

SOCIETY

SOCIETY as yet has made no effort to break the even calm of the Lenten season. The following officers and their wives were present at a luncheon given on board the Corwin...

They're Engaged. The engagement is announced of Miss Edie Golder of Lorin, Berkeley, and David Caro of this city. They will receive Sunday, March 13, from 2 till 5 p. m., at 1311 Fairview street, Lorin, Berkeley.

Wedding Bells. The wedding of Miss Hattie Barrett, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Barrett, and John J. Sullivan, was solemnized Sunday afternoon, February 20, at St. James Church, corner Twenty-third and Guerrero streets, by the Rev. Father Lynch.

Club Parties. A grand Purim ball was given under the auspices of the Ladies' Endeavor Society of the Congregation Beth Israel on Tuesday evening, March 8, at Native Sons' Hall. The affair was a most delightful success.

tion, "Her Letter" (Bret Harte), Mrs. C. J. Kaighin; recitative and aria (Jewel scene), "Faust," Mrs. Alvina Heuer-Willard; "The Parion" (Liszt), Queen, Harro True Boardman; Lady Marion, Estelle Miller; Kathryn, Mabel Hopkins; Adrian (a page), Jessica Neuman; "The Ride of the Elves" (Anderson), Arcadio, Ladies Quartet, first soprano, Miss Maa Cullen; second soprano, Miss Edith Hanks; first tenor, Miss Florence Conner; second contralto, Miss Jeannette Partridge.

Home Gatherings. On Thursday evening last Miss Frances Raphael entertained a number of her friends at a progressive whist party at the residence of Mrs. C. E. de St. Maurice on Main street was a scene of liveliness and good cheer. Mrs. J. H. Davies, the only daughter, is home for a visit and her parents tendered her a delightful reception that her friends, who are legion, might have an opportunity of meeting and greeting her before she returns to her home, 211 Van Ness avenue, San Francisco.

A delightful party was given at the home of Mrs. L. Keane in Sausalito on the evening of February 28 by a number of young people from San Francisco. The time was passed pleasantly in dancing, singing and games till the wee hours of the morning, when a sumptuous repast was served, after which dancing was indulged in until the wee hours of the morning.

Those present were: Misses Mamie Mellor, Hattie Collopy, Mollie Madden, Josephine Laws, Edna following gentle, Elsie Cambridge of Alameda, May Lowry, Anna Selou, Mabel Leary, Daisy Johnson, Mamie Foley, Margaret Corbett, Nellie Lowry; Mrs. H. Stettin, Mrs. G. Wendel, Mrs. J. Marlin, San Lorenzo; Mrs. P. M. Enley, Mrs. Andre, Mrs. J. H. Schroder, Mrs. K. Wans, Miss A. Schroeder, Miss M. Schroeder, Mrs. J. Jacoby, Miss J. Jacoby, Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. Valentin and Mrs. Zelle.

A surprise party was tendered to Miss Mamie Blanford Saturday evening, February 28, at her residence, 84 Clippert street. Those present were Miss Mamie Blanford, Miss Ida Holliday, Miss Grace Little, Miss Hamilton, Miss Claude Patterson, Miss Nellie Mayle, Miss Amanda Camp, Miss Lottie Holliday, Mrs. Blanford, Mrs. Boost, Miss Grace Holliday, Lou David, Joe Chisholm, Bert Gummer, Ed Norman, John Little, Mr. McDaniel, Charles Blanford, James McCormick, Mr. Portiers, James Gilfeather, Mr. Holliday, Albert Harris, Philip Martin, Mr. Clark, Dan McKilly, Mr. Weish, Charles Boost and Alfred Holliday.

On Wednesday afternoon, March 9, a pleasant birthday party was given Miss Gladys and Master Raymond Gunning on the occasion of their fourth anniversary. Music, both instrumental and vocal, dancing and games, made the hours pass pleasantly. Those present were: Miss Lena Bantel, Miss Katie McPhillips, Miss Alice McPhillips, Miss Aggie Buick, Miss Lottie Wales, Miss Flora Hansen, Miss Edna Gibson, Miss Miland Hart, Miss Florence Laselle, Miss Rosie Young, Miss Nita Hart, Miss Agnes Young, Miss Mildred Gibson, Miss Gertrude Ford, Miss Mildred Fechan, Miss Nellie Sullivan, Miss Ethel Turner, Miss Helen McFadden, Miss Mamie Lee, Harold Bantel, Albert Saunders, Willie Hansen, Raymond Gunning, Petie Weber, Frankie Hansen, Joey Bertram, Wallace Fechan, Clarence Bertram, George Bantel, Albert Gibson, Charles Bantel, Harold McPhillips, Jonnie Butck, Owen Lee, Leslie Turner, Tommie Lee, Mrs. d'Arcey, Miss Teany O'Rourke, Miss Rinda Blake, Miss B. Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Bertram, Mrs. McFadden, Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Fogarty, Mrs. Buick, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Young, Mrs. K. Hart, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Fechan, Mrs. Conners, Mrs. McPhillips and Mr. and Mrs. Gunning.

A Colusa Tea. COLUSA, Cal., March 12.—Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. de St. Maurice on Main street was a scene of liveliness and good cheer. Mrs. J. H. Davies, the only daughter, is home for a visit and her parents tendered her a delightful reception that her friends, who are legion, might have an opportunity of meeting and greeting her before she returns to her home, 211 Van Ness avenue, San Francisco.

The house was converted into a veritable flower garden and everything basked in the happiness that was reigning as the girlhood friends of the honored guests came and went. The parlors were tastefully decorated in peach blossoms and trailing vines and choice potted plants in the eye from every conceivable corner.

The tearoom was a bower of loveliness in the interior of that shade intermingled with ivy. A small alcove at one end of the room was carpeted with ivy and filled with perfuming the whole house with their delicious odor and even passing into the street.

Choice refreshments were served to the guests and cordial intercourse reigned supreme during the afternoon. Those who assisted in receiving were Misses Cora Grover, Nellie Gilmour, Mrs. Brooks, Acha Rich, Virginia Beville, Nannie Brittan, Agnes Lining, Mesdames M. J. Boggs, E. C. Barrell, R. Cosner and J. L. Jackson.

In the Future. The hamitzvah of Jacob Crown, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Crown, will take place at the Geary Street Temple Saturday, March 13. They will receive their friends in the afternoon from 2 to 5 at their residence, 218 Hayes.

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intend leaving for Naples on March 5 on the steamer Saale sailing from New York. The following Californians sailed on the Furst Bismarck for Hamburg on February 26: Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hoepfner, Miss Louise Hoepfner and maid, H. H. Johns, Miss Martha Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Son, Miss Ida Son, Miss Helen Son, Miss Blanche Son and A. Vanderstar.

Miss Grace Corwin has gone to Los Angeles to make an extended visit with Mrs. Dr. White. Mrs. Brooke Greene of Palermo, daughter-in-law of General C. D. Greene, is here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. George

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HOPES OF THE THEOSOPHISTS IN POINT LOMA MYSTERIES.

WAGNER, in his soul music, expressed the philosophy of the world. Theosophy teaches the philosophy of the world. Therefore Wagner was a theosophist. This Mr. Crump, the latest exponent of the doctrines of the Universal Brotherhood, was standing on the platform of the empty hall, where for a couple of hours an audience had listened entranced to the thrilling expression of Wagner's great dramas.

This was very interesting, not to say fascinating, but still the music and the pictures did not after all explain to my darkened mind why the Universal Brotherhood has taken Wagner so completely into its fold. Wagner, in spite of the mysticism of his work, never claimed membership of any occult society; perhaps he never heard of the Universal Brotherhood or the Theosophical Society.

But Mr. Crump's explanation makes it all beautifully simple, and following the same line of logic, Milton, Shakespeare, Goethe, every great thinker of every age, can be claimed as a theosophist. Nothing could indicate more clearly the universality of this new system for the teaching of world-old truths. Theosophy, we may say, has existed ever since man became a reasoning animal, and it is only presumption on the part of us moderns to imagine it a new thing.

Still the combination with Wagnerism, which is a very advanced musical cult on its own account, is distinctly new and so far seems remarkably successful. "We have given this lecture," remarked Mrs. Cleather, "in quite a number of country towns, where you would imagine the average intelligence was not up to the requisite standard. But everywhere it has been well received. The people seem to thoroughly appreciate our ideas."

Mrs. Cleather, herself a disciple of the great high priestess, Mme. Blavatsky, is a petite woman in a cream-colored gown of some mannequinely soft clinging material. It is the robe of a priestess. There is something ethereal about it, and as she stood on the darkened platform, a gleam of white against the background of black curtain, she seemed to have just materialized from another sphere.

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dia with Madame Blavatsky. I showed the ring to a lady. She examined it and was about to return it to me, when Madame Blavatsky cried "stop." Taking the lady's hand in her own, she closed her fingers over the ring, and held them there for a minute or so.

Then the ring was removed, and we discovered the reason for this strange action. Before it had been a plain gold ring, but now it had three beautiful little diamonds set in it, marking the three points of an obtuse triangle. You can see the diamonds for yourself." After getting my money and passports you may be sure I lost no time in getting out of the country.

NOVEL "SCRUBBING" SERVICE. A novel church service is announced to be held at St. Laurence's Church, Birmingham, says the London Daily Mail. On Sunday last the vicar, Rev. T. J. Bass, invited the congregation to take part in a "scrubbing service," which would be held in the church next day, beginning at half-past 3 and lasting until half-past 9.

Soap, water and patent scrubbers would, he said, be provided, and all the congregation, male and female, were eligible to lend a hand in cleaning the church.

The church has had a curious history, and has been blessed with a curious collection of vicars. Some eight or ten years ago the parish, which is the most poverty-stricken in all Birmingham, was controlled by the Rev. J. F. M. Whish, and he, finding the services languishing from lack of worshippers, hit upon all sorts of queer expedients for compelling them to come in.

He announced the most flaming sermons of discourses ever given publicly to a congregation during the dinner hour. "Pigeon Flying," "A Good Day on the Course" and kindred topics were dealt with instead of orthodox Scriptural topics.

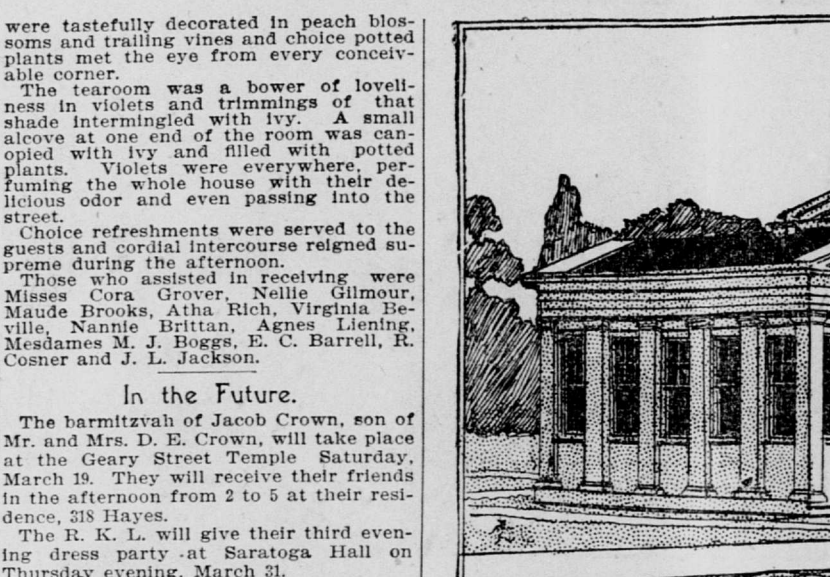
Thousands of printed cards were circulated each week, bearing such affectionate inscriptions as: "Come and hear your old pal, the Rev. J. F. M. Whish."

"Now then, buck up! Give your old pal Whish another trial!" Other cards would contain an exhortation signed: "I remain, your true pal, J. F. M. Whish."

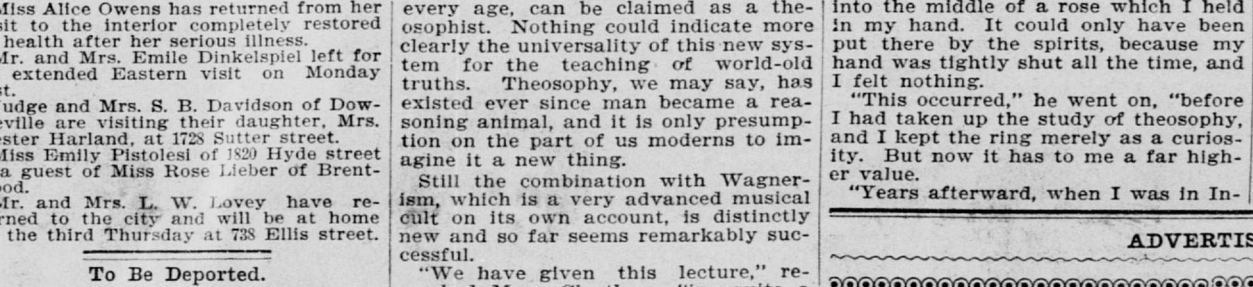
This original vicar would go into public houses during the dinner hour, and addressing the company, would say: "Well, gentlemen, you have given my friend, the landlord, a good turn; now finish up at my little place on the other side of the road."

Special services were held—once a week for pigeon flyers, another week for sweeps and a third for sandwich men. Mr. Whish's successor was as devoted and faithful a vicar as his predecessor, but lacked Mr. Whish's humor and discretion. He gave so harrowing a description of the denizens of the courts and alleys of the parish to a local journalist that those whom he freely described as hawkers, rogues and loose women resented his description of them by breaking his windows.

THE CROSS MARKS THE SITE OF THE BUILDING NEAR SAN DIEGO BAY WHERE THE COLLEGE WILL BE BUILT.



NEW THEOSOPHIST COLLEGE AT POINT LOMA, SAN DIEGO COUNTY.



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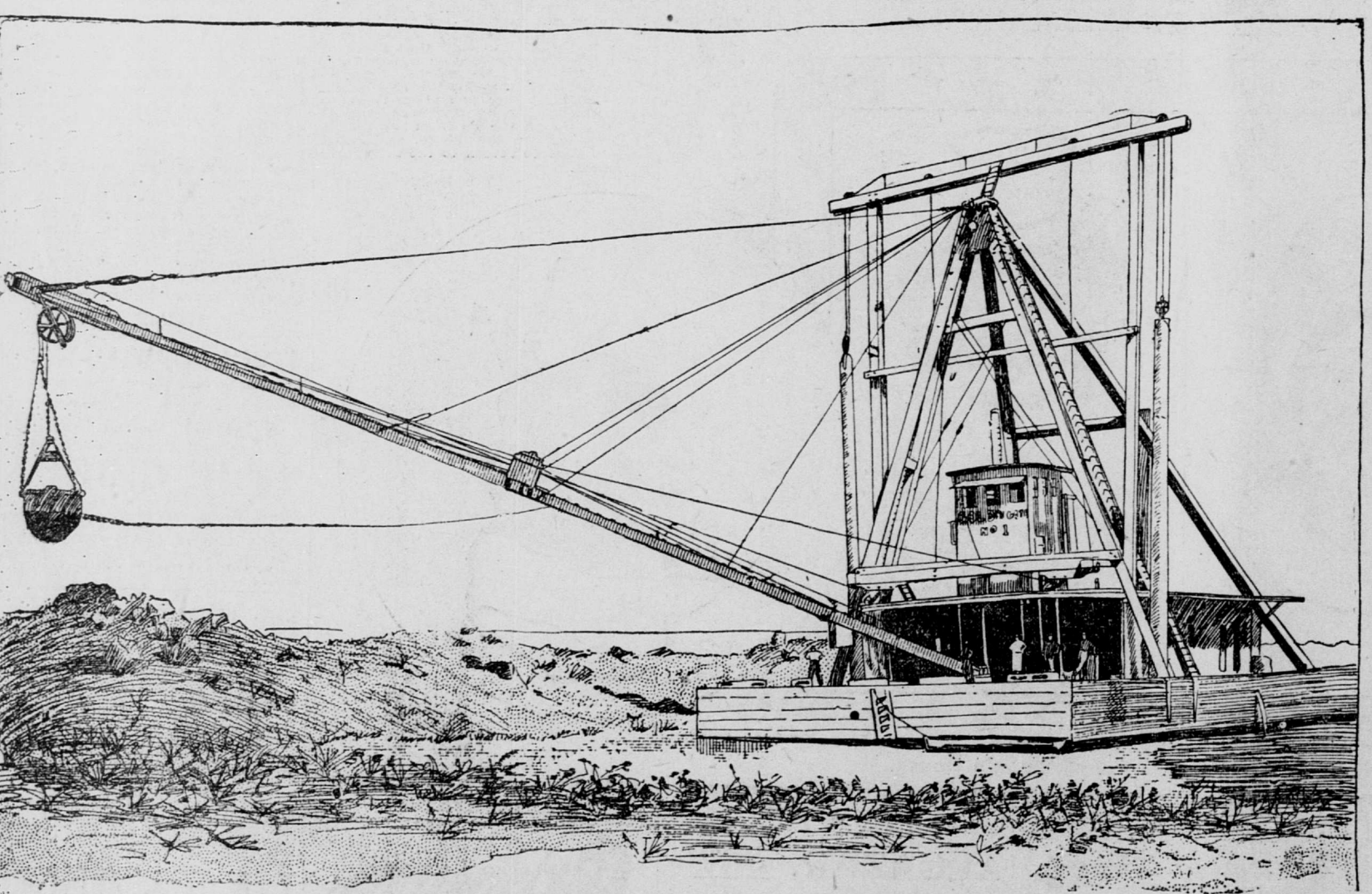
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MAKING FARMS OUT OF INLAND SEAS.



THE DREDGER GOLDEN GATE AT WORK CLEARING THE CHANNEL. From a Photograph.

THE tule marsh lands of the San Joaquin will vanish. Already vast tracts of bog and marsh land have been reclaimed, and the great dredgers of the old Ether Land and Reclamation Company are rapidly turning thousands of other acres that were once nothing but water, tules and peat bogs into the finest land that can be found in California's borders.