UNITARIAN CHURCH.

The Dedication of the New Edifice.

IMPRESSIVE EXERCISES.

History and Description of the Magnificent Structure.

An event of unusual interest and prominence in religious circles yesterday was the dedication of the new First Unitarian Church at Geary and Franklin streets. The services were beautiful and impressive, and the attendance was very large. A large number of visiting clergymen from the interior of the State were present and took an active part in the dedicatory services. A detailed report of the services and description of the church follow.

THE DEDICATION.

Impressive Exercises at the Morning Service.

The dedication of the new First Unitarian Church building, at the southwest corner of Geary and Franklin streets, took place yesterday morning under bright and happy auspices. The stately edifice looked most attractive in the noonday sun, and the beauty of its interior—a marvel of architectural art—was further enhanced by rich and profuse floral decorations placed in position by Mrs. Ethel Beaver. The deep tones of the bell in the main tower, when its last notes had swelled upon the breeze at 11 o'clock, found fully 1500 people congregated within, eager to witness the dedication ceremonies. The chancel and pulpit were adorned with ferns and flowers. On the pulpit was seen a pillow composed of white and yellow Chinese narcissus, while on the table beneath lay branches of acacia. The choir stand on the left, beneath the organ, was covered with ferns, and the marble baptismal font to the right of the pulpit was covered with calla lilies. The walls under the memorial windows on either side were beautified with sprays of fern and moss.

Shortly after 11 o'clock the officers of the church and visiting ministers appeared upon the pulpit, led by Rev. Horatio Stebbins, pastor of the church. Aside from the 100 or 150 of attendants, members of the Building Committee, the following were seated on the platform: Rabbi Jacob Voorsanger of the Congregation Emanu-El; Rev. T. L. Eliot, Portland, Or.; Rev. C. W. Wendte, Oakland; Rev. A. M. Haskell, San Jose; Rev. C. P. Massey, Sacramento; Rev. Philip S. Thatcher, Santa Barbara, and Rev. Roderick Stebbins.

After the organ prelude by Organist Louis Schmidt the services were formally opened by Dr. Stebbins, who announced the hymn "Oh, God, We Praise Thee," and which was sung by the congregation. This was followed by an impressive prayer by Rev. Charles W. Wendte, after which Rabbi Jacob Voorsanger gave a Scriptural reading from I. Kings, ix. 3-7, 22-30. The choir, composed of Mrs. J. M. Pierce, soprano; Mrs. H. Judson, alto; Alfred Wilkie, tenor, and Charles Stone, basso, came next with an effectively rendered anthem by Spohr, "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings Fair." Rev. Philip S. Thatcher then read a few verses from the Acts of the Apostles and Ephesians.

The report of the committee and delivery of the keys of the church was made by Sheldon G. Kellogg. He received the early history of the church and detailed the steps taken in the erection of the church and in the removal of the society from the old place of worship to the new.

"Several years ago," said Mr. Kellogg, "the necessity of a change in the location of the church became evident, and in 1885 the trustees, after careful consideration, instructed the Building Committee to prepare plans and estimates for a new church edifice. The committee reported to the society at the annual meeting held February 2, 1886, at which time the subject was thoroughly discussed and resolutions adopted to erect the church in a more eligible and desirable part of the city. The trustees at once took steps to carry out the wishes thus expressed, and on March 16, 1886, a special meeting of the society was held. At that time two members of the society, Horace Davis and David Farquharson, were appointed to act with the Building Committee of the Board of Trustees. A paper was also signed by the pewholders present, and, during the succeeding fortnight, by the entire church membership, so far as they could be reached, authorizing the trustees to sell the old church property and to purchase a suitable lot for a new church building and to erect a church thereon. Having the requisite authority, the trustees offered the property for sale, and on March 3, 1887, a purchaser was found at the price asked by the board—$120,000. The sale was consummated in May, 1887, but in the previous month the trustees had selected the lot upon which this church now stands, paying therefor the sum of $31,000. Soon thereafter plans and specifications were drawn up and bids thereon solicited. On August 15, 1887, the bids were opened, and to the great satisfaction of the board were found in nearly every instance to be below the estimates of the architects. The most favorable bids were then selected and the architects instructed to proceed with the work. The corner-stone was laid on Christmas Day, 1887. In it were placed, in addition to the box which had originally been deposited therein, many records and pamphlets showing the recent work and progress of the church. In the construction of this edifice few alterations have been made in the original designs. Delays have occurred, it is true, but these were unavoidable, and considering the difficulties encountered and the magnitude of the undertaking, the trustees feel that they have good reason to congratulate the society on the comparatively speedy and absolutely successful completion of the church. By far the largest part of the work, so far as the trustees are concerned, has fallen upon the moderator, L. H. Bonesteil, who has taken from his private business time which could ill be spared."

In conclusion, Mr. Kellogg said that after the completion of the building and its furnishing, and the payment of all the expenses incident to moving, and the settlement in full of all the debts of the society, there will remain in the treasury something over $5000. He referred with gratitude to the kindness of the Emanu-El Congregation in generously offering the use of their synagogue to the society pending the erection of the new church, an offer which was gratefully accepted. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Stebbins. The sarcophagus containing the remains of the late Thomas Starr King, he said, had been taken to the new churchyard on January 20, 1889, and deposited in the place which had been reserved for it.

"And so we worship for the first time to-day in this beautiful church edifice," was Mr. Kellogg's closing remark. "Tender memories will soon cluster around it. Music will lend its hallowing influence. Here patriotism will be kindled anew. Sound morality will be promoted, and the teaching of a rational religious belief will exert a powerful and increasing influence for good throughout the advancing ages."

The keys of the church were then delivered to Moderator Bonesteil, who accepted them with a few appropriate remarks.

A hymn to the tune of "Old Hundred," written especially for the dedication services by the Rev. Frederic H. Hedge, D.D., was next sung, after which Dr. Stebbins spoke briefly but eloquently. He congratulates the Board of Trustees, the congregation and the architects upon the happy completion of a great work, which, he said, was an earthly symbol of man's moral nature and eternal destiny. In the rearing of the spire heavenward no material injury or any hurt was done to man.

"We may congratulate ourselves morally and spiritually," continued he, "on this happy victory over the conflicts and differences of opinion to which we have been exposed. All differences have been swayed by magnanimity. While we are grateful to man, we recognize that this pile is of God, and that the material of which it is built is given to us by him for our use and in his worship. All these things we see here on this beautiful occasion have been shaped by the hand of worthy men. While the work does not outvie similar art found in England or Rome, it combines to form an appropriate place for worship and prayer. The care of this work has necessarily devolved upon a few, but through them we have become indebted to all the member of the church for sympathy and assistance. If we attempt now to criticise the effect of their labor, let us admonish ourselves that to criticise is one thing and to construct another. Now, when we hear the soft, mellow and swelling notes of the bell placed in the tower, let us be thankful that it will express joy, fear or grief, according to the mood of our minds. We have placed under these grounds the remains of Thomas Starr King, who never failed to champion the cause of right against the aggression of wrong. His name will be associated with this church, and his memory will never fade.

"During eighteen months past this society has enjoyed the hospitality of the churches universal—the one of the ancient Hebrew stock, and the other a modern church of the day. Let us be thankful to them while dedicating this grand edifice to the worship of our common God. Let us remember that the word of God is the word of God, whether it be preached from Mount Sinai or from Calvary. Let us bow our heads in gratitude to him who has permitted us to enjoy his manifold bounties. In dedicating this house to his future worship let us learn to be sincere in our faith in his great majesty, in God's promises of future glory to his children."

Dr. Stebbins' peroration was eloquently delivered, and each sentence found responsive chords in the hearts of his listeners. After he had closed the dedicatory responsive readings were conducted by Rev. Roderick Stebbins. This was followed by Trumnell's anthem, "I Have Surely Built Thee a House," beautifully and impressively sung by the choir. Prayer by Rev. Thomas L. Eliot and the singing of the hymn, "To the High and Only One," followed, the services coming to a close at 1 o'clock with the benediction pronounced by Dr. Stebbins.

THE NEW CHURCH.

Description of the Handsome and Costly Edifice.

Few if any of the many churches which grace this city are handsomer in finish or design than the new First Unitarian Church. It is a structure of a mixed style of architecture, inclining to the Romanesque, and the material used is sandstone of a whitish tint taken from a quarry on our own peninsula. The church has a frontage of 120 feet, with a depth of 137½ feet. The cost of construction was $60,000, and the lot upon which it stands cost the society $31,000. The money was realized from the sale of the lot on Geary street, where the old Thomas Starr King Church stood. This lot brought the magnificent price of $120,000.

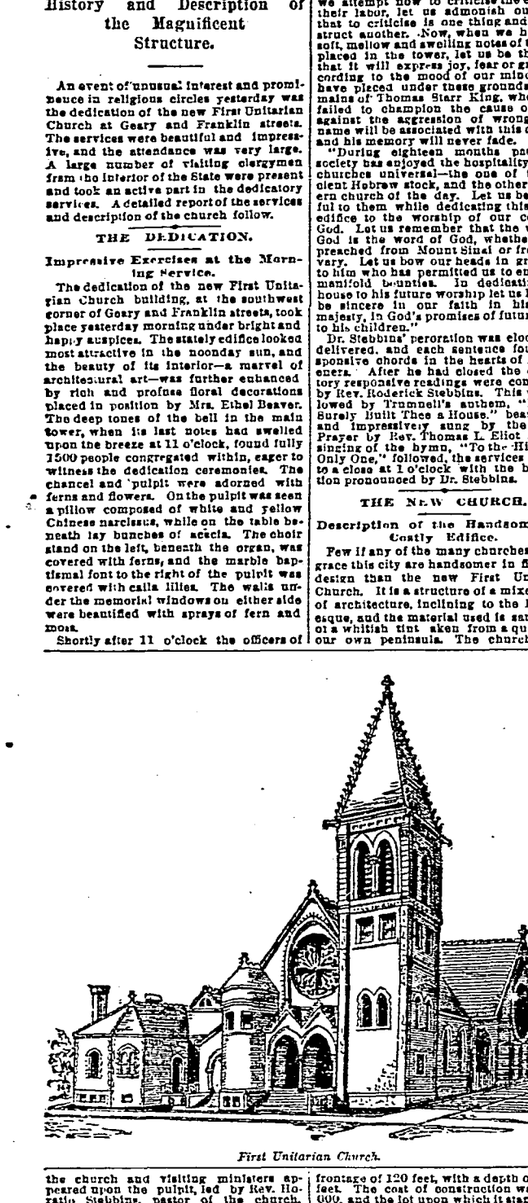
To the observer approaching the church from the east, which it fronts on Franklin street, the edifice presents an imposing appearance. The square tower with octagonal corners rears itself at the left front to a height of nearly 125 feet. The belfry, which has been adorned with a bell weighing 4000 pounds by John Perry Jr., is located in the tower with two windows of stained glass on each side. To the left of the tower, and surmounted by a large rose window of stained glass, are the main doors leading into a broad vestibule. The interior of auditorium is reached from this point.

The architecture of the interior is of antique style. There are 110 pews of antique oak in harmony with the general surroundings. The walls are tinted, and the ceiling is an open, timbered one, cut into square panels and supported by artistically decorated trusses. Three rose windows of exquisite color and finish face the north, east and west. The pulpit is divided from the main auditorium by three Gothic arches, the chancel being located beneath the center one, the organ on the left and the vestry-room on the right. The finish of the pulpit is of oak, and harmonizes with the general finish of the interior.

In the front is located the minister's study, which is abundantly lighted by means of a large bay-window. There is a larger parlor back of this which leads to the Sunday-school room. These rooms are connected by means of folding doors, which can be used for entertainments. Next to these rooms are the library and two smaller apartments, one designed for the use of the choir and the other for the sexton of the church. The floors are neatly carpeted and the pews have been provided with soft pink cushions. The organ, built at a cost of $4000, adorns its niche to the left of the pulpit with its effect. The roof of the structure is of slate and self-supporting.

In the new church there are at present 125 holders of pews and parts of pews. The present officers are: Chairman, L. Louis H. Bonesteil, moderator; James D. Bailey, treasurer; Sheldon G. Kellogg, clerk; trustees—R. G. Sneath, William Thomas, C. M. Gorham, Wendell Easton, William H. Mills and C. G. Hooker.

The Sunday school is very flourishing under the superintendency of Charles A. Murdock, while Horace Davis teaches the Bible class, which numbers fifty.



First Unitarian Church.

SUBDIVISION OF LABOR.

Three Men Required to Handle a One-Horse Plow.

Some of the workmen employed on the foundations for the new wings of the City Hall have hit upon a method for the subdivision of labor which would make a granger swear were any of his employes to attempt such a thing. In mixing the concrete for the foundations large beds of broken rock and cement are made, and these are stirred up by the use of an ordinary garden cultivator and a one-horse plow. Each of these implements requires no less than three men to run it. One man leads the horse, another holds the handles and steers and still another walks alongside and bears his weight on the beam of the plow or cultivator.

The queer spectacle has been watched by many during the past week, and once in a while a passer-by would stop who had had a little experience in engineering a plow alone, without the assistance of two supernumeraries, and gaze in wonder at the "city" method of plowing.

NEWSPAPER THIEVES.

A Boy Caught in the Act and in Bad Company.

A small boy named Charles Hinton was arrested yesterday morning by Private Watchman William Hahn and charged at the southern police station with having stolen three CHRONICLES in the neighborhood of Eighth and Brannan streets.

Many residents in that location of the city have been complaining of late, and Hahn has been on the lookout for the offender. He found the boy in the company of a Cuttcarrier named Newman.

The boy arrested is a bright-looking child and the son of respectable parents. A warrant will be sworn out for the apprehension of Newman to-day.

Preaching to Jailbirds.

James Campbell of Call City, Shasta county, who for several years prior to his removal from this city preached and delivered tracts Sundays to the prisoners in the County Jail and the city prison, yesterday paid a visit to those institutions. To a CHRONICLE reporter Mr. Campbell said he had during the past few years received letters from and had also met on the street ex-jailbirds who acknowledged that their conversion to Christianity was brought about by his short gospel sermons in the jail and prison.

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NO SOCIALISM.

The Labor Convention Held Yesterday.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

Seats Refused to the Socialistic Delegates—The Chinese Exclusion Case.

Lower Metropolitan hall was well filled yesterday afternoon with delegates to the labor convention which has been called for the purpose of bringing the members of all the labor unions in the State into closer affiliation. By the call which had been issued, each union was entitled to five delegates.

The meeting was called to order after some delay by D. O'Connell, chairman of the former convention, and after the reading of the call for the meeting W. W. Shannon of Typographical Union No. 21 was elected temporary chairman, and Secretary Sullivan of the old convention was chosen as temporary secretary.

The first business in order was the appointment of a committee on credentials, the following delegates being chosen: H. Wiener of the Cigar-Makers' Union, Urban A. Lewis of the Carpenters' Union, J. W. Campbell of the Machinists' Union, J. W. B. McKay of the Coast Seamen's Union and J. S. Collins of the Iron-Molders' Union.

After a recess of half an hour, the committee reported that the following organizations were represented, with the number of delegates therefrom: Painters' Assembly, 2; Wood-Carvers' Association, 2; Granite Cutters' Union, 5; United Brewery Workmen, 3; Machinists' Union, 1; Oakland Painters and Decorators, 5; Boot and Shoe Makers' Union, 1; Oakland Federation of Trades, 2; Tailors' Union, 1; Steamship Sailors, 4; International Furniture-Makers' Union, No. 25, 4; International Furniture-Makers' Union, No. 15, 4; Typographical Union, No. 21, 4; San Jose Typographical Union, 1; Journeymen Coopers, 5; Carpenters and Joiners, 3; Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, No. 301, 1; Stevedores' Protective Union, 3; Confectioners and Cake Bakers, 2; Journeymen Bakers' International Union, No. 24, 2; Tanners and Curriers, 4; Cigar-Makers' Union of Oakland, 3; Cigar-Makers' Union of San Jose; Cigar-Makers' Union, No. 228, 3; Cigar-Packers' Union, 2; Journeymen Bakers, No. 51; Journeymen Butchers' Harness-Makers' Union; Teamsters' Union and Teamsters' Union; Stevedores' Protective Union.

These delegates were admitted by a unanimous vote.

The members of the Butchers' Benevolent Association were allowed seats on the floor without power to act.

Five delegates were present from the Flasterers' Union, but no credentials were presented. A delegation from the Coast Seamen's Union was also present under the same circumstances, and by a unanimous vote they were seated in the convention.

The question of the admission of the delegates from the Socialistic Labor Party was taken up, and a lively scene followed. Considerable discussion took place, in which it was urged that, as the ostensible purpose of the convention was to bring the labor unions together, it was not proper to admit the socialistic delegates to the organization.

W. J. Jack of the Carpenters' Union made what was evidently the decisive speech of the afternoon. He urged that this was a meeting of delegates from regular labor organizations, and that if the socialists were admitted it would give the enemies of labor an opportunity to charge that this was an organization of anarchists and socialists.

After a lengthy and somewhat heated discussion, the convention retired to allow the socialists to become members, and the delegation thereupon withdrew.

After the socialists had left the hall a number of them gathered on the sidewalk and held a very animated discussion. Not being versed in more than half a dozen dialects, however, it was impossible for the reporters to tell the nature of their remarks. But the excitement of the bounced socialists was only too apparent.

While the necessity for excluding the socialistic delegates was acknowledged by many, it was considered unfortunate that a division might arise of discourtesy, since those who issued the call for the convention had sent them an invitation to take part.

A committee of eleven on permanent organization and rules of order was then appointed as follows: L. J. Gannon of the Tanners and Curriers, V. Hoffmeier of the Musicians' Union, D. O'Connell of the Typographical Union, Alfred Fuhrman of the Brewers, C. J. Boyle of the Cigar-Makers, T. Keely of the Bakers, C. J. Smith of the Oakland Cigar-Makers, Delegate Gallien of the Painters' Union, Eugene Hough of the Pain ers, D. Coudon of the Furniture Workers and Peter Roberts of the Plasterers' Union.

After a recess of twenty minutes the committee returned and reported the following list of permanent officers:

President, W. W. Shannon of the Typographical Union; vice-presidents, U. A. Lewis of the Carpenters' Union, James Corcoran of the Iron-Molders, Thomas Ward of the Stevedores, D. Chisholm of the Tailors and J. W. Hines of San Jose; secretary, A. C. Cushing of the Typographical Union of Oakland; assistant secretary, J. J. Barrett of the Bakers; treasurer, J. Christiansen of the Furniture Workers; sergeant-at-arms, Rody C. Bonza.

The convention unanimously elected the officers as announced.

With the exception of the president none of the officers named are members of the Federated Trades.

Hermann Gutstadt was then called on for a speech. His subject was the Chinese case that is to come up before the United States Supreme Court in March, and he urged that some action should be taken to show the sentiment of the laboring men of this coast on the subject of Chinese exclusion. His idea was for the workingmen to raise a fund for the employment of counsel to argue the case on their behalf before the Supreme Court.

A resolution was then presented and offered that each union represented appoint a committee to raise funds for the employment of counsel for that purpose.

The chairman was instructed to appoint a committee of one from each union to take full charge of the Chinese matter.

The discussion of the Chinese question produced a great deal of confusion, motions, counter-motions, amendments and points of order, following each other so rapidly that it was almost impossible to determine exactly what was going on. One member finally begged the delegates to "quit their damfoolishness and get down to business."

A resolution was finally adopted demanding that the Legislature pass the Appropriation bill for the employment of special counsel for the argument of the Chinese case before the Supreme Court.

The chairman appointed Messrs. Thurman, Kearney, McDonald, Lewis and Roberts as a Committee on Resolutions.

The convention then, at 6:15 o'clock, adjourned to meet again next Sunday at 2 P. M. at the same place.

AT SAN QUENTIN.

VISIT OF A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE YESTERDAY.

A New Building Wanted at the Prison Entrance—A Criminal Insane Asylum.

The Legislative Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings passed Sunday profitably and pleasantly to themselves, no doubt, by paying San Quentin a visit under the leadership of their chairman, Ed Farrell, a gentleman not altogether unconnected with a peculiar class known in this city as "Rock-rollers." This visit was not, as some might suppose who are acquainted with the nefarious doings of the gang referred to, undertaken for the particular purpose of finding out just what sort of accommodations in the way of board and lodging might be expected at some future period, if their existence, it was, on the contrary, for the purpose of viewing certain of the buildings connected with the prison and to inquire into the feasibility of establishing an insane asylum for criminals.

The first matter undertaken was the inspection of the ancient two-story brick structure that constitutes the main entrance to the prison, and that is apparently in the last stages of decrepitude. This building dates back to the first establishment of the prison and has outgrown its usefulness long since. The room that is occupied by the guards on duty at the entrance is more like a dungeon than anything else, and in fact never was fit for the constant use of human beings. It has a stone-paved floor, which is worn into hollows and is badly broken by the constant passage of thousands upon thousands of human feet. If it had been intended to strike gloom to the heart of the convict at his first entrance to prison, no plan could have been better devised than this chill, tunnel-like apartment. The building is said to be positively unsafe, as it is certainly entirely unsuited to the purposes to which it is devoted. After Warden McComb and the other officials had pointed out the objectionable features of the structure the committee gave it as their unanimous opinion that a new building suitable to the needs of the institution should at once replace the tottering affair.

The next matter brought before the committee was the subject of the necessity for suitable accommodations being provided at the prison for the convicts who may become insane or apparently so. This is a matter upon which the prison officials as well as those in charge of the lunatic asylums at Napa, Stockton and Agnews feel strongly. Those institutions were never intended for the reception and care of criminals, and it is urged that it is manifestly unjust to the unfortunate inmates to force them to associate with convicts. Another point made was that, despite the great care used, cases had occurred where convicts had successfully shammed insanity in order to secure their transfer to the insane asylum, whence escape is a comparatively easy matter as compared with getting away from the State Prison.

It is the custom in nearly all the Eastern States to have asylums for insane convicts in connection with the State prisons. There is thus no inducement for a convict to feign insanity, for as careful guard is kept over the insane as the sane prisoners. The committee conceded that the arguments for the establishment of an insane asylum for criminals were forcible, and it is almost certain that they will recommend the construction of the necessary building for that purpose.

A RAILROAD JAM.

THE COMFORT OF PATRONS NEGLECTED.

Men, Women and Children Unmercifully Crushed on the Roads to the Cliff House.

An enormous crowd of people, many thousands in number, besieged the different lines of cars leading to the Cliff House and ocean beach yesterday. The announcement of a balloon ascension with parachute descent was the extra attraction. This announcement, the day being a glorious one, was sufficient to attract too many people to the beach that the capacity of the roads to carry them was taxed far beyond the limit. At the point where passengers change from the Powell-street cable road to the steam cars the streets around the waiting-room were black with a yelling, struggling mass of humanity, all pushing toward one goal, and that the solitary ticke. office.

The provision made by the company for handling the immense throng was miserable. Notwithstanding the fact that thousands of people were expected to travel over the road there were no facilities for getting them aboard the train other than those provided on ordinary occasions. There was but one ticket office where tickets could be purchased, whereas a dozen would not have been too many to accommodate the throng.

The result was that men, women and children were densely packed in the waiting-room, and it was only by the most liberal use of muscle that people were enabled to get within reaching distance of the ticket seller. It took three-quarters of an hour by a CHRONICLE reporter's watch to struggle from the steps leading from the street to the ticket office. Within a space of ten feet around the ticket office the jam was fearful, and it was almost a miracle that some one did not get crushed to death. Men fought savagely in their efforts to reach the ticket seller, and when they had secured their tickets there was a repetition of the struggle in the efforts of the crowd to pass through the solitary gate by which they would gain the inner platform where the trains receive their passengers.

The claims of the weaker sex on the gallantry of men were not respected in the least, and many a poor woman who left her home looking as neat as a newly finished pipe had ample use for all the pins she could find when she reached the beach.

The return to town by way of the Haight-street road was a very slight improvement over the overcrowded road. At the beach station only two gates were provided by which the crowd could pass into where the trains stand. Not more than one person can pass through either gate at a time. The result was a blockade around the entrances, and only men possessed of great muscular power had the hardihood to attempt to reach the gates.

To great was the crush around the gates and so hopeless was any attempt that they might make to reach the train that many ladies preferred walking the three miles from the beach to the cable cars.

MLLE. ALAMEDA.

Further Preparations for Her Testimonial Concert.

The committee having charge of the arrangements for the concert tendered to Miss Annie E. Gleeson, Mlle. Alameda, was met yesterday at rooms 310 and 312 Phelan building, by representatives of the Native Sons of the Golden West, Young Men's Institute and Native Daughters of California, who were desirous of assisting in making the concert as successful as possible. S. M. Shortridge presided.

William R. Barron of the Citizens' Committee stated that so far they had met with very gratifying success, having represent the names of 500 of San Francisco's prominent business and society people on the lists.

Charles W. Decker of the Native Sons of the Golden West suggested that it would be appropriate to have the hall decorated with the national colors. The suggestion was accepted as the sense of the meeting. Dr. Decker, Hon. Frank J. Murasky, Hon. J. F. Sullivan, Hon. J. A. Steinback and Russell J. Wilson were appointed a committee to have the hall decorated.

Frank M. King of the Young Men's Institute volunteered to take charge of the hall on the evening of the concert and have an efficient corps of ushers to see that the audience was properly seated.

RUNNERS AND HACKMEN.

Judge Rix Makes an Unsuccessful Personal Inspect on.

Judge Rix of Police Court 1 visited the Oakland ferry Saturday afternoon to see for himself how the runners and hackmen behave. They have lately made themselves so obnoxious that the railroad people refuse to allow them inside the outer waiting-room and make them stand on the sidewalk. The Judge waited until the boat arrived, and mingling with the crowd ran the gauntlet. The runners recognized the Judge, formed themselves nicely in line and surprised every one by the gentle manner in which they solicited business. The Judge would every now and then pause and look from side to side. Policeman Stanton espied him, but failed to recognize him. Going up behind him he ordered the Judge to "move on" and tapped him gently with his rattan. Judge Rix turned around, and seeing who he had been ordering on the policeman apologized and the Judge departed, whereupon the runners' voices became as strong as ever.

PERSONAL NOTES.

M. H. Buster of Colusa is down for a few days.

Charles Downes of Sutter Creek is at the Palace.

Judge J. C. Campell and wife of Stockton are in town.

H. H. Pearson, a hotel man from Fresno, is at the Baldwin.

G. Marks, a well-known merchant of Seattle, is at the Palace.

W. C. Murdock, a banker at Willows, is registered at the Palace.

O. Barker and wife, of Los Angeles, are stopping at the Baldwin.

A. B. Maunthan, a Pasadena capitalist, is stopping at the Baldwin.

Chalmers Scott of San Diego is registered at a down-town hotel.

John T. Lowell, a paymaster in the United States navy, is in town.

W. W. Hoilister of Santa Barbara is registered at a down-town hotel.

P. A. Buell, a prominent lumber merchant of Stockton, is at the Grand Hotel.

B. Pateman of the San a Cruz Powder Works is up from the seaside for a few days.

William M. Courtis, a wealthy mine-owner of Mokelumne Hill, returned from Detroit, Mich., yesterday, and is registered at the Palace.

J. A. Stoddard, secretary of the Northwestern Masonic Aid Association of Chicago, arrived in the city on Saturday and will remain until Monday morning.

George S. Montgomery, who formerly owned the Lytton Springs, and who is now a prominent capitalist of Arizona, is registered at the Grand Hotel from the Harque Hala mines.

Man's Gambling Scheme.

A young fellow who gave the name of James Clay was arrested near the Cliff House yesterday afternoon by Officers W. P. Lean and H. N. Handley, while he was running a "monkey keno" lay-out, and was charged at the city prison with dealing a banking game. The players put their money on numbered cards, a monkey drew a numbered ball from a box, and the winner took the money on the board minus the dealer's percentage.

Ah Sun Defies the Police.

Ah Sun, the proprietor of a Chinese store on Dupont street, between Morton and Post, blockaded the sidewalk in front of his store with boxes and old barrels yesterday. Officer Johnson instructed Ah Sun to remove the rubbish. The latter refused and defied the officer to arrest him. The Celestial was arrested and booked at the city prison for obstructing the street.

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THE FRENCH CHURCH.

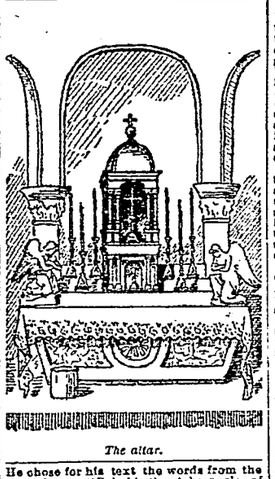
Dedication of Notre Dame des Victoires.

IMPORTANT CHANGES MADE.

High Mass Solemnized—The Musical Services Rendered.

The French Church of Notre Dame des Victoires has undergone much alteration and improvement, and yesterday the beautified edifice was dedicated to the service of God with appropriate ceremonies. At 10:30 o'clock a procession entered the church from the sacristy, and, passing down the nave, proceeded to the circular balcony outside the building. There prayers were recited and holy water sprinkled on the walls. Bearing aloft the silver crucifix, the Very Rev. Dr. John J. Prendergast, V. G., followed by the deacon, the Very Rev. Joseph Sasia, S. J., four acolytes bearing censers, Sub-Deacon Rev. Felix Barbier and Master of Ceremonies Rev. O. Rennudier, passed round to the rectory and entered the church again. The procession was joined within the sanctuary hall by visiting Fathers Benedict and Mannes, O. P., of the Dominican Monastery; the Very Rev. Father Gerard, Superior of the Franciscan Convent, and the Abbe Grimaud. All then marched round the church, after which the celebration of high mass began. An orchestrated mass of Giorza's was sung, the regular choir being seconded by a quartet of singers from the Italian Church, while a septet of instrumentalists greatly added to the efficiency of the musical accompaniment on the organ by Professor Knell. The solo "Laudamus" was well sung by Signor Napoleoni, Misses Knell and Hardisty rendering a sacred duet with much sweetness. The Kyrie Eleison, in which the full strength of orchestra and choir were required, was a finely rendered anthem. The usual offertory solo was, for lack of time, omitted, and after the sermon G. Curto's "Regna Terra" was rendered; Mrs. Hardisty sang the soprano solo and the regular church choir sang the quartet. The Agnus Dei, which ended the mass, was a satisfactory performance, and from first to last the music left little to be desired. The organ of the church is undergoing repairs and a small harmonium had to be used instead.

The sermon, which was brief, was preached by the Abbe Grimaud of Paris.



The altar.

He chose for his text the words from the Apocalypse, "Behold the tabernacle of God with men." After referring to the French victories at Sebastopol, in memory of which and the divine aid of the Blessed Virgin the church is called Notre Dame des Victoires, he commented on the zeal which had been display d in the alteration of the church, pointing out that not only should the Christian strive to beautify his place of worship, but to prepare himself for his entry into the kingdom of heaven.

The choir consisted of Miss A. Knell, Mrs. M. M. Hardisty and Miss Lulu Ward, sopranos; Mrs. Knell and Miss Josephine Silva, altos; Alphonse Lutringer and H. Gill, tenors, and George Harris and G. Napoleoni, basses.

The orchestra, under the direction of Louis C. Knell, consisted of L. C. Breese, F. Knorp and W. E. Richards, violinists; J. Meyer, viola; M. Hoffmann, violoncellist; H. D. Page, cornetist; M. W. Brown, flutist; Professor John Knell, organist.

The alterations have had a very beneficial effect upon the little old church, which has been beautified and modernized. From the exterior the increase in height is readily appreciable. The pointed roof, now fifteen feet higher than formerly, is at the south end ornamented with neat pinnacles, and the space over the rounded entrance to the edifice is ornamented by a large rose stained glass window. To the length of the church twenty feet have been added at the north end, the entire extra space being devoted to the enlarging and beautifying of the high alter.

Inside the transformation is marked. The church is divided into three portions by a graceful row of arches traversing the length of the building on each side of the central aisle. These arches support galleries on each side of the church, which in turn carry a second string of arches rising to the spring of the vaulted roof. The altar has been made very attractive, a sort of passage round it being now a feature of the continuation of the colonnades just mentioned and the outer wall of the church. Side altars and new confessionals, with a much-improved entrance, add to the convenience and completeness of the edifice. The windows all round the church are of stained glass, some of them in very beautiful designs, and all of them gifts from different members of the church. The carpets and many of the seats are new, and no pains have been spared to make the church one of the neatest in the city.

WHARF AND WAVE.

THE J. D. PETERS ARRIVES FROM STOCKTON.

A Fine Stern-Wheeler—A Gang of Hoodlums Who Are a Nuisance—The Sealer Rich.

The schooner O. S. Fowler remained anchored outside the heads all Saturday night, and yesterday the tug Active took her a boat to replace the one lost at Drake's bay last week when three men were drowned. The Fowler will spend some time about the coast fishing and hunting seals.

The sealing schooner Annie sailed yesterday morning. She will fish and hunt about Drake's bay.

The sealing schooner Rich still remains at anchor off Meiggs wharf, but will probably sail to-day. The Custom-house officials made another attempt yesterday to find the Chinese cook who escaped from the vessel.

The gang that infest the shanty in the vacant lot back of Section 1 of the seawall is a constant source of trouble to the watchmen and people around the wharves. Saturday night the fellows had an exciting time. They stole a keg of beer from somewhere along the front and all managed to get pretty jolly. A party went to Section 3 of the seawall and began quarrelling among themselves. They soon developed the Atlantic and Pacific qualities of the gang and began to fight. The fellows had a multitude testified their appreciation of his daring by awakening the echoes from the hills with their cheers. Van Tassell was a little pale and said that for a moment he thought he was lost.

A telephone message received at the Merchants' Exchange at about 5 o'clock from Point Lobos station was to the effect that a balloon had fallen into the ocean about eight miles down the coast, off San Pedro point. The steamer Puebla, which sailed for Port Harford yesterday afternoon, had evidently seen the balloon and was steering for it. If the signal man is right in his surmise the balloon will be taken aboard the Puebla and thence down the coast before being returned to this city.

EDWARD HATTON.

A Colored Pioneer Buried With Masonic Honors.

The funeral services of Edward Hatton, a venerable colored resident of this city, were held yesterday afternoon in the Church of the Advent, of which he was an esteemed member. The remains were escorted to the grave at Laurel Hill Cemetery by St. Bernard Commandery, No. 6, Knights Templar (under the jurisdiction of Detroit, Mich.), to which deceased belonged. The church was filled with white and colored people, the latter predominating. The floral designs were not numerous, but elegant and appropriate.

The rector, Rev. Jin Gray, after reading the burial service in a very impressive manner, said he would depart from his usual custom of confining himself to the ritual and speak briefly of the deceased, who had been for many years a consistent and devoted member of this church. "He was among the earliest settlers and churchmen on the coast. He was an old and valued landmark which could not be replaced. He was a man of intelligence, trustworthy, conscientious and estimable in all his relations; devoted to his church and to the welfare of his country and his race, and his life afforded a fitting close. We lay his remains," the rector said, in closing, "not as a vanquished man, but a conqueror." The bearers were John Irlandverway, John G. Parker, H. H. Henderson, D. W. Sugden, Joseph Cowin and Abram Harris. The Masonic ritual was recited at the grave.

GIFTS TO THE POOR.

Annual Report of the Francisca Relief Society.

The annual election of officers of the Francisca Relief Society was held on January 30th, with the following result: President, Mrs. M. Deane; first vice-president, Mrs. R. Martinez; second vice-president, Mrs. C. F. de Hurtel; secretary, Miss Harriet M. Skidmore; treasurer, Miss Emma McAvoy.

The list of articles given during the past year to the poor is as follows: Garments for adults, 400; garments for children, 540; material of various kinds for clothing, 445 yards; shoes, 17 pairs; stockings, 36 pairs.

In addition, 31 entire suits for children, with 31 hats, 73 pairs of shoes and 36 pairs of stockings were given at the Christmas distribution of gifts, together with a quantity of toys, confectionery and miscellaneous articles of clothing.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAILS.

Secured by a Four Hours' Wait at Ogden.

The overland train due at 7:15 o'clock this morning will not arrive till about 10 o'clock, because the Southern Pacific Company detained the train at Ogden for four hours on Saturday night so as to connect with the Union Pacific train which was bringing the Australian mails for the steamer Alameda. Had this not been done the Alameda would have been detained till Tuesday, but she will now be able to get away at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The mails were already two days late, owing to a delay in the arrival of the steamer Aurania at New York, so that this action of the Southern Pacific will be appreciated by the colonial Governments.

Outrageous Conduct of Hoodlums.

The passengers on the outside of car 4 of the McAllister-street line on its downward trip about 1 o'clock yesterday were treated to a disgusting exhibition, which they were powerless to prevent and which neither the gripman nor the conductor thought it worth while to notice. Three drunken hoodlums occupied one of the seats, and they made themselves obnoxious by the use of the vilest language and profanity and by conduct and gestures which should have earned for them a sound drubbing. Although there were a number of ladies on the dummy neither their escorts nor those in charge of the car saw fit to interfere, though the conduct of the hoodlums was of the most outrageous description.

TROUT FISHERS, ATTENTION!—The SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE still has those elegant split bamboo fishing outfits complete, with the weekly for one year, only $7 90.

DANGLER'S vapor and oil stoves are the best. See them at Schuster Bros., 306 Sutter.

FOR Bright's disease and diabetes use Great Sierra Kidney Cure.

TALK OF THE TURF.

Recent Sales Among the Local Stables.

PORTER ASHE'S RUNNERS.

George Hankins to Start a Breeding Farm Here—General Horse Gossip.

James Golden, the Boston turfman, who last week purchased Orrin Hickok's Arab for $8000, Saturday bought from James Dustin, at the Oakland track, a three-year-old colt by Dexter Prince, out of a mare by General McClelland, paying for him $1500. The colt was one of the best in Dustin's stable.

Dustin returned Saturday from Stockton with two colts, one a yearling brother to the above named and the other a two-year-old by Elector, out of a mare by John Nelson. The price of the colts is not stated. They were purchased from David Young.

Count Valensin sold last week to W. Kerron of Portland, for $1500, the two-year-old colt Tom V., by Sidney, dam Nettie Lambert, by John Nelson. Nettie Lambert is the dam of Valensin, record 2:22. The Count has another Sidney pacing filly which is said to be doing some phenomenal work, and when she comes out in the spring as a three-year-old is expected to show something like the speed developed by Adonis and Gold Leaf, the fast son and daughter of Sidney.

C. R. Hoppin of Yolo, the owner of Yolo Maid, was in the city during the week and was full of talk of his great filly. Since her record has gone forth to the world there has been a deal of talk about her, and several parties in the East want to buy her. Mr. Hoppin has been asked to set a price for her and he has named $10,000 as the lowest figure that will take her from California. There is a probability that she will be purchased at that price.

Joseph Cairn Simpson can't get along without an Antevolo in the family, and since the great stallion went to his Eastern purchasers last Monday, Mr. Simpson has purchased from C. K. Lewis three Antevolo colts, 1, 2 and 3 years old, all from the same dam, a mare by Winthrop, second dam by Chieftain. Out of the lot he expects something to go in 2:19½ or better.

From Sacramento come the most flattering reports of J. K. Newton's Australian colts. Joe Courtney is training them, and is sending them in tr