

Suiter street. The engagement is announced of Miss Kittle O'Donnell and Frank Stanley Ir-vine. The wedding will take place the latter part of September. The engagement is announced of Miss Jean Franklin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Franklin, and D. M. Moses of New York. They will receive Sunday, March 20, from 2 to 6 p. m. Mrs. W. H. Kruger of Alameda an-nounces the engagement of her daughter, Marlon Adella, to Ernest Albrecht Vic-tors.

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break, when all left on the early boat for the city. Those present were: Misses Mamie Mellor, Hattie Collopy, Mollie Madden, Josephine Laws, Edna Rock, Grace and Elsie Cambridge of Alameda, May Lowry, Anna Sellou, Mabel Leary, Daisy Johnson Mamie Foley, Marguerite Corbet, Nellie Lowry; Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Keane, Mrs. Leary; B. Hasty, Dr. Taylor, J. McCul-lough, A. Smith, R. Angell, G. Yaga, T. Morcum, J. Lowry, J. Travers, J. Foley, Mr. Hampton, H. Leary, Mr. Theall, H. Foley, T. Foley, Ed Lowry, J. Hanley. Miss Maude Fisher was tendered a birthday surprise party last Friday even-ing at her residence, 525 Bartlett street. Among those present were: Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Sullivan; Misses Maude Fisher, Marguerite McDonnell, Agnes Sullivan, May Morse, Lillian Wicht and Annie Mc-Donnell; Albert Lyman, William McKee, Joe Weinholz, Eugene Lahunier, John Maguire, Walter Fisher, Doane Shaw, Sylvan Selig, Daniel Setright and Bert Winrow.

HOPES OF THEOSOPHISTS

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THE CROSS MARKS THE SITE OF THE BUILDING NEAR SAN DIEGO BAY WHERE THE COLLEGE WILL BE BUILT. Sophical society. But Mr. Crump's explanation makes thal beautifully simple, and following the same line of logic, Milton, Shakes-peare, Goethe, every great thinker of

plants met the eye from every concerv-able corner. The tearoom was a bower of loveli-ness in violets and trimmings of that shade intermingled with ivy. A small alcove at one end of the room was can-opled with ivy and filled with potted plants. Violets were everywhere, per-fuming the whole house with their de-licious odor and even passing into the street.

licious odor and even passing into the street. Choice refreshments were served to the guests and cordial intercourse reigned su-preme during the afternoon. Those who assisted in receiving were Misses Cora Grover, Nellie Gilmour, Maude Brooks, Atha Rich, Virginia Be-ville, Nannie Brittan, Agnes Liening, Mesdames M. J. Boggs, E. C. Barrell, R. Cosner and J. L. Jackson.

In the Future.

The barmitzvah of Jacob Crown, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Crown, will take place at the Geary Street Temple Saturday, March 19. They will receive their friends in the afternoon from 2 to 5 at their residence, 318 Haves.

The R. K. L. will give their third evening dress party at Saratoga Hall or

Thursday evening, March 31. The regular monthly entertainment and dance of the popular Western Addition Literary and Social Club will be held on Wednesday evening March 16 at Nation Wednesday evening, March 16, at Native Sons' Hall. The following excellent programme has been arranged for the evening's enter-

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been arranged for the evening's chief-tainment: Overture, orchestra; barytone solo (se-lected), B. O. Tarbox; piano solo (select-ed), Miss Cecil Cowles (age four years); soprano solo, "Once in a Life" (Lander), Miss Clara Atkins; banjo solo (selected, Professor D. Mansfield; "Sugar and Cream," comédietta in one act, by James P. Hurst, cast-Mr. Wentworth, Arthur W. Jones; Frank (his son), Alfred A. Borlini; Mrs. Mirfield (a young widow), Miss Mae Roberson; Spruce (her mald), Miss Mae Roberson; Spruce (her mald), Miss Mae Roberson; Spruce (her mald), Mission A grand domino party will be given by the Mission Turn-Schwestern Verein at Mission Hall, Eighteenth street, near Va-lencia, Sunday evening, March 20.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Lovey have re-turned to the city and will be at home on the third Thursday at 738 Ellis street.

Still the combination with Wagner-ism, which is a very advanced musical cult on its own account, is distinctly new and so far seems remarkably suc-

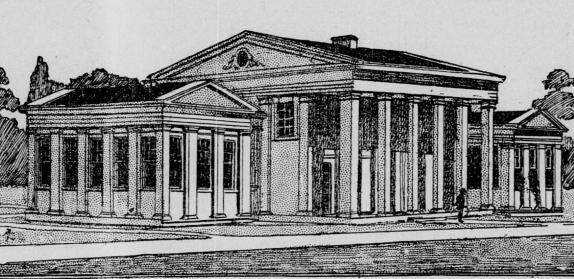
gence was not up to the requisite stan-dard. But everywhere it has been well received. The people seem to thor-oughly appreciate our ideas."

IN POINT LOMA MYSTERIES. AGNER, in his soul music, expressed the philosophy of the world. Theosophy teaches the philosophy of the world. Therefore Wagner was a theosophist."
Thus Mr. Crump, the latest exponent of the doctrines of the Universal Brother erhood. He was standing on the platform of the empty hall, where for a couple of hours an audience had lissen the knightly Lohengrin arrive in his swan boat, and had watched his romantic courtship of Elsa ending contact of the struction of the knightly Lohengrin arrive in his swan boat, and had watched his romantic courtship of Elsa ending contact of the struction of the struction of the struction of the knightly Lohengrin arrive in his swan boat, and had watched his romantic courtship of Elsa ending contact of the struction that store and had watched his romantic courtship of Elsa ending contact of the struction that store and had watched his romantic courtship of Elsa ending contact of the struction of the struction of the struction of the struction that store and had watched his romantic courtship of Elsa ending contact of the struction of the struction of the struction of the struction that store and store is the struction that store and store is the struction that store at the struction that store at the struction that store at the struction that store and there, a costly edifice of solid matched his romantic courtship of Elsa ending contact of the struction the struction that store at the struction that

the brethren of the adept fraction. dwell, there comes a mysterious teach-er, who gives the cause a little shove forward, and then retires to wait for a mantic courtship of Elsa ending so tragically because the demon of new reincarnation.

Though the public performance of miracles is rather discouraged by the-osophists, Madame Blavatsky, the great founder of the society, did, as Mr. Sinnett has told us, many strange binson. By means of the society did, as the vicar, kev. 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 lastplow her stormy track through the seas, and had heard all about the "in-ner soul motives" which give the key-note to Tannhauser, The Ring of the Nibelung, Tristan and Isolde and Parsi-fal. This was very interesting, not to say fascinating, but still the music and the

fascinating, but still the music and the do the most good. Years ago I met Colonel Olcott, who darkened mind why the Universal Brotherhood has taken Wagner so com-pletely into its fold. Wagner, in spite of the mysticism of his work, never claimed membership of any occult soci-



from the maiden's lips just as she was about to drain it to the dregs. They had watched the Flying Dutchman plow her stormy track through the

pictures did not after all explain to my

NEW THEOSOPHIST COLLEGE AT POINT LOMA, SAN DIEGO COUNTY. From the Architect's Plans.

cessful. "We have given this lecture,"

Miss Alice Owens has returned from her visit to the interior completely restored to health after her serious illness. Mr. and Mrs. Emile Dinkelspiel left for an extended Eastern visit on Monday last. Judge and Mrs. S. B. Davidson of Dow-nieville are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Hester Harland, at 1728 Sutter street. Miss Emily Pistolesi of 1820 Hyde street is a guest of Miss Rose Lieber of Brent-wood. I felt nothing. "This occurred," he went on, "before I had taken up the study of theosophy, and I kept the ring merely as a curios-ity. But now it has to me a far high-er value. "Years afterward, when I was in In-



dia with Madame Blavatsky, I showed dia with Madame Blavatsky, I showed the ring to a lady. She examined it closely, just as you have done, and was about to return it to me, when Mad-ame 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

Mail. On Sunday last the vicar, Rev.

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

The church has had a curious history, and has been blessed with a cuety; perhaps he never heard of the Universal Brotherhood or the Theo-sophical Society. But Mr. Crump's explanation method. Here is the services languishing from lack of wor-"Yes," I replied, examining it; "it's shipers, hit upon all sorts of queer exshipers, hit upon all sorts of queer ex-pedients for compelling them to come

> He announced the most flaming se-ries of discourses ever given publicity to by handbill and poster. "Pigeon Flying," "A Good Day on the Course" and kindred topics were dealt with in-stead of orthodox Scriptural topics.

> Thousands of printed cards were cir-culated 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 exhor-

tation signed: 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

"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."

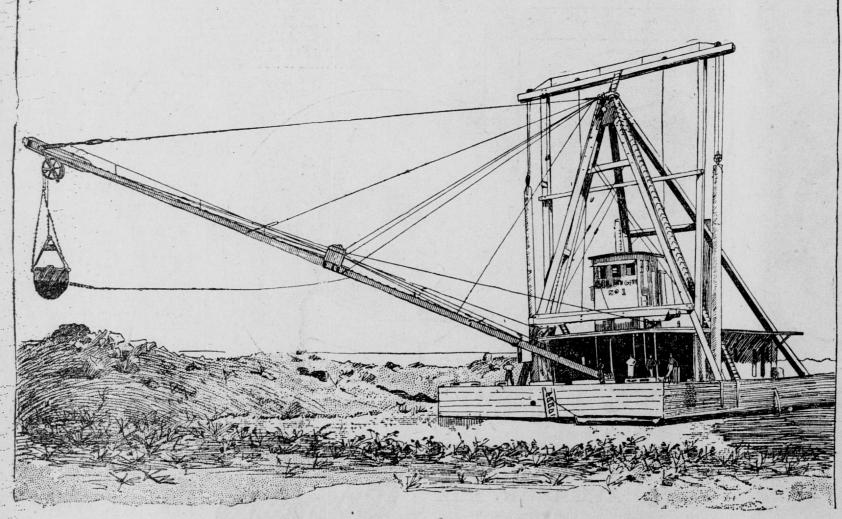
Special services were held—one week for pigeon flyers, another week for sweeps and a third for sandwich men.

Mr. Whish's successor was as de-voted and faithful a vicar as his pred-ecessor, but lacked Mr. Whish's hu-mor and discretion. He gave so har-rowing a description of the denizens of the courts and alleys of the parish to a local journalist that those whom ha a local journalist that those whom he freely described as hawkers, rogues and loose women resented his descripand house women reserved his windows. Now a washing service is announced, and doubtless the interior of the church warrants the appeal made for the services of an army of cleaners.

SNEEZING SCENE.



F. W. Dohrmann of San Francisco and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Michaels of Alameda F. W. Dohrmann of San Francisco and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Michaels of Alameda MAKING FARMS OUT OF INLAND SEAS.



THE DREDGER GOLDEN GATE AT WORK CLEARING THE CHANNEL.

HE 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 River 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.

To those who have not traveled over the immense tracts of reclaimed land and witnessed the transformation from floating islands, vastreaches of tules and ponds of yellow lilles to the fields where now is growing the golden grain that is to be the selection of the Coldenna for the selection. grain that is to be the salvation of the fields where now is growing the golden grain that is to be the salvation of the California farmer, these statements may seem like some Aladdin tale. The fact remains, however, that the best land ever discovered for the raising of garden truck and grain lies within those im-mense levees that guard from the water the once submerged lands along the San Loaquin Plyer.

All of this work has been done recently—that is, within the past year, All of this work has been done recently—that is, within the past year, though the preliminaries were entered into long before the actual commence-ment of the drainage of the tracts. The great dredgers that had to be brought into requisition cost thousands on thousands of dollars, and now on one of these is located the largest pumping plant in California, its capacity being

85,000 gallons a minute. The work of these great dredgers, with their giant pumps, has entirely changed the appearance of the tracts that lie between Stockton and Bethany. Just now the camp of the workmen is located at the last named place, and there the storehouse is situated

there the storenouse is situated. When John Herd Jr. and Engineer Ferris broached the subject of putting the bog into tillable soil many scoffed at the idea. One of the great features of the work was the cutting of a drainage canal, three miles long, 100 feet wide and ten feet deep, through the tract owned by the corporation. This is known as the relief canal and allows the rushing waters of the San Joaquin during the intervention is a state of the san boaquin during the winter months to escape without damaging the levees that have been thrown up about the lands.

These levees are immense affairs and their building has involved much labor and expense. They are uniformly twenty feet at the base and are fully. twelve feet above water. They are sufficiently wide for a good wagon road to be constructed all along their tops.

While the work of cutting the drainage canal was a great undertaking and that of throwing up the big banks of mud one of almost equal importance, that of pumping the water from the submerged lands was the work of months. First of pumping the water from the submerged lands was the work of months. First the dredgers went along the San Joaquin River and into its tributary sloughs, digging from the bottom the mud that was to form the levees. When the lands were enclosed with banks high and strong enough to withstand the pressure of the waters from the river and sloughs the big pumps were brought into requisi-tion and the water and mud from the tracts enclosed by the levees were forced because the land within dry and strong the land within dry and requisi-tion and the water and mud from the tracts enclosed by the levees were forced by suction over into the river, leaving the land within dry and ready for cultivation

The extent of the undertaking may be judged when it is known that the company has ten of these giant dredgers at work. It now owns its own river steamer, on which it carries its supplies and employes, and a handsome steam launch carries the engineers from point to point while inspecting the work of making a garden spot out of tule marshes and peat bogs.

making a garden spot out of tule marshes and peat bogs. Travelers on the river steamers cannot realize the vast extent of these marshes and bogs. From a point on the levee near the Government experi-ment station on Union Island some idea may be obtained, for what appears to be a vast inland sea greets the eye on ascending the bank. It is dotted with little islands that seem fixed and stable enough, but many disappear from time to time and dozens of unfortunate hunters have nearly lost their lives in taking them to be as solid as mother earth. It will not be long before this inland sea is no more, and instead the dollar a bushel wheat will be waving over the spots that were once the favorite haunts of the duck hunter. The company that is engaged in this reclamation work does not sell any of the land, but leases it to those who desire to farm large tracts on shares.

oughly appreciate our ideas." Mrs. Cleather, herself a disciple of the great high priestess, Mme. Bla-vatsky, is a petite woman in a cream-colored gown of some marvelously 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 mate-rialized from another sphere. This, of course, is but pure fancy, for Mrs. Cleather is practical enough in her ways and knows how to carry her propaganda into the midst of a busy, hard-working world; how to bring the truths she has to tell home with force, appealing alike to toil-begrimed workappealing alike to toil-begrimed work-er and money-sodden plutocrat.

A couple of years ago there was a wonderful awakening in theosophical circles. Mrs. Tingley, the leader of the Universal Brotherhood, started a crusade around the world, Mrs. Cleath-er being a member of the party. There were nine or the party. There er being a member of the party. There were nine or ten people altogether and it proved a pretty expensive trip, cost-ing over \$50,000. The American theos-ophists cheerfully footed the bill, for there were substantial results to show, seventeen new societies being started in foreign parts and thousands of ed. in foreign parts and thousands of ad-herents being gathered into the new scheme of philosophy. It is estimated that there are some

It is estimated that there are some 8000 theosophists in the United States, and that there is money behind the faith is shown by the latest develop-ment, in which the State of California is particularly interested. There are riddles in psychology which none of us riddles in psychology which none of us can 'comprehend, there are latent powers in man the existence of which, except among members of the adept fraternity, is never suspected. The real action of thought, in spite of mod-ern scientific investigations, is still concealed from us, the phenomena of hypnotism, clairvoyance and thought transference are but imperfectly un-derstood. derstood.

derstood. Latter day scientists, even men such as the wizard-like Edison, cannot ex-plain these things, so the theosophists are going to take the matter in hand. Possibly we may know a good deal more of these mysteries of ancient times when the new college at Point Loma, near San Diego, gets into work-ing order. For the cause theosophists in all parts of the world have sub-scribed thousands of dollars, and there is no doubt that the half million re-quired to complete the structure will be forthcoming in due time. A little is no doubt that the half million re-quired to complete the structure will be forthcoming in due time. A little over a year ago there was a great gathering at Point Loma, when Mrs. Katherine Tingley, as high priestess, deposited, with all sorts of cabalistic rites, an Egyptian onyx taken from the Temple of the Sphinx in the corner-stone of the building. And what is the good of all this fuss? the Philistine, the man who dwells in the outer darkness, will naturally in-quire. Well, of course, the college will benefit only those who seek for the light; it will facilitate inquiry into the lost mysteries of antiquity. It will be in short a sort of modern and purified Temple of Eleusis. Useless for the unbeliever to venture there, his lack of faith will blind his eyes to the won-ders which are to be revealed. But for the genuine student of occult af-fairs the institution holds out welcom-ing hands, and already numerous ap-plications for membership have been received from all parts of the world. Therefore, overlooking the bay of San Diego, and close to the boundary of the United States, we may expect before long to see a college established unlike any other which modern years have witnessed. But not the least peculiar feature

THIS WEEK!

Buyers are offered powerful inducements this week in our efforts to make room for the IMMENSE SPRING IMPORTATIONS NOW ARRIVING, as every piece and yard of goods remaining from our vast surplus stock must be cleared out, and this forces us to make

CUTS THAT INSURE A QUICK SALE! Colored Dress Goods!

20c 190 pieces DOUBLE FOLD DRESS GOODS, in small and medium checks; will be offered at 20c a yard.

145 pieces DOUBLE FOLD SCOTCH TARTAN PLAIDS, value for 40c a yard; will be placed on sale at 25c a yard. 25c

105 pieces 37-INCH SILK AND WOOL FANCY CHECKS good value for 60c a yard; will be offered at 35c a yard. 35c

92 pieces 40-INCH ENGLISH CURL DRESS GOODS, latest color-ings, fine value for 75c a yard; will be placed on sale at 40c a yard.

74 pieces 52-INCH FINE ALL-WOOL NAVY DIAGONAL STORM SERGE, worth 75c a yard; will be placed on sale at 50c a yard. 50c

62 pieces 44-INCH ERENCH NOVELTY SUITING, new designs and colorings, good value for \$1 25 a yard; will be offered at 75c a yard.

Black Dress Goods! 50c 75 pieces 45-INCH ALL PURE WOOL ENGLISH STORM SERGE, worth 75c; will be offered at 50c yard. \$1.00 25 pieces 52-inch FINE ALL-WOOL FRENCH CREPON, worth reg-ular \$1 50; will be offered at \$1 yard. Lace Curtains!

\$1.00 100 pairs NOTTINGHAM LACE CURTAINS, new patterns, on sale

\$1.50 150 pairs Nottingham LACE CURTAINS, 6 different styles, on sale

\$3.00 75 pairs IRISH POINT CURTAINS on sale at \$3.

\$4.50 50 pairs Irish POINT CURTAINS, handsome styles, on sale at \$4 50.

