The season for installing new officers naturally suggests the purely social side of their various associations. All societies appear agreed on the importance of organizing social intercourse among the members. By this means alone can the dry bones of unit d action be endured with attractiveness. Novel entertainments and opportunities for the young folks to meet socially are becoming more and more essential to the successful conduct of any mutual ben-fit society. But social interest at present is by no means all centered in the city lodgeroom, for people continue to enjoy country life on all sides wherever possible.

Dr. Amy S. Bowen, a lady who recently achieved the honor of admittance to the most exclusive circles of professional medicine in Berlin, has returned to the coast and will be tendered a reception this evening by the Woman's Club of San Francisco at the Pleasanton Hotel. The hours named are from 8 to 11 o'clock.

Lieutenant Turner of Mare Island has been entertaining Ensign Guy W. Brown, who brought out a draft of naval apprentices for the Independence. Ensign Brown, who is no stranger here, having served on the Hassler, Iroquois and Pinta, is a very popular officer. He leaves to-morrow for the Asiatic station, where he will report for duty on the Monocacy.

The comedy, "A Box of Monkeys," is in preparation at Monterey by society amateurs. Miss Emelie Hager has been cast for Sierra Bengaline, the niece of an American matron who endeavors to amuse the daughter of an English earl visiting her at her New York home. Besides the three ladies there are two gentlemen in the cast.

At Nile's last week the Tuesday Evening Whist Club met for the last time this season at the residence of Mrs. C. B. Overacker. The home and guests were decorated with sunflowers. Mrs. Hunt, Mr. C. B. Overacker, Miss Jane Smith and Mr. Ford won the season's prizes. Dainty refreshments were served late in the evening upon a table prettily embellished with sunflowers.

The Concordia Club will establish a trial bi-monthly theater night for six weeks commencing Friday, August 19, when the freedom of the clubrooms will be given the members' lady friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Spivalo gave a pleasant theater party to see "The Foresters," their guests being Mrs. Taaffe, Mr. Peter Dunne, Mr. McMurtry, Mr. J. D. Sherwood and Miss Spivalo.

Recently in London William Ouseley Roosevelt, a Parisian artist, was married to Miss Frances Lockwood Hall Dare, daughter of Mr. Charles W. H. Dare of Brooklyn, N. Y., and niece of Hon. John T. Dare, Deputy Collector of this port.

Among the private entertainments of the week at Santa Cruz was the luncheon given on Wednesday by Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Smith, at Sunshine Villa, in honor of Messrs. H. E. Huntington, A. N. Towne and Colonel C. F. Crocker; the breakfast given at the Casino on Saturday by Mr. Jeremiah Lynch; a dinner the same evening by Mr. F. Moulton, and a breakfast the following morning in honor of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Seymour. On Sunday evening dinner parties were given by Mr. F. A. Hihn and Major James D. Phelan.

A very delightful at-home musicale was given by Lieutenant and Mrs. Charles Poutler at their residence on Forty-first street, near San Pablo avenue, Oakland, last Wednesday evening. The house and grounds were beautifully decorated with Chinese lanterns and flowers.

Miss Anita Massey Brown was among those who took part in the musicale given at the residence of Colonel W. B. Lyman at San Rafael on Friday evening, the 15th inst. Her performance on the pianoforte was highly complimented.

A large number of friends from this city enjoyed the fifth annual hop of the San Francisco Yacht Club at Sausalito on Saturday. Delicious refreshments were served during the evening.

At their last meeting the Dukes elected the following officers for the ensuing term of six months: President, L. Cames; vice-president, L. Hirrlbarren; secretary, J. Doassans; treasurer, A. Ledeme. The Dukes are making active preparations for their picnic to be held next month.

At the last meeting of the Union-square Club the following officers were elected: E. L. Head, president; H. Dutton, vice-president; Wm. M. Lacey, treasurer; R. Ennkhau-en, treasurer.

The members of the Marine Underwriters' Association enjoyed an extended cruise on Saturday as the guests of Commodore L. Gutte on board his yacht the Chico. All were delighted with the trip and the hospitality of the commodore.

A notable charity entertainment is in preparation in the form of a comic opera, "His Majesty," music by Professor H. Heyman, words by Mr. Peter Robertson), to be given next February. The plot revolves about a kingless kingdom, which obtains a ruler by means of an advertisement in the local papers. Among those who are likely to appear in the cast are the following members of the Bluff King Hal company: Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Dickman, Mr. Dickman, Mr. E. J. de Pue and Mr. Donald de V. Graham.

Engagement Notes.

Miss Maude Smith, one of the prettiest and most vivacious young ladies that ever graced San Francisco Society, daughter of Mrs. R. B. Smith, is shortly to be led to the altar by a famous Russian prince who, "for reasons best known to himself," has settled in Chicago, where he is a prosperous business man. He much prefers the freedom of American life to the constrained conditions that obtain in the country of the only Czar. When Miss Smith is married in the early fall she will be Princess Engalitcheff, wife of Prince Nicholas Engalitcheff.

The wedding of Miss Emma McMillan and Mr. Ellis Wooster will take place on Wednesday evening, the 7th of September, at the residence of the bride, 202 Ridley street.

The engagement is formally announced of Mr. George A. Griffith of the general passenger department of the Southern Pacific Company and the popular vice-president of the Western Addition Club, to Miss Alice Lillie Cushion, daughter of the late Captain J. B. Cushion and Mrs. Margaret Cushion of this city. The wedding is set for Thursday evening, the 18th August, at Calvary Church.

The marriage of Miss Carrie Northey-Roma to Mr. Jesse Douglas will take place at the First Presbyterian Church, Oakland, next Wednesday evening and will be followed by a reception at 553 East Fifteenth street, on the corner of Eleventh avenue, East Oakland.

The engagement of Miss Grace E. Davey to Mr. L. Wheeler of the Thomas-Houston Company of Portland, Or., is announced. The wedding will take place during the last week in July.

The wedding of Miss Goldina Gump, daughter of Mr. S. Gump, to Mr. Louis Schwabacher of Wheeling, W. Va., will take place next Wednesday evening.

The engagement is announced of Miss Belle B. Figel of 2415 Washington street to Mr. J. Rosenthal of Stockton.

The engagement is announced of Miss Rose Wheeler of New York to Mr. Oscar Figel.

The wedding of Miss May Dexter, daughter of Captain Dexter, to Mr. Al McEwen will take place shortly.

The engagement is announced of Miss Hedwig Salinger of 22 Fountain street, to Mr. Oscar Fisher. The couple will receive their friends on Sunday, July 31.

The marriage of Miss Idalia Oulmette and Mr. C. D. Pratt of Tacoma will be solemnized in St. Luke's Episcopal Church in that city next Wednesday morning.

The wedding of Miss Sadie Abrahm of San Francisco and Mr. B. F. Meyer of Haywards will take place Thursday evening, August 11, at the residence of the bride, 1408 Fulton street. Only relatives will be present.

The engagement is announced of Miss Sadie Herneman to Mr. Sol Peiser. They will be pleased to see their friends Sunday, July 31, from 2 until 5 o'clock, at 919 Geary street.

Private Entertainments.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Keser on Mason street was the scene of a pleasant social gathering last Friday evening. The occasion was a farewell party given by Miss Grace Keser in honor of Messrs. Charles D. and J. Quincy Stevens, two popular and talented young gentlemen, who leave next Tuesday for Omaha, where they will reside in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shad celebrated the tenth anniversary of their marriage on the evening of the 15th inst. at their residence, 414 Twenty-fourth street. About forty friends assisted in the joyful affair.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Curtis pleasantly celebrated their wooden wedding on Thursday evening, at their residence, 2321 Webster street.

The All of Us Club tendered its first party to Mr. Adolph Kahn Sunday evening at the residence of his parents, 229 Golden Gate avenue. The affair was a decided success and the club desires to extend its thanks to its many friends.

A very pleasant birthday party was tendered to Mr. Francis Kelley on Saturday evening at his residence, 946 Folsom street. Music was kindly furnished by Miss E. Lapointe and Mr. G. Malone.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Hunt were agreeably surprised last Saturday evening at their residence, 1410 Fulton street. A pleasant time was passed by the guests, including Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Coffee, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Myer Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Carleton, Mr. Richard I. Whelan and others.

The engagement reception of Miss Flora Brown and Mr. Gans of Portland, held at the residence of Mrs. M. Brown, on the corner of Sutter and Franklin streets, on Sunday, was much enjoyed by the friends present. Mrs. Brown was assisted in receiving by her daughter and Miss Dora Shidemann, Miss Hilda Brown, Miss Sophie Jacobs, Miss Ettie Jacobs and Miss Henrietta Meyer.

The Reising-Vermeil Wedding.

One of the most auspicious weddings of the season took place at the Church of the Notre Dame des Victoires on Wednesday evening last. The contracting parties were Miss Louise Augustine, eldest daughter of Mr. J. L. Vermeil, commission merchant of this city, and Mr. William J. Reising of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. The bride was beautifully attired in white bengaline silk trimmed with fine duchesse lace, and was accompanied by six bridesmaids. The church was crowded with friends of the happy pair, who walked down the aisle to the music of Mendelssohn's wedding march. The presents were costly and numerous. Over a hundred guests afterward sat down to a sumptuous repast. The bride and groom left for their honeymoon trip soon after the banquet to enjoy a tour of the south.

A New Society Diversion.

Private circuses are no new thing in the East and Paris. That in Tuxedo last winter was a specially marked success. Mill Valley last Saturday was the scene of the latest "craze," when a ring was arranged near Mr. J. F. Harrold's camp, shot off with portieres and illuminated with Japanese lanterns. Mr. Willis Polk in white satin was ring-master, Miss Miller and Miss Hopkins were equestriennes, Mr. Fritz Gamble rode bareback, Mr. Harrold gave a rag-doll dance, Messrs. Ble-ett and Fay were the clowns, and there was tight-rope dancing, hypnotizing (with the help of confederates) and other diversions innumerable. The programmes on yellow paper were unique. Oakland is talking of getting up a circus, and it is whispered that classic Menlo Park is also to be stirred with the feats of the knights and ladies of the ring. Major Rathbone having the credit of the inspiration.

The Deering-Perkins Wedding.

An interest wedding last Thursday, a week ago, united Mr. J. H. Deering Jr., librarian of the San Francisco Law Library, and Miss Margaret H. Perkins, daughter of the late prominent wool merchant of this city. Owing to the recent death of the bride's mother the ceremony, which took place in Santa Cruz, was very quietly conducted. Miss Mary Perkins, the sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Mr. F. P. Deering, brother of the groom, acted as best man. The bride was given away by her uncle, Judge Heacock. Mr. and Mrs. Deering, on their return from their bridal trip, will reside at 423 Baker street.

An Engagement Reception.

Yesterday afternoon a very happy reception was held at the residence of Mr. Leopold Englander, 726 Golden Gate avenue, in honor of the engagement of his daughter, Miss Therese Englander, to Mr. F. Falk, a substantial merchant of Newark, Cal.

About 150 friends called in the course of the afternoon to offer congratulations. A profusion of flowers were seen, and the parlors were simply lined with choice bouquets and handsome set pieces. Up-tains a magnificent array of costly and tasteful presents testified to the affection of friends.

The guests were welcomed by the happy pair, assisted by the bride's niece, Miss Rosina Green, her sister, Mrs. Green, and Mrs. Phillips. The ladies' toilets were particularly admired. A large number of congratulatory telegrams were received, and champagne flowed freely amid felicitous toasts. In the evening the doorbell was kept in a continual state of agitation by arriving friends, who were hospitably entertained.

The young couple will receive again on Wednesday afternoon next. Their marriage will take place in the near future.

A Santa Cruz Bayride.

A large number of well-known people were the guests of Mrs. Dr. Luke Robinson on the occasion of a pleasant bayride last week to Moore's Beach, Santa Cruz. The party consisted of Colonel Moorehead, Mr. James M. Moorehead, Colonel Edward Moale, U. S. A., Mr. James W. Reed, Mrs. R. I. Carroll, Mrs. A. Welch, Mrs. Luke Robinson, Mrs. N. Arques, Mr. and Mrs. Wightman, Miss Bessie Wightman, Miss Ida Welch, Miss R. Wallace, Miss L. Robinson, Miss Carroll, Miss Arques, Miss Feeny, Miss Taaffe, Miss Bernadine Robinson, Miss E. Murphy; Messrs. J. A. Waddell, Frank Robinson, Martin Murphy, J. T. Carroll, Lafayette Archer, Leo Archer, John Brooke, Joe Enright, James Murphy, Charles Welch; the Misses Wheeler.

The Edmondson-Finn Wedding.

The marriage of Mr. John G. Edmondson and Miss Fannie Finn was solemnized yesterday at the Central Presbyterian Tabernacle, the Rev. W. E. Smith officiating.

The bride was handsomely attired in an electric blue silk gown, with applique trimmings; ornaments, diamonds. Miss Maude Cameron acted as bridesmaid and Captain Dan Driscoll as groomsman.

After the ceremony the wedding party adjourned to 2320 Mission street, where the groom has fitted up a handsome home for his bride. Here a sumptuous wedding breakfast was partaken of, the bride, who cut and distributed the wedding cake, looking radiant in her wedding costume and her ornaments, diamond earrings and bracelets, the latter something unique, the gift of the bridegroom. Captain J. W. Cameron proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom, which was duly drunk in bumpers of champagne. At 4 o'clock Mr. William Dowdell, who acted as master of ceremonies, gave the signal to rise, and then all present took a glimpse of the handsome presents the couple had received, and then threw the traditional rice and old shoes after them as they left for the Hotel del Coronada, where they will spend the honeymoon.

A Sisterly Visit.

Past President Emma Dellwig, accompanied by Sisters Lillie Wolfes and Annie Hinch of Oro Fino Parlor No. 9, N. D. G. W., chaperoned by Grand Trustee L. Carlie of Alameda Parlor and Sister Victoria Papina of Marguerite Parlor, Placerville, paid a sisterly visit productive of much enjoyment last Monday evening to the friendly and social little Alameda Parlor No. 18, Native Daughters of the Golden West.

The visitors, who assisted as grand officers in the installation of President Laura Weintroul, a bright and amiable young lady (Sister Lillian Carlie making the opening remarks), were so hospitably entertained that a repetition of the visit is contemplated. Dancing was enjoyed, a number of Native Sons having been admitted to the hall, where refreshments were served.

By the warm welcome extended by Alameda Parlor to the unexpected visitors the members demonstrated that true sisterly love is predominant in their small parlor.

Notes From Niles.

Miss Florence Mortimer gave a delightful luncheon last Friday to 20 young ladies and young matrons. The affair was in honor of Mrs. Frank Warmsley. Mr. and Mrs. Warmsley are in Niles on their wedding journey, their home being in Oregon. The decorations were novel, indeed, the palors being in palms and sweet-peas, the dining-room in asparagus, with any number of large butterflies adding life and color to the rooms. The menu cards and favors were also gay colored butterflies.

The ladies of the Episcopal Aid Society have been busy and have already secured a large amount toward building a church. They intend to give sometime in September an entertainment, which will probably be an evening lawn party. They will endeavor to give, out of doors, the cantata which was given here two years ago with such success, "The Coronation of the Rose."

The Mazzini Circle Installation.

Mazzini Circle No. 106, C. O. F., gave a pleasant social on the 11th inst., in honor of its third installation of officers, at Bersaglieri Hall. Visitors from San Jose, Oakland, Alameda and Temescal were present.

The officers installed were: Mr. C. A. Magistra, P. C. C.; Mrs. V. Cervelli C. C.; Miss Mary Sylvia, S. C. C.; Mrs. T. Demartini, treasurer; Mr. G. Misso, financial secretary; Mr. M. Biaccini, recording secretary; Miss L. Sanchez, R. guide; Mr. G. Baldizzi, L. guide; Miss T. Baileto, inner guard; Mrs. M. Fortunata, outer guard.

The programme opened with remarks by Mr. C. A. Magistra, followed by orchestral music and subsequent selections by Miss Bolio, Mrs. Beer, Messrs. Monti, Sarzilli, C. Monti, A. Scartabello, L. Hess. Dancing was afterward enjoyed.

The members desire to thank the officers of the last term, especially Mr. C. A. Magistra, who conducted the circle so successfully, and to extend to Miss V. Cervelli their assurance of like success.

Hall Parties.

The first party of the Harmony Legion Flambeau Club took place at Golden Gate Hall, on Pacific avenue, last Saturday evening. Nearly three hundred couples enjoyed the occasion. Mr. A. A. Goodenough directed the floor and Mr. B. Felneman, president of the club, officiated as general director.

According to the secretary's report last Wednesday at the meeting of the Western Addition club there are now 225 members of that popular society. Odd Fellows' Hall was crowded with their guests on this occasion, when a bright programme was enjoyed. Miss Beckhuisen, Miss Kelleher, Miss Roma (not Miss Carrie, but a sister), Messrs. J. H. Desmond and C. M. Thornton contributed selections, which were fittingly concluded by a short comedy, in which Miss Cosgro bore off the palm.

The Del Montes had a great success in their fourth anniversary party in Union-Square Hall last Tuesday. Over one hundred couples participated in the grand march. Mr. William H. Chambliss directed the floor. The executive committee consisted of Messrs. John Power, E. J. Barry and S. P. Kane.

The Blue Jeans gave their initial party at Union-square Hall on Thursday evening. There was a capital attendance. Mr. Paul A. Dumphy directed the floor, assisted by Mr. John E. Kane. The reception committee consisted of Messrs. G. Riding, C. Larabee, E. Irwin and J. McDonald.

An enjoyable social was given by Buckingdyke Camp No. 2, Daughters of Veterans, last Tuesday evening at Mozart Hall, 1356 Market street. Dancing was indulged in until after midnight.

Meade Corps, W. R. C., auxiliary to the G. A. R., pleasantly entertained a number of friends last Tuesday evening at Foresters' Hall. It was an orange social and the title was prettily justified in the decorations. Dancing followed the entertainment.

The Incogs gave a very successful entertainment and dance at Irving Hall on Friday evening. Dr. Siebert, Mr. Thomas G. Eggert and Mr. Richard I. Whelan gave selections among others, and the farce "Who's Who?" owed much to the efforts of the first-named gentleman, together with those of Mr. Arthur Clifford (the business manager), the Misses Duncan and Silvey and Mr. Samuel Deal Jr. There was a large attendance.

Outings in Prospect.

The Union-square Club has decided upon a bay excursion for its next event, to take place on Sunday, August 21.

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

The Mikados will give a private picnic at Orinda Park on Sunday, August 7.

Parties to Take Place.

The members of the Aldine Musical Club will celebrate their fifteenth anniversary by giving a full-dress party at Union-square Hall on Tuesday evening, August 23.

The Coronados will give their tenth hop at Odd Fellows' Hall on Tuesday evening, the 16th prox.

The Falcons announce that they are making special preparations for their next party to be held at Union-square Hall on the 30th prox.

Borromean Council No. 128, Young Men's Institute, will hold its installation jinks at the hall, 2117 Mission street, next Thursday evening. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided for guests.

Phil Sheridan Council No. 72, Y. M. I., will give an entertainment and social at Mangels Hall, on the corner of Twenty-fourth and Folsom streets, next Friday evening.

Oro Fino Parlor No. 9, N. D. G. W., will give a social hop at Foresters' Hall next Thursday evening.

Seven Pines Circle No. 3, Ladies of the G. A. R., will give a farmers' festival at Irving Hall on Thursday evening next. An excellent programme has been prepared and good music engaged for dancing.

Golden Gate Chapter No. 1, O. E. S., will give a social at Laurel Hall this evening.

The Mikados will give a flower party, the fourth in their existence, at Odd Fellows' Hall to-morrow evening.

The Millidre Minstrel Company will give a mammoth entertainment and dance as a benefit to their enemen at Irving Hall next Saturday evening.

The monthly party of W. J. O'Brien's academy will be held at Scottish Hall on Wednesday evening next.

The Danish society Dannebrog will give their tenth social next Sunday evening at Union-square Hall.

The United Social Club will give a party next Saturday evening at Foresters' Hall.

A "barn party" will be given for the first time in Alameda next Thursday evening by the Alameda Guards at their armory on Lincoln avenue, near Park street.

California Castle No. 1, K. G. E., will give a social hop at Union-square Hall next Wednesday evening.

A concert and ball will be given by the First Troop Cavalry, N. G. C., at its armory, 218 O'Farrell street, next Wednesday evening, for the benefit of a fund to furnish the armory.

The San Francisco Turn-Zoegling Verein will give an entertainment and ball at San Francisco Turn Verein Hall, 323 Turk street, on Sunday evening, the 7th August.

This evening the Twelfth Company of the Boys' Brigade will celebrate the first anniversary of its organization by giving a musical and literary entertainment at Simpson Memorial Church, corner Hayes and Buchanan streets. Rev. E. McTish, D.D., vice-president of the brigade, will lecture on the "Boys' Brigade" and the "Nautonics." A large brass quartet and with the Second Oakland Company will play several appropriate pieces. The proceeds of the entertainment will be for the benefit of the Boys' Brigade.

Society Personals.

Mrs. A. Conte Jr., daughter and sons are spending the summer in the Sierras, and are pleasantly located at Monte Vista, in Placer County, where they intend to remain till the latter part of August.

The many friends of Mrs. Albert Miller of Oakland have been pained to hear of her serious illness.

Ex-Governor J. G. Downey of Los Angeles is visiting San Diego with Mrs. Downey, Miss Agnes McElroy and Major James H. Coleman.

Rev. William I. Kip, who has been spending the past two weeks in the City of Roses, has extended his journey northwest as far as Cazadero, where he will remain some time.

Messrs. William and Austin Tubbs are off on a fishing trip to a lake in Nevada State.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rideout of Marysville are sojourning at Santa Cruz.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Grant are at Monterey.

Mr. Byron C. Murray Jr., assistant cashier of the Bank of California, is lying very ill at his home in Menlo Park. About 10 days ago he bruised his leg below the knee. His life is now in jeopardy.

Miss Genevieve Carolan has returned from San Rafael.

Mrs. William Cluff has returned from Spring Hill Farm and left with the major for Del Monte on the 22d.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Meade are rusticating at Lake Tahoe.

Hon. T. G. Phelps, Collector of the Port of San Francisco, is having built for himself a $10,000 house on his San Carlos property.

Colonel Fred Crocker, Messrs. J. A. Fillmore, A. Greenbaum, Hon. George T. Bromley, General T. H. Goodman, A. Gerberding, Park Commission Austin, John Rosenfeld, Will de Dell, Sam Miller, Jesse Meehan and J. Eppinger went up to Castle Crags on Saturday.

Executive Secretary E. P. Johnson of Governor Markham's office has left for a vacation down the coast.

Mrs. Booth of Alameda is visiting Mrs. R. J. Pease Jr. of Santa Cruz. Mrs. Pease has returned from a trip to Mount Shasta in a private car as the guest of Colonel C. Fred Crocker.

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Hopkins and Miss Mamie Kohl are traveling in Germany.

Colonel P. A. Finigan was in Paris on the 13th inst.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Dubedat and Mrs. Alfred Gros are recent visitors to Santa Cruz.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Rutherford and the Misses Rutherford went to Castle Crags on Wednesday.

Bishop Warren and family have arrived at their summer residence, Upworth-by-the-Sea.

Mr. D. W. Folger has returned home from a visit to Del Coronado.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Overacker of Niles have been entertaining Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Smith of Santa Cruz.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Grace of New York went down on Thursday on a visit to Phelan Park, Santa Cruz.

Mr. George T. Marye Jr. has been looking after his interests at Stockton.

Mr. Volney Spaulding is due to arrive in San Francisco from Honolulu next Tuesday.

Professor H. J. Stewart, his charming wife and lovely daughter, have all returned from the country and are at home again at 2417 California street.

Mr. and Mrs. Clement Bennett, who have been spending a few weeks at San Rafael, have returned to the city.

Mrs. M. R. Higgins, wife of Governor Markham's private secretary, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCleary, Miss Minnie Clarke and Miss Ora Laguna, will leave for Alaska on the 2nd prox.

Mr. and Mrs. Will C. Meagher have returned from their bridal trip and are pleasantly located at 910 Laguna street. They will receive their friends on Tuesdays in each week.

Mrs. M. Nutall and daughters are at Ætna Springs.

Mrs. E. C. Stock and son, Miss K. H. Crowley are among recent visitors to the Swanton House, Cazadero.

Mrs. N. Dodge is sojourning at the Geyser Springs for a few weeks.

Hon. Francis G. Newlands has returned from Helena, Mont., where he attended the mining congress.

Mr. Richard Savage and wife drove up to Napa Soda Springs last week after a buggy ride through the counties of Napa and Lake.

Miss Maggie Nugent is sojourning at Pitchy Springs.

Hon. W. C. Burnette and family have gone to Ætna Springs.

A press dispatch the other day stated that Mr. John W. Mackay had sailed to London from New York on board the Britannia. This is difficult by friends in this city, who say that Mr. Mackay will start for California early next month.

Among prominent visitors to Santa Cruz last week were: Judge Wallace and Mr. G. Frank Smith, who were the guests of Mr. Charlemagne Tower Jr.; Mrs. C. J. Torbert and Miss Mollie Torbert, Mrs. George Crocker.

Mr. Charles Sonntag registered in Paris on the 13th inst.

Mrs. Nathan Diamond of San Bernardino, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Seligman, will be pleased to see her friends at 1638 Buchanan street.

Mrs. William Townsend Smith, accompanied by Miss Kate Leonard Relfe, has gone to Alaska for a three weeks' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Felgenbaum have returned from their wedding trip and will receive their friends on Thursdays at 421 Van Ness avenue.

Mrs. Nelson, wife of Captain Nelson of the navy, has returned to Washington, D. C., after three years' residence in this State. She is occupying the Nelson residence, 1419 O street, in that city, with her family. Captain Nelson is now cruising in Bering Sea.

Deputy Attorney-General Charles H. Jackson is spending the month of July at Napa Soda Springs.

Mr. E. Schmiedell is spending a few weeks at Lake Tahoe.

A party from Mare Island, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Stanton and daughter, Mrs. J. Y. B. Shelmise and daughter, Miss Maynard, Mr. B. H. Randall and Mr. J. H. Leonard, spent Saturday and Sunday at Napa Soda Springs.

Mrs. Z. L. Tanner and family will remain at Napa Soda Springs through the month of August, when she will return to her home in Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Abell and son, George Abell, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Priest, Mrs. George Landen and Mrs. William de Rome are at Camp Idlesse, Mill Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Richardson and their nieces Miss Ella and Miss Amy Wainwright left last week for Castle Crags Tavern.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Russ are at Ætna Springs.

Miss Nellie A. Talbot has returned to town after a delightful trip to Mount Hamilton, Smith's Creek and San Jose.

Miss Lucelle Simmons of Oakland has gone to Los Angeles for a month on a visit.

Miss Celia Perkins and the Misses Grace and Pearl Salfin have returned from their trip to Carson City.

Mr. Frank Perkins and family will occupy their new residence at 2826½ California street about the 1st prox.

Miss Alice Hart of 3105 Buchanan street returned yesterday from her vacation accompanied by Miss Minnie Smith of Visalia.

The Misses Laura and Tillie Levi and Miss Sara Levy have returned from their delightful trip throughout Lake County.

Mr. Mich L. Frank of the firm of E. Frank & Sons has returned from an extensive Eastern trip.

Miss Georgia L. Kraus is rusticating for the rest of the summer at Cypress Lawn, Napa County.

Miss S. R. Jacobs of 2317 Jackson street has returned from Paraiso Springs.

Mr. J. F. Leisen paid a visit to the city last week.

Master Willie Leisen has returned from Santa Rosa to the city.

Miss Maime Pingel of San Francisco is the guest of Mrs. H. Teubert of Lorenzo.

Mrs. J. Bauer of 1120 Ellis street, and daughter Annie, arrived home on the 16th after spending the summer months in St. Louis and Middle Bass Island, Ohio, where they had gone to attend the marriage of Miss Kate Rauer to Mr. Herman Wenrie, and also to visit friends and relatives of the family. Mrs. Rauer will be at home to her friends Thursdays as usual.

Recent visitors at Napa Soda Springs are: Judge M. C. Blake, Miss Nellie Joliffe, Mr. Harry L. Coleman, Mrs. G. H. T. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. F. Claybourgh, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Low, Mr. and Mrs. John Crellin, Miss Belle Crellin, Mr. T. A. Crellin.

Slashed With a Knife.

Timothy McCarthy, a hack-driver, had an altercation with a negro named Edward Pennington early yesterday morning, during which the colored man slashed his arm with a knife. Pennington was arrested and held for assault with a deadly weapon.

ST. VINCENT'S ASYLUM.

An Admirable Institution Admirably Conducted.

Annual Outing of the St. Vincent de Paul Society—Conference Reports at the Quarterly Meeting.

The annual outing of the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society took place yesterday to St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum. A special train left the city at 8 A. M., via Tiburon, for the asylum, and there were close on 1000 people on board. Among them were a large number of ladies and several municipal officers.

Upon their arrival at the asylum the visitors were greeted with cheers from the boys, who appeared delighted to see them. They were cordially welcomed by Rev. Father McKinnon, the popular superintendent, and escorted to the chapel, where high mass was celebrated. The celebrant was Rev. Father O'Neil of San Rafael, and the choir was composed of some of the orphan boys, whose fresh young voices, admirable trained, were heard to great advantage.

Very Rev. Father Prendergast, V. G., in the absence of the Archbishop in Denver, preached the sermon. He confined himself to a review of the life of St. Vincent de Paul, their patron. He spoke of his capture by the Arab pirates, his life as a slave and his subsequent escape with his then master, an apostate from the Christian faith. Afterward he lay under the imputation of being a thief, but the subsequent confession of the real culprit removed this stigma from him. Then followed four years of terrible spiritual trials from which he emerged a conqueror. To Vincent de Paul they owed the introduction of the annual retreats of the priests, the creation of the Sisters of Charity and the fostering care of foundlings. The reverend preacher asked his hearers to take a lesson from the life of their patron saint and follow his precepts and example.

QUARTERLY REPORTS.

After high mass the quarterly meeting of the society was held in the chapel, President John M. Burnett in the chair. The other officers present were: Vice-President C. T. Douglass, Treasurer P. F. McCormick, Secretary P. J. Thomas. The only business transacted was the reading of the reports for the last quarter. These were as follows:

Conference of St. Paul—Active members and subscribers, 86; active members on roll, 20; subscribers on roll, 66; families relieved, 122; persons in same, 21; visits made, 65; situations procured, 2; average number of members assisting at Sunday-school, 2; average number of boys in attendance, 300; receipts, with balance on hand, $66 70; expenditures, $65; balance, $1 70.

Conference of St. Teresa—Active members and subscribers, 19; active members on roll, 17; subscribers on roll, 2; families relieved, 2; persons in same, 15; visits made, 15; average number of boys in attendance at Sunday-school, 200; receipts, with balance on hand, $89 15; expenditures, $45 05; balance, $44 15.

Conference of St. Bridget—Active members on roll, 8; families relieved, 19; persons in same, 32; visits made, 64; receipts, with balance on hand, $212 15; expenditures, $126 50; balance, $85 65. Distributed six sacks of coal.

Conference of St. Patrick—Active members and subscribers, 245; active members on roll, 11; subscribers on roll, 234; families relieved, 30; persons in same, 120; visits made, 103; situations procured, 9; receipts, with balance on hand, $465 40; expenditure, $167 95; balance, $297 45.

Conference of St. Dominic—Active members on roll, 14; families relieved, 11; persons in same, 62; visits made, 21; average number of persons assisting at Sunday-school, 2; receipts, with balance on hand, $202 40; expenditure, $191 70; balance, $10 70.

Conference of Sacred Heart—Active members and subscribers, 25; active members on roll, 11; subscribers on roll, 14; families relieved, 10; persons in same, 31; visits made, 27; average number of boys in attendance at Sunday-school, 200; receipts, with balance on hand, $155 90; expenditure, $37 80; balance, $118 10.

Conference of St. Peter—Active members and subscribers, 101; active members on roll, 21; subscribers on roll, 80; families relieved, 20; persons in same, 60; visits made, 27; average number of boys in attendance at Sunday-school, 288; receipts, with balance on hand, $275 26; expenditures, $110 50; balance on hand, $162 76.

Conference of St. Mary's—Active members and subscribers, 15; active members on roll, 15; families relieved, 21; persons in same, 41; visits made, 110; average number of members assisting at Sunday-school; 2; receipts, with balance on hand, $502 72; expenditures, $295 75; balance, $206 97.

Conference of St. Joseph—Active members and subscribers, 136; active members on roll, 18; subscribers on roll, 112; families relieved, 45; persons in same, 154; visits made, 164; situations procured, 9; average number of boys in attendance at Sunday-school, 500; receipts, with balance on hand, $261 61; expenditures, $140 25; balance, $111 26.

A DOUBLE FEAST.

When the meeting adjourned the visitors were escorted to the recreation hall, which was most beautifully and profusely decorated with flowers, evergreens, streamers and flags. The platform was a perfect bower of loveliness. Here a most enjoyable entertainment was given by the boys. The programme consisted of the chorus, "An Irishman's Toast"; recitation, "Little Speaker"; chorus, "Songs that Mother Sung"; comic dialogue, "The Politicians"; broom drill, which was capitally performed and elicited great applause; concert recitation, "The Baldheaded Man," and chorus, "The Postman."

This literary feast was followed by a more substantial one in the shape of a luncheon. Notwithstanding the heavy drain on the edible resources of the institution Superintendent McKinnon and his assistants were equal to the occasion and all partook heartily of the good things which were provided in abundance, and this is saying a good deal, as appetites seemed to have been sharpened by the change of air.

The visitors spent the remainder of their time in strolling through the different rooms. Everything was found in admirable order. The dormitories, with their numerous beds and coverings in spotless white, were a pleasing sight to look upon. The school-rooms are well ventilated, and have a bright, cheerful appearance. In fact that is the characteristic of the entire institution, inmates included. Only two patients were in the infirmary.

CONDITION OF THE ASYLUM.

The asylum is situated in the most picturesque portion of the lovely San Rafael Valley, and no better spot could have been chosen for an institution of this kind. It has made rapid strides since its inauguration, 35 years ago, with a handful of pupils. Now there are about 630 pupils, an imposing edifice and 3000 acres of land, mostly in cultivation or planted with trees. Last year 1100 acres of swamp land were reclaimed, and visitors were much struck with the great improvement that was to be seen everywhere as compared with last year. This marked progress is mainly due to Rev. Father McKinnon, who took charge of the asylum four years ago. He is a gentleman of marked individuality, of magnetic attraction, and with that happy combination of firmness and gentleness so essential in dealing with the rising generation. He is also the soul of hospitality.

About a year ago technical training was introduced and has proved a great success. About 75 boys are being instructed in harness-making, shoemaking and tailoring.

The visitors left the asylum at 3:15 P. M. on the return trip, all highly pleased with their outing and satisfied that the orphan asylum is a model institution.

GEORGIA MOONSHINE.

How It Has Been Written Up by a Gushing Reporter.

Last Monday night was calm and just cool enough to bring that grateful degree of comfort so refreshing to the tired brain and muscle of those who work. The stars hung low in the ebon skies, twinkling away in their vain endeavor to cease beholding the wicked deeds of men or steadily staring like so many glaring cats' eyes in a windowless garret. Not a leaf moved, not a breath of night air stirred, not a sound was heard, not a heart throb of the great, busy, restless, moving, noisy world of a few hours ago gave sign or token of animal life. All, all was still.

At 11 o'clock the softened gleam of straying moonbeams spanned with silvery pencilings the eastern horizon and brighter grew the rehumed orient as up behind the slowly drifting cloud mountains fair Selene drove her royal train, till now the deeper border of every peak and crag gilded and burnished with aureate beauty towered out in rosy outline against the boundless perspective of occidental space.

Up, up moved the gorgeous procession while the constellations grew dim and the stars turned pale, and vanishing to their dismal homes left no blushing rivalry to vie with the fair sweet face of the beautiful night queen. Now beaming with the full and radiant gaze of conscious purity, the chaste, wandering princess of the skies serenely smiled down upon the dreaming earth as through unclouded grandeur she rolled her royal chariot higher up the ethereal realms of night.

A Lightning Calculator.

Boston Traveler.

Professor Truman Henry Safford of Williams College is one of the most remarkable lightning calculators now living. A gentleman who had heard of his power, and wished to test it said to him one day: "I have a little problem for you, Professor Safford. I was born August 15, 1852, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. This is June 20, 1883, and it is just 3 o'clock. Now, can you tell me my age in seconds?" The great man frowned, bent his head and began to walk rapidly up and down, twisting his mustache and clasping and unclasping his hands in his nervous way. After a moment or so he returned the answer, which was somewhere in the billions. The gent