carpenters who would be only too well pleased to be called on for this work. It is believed that if the proper representation is made to the Secretary by our Representatives in Congress and the citizens of San Francisco, he would willingly grant the request for either one of the ships named to be substituted for the Swatara.

It has not yet been decided by the department, so far as heard from, who the successful bidder will be for building the new drydock at Port Orchard. The bids were opened and announced in THE CALL a few days ago. It is the opinion of almost every one that has had anything to do with the building or repairing of a drydock that the parties bidding a little over $400,000, should they be so unfortunate as to obtain the contract, would come out at the little end of the horn financially. From $400,000 to $600,000 is quite a range in figures. The parties bidding about $500,000 will come nearest to getting the work. If they do, then they will have to "scratch gravel" to come out even. The matter of excavating and concreting up is a pretty big item of expense, letting alone the caisson, the pumps, the engines, etc., all of which have to be furnished in place. In his last annual report to the Secretary of the Navy, Captain Norman H. Farquhar, chief of Bureau of Yards and Docks, recommended the building of another drydock at the Mare Island Navy-yard. It is to be hoped that his recommendation may be considered favorably and that money will be appropriated to this end. It is not the intention to build a dock like the present magnificent and costly structure, but one of smaller dimensions, though fully capable of service for the smaller class of ships and cruisers.

A TUG NEEDED.

What is greatly needed at this station is a well-built, strong and large tug, with powerful engines, one capable, if needs be, to send out to sea. The old tug Ivy, formerly stationed at Monterey, now in use, is behind the age in style of boilers and engines, and requires from three to four hours in a headwind to make the trip to San Francisco. Whenever a detachment of men is going East or coming by the Pacific Mail steamer she has to go to the city for this purpose; the same may be said of many of the stores shipped to the Asiatic squadron. They have to go by the same way. A short time since it was announced that a new steel tug was being built in the East for the Mare Island yard. Of late nothing has been heard concerning the tugs (there being three of them contracted for), and their assignment. Assistant Secretary of the Navy J. R. Soley has this particular arm of the naval service under his control, and it is believed he will use his influence to have one of the three sent to the Mare Island yard. The tug Nellie is undergoing repairs, and when completed she will perform excellent service.

A new system of railroad tracks will be laid about the yard, the better to enable the transporting of freight and material to the shops and storehouses. The tracks now narrow will be relaid to regulation width. A steam engine will probably be purchased, also suitable flat cars. The track will be extended around the head and two sides of the drydock into the iron plating and machine shops, along the water front to the freighthouse, etc., which will prove of great advantage in carrying on work and lessening the labors of the laborers. The old ox teams are now only known in remembrance. A year or two ago the fiat went forth that they were to be abolished and horses used in their stead. It seemed very hard to part with them. Since the days of Farragut, when he assumed command of the yard in 1854, the ox team held sway, and hauled the old bull trucks and timber wheels around the yard through the various commands of Goldsborough, Alden, Craven, Selfridge, Rodgers, Calhoun, Phelps, Russell, Belknap and Benham, until the latter, by the recommendation of Captain Kemp, caused them to be abolished. Some were sold at auction, and the last one, too old and too poor to find a purchaser, was taken down to the lower end of the island and killed and buried by a butcher for his hide and tallow.

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A fine railway extending from the Naval Hospital down to the lower end of the island is being built that will prove one of the most substantial conveniences made for a long time.

CAPTAIN OF THE YARD.

Captain Henry L. Howison, U. S. N., has been detached as a member of the Lighthouse Board at Washington and ordered to the Mare Island Navy-yard as captain of the yard and head of the Department of Yards and Docks. The date for his reporting for duty has not yet been announced. Captain Howison came out on this coast in 1867 as executive officer of the flagship Pensacola, under command of Captain John L. Worden of Monitor fame. Rear-Admiral T. K. Thatcher was then in command of the North Pac