ALAMEDA COUNTY NEWS.

OAKLAND IS GIVEN OVER TO POLITICS

A Good Time to Use Common Sense.

HOW TO AVOID SCANDALS

VOTERS SHOULD NOT BE LED BY SOPHISTRIES.

Out of the Army of Candidates It Should Not Be Difficult to Choose Trustworthy Men.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Feb. 12.

There are many sterling men running for office at this time, but there is not one worthy, in my opinion, of taking to himself and debauching that great battle-cry of Manila and Santiago, "Remember the Maine." Ignorant and possibly unpatriotic venders of peanuts or special brands of soap may be pardoned for being led into such an error against good taste in advertising, but there can be no excuse for an intelligent citizen considered worthy of filling a public office doing any such cheap exploiting. Yet around the city I have noticed on the political cards of men who do and should know better than to commit such an offense against decency, the quack expression, "remember the name." The Maine will be remembered as long as the name of America exists, but it is just as sure that many of the names now being placarded in this city will be as surely forgotten with this generation, some of them with this campaign.

If there could be more work and less talk there would be a vast improvement in politics. More business, more work for the floating population, is what is needed in Oakland.—Oakland Saturday Night.

This sentiment should be the text of every political speech during this campaign, and should just as certainly be the motto of every official elected to office. In this city politics amounts largely to mouthings. Rarely is anything pledged by a party seeking an office carried out. In some manner or other enough little foxes manage to squeeze into the city administration to spoil the vines, and even the political wisdom of a Solomon has so far seemed unable to keep them out. The same danger is threatening at this time. There are men before the community as candidates for office who are no more fit to be intrusted with public confidence and the expenditure of public money than they are fit to sit on the throne of an ideal religionist's heaven. On the other hand there are plenty of men who can be trusted, men of honor who have been tried and who would never dream of betraying a trust or conniving however indirectly at the theft of a single cent from the city treasury. All these men are now in the public eye, and it is to be hoped that the decent vote of Oakland is ample to guarantee the election of a city government that will do something and not be given to making pie-crust promises which it has no intention or desire to carry out.

For one whole month each voter has a duty to perform. In this time he owes it to himself and every fellow citizen to examine the character, the antecedents, the alliances and the influences which surround every individual seeking public favor. This is not a difficult task nor is it one that should be slighted. On its performance faithfully depends the status of this city for two years, perhaps longer. It is easy to obtain all the necessary information regarding every candidate, and if there be any candidate about who so little is known that his standing cannot be ascertained, it is safe to say that such a one is not the best man for whom to vote.

It is true, as it always has been, that there is an element, having nothing at stake except the satisfaction of their own selfishness, who care nothing for the individual or society at large. This element in this city is perhaps no greater than in any other city of the size of Oakland, but it is better organized. It possesses the faculty of making itself felt on election day, and if it cannot succeed in electing a sufficient portion of the city government to give it control, it has frequently succeeded in asserting its power sufficiently to block the honest efforts of the majority and thus nullify the will of the greater portion of the voters. Plans are even now being formulated to try to bring about a repetition of these tactics. Trades are being made that will, it is hoped, give to this undesirable element at least enough votes in the City Council to overthrow any good measure that might be proposed even if it cannot carry out obnoxious plans of its own.

Any one acquainted with affairs of this city can see many important questions that will arise during the term of the next Council. Prominent among them is the water rate matter. This is a complex affair that will require well balanced minds and men of inflexible character to handle. There will, undoubtedly, be another agitation regarding public parks, and this matter must be dealt with in such a way as to secure public parks if the people desire them, but secure them on such terms as will make it impossible for the city government to be branded as having had a personal interest in the transaction. The many improvements contemplated and now under way in the vicinity of Lake Merritt need very judicious administration. While there can be no doubt that this beautiful section of the city should be made as attractive as possible, it is imperative that the line be drawn between such work as is of public benefit and such as will tend to partake of the nature of personal benefits. Another important matter is the disposition of the Cemetery Creek imbroglio. Already an ordinance has been passed to print appropriating an immense sum of money from the taxes, that will not be fixed until next October, for settling this question. It is not possible or advisable at this time, in view of the many conflicting statements regarding Cemetery Creek, to offer a definite opinion, but it is a public question of grave importance and will have to be determined in some manner or other by the next City Council.

During the past two years some pronounced and permanent street improvements have been made, calling for the expenditure of huge sums. No fault can now be found with existing thoroughfares between East Oakland and the city proper. A movement is already on foot to settle upon one of the arteries leading to West Oakland and to place it in as good condition as the one to East Oakland. Out north the same problem has to be solved. These matters all involve large slices from the city treasury. They all present a possibility for crookedness, and consequently form an important element in the consideration of fit men for the next city government. There is also a question of patronage which cannot be ignored. No one can presume to say that during the past two years the city patronage has been dispensed in a manner most befitting the dignity of its government or the efficiency of some of its departments. This patronage involves the expenditure of one-half, posssibly more, of the entire income of the city, and it cannot be placed in the hands of men too honest for their positions.

The Board of Education is only of secondary importance to the City Council. The president of a large political organization told me recently that he thought it was a mistake for a municipal convention to be rushed through in one night. He remarked that in view of the importance of its functions a second night should always be taken up in consideration of candidates for the School Board. This is true. Usually after the nomination of the city ticket and the City Council, interest lags and the nomination of School Directors is made in a hasty, perfunctory manner. To what extent this is true in regard to the nominations recently made I cannot say, but it is not radical to say that the election of men who appoint the teachers to train the most numerous portion of the community should engross the best attention of municipal conventions. As a rule Oakland has had good School Boards, and as there is not much competition for places on the board in this campaign it is probable that the next board will be as conscientious as those that have preceded it. That good men have been nominated for the Board of Education in the past has largely been due to luck more than to careful thought and scrutiny on the part of delegates.

Just now all the candidates are resting on their arms. There are many platforms before the public, and in every one of them are some planks that are highly dangerous to active campaigners. No one seems to know at this time just along what lines the campaign should be prosecuted. Each fears the other fellow, for, after all, there is no doubt that a political campaign while it does not affect a majority of the voters, does influence enough of them to control the balance of power. One of the issues will be a low municipal tax. This will, of course, be the slogan of the Davie faction. On the other hand, arguments will be made to show that Davie's dollar tax did the city no good, and this will be bandied back and forth until the election. Another plank which will require careful handling by the politicians who would avoid pitfalls, is that relating to public parks. Some of the platforms condemn them, and others favor them. A thinker can easily see that dangerous missiles can be hurled from either camp. Then there is the always delicate liquor question, water front litigation and other matters that politicians would willingly steer clear of at election time.

Many of the candidates are wishing that fate would be as good to them now as it was to Mayor Thomas two years ago, when it kept him at home sick until the night before the election, when he was hurried to the Tabernacle, accompanied by his doctor, and made one little speech and was hurried home again before any one had time to suggest any intricate queries.

There is one other suggestion that is very necessary. While walking around one hears a great deal of whispering, and in places where it should not be. This afternoon one Republican candidate expressed all kinds of fear that the opposition would put up some kind of a scheme to defeat the Republican ticket. He bemoaned the fact that such things should be, and created an impression that he might be one of the unfortunates. Such behavior is absurd, and indicates the child in politics. Of course, the opposition will devise a scheme whereby it hopes to win. It would not have nominated a ticket did it not think so. This is no excuse, however, for lying down before it, and thereby give it encouragement. There is only one way under present circumstances of electing the Republican ticket, and that is by standing together and working together. Any individual candidate who goes around with a downcast head should resign, and not prove a millstone to his fellows. There is no way to win except by unity, and this is always understood and carried out by the other fellow. There is in this city a Republican majority which, if combined, could elect every man of its party by long odds, and when croakers come to the surface they should be energetically put down.

It is not easy to see why the principle of giving Christmas boxes to mailcarriers should not be extended to the carmen. Of the two, perhaps the carman has the harder and least pleasant, as he certainly has the least paid, lot. During the past month the carmen of this city have not been favored by the weather, and those who travel frequently and regularly have often missed the familiar face of the regular motorneer or conductor. In a measure they are as much public servants as are police officers or postmen, and in this city, at least, they are entitled to more consideration than is usually shown to them. These remarks are prompted by two incidents that have been brought to my notice. A few days ago I learned that carmen were paying for rent and support of a brother laid low from the effects of his "late runs" when ice and frost were holding carnival. It was all done unostentatiously and only by accident was it discovered. The other incident is the fact that next Tuesday the Carmen's Association is to hold its first annual reunion at Reed Hall. It is little short of a duty to help out these noble fellows on this occasion.

STUART W. BOOTH.

A FAMOUS CHOIR FEELS HARD TIMES

OAKLAND'S FIRST M. E. CHURCH MAY RETRENCH.

Funds Are Not Forthcoming to Meet Demands of the Sweet Singers.

OAKLAND, Feb. 12.—Unless the purse strings of the well-to-do members of the First M. E. Church congregation are loosened promptly, the large and well-appointed choir of twenty voices is in imminent danger of being impaired materially.

It was whispered about in religious circles to-night that all is not peace and harmony in this aggregation of singers, and that a very material reduction is to be made in number and quality. The first of the foregoing statements is vigorously denied by Rev. Dr. E. R. Dille, the pastor, and J. M. Robinson, who has served faithfully as leader of the choir for the past six years. Both attribute the impending danger of a reduction in the service to "hard times and lack of funds."

"There is no trouble in the choir," said Leader Robinson, after the services to-night; "only, as I understand it, the funds are so low that it will be necessary to reduce the expenses."

Aside from Mr. Robinson, the twenty voices include the leading soprano, Mrs. Dewing, also a leading tenor, a bass and contralto, all of whom are paid regular salaries, aggregating about $1,800 per annum, and apparently, though the congregation is one of the largest, most fashionable and well-to-do in this city, the expenses have been met not without some slight difficulty.

Dr. Dille stated, however, that while it had not been definitely determined as yet to reduce the choir, such action is not unlikely, owing entirely to financial causes. J. A. Johnson, one of the church trustees, commenting on the same subject, said:

"Our choir is perhaps one of the best appointed on this side of the bay, and compares favorably with those of leading churches in San Francisco, and it would be a pity to impair its present excellent quality. You see $1800 annually for choir expenses is a good deal, though we are not complaining of the cost. It is the matter of raising the money with which to keep it up. I believe the big Unitarian Church choir in San Francisco has had to be reduced likewise. Hwever, we have every hope that some amicable arrangement will be agreed upon by which the excellence of our choir will not be marred."

Epworth League Alliance.

OAKLAND, Feb. 12.—The fourth quarterly conference and annual meeting of the Epworth League Alliance will be held next Thursday night in the Norwegian and Danish M. E. church on Twentieth street. At that time officers will be elected to serve for the ensuing year.

The opening praise service will be conducted by Rev. E. M. Hill of the Twenty-fourth Avenue Church, and President W. H. Waste will preside. The reports will include those from each chapter in the Alliance, which will be particularly interesting, as they will show what actual Epworth League work has been done in Alameda county during the past year. The conference will as usual conclude with a social reunion.

ALAMEDA SCRIBES NEARLY MOREHOUSED

DR. ALFRED SANDER GOES ON THE WARPATH.

Bloodshed Threatened to Be the Sequel to the Roebke-Green-Sander Romance.

Alameda Office San Francisco Call, 1428 Park street, Feb. 12.

The exclusive publication in this morning's Call of the romance behind the love affairs of Miss Amanda Roebke and Dr. Jacob Green created a decided sensation in Alameda society circles, and long before noon a copy of the paper could not be purchased here for any price.

Dr. Alfred Sander, who appeared as a conspicuous figure in the romance, went on the warpath early in the day and startled the community by chasing wildly up and down Park street, with his pockets full of pistols, prepared to "Morehouse" the first newspaper man who crossed his path—Call correspondent preferred.

Fortunately the scribes kept out of the way and did not seek to interview the angry medico until the police department had been appealed to to cool him down. Later in the day a meeting was arranged between Dr. Sander and the representative of this journal in the office of Chief of Police Conrad. The doctor's affianced, Miss Ruth Gruenberg, was present. Briefly, the physician said:

"I am glad now I did not meet you this morning. If I had one of us would have shed blood. I had two pistols. Not intending to take advantage of you, I proposed to lend you one with which to protect yourself, if you were unarmed.

"I was never in love with Miss Amanda Roebke, and any statements to the contrary are untrue. Both she and 'Jakey' Green worked for me. My bookkeeper caught them hugging and kissing each other during office hours, and when he told me I informed Green's mother. That is all I have had to do with the affair. This happened more than a year and a half ago and I have not been mixed up in any such matter since. If I was not to be married to an estimable young lady next Sunday I would have no complaint to make with the story printed in The Call this morning, but under the circumstances, it made me mad and I firmly intended to set the matter right by shooting the author."

The doctor promised that if the above statement was published he would do no killing for at least twenty-four hours.

A. M. Roebke, father of Miss Elsie, who was credited with making the statement that Dr. Sander was in love with her sister, Amanda, and sought to prevent her marriage with Dr. J. S. Green, when the latter won her affections, says that his daughter does not remember having made such an announcement and that the probability is that a different meaning from that intended has been given to some idle remarks she may have passed. In the main, however, the story published this morning is correct and there is ample evidence to corroborate it.

LINCOLN DAY.

Appropriate Services at Several of the Oakland Churches.

OAKLAND, Feb. 12.—Services appropriate to the commemoration of the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln were held at several of the principal churches to-day. Rev. R. F. Coyle, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, delivered an interesting discourse to-night on the martyred President. At the First M. E. Church, Rev. Dr. Dille spoke of Lincoln as a statesman and Christian, whose life is a lesson for the hour. The evening services at the Market Street Congregational Church also included a Lincoln anniversary sermon. In each instance special music was a feature of the observance.

The Emeryville Mission Sunday School jointly observed Lincoln Day with its second anniversary in the new chapel on Watts street.

Rev. John Blakewell, rector of Trinity Church, spoke to-day on "Charity, the Greatest of Gifts."

At the First Baptist Church to-night Rev. C. H. Hobart delivered a biographical discourse on "Simon Peter—a Study of Character."

"The Signs of the Times Show that the Second Coming of Christ is at Hand" was the topic of a sermon by L. L. Alexander at the Gospel Tent this afternoon.

Rev. A. T. Needham, pastor of the Eighth Avenue M. E. Church, discussed "The Theater and Its Reform" to-night.

The subject of Rev. J. T. Sunderland's sermon at the First Unitarian Church to-day was "Salvation by Atonement versus Salvation by Character."

Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher of Paterson, N. J., occupied Rev. C. M. Hill's pulpit at the Tenth Avenue Baptist Church this evening.

Rev. G. W. Phelps delivered the morning sermon at the First United Presbyterian Church to-day.

At the Centennial Presbyterian Church Rev. Mr. Miller of San Francisco delivered the morning sermon.

J. J. Valentine delivered a lecture on "Imperial Democracy" at the Church of the Advent this morning.

Lincoln's Memory Honored.

ALAMEDA, Feb. 12.—Lincoln Day was observed this evening at the First Congregational Church. The church was crowded. A large number of the veterans of the G. A. R. participated. One of the features of the celebration was Judge A. B. Hunt's oration on the "Life of Lincoln." The programme was as follows: "Tramp, Tramp, the Boys Are Marching," by the choir (H. S. Stedman musical director); introductory remarks, Colonel George C. Babcock; prayer, Rev. W. W. Scudder Jr.; "Battle Hymn of the Republic," choir; oration, "Life of Lincoln," Judge A. B. Hunt; solo, "Star Spangled Banner," Mrs. Fleischner Lewis.

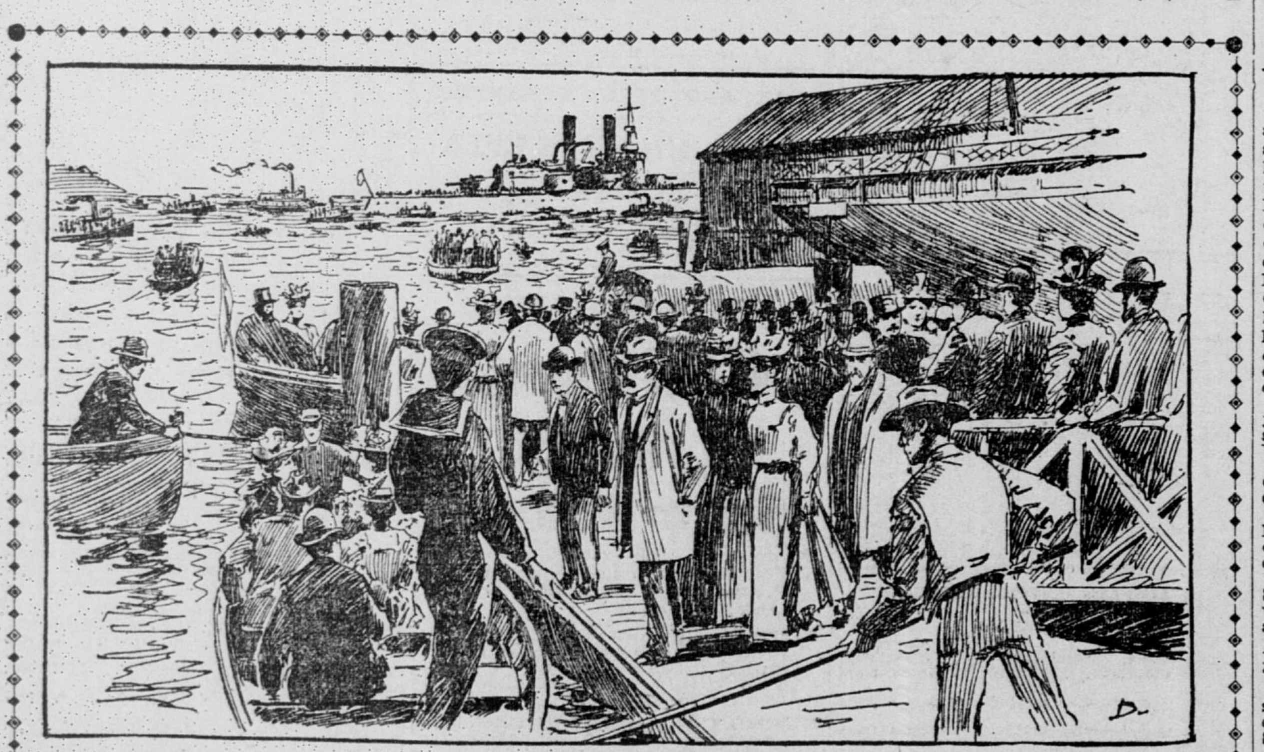
Alameda News Notes.

ALAMEDA, Feb. 12.—The Municipal League will meet to-morrow evening at Armory Hall. All the candidates named for places on the League ticket will be required to appear before the meeting and indorse the platform.

Charges preferred against Police Officer Moebus by Attorney George Perry will be considered Monday night by the Board of City Trustees. Perry asks for Moebus' dismissal from the force.

Water rates for the ensuing year will be fixed at to-morrow night's meeting of the City Trustees.

CROWDS RUSH TO INSPECT THE IOWA



The Water Front Was Thronged With Thousands Anxious to Get Aboard.

THE battleship Iowa was nearly swamped with visitors yesterday. During the entire afternoon she was surrounded by craft of every description, seeking to unload their human freight upon her decks. Launches and whitehalls were allowed alongside the battleship, but tugs and stern-wheel steamers had to discharge their passengers into small boats in order to get them aboard. This was very slow work, and in consequence there was soon a jam alongside the man-of-war. Only one boat could get to the gangway at a time, and about 2 p. m. there were from thirty to forty craft of all sorts and sizes awaiting their turn.

Many of the excursionists on the tugs lost their patience and their temper and indulged in some pretty tall swearing. Aboard the Iowa things were not in a much better shape. It did not take long to land a couple of thousand people on her decks, and these were walking over each other in a vain attempt to get a look at "Bob" Evans' famous fighting ship. It was when the thousands aboard wanted to go home and met the other thousands anxious to come aboard the warship on the gangway that the fun was at its height. Neither side would give way, and the crew of the Iowa had finally to clear the ladder and regulate the inflow and outflow.

On the wharves the crowd was even worse than on the bay. It seemed as if the whole town had taken advantage of the fine day to visit the battleship. Shortly before 3 p. m. Henry Peterson stopped selling tickets for his boats, and mounting a platform informed the waiting crowd that all who had tickets and wanted to go home could do so, and the tickets would be honored next Wednesday or Sunday. The majority followed Peterson's suggestion, but a number hung on and went out on the launches as late as 5 p. m.

One of the most pleasant excursions of the afternoon was that of the Press Club to the Iowa. It was participated in by 200 members and more than that number of ladies. The State tug Governor Markham had been placed at the disposal of the club, and in addition the big Sea King and Captain Titchworth's trim tug Annie were engaged. These three vessels handled the excursion nicely. The club members and their ladies embarked at 2 o'clock, and the three tugs made a trip around the bay, first visiting the Union Iron Works for a cursory inspection of the new battle-ship Wisconsin and the record-breaking Japanese cruiser Chitose. Then the procession wended its way out to the Golden Gate. Favored by balmy weather the cruise was a pleasant one. At 3 o'clock the Press Club tugs drew up to the Iowa, and the excursionists were soon aboard the vessel. They were shown every consideration by the officers, and spent an hour viewing the famous fighting craft. The excursion was in every way as successful as the previous outings of this club have been.

When the crowd was thickest around the Folsom street float a gang of sneak-thieves began operating. Officers Shaw, Ellis and W. Coleman, of the harbor police, were there in plain clothes, and they kept close watch on the light-fingered gentry. Four of them were caught in the act of robbing C. H. Crowell, of 3320 Seventeenth street. George Franklin, who gave his occupation as a tailor; William Thomas, who said he was a barber, and James Fisher, who claims to be a painter, were caught, but the fourth member of the gang got away. Fisher had $2 05 in his pockets besides the purse he had stolen from Crowell, while Franklin had $21 40 and Thomas $5 50. They were locked up at the harbor police station and charged with grand larceny.

Fisher, alias Ryan, is an old offender, and has only been released from jail a few weeks. His young wife, carrying a six-months-old baby, was in the crowd, and she went up to her husband and kissed him after the officers had handcuffed him.

A force of police under Corporal "Bob" Cockrell took care of the crowd at Folsom street, and there were no accidents of any description throughout the day.

FANNING FELL SHORT OF HIS OLD-TIME FORM

Failed to Kill His Twelve Birds.

BEAT MANY EASTERN CRACKS

MET DEFEAT AT OLYMPIC GUN CLUB SHOOT.

Next Sunday, However, He Will Probably Shoot Again, and Promises to Slay All Birds.

Tod Sloan failed to appear at the Olympic Gun Club traps yesterday, but Eddie Bald, the crack cycler, was there, and as he shoots like Sloan, without taking aim, the crowd failed to greatly deplore the absence of "Lord Beresford's chum." The guest of the day, however, was Jack Fanning, who for the past two years has represented the club in Eastern matches. Lovers of the sport by the score went out to see Fanning shoot. The money was not large enough to spur Fanning to his best, however, and as a result he met defeat.

In the first 12-bird match J. Fanning killed 10, Ed Fay 11, Slade 8, C. E. Nauman 12, F. Ireland 10 and Ed Gaines 9. Nauman's shooting was brilliant. He killed his birds "clean" and seldom used his second barrel. Two weeks ago Fay made a record of 17 birds straight, using his second barrel but twice, and although he killed all of his birds but one yesterday his record fell below that of two weeks ago, as he used a second on three birds that failed to show great speed.

In the second 12-bird match the shooting was poor. Fred Feudner and Eddie Bald entered, but soon fell out. J. Coleman killed 9 birds and Ed Kittleman got 7. A third 12-bird match was arranged, and in this Nauman and Fay broke even, each killing 12 straight and clean. Jack Fanning got 10, Slade 10, Ireland 8 and Feudner 9. In the next match Bald entered and stayed the matter out, but as a shot he is not a success. He managed, however, to get 6 birds out of his dozen, while Coleman got 9, Golcher 10, Kittleman 7 and Gaines 6. The next and last match was a six-bird. Bald came in, exploded 11 shells and got 2 birds. He bested Coleman, however, who only landed 1 of his half-dozen. Golcher got his 6 with 6 shells, Kittleman 2, Nauman 5 and Fanning 4. Another match, it is thought, will be arranged for next Sunday, and Fanning promises to redeem himself, and he can, as Eastern cracks will testify.

Fanning met all the members of the gun club at the beginning of the pocket pool tournament, which opened Saturday evening, where he was the guest of honor and enjoyed the evening. The tournament will not be concluded for several days.

LECTURES ON ASTRONOMY.

Professors of Lick Observatory to Deliver Public Addresses.

BERKELEY, Feb. 12.—Professor A. O. Leuschner, of the department of astronomy in the University of California, has made arrangements with the professors at Lick Observatory for a series of public lectures to be delivered in Berkeley. The lectures will begin next Tuesday morning at 9:25 o'clock, in room 22, South Hall, and will be continued every Tuesday and Thursday at the same hour until the series is completed. The subjects chosen are as follows:

By Professor James E. Keeler, "The Methods of Astro-Physical Research," February 14; "The Classification of the Stars, February 16.

By Associate Professor W. W. Campbell—"Spectrographic Determinations of Stellar Motions," February 28; "Some Observations Bearing on the Question of Sidereal Evolution," March 2.

By Associate Professor R. H. Tucker—"Astronomy of Precision, Aims and Methods," March 14 and 18.

By Associate Professor Hussey—"The Surface Features of Mars," March 28; "A Review of the Methods and Results of Double Star Astronomy," March 30.

Berkeley News Notes.

BERKELEY, Feb. 12.—The Right Reverend W. F. Nichols, D.D., Bishop of California, officiated at an afternoon service held in St. Mark's Episcopal Church today in behalf of the World's Student Christian Confederation. The service was devoted to a consideration of the needs of Christian influence among the college life of students.

Major Charles L. Tilden of Alameda delivered a lecture this evening in the Unitarian Church, on the subject of the Philippines. The lecture was the second in a series given every Sunday evening at the Unitarian Church.

Another Tesla Victim.

OAKLAND, Feb. 12.—Another victim has been added to the list of fatalities at the coal mines in Tesla. Carl Brown, a miner, while engaged in some small blasting in one of the tunnels was asphyxiated by the coal gas arising after the blast. There were three other men engaged at work near by at the time, but they escaped uninjured. When they saw Brown fall they attempted to reach his side, but some moments elapsed before they could finally carry him out of the tunnel, and then Brown was beyond all hope.

Deceased was a native of Germany, aged 23 years and was unmarried.

SAN FRANCISCO CALL.

BUSINESS OFFICE of the San Francisco Call, corner of Market and Third streets, open until 12 o'clock every night in the year.

BRANCH OFFICES—527 Montgomery street, corner Clay; open until 9:30 o'clock.

287 Hayes street; open until 9:30 o'clock.

621 McAllister street; open until 9:30 o'clock.

615 Larkin street; open until 9:30 o'clock.

1941 Mission street; open until 10 o'clock.

2261 Market street, corner Sixteenth; open until 9 o'clock.

106 Eleventh street; open until 9 o'clock.

2526 Mission street; open until 9 o'clock.

NW. corner of Twenty-second and Kentucky streets; open until 9 o'clock.

MEETING NOTICES.

SAN FRANCISCO Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons, meets THIS EVENING. M. M. degree.

OCCIDENTAL Lodge No. 22, F. and A. M.—Called meeting THIS (MONDAY) EVENING, at 7:30 o'clock. First degree. By order of the Master. WALTER G. ANDERSON, Secretary.

KING SOLOMON'S Lodge No. 260, F. and A. M., Franklin Hall, 1839 Fillmore st.—First degree THIS (MONDAY) EVENING, at 7 o'clock. By order of the Master. HARRY BAEHR, Secretary.

CALIFORNIA Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F.—Initiation MONDAY EVENING, February 13, 1899. A. G. CLARK, N. G.

THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the Sierra Railway Company of California will be held at the offices of the company, numbers 235, 236, 237 and 238 Crocker Building, City and County of San Francisco, State of California, on MONDAY, the 13th day of February, 1899, at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting. Dated January 28, 1899. JOHN M. BONNER, Secretary.

STOCKHOLDERS' meeting, Contra Costa Water Company—Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the CONTRA COSTA WATER COMPANY will be held at the office of said company in the building No. 728 Montgomery st., in the city and county of San Francisco, on THURSDAY, the 16th day of February, A.D. 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m. All stockholders are earnestly requested to attend, as business of importance will come before the meeting. WM. H. MEAD, Secretary Contra Costa Water Company.

MEETING NOTICES—Continued.

ANNUAL meeting—The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the WESTERN BEET SUGAR COMPANY will be held at the office of the company, 327 Market st., San Francisco, California, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st day of March, 1899, at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors to serve for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. Transfer books will close on Saturday, February 25, 1899, at 12 o'clock m. ROBT. OXNARD, Secretary.

THE California Debris Commission, having received applications to mine by the hydraulic process from F. M. Phelps, in the Cedar Creek Mine, near Fair Play, El Dorado Co., to deposit tailings in Cedar Creek; from A. B. Jacks, in the Badger Hill Mine, near Spanish Ranch, Plumas Co., to deposit tailings in an old pit; from John H. Hoad, in the Hoad's Ranch Mine, near Merrimac, Butte Co., to deposit tailings in Haphazard Ravine; and from J. S. Mills, in the Mountain Ranch Placer Mine, near Mountain Ranch, Calaveras Co., to deposit tailings in Murray Creek, gives notice that a meeting will be held at room 59, Flood building, San Francisco, Cal., on February 27, 1899, at 1:30 p. m.

THE TRESTLE BOARD, $1 per year; weekly, 5c; monthly, 10c; sold by all newsdealers. Office, 408 California st., San Francisco.

A WEEK'S news for 5 cents—The Weekly Call, 16 pages, in wrapper, for mailing, $1 per year.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

ROOMS papered from $3; whitened, $1 up; painting done. Hartman Paint Co., 319 3d st.

BAD tenants ejected for $4; collections made; city or country. PACIFIC COLLECTION CO., 415 Montgomery st., rooms 9-10; tel. 5530.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE.

GERMAN-American cook, best of city references, desires a situation. J. F. CROSETT & CO., 316 Sutter st.

ATTENTION—At the German Employment Office, MRS. LAMBERT, 418 Powell st., telephone Main 5332, German, French and American cooks, second girls, house girls and nurses, well recommended, desire positions.

A SWEDISH housegirl; first-class cook; two years' references. Apply MRS. NORTON, Swedish and German Employment Bureau, 313 Sutter st.

A FIRST-CLASS laundress desires situation; best of references; city or country. MISS CULLEN, 325 Sutter st.

LADY cook, all around, wants head chef's place; a man, second cook; cook, English, French, German and Hungarian, do all first-class baking, first-class carver; first-class references. 242 Natoma st.

GOVERNESS wishes position; quiet, refined young lady; piano, voice culture, German, English; thoroughly experienced musician; country or will travel; references. Box 80, Call.

YOUNG woman wants situation as working housekeeper; thoroughly capable; city or country. Call evenings, 58 Third st., r. 548.

AN Eastern woman wants situation at housework; good cook and laundress; city or country. 276 Minna st., near Fourth.

YOUNG strong woman, work by the day; wash, iron and housecleaning; $1 per day. 846 Broadway.

COMPETENT laundress and housecleaner wants work by the day; terms $1; references. Box 82, Call office.

A STRONG girl wishes situation; general housework or work upstairs. Apply 1374 Stevenson st., near 13th and Valencia.

YOUNG German girl wishes situation to tend bakery or assist in light housework. Apply at 116 Perry st.

YOUNG lady wishes to do writing in office or at home. Address A. R. L., box 79, Call.

LADY wants to take care of a child; good home. 710½ Clementina st.

WOMAN wishes position to do housework; city or country; small wages. Mrs. C. C., 131 3d.

GERMAN-JEWISH girl wants a situation for light housework. Address 2241 Post st.

THOROUGHLY experienced ladies' tailor wants to take charge of a few orders every week for a high-class ladies' tailoring establishment; perfect fit and artistic finishing guaranteed; none but first-class houses need apply. Write, stating prices and particulars, to box 223, Call office.

WANTED—A home with a refined family, where good judgment in directing and assisting in housekeeping are desired; unexceptional references; compensation, a happy home. Box 224, Call office.

RELIABLE educated woman would like position to care for children with family going to travel; anywhere; Honolulu, Japan, Alaska. HELEN SMITH, Oakland, Cal.; references exchanged.

RESPECTABLE young person wishes position to assist in light housework; small family; sleep home. Address or call afternoons at 17 San Carlos ave., near Eighteenth st.

FIRST-CLASS dressmaker from New York wishes engagements in families, or will make dresses for half price; satisfaction guaranteed. Box 247, Call office.

AMERICAN girl wants situation at second work, care of children or upstairs work; no heavy washing; wages $15. Address box 73, Call office.

SCANDINAVIAN girl, arrived lately, wishes a position in an American family to do general housework. 31 Oak st.

RELIABLE woman wants any kind of work by the day; would take work home. Inquire at 1416 Clay st.

EXPERIENCED dressmaker wishes engagements by the day. Call or address MRS. ROBERTSON, 112 Eighth st., first floor.

COMPETENT waitress and parlor maid desires situation; reference; wages $25; country preferred. Address box 61, Call office.

WANTED—Situation as nurse; is willing and obliging; wages not so much an object as a home. Address MRS. N. J. R., Call office.

RELIABLE woman wishes work by the day; reference if needed; washing or housecleaning. Address box 68, Call office.

SITUATION wanted by young woman as housekeeper; is a good cook; city or country. Address box 75, Call.

GERMAN woman wishes few places, washing and cleaning, $1 day and car fare. Address 387 Hayes st.

WANTED—Gentlemen's and family washing. 233 Turk st., in rear.

MIDDLE-AGED woman wishes washing and housecleaning by the day. 368 Harriet st.

GERMAN girl, good cook and laundress, wants work in family; willing to do anything; small wages. Address FRAULEIN, 541 Clay.

GOOD cook wants position; willing to do housework; small wages. Address MRS. DALY, 541 Clay st.

NEAT competent woman desires a position to do general housework; wages $15. Call 3677 Twenty-third st., near Dolores.

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A—WESTERN Labor Bureau, 541 Clay st., tel., Green 681, furnishes reliable male or female help, any nationality, free of charge.

JAPANESE-CHINESE Emp. Agency; all kinds help. GEO. AOKI, 30 Geary st.; tel Grant 56.

CHINESE and Japanese Employment Office; best help. 414½ O'Farrell st.; tel. East 436.

MIDDLE-AGED man, handy with tools, wants light work; good home more an object than wages; best of references. Address H. WARREN, 10 Anthony st.

COACHMAN, thoroughly experienced man, 3 years with the late Mayor Sutro, highest of references, wants position. Box 209, Call.

EXPERIENCED buggy washer and harness cleaner wants situation. Address 746, Howard.

RESPECTABLE young man, 19 years, speaking German and French, desires a position in office, store, etc., where he could be useful and perfect himself in English; wages no object. Address F. B., 2326 California st.

ENGINEER, 32 years of age; stationary or traction engine; does his own repairing; also pipefitting and putting up of new machinery; A1 references. Address box 248, Call office.

WANTED—Situation by a young American as indoor servant; 5 years' experience; good references; salary no object. Address E. A., Call office.

PAINTER, paperhanger and decorator, first-class quick temperate young man; best reference; will work very cheap; city or country; hotel work a specialty. Box 74, Call office.

YOUNG Frenchman wants a situation in an American family; wages no object; wants to perfect himself in the English language. Address A. C., 843 Pacific st.

EXPERIENCED bedmaker and porter wishes position; hotel or lodging-house; handy with tools. Address box 244, Call office.

SITUATION wanted by young man of 26 as bookkeeemr or assistant or any office work. Box 228, Call.

BARTENDER, first-class, experienced, looking for a position. Address H. FREE, 1039 Mission st.

STRONG German, 30, desires situation of any kind; references. 282 Seventh st., rear house.

SHOEMAKER, first-class workman, desires a situation. Box 233, Call.

COOK would like to have a position in hotel or boarding house. Box 81, Call.

GET your shoes half-soled while waiting, 35c to 50c. 562 Mission st., bet. 1st and 2d sts.

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RELIABLE man wants jobs from real estate firms to repair houses; is a plasterer, bricklayer and whitener and handy with carpenter's tools. 120 Lexington ave.

RELIABLE orderly general office man, experienced in railroad, steamship and electrical work, wants situation. Box 210, Call.

MAN and wife want positions in country hotel; man waiter or clerk; wife chambermaid. Address W. H. COX, 125A Valencia st.

HONEST, sober, industrious gardener; understands the care of lawn, flowers, horses and cows; driving; private place; handy and willing; small wages and good home. Box 203, Call office.

STEADY, sober rectifier wants a situation in a wholesale liquor house; best references. Box 175, Call office.

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WINCHESTER House, 44 Third st., near Market; 200 rooms; 25c to $1 50 night; $1 50 to $6 week; convenient and respectable; free bus and baggage to and from ferry.

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2 SECOND girls, $20 and $25; 3 nurses, $20; chambermaid, plain washing, $20; 4 cooks in American and German families, $25 and $30; girls for housework, Berkeley, $20 and $25; Mill Valley, $20; Sausalito, $20; San Mateo, $15; and a large number of girls to fill city situations. J. F. CROSETT & CO., 316 Sutter st.

CHAMBERMAID, wait 1 meal, $20; 5 waitresses, hotels and restaurants, $20, $25 and $5 and $6 week; and others. J. F. CROSETT & CO., 316 Sutter st.

NEAT young girl, light work, $10 to $15; French second girl, $25; French or German nurse, $25; 2 second girls, $20 and $25; 20 housework girls, city and country, $10 to $25. MISS CULLEN, 325 Sutter st.

NEAT young girl, light housework, $15; sleep home. MISS CULLEN, 325 Sutter st.

GERMAN girl, bakery, $15; nurse, sleep home, $10; middle-aged woman as nurse for Santa Cruz, $15. MISS CULLEN, 325 Sutter st.

NURSE, 1 child 2½ years old, $20. MISS CULLEN, 325 Sutter st.

C. R. HANSEN & CO..........Phone Grant 185
8 waitresses for different country hotels, $20 to $22 50; 4 waitresses, city, $20; 4 restaurant waitresses, $5 and $6, city; 5 chambermaids for first-class country hotel, $20; 2 chambermaids to wait, $20; cook, boarding-house, $25; fancy ironer, city, $30. C. R. HANSEN & CO., 104 Geary st.

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2 Jewish family cooks, $25; 2 family cooks, $30; 30 girls for cooking and housework, $15 to $30; 2 neat young second girls, $15. C. R. HANSEN & CO., 104 Geary st.

REFINED woman as housekeeper on ranch, $15; boarding house cook, $25; 10 women and girls, housework, nice country places, $15 and $20, fare paid. MURRAY & READY, 634-636 Clay st.

20 GOOD housework girls for city and country, $25 and $20; cook, private family, $40; laundress, $30. MISS PLUNKETT, 424 Sutter st.

WANTED—Cooks, nurse girls, chambermaids and girls for housework. MRS. HIRD, 631 Larkin st.

HOUSEKEEPERS, cooks, laundresses, ironers, chambermaids always wanted for good paying positions in city or country. WESTERN LABOR BUREAU, 541 Clay st.

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YOUNG girl for general housework; must sleep at home; wages $3 per week. 1914 Leavenworth st.

APPRENTICE for dressmaking. 3 Eddy st. MME. GOLDSTEIN. Apply bet. 10 and 12.

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EXPERIENCED hands on ladies' silk and shirt waists; power. 409 Turk st.

FIRST-CLASS tailoress on vests. 867 Mission street.

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EXPERIENCED pants finishers wanted; steady work. 55 Third st., old No. 31.

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GIRL to assist with housework and look after children. 716 Green st.

WANTED—Girl that has worked in employment office. 1073½ Market st., room 8.

GIRL for upstairs work; also girl to do cooking. 1130 O'Farrell st.

WANTED—Good steady finishers on pants. 560 Fourth st., near Brannan.

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YOUNG lady, not over 20, to sell cosmetics in the country; good salary. Apply between 10 and 12 a. m., 40 Geary st.

FINISHERS and apprentices on custom coats. 541 Market st.

HELP WANTED—MALE.

WANTED—6 more drift gravel miners, $40 and board; young man for creamery, $35 and room; harness cleaner, $45 and room; carpet layer; marker for laundry; farmer and wife, $32 50; ironer, $30 and found; cooks, waiters and others. Apply to J. F. CROSETT & CO., 628 Sacramento st.

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2 miners, placer mine....................$2 50 a day
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10 RAIROAD laborers, steady work, for mill company, $20 and board; 3 shovelers, city, $26 and board; 10 redwood tie makers, 9c and 11c apiece; 10 post makers. R. T. WARD & CO., 608 and 610 Clay st.

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