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Glen Ellen COLUMN.

Society Notices.

NSGW

Glen Ellen Parlor, No. 102, meets on the last Saturday evening in each month at Native Sons' hall.

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Glen Ellen Grange, No. 29, meets the 1st and 3d Friday evenings of each month at Native Sons' hall.

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Ellenwood Camp, No. 29, meets the 1st and 3d Friday evenings of each month at Native Sons' hall.

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News From our Regular Corre- spondent.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.

A poll of the Senate shows that over two-thirds of that body will vote to ratify the Hay-Panncote treaty as it stands. Secretary Hay has given notice that any attempt to amend will not be acceptable to Great Britain and would be fatal to its existence. If the Clayton-Bulwer treaty still lives, and Mr. Hay has formally admitted that it does, it is not possible for the United States to abrogate or amend it without the consent of Great Britain or without breaking its pledged word. That is to say, it is impossible for the United States to build the canal without Britain's consent or without breaking its word, and if Mr. Hay is right, and Great Britain will not grant any other terms than those in the new treaty, we shall have to accept them or abandon the canal, or break our word. There is, however, nothing to prevent our breaking our word, except honor or fear of retaliation, if we choose to do so. This matter is not generally understood. Some ten years ago, the Geary act was passed totally excluding Chinese from the United States. It was in direct violation of our treaty with China. Yet the courts upheld it. A treaty, they said, is simply a law and can be repealed or invalidated by a later law. China had no recourse whatever except to declare war against the United States or to retaliate in some other way. So it will be with the canal treaty. But, honest dealing apart, breaking our word with Great Britain will, of course, be a very different thing from breaking it with China. The principal opposition to the treaty is that it grants a right of interference in our concerns to Great Britain, the question of fortifying being thought to be of minor importance. The ends of the canal are not well adapted for purposes of fortification, in the first place, while its many locks and difficult management make it very vulnerable to attack along its course. It is argued that its use in war time will be more secure under a general guarantee of the powers as to its neutrality than under any defense system that could be inaugurated. Further, the United States now owns Porto Rico and will soon own the Danish West Indies, thus commanding the Atlantic end of the canal, while negotiations are on foot to acquire one of the Galapagos islands commanding its Pacific end. With these, and with a fleet of reasonable powers, the United States, it is held, could really dominate the canal in time of war.

Today is the last on which it is possible to ratify the Argentine reciprocity treaty, and as that instrument has not yet even been reported from the Foreign Relations committee of the Senate, it is certain that it will fail. Its death is due to the fact that it reduced the duties on Argentine wool by 20 per cent, or 2.2 cents per pound. During the fiscal year 1898-9, the United States produced 272,191,390 pounds of wool and imported 76,736,209 pounds, of which 12,807,182 pounds came from Argentine, which is, of course, a mere trifle compared with the consumption of the country. This is the first of the reciprocity treaties to definitely fail. Commissioner Kasson has, however, negotiated another treaty to take its place. This is with Italy, but being negotiated under the third section of the Dingley act, which allows only a limited list of concessions, does not require ratification by the U. S. Senate. The text of the new treaty will not be made public until it has been ratified by the Italian Chambers, but it is understood that the concessions made to the United States are extensive, including agricultural and electrical machinery, fish, pickled and in barrels, sardines and anchovies, scientific instruments and cotton-

seed oil. In addition to these, three articles sent in considerable quantities to Italy are placed on the free list: viz, turpentine, natural fertilizers and skins. The amount of reduction on the dutiable articles is considerable, in some cases as high as 50 cents a quintal. The concessions granted by the United States to Italy are the same as those allowed to France under her reciprocity arrangement, and embrace brandies or other spirits distilled from grain or other material, still wines and vermouth, in casks or bottled in cases, argols, paintings in oil and water colors, pastels, pen and ink drawings, and statuary.

For the benefit of those who contend that the President should offer mediation between the British and the Boers under the Hague treaty, it may be stated that the American delegates to the peace conference signed the treaty only under the following express written stipulation: "Nothing contained in this convention shall be so construed as to require the United States of America to depart from its traditional policy of not intruding upon interfering with or entangling itself in the political questions of policy or internal administration of any foreign state; nor shall anything contained in the said convention be construed to imply a relinquishment by the United States of American of its traditional attitude toward purely American questions."

The Sixteenth Annual convention of the National Association of Painters and Decorators was held here during the past week, about 100 delegates being in attendance. At their first meeting, addresses of welcome were made by Mr. Ross, Commissioner for the District of Columbia, President John Joy Edson, of the Board of Trade, and President W. S. Knox, of the Business Men's Association. Suitable response was made by President Daniel T. Holland, of the association. The convention was in session for two days, adjourning after transacting routine business and selecting Buffalo for the next meeting.

Locomotives Being Changed From Petroleum to Oil Burners.

The problem of burning crude oil on the engines of the Santa Fe is under consideration at present, and while the tests made by the company have been entirely satisfactory, the locomotives on the Valley system have not been changed to oil burners.

Although the Southern Pacific is at present changing all of its engines on that division, the officials of the Santa Fe have not fully decided to do away with coal. It seems a big outlay to make the change and the saving will be considerable if the oil wells at the upper end of the valley continue to flow, but in case many of them should become exhausted, the owners of these still in operation could raise the price till coal would be about as cheap. The visit of the head men of the road to these oil fields is to get at the facts and then decide whether it would pay the Santa Fe to make the change.

In case the company decides to burn oil, tanks will be erected along the line, and in all probability headquarters for this fuel will be established at or near Bakersfield, that being closest to the supply. Both the Kern and Fresno county oils have been tried and either will answer the purpose for which it is intended. In all probability both will be used should locomotives be fitted up with burners.—Stockton Independent.

Oil at Hopland.

J. B. Benson, a former resident of Santa Rosa township is in luck. The recent oil excitement at Hopland is because of the discovery of fine oil prospects upon his Mendocino county ranch. A Zingre, an expert from San Francisco, has exam-

ined its qualities and pronounced it the best prospective well in the State. Mr. Zingre has made arrangements to develop the property, and expects to have the proper machinery on the place this week and they will soon know all about the matter.—Sonoma County Farmer.

According to the American Lumberman's annual review the stock of white pine lumber in the country continues to decrease rapidly. The stock is now 2,277 million feet, a decrease of 764 million feet from that of last year, while the present stock of white pine is the smallest since 1897 and the white pine resources of the country are over 25 per cent less than they were at that time. This means an annual shortage of 2,000 million feet which must be filled by the substitution of Georgia yellow pine. The whole remaining area of white pine forests will probably be practically denuded within five years and by that time the areas of Southern pine will also be greatly reduced and the white pine industry will have gone the way of the whaling and sealing industries.

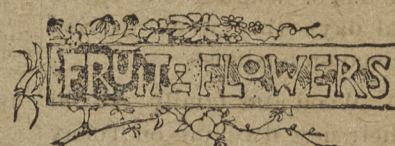
The United States is fast overtaking Great Britain in the world's export trade. Completed figures for 1899 show that the older country is still a little ahead, but the younger has gained tremendously in domestic exports from the United Kingdom, in 1899, and according to official reports received by the Treasury Bureau of Statistics, they were \$1,287,971,000, while those from the United States were \$1,253,486,000, making a difference of \$34 million dollars in favor of the United Kingdom in the year's exportation of domestic products. In 1875, however, the exports of domestic merchandise from the United Kingdom were \$1,087,497,000, against \$497,263,737 from the United States, her excess over the United States at that time being \$590,233,000.

The second anniversary of the destruction of the Maine was observed in Havana last Thursday according to press reports. Several hundred Americans went out to the wreck over which the United States flag was flying at half mast. Every available piece of wreckage above the water was banked with laurels. From the searchlight platform short prayers were offered by Dr. McGee of the Episcopal church and Father Jones of the Catholic church. At the Church of Mercedes the municipality arranged for imposing memorial services which were attended by Governor General Wood and other civil and military officers.

When the preliminary examination of Carter and McDonald, the two men who were arrested for having held up and robbed G. B. Holestone of Woodland, was called last Monday the latter gentleman refused to identify the prisoners and they were discharged. Holestone positively identified the two men at the time they were arrested and it is thought that some power has been brought to bear to have him take this stand.

Discovered by a Woman.

Another great discovery has been made, and that too, by a lady in this country. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly, and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery, by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and was so much relieved on taking first dose, that she slept all night; and with two bottles, has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz. Thus writes W. C. Hammick & Co., of Shelby, N. C. Trial bottles free at Ed. Wegner's drug store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed.



MULCHING FOR WINTER.

Forest Leaves One of the Best Materials—Fall Set Trees.

An important matter for consideration is the mulching of trees, shrubs and plants for the winter, and such excellent authority as Joseph Meehan has the following to say about it in Gardening:
The mulch which we apply in autumn is to accomplish a different purpose from our spring mulching. What we do now is mainly to prevent the soil freezing about the plants, to some extent at least. To newly planted trees and shrubs the mulching is almost essential, as unquestionably they are very much the better for having their roots in unfrozen soil, and when there are cases of doubtful hardiness shrubs or trees which are known to suffer in hard winters just mulch them and see how much better they will thrive. In my own experience I have been able to carry many such a plant through the winter by the aid of a good mulch.

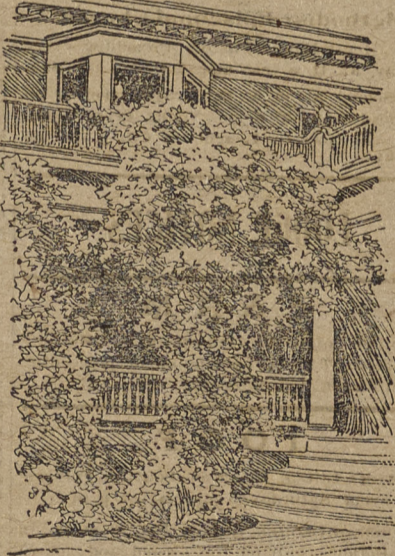
In the cases of such things as have been recently transplanted many more will be alive and flourishing when spring comes if mulched at this time. There is such a check from the transplanting that they need help, and this the mulch gives by providing unfrozen ground for the roots. Manure is perhaps the best of materials to use because it accomplishes two objects—enriching the ground as well as protecting the roots. Aside from this, forest leaves are the best of all. They are easily handled, and it takes very few to keep out a great deal of frost. With zero temperature the soil would be open that was under five to six inches of leaves. But less thickness than this will answer, as it does not matter if a little freezing does occur.

A prominent and successful landscape gardener whom I have in mind had a way of mulching large trees set in the fall which answers well. His plan was to procure a half cord of soil, and this mulch was mounded up about each tree. Not only did this keep out the frost, but it kept the tree steadily in place, and better success than he had could not be wished for. It is the swaying about of large trees of this character that causes so many of them to fall. There is not the close contact between root and soil that there must be to insure success. When spring comes, all mulchings except that of manure are to be removed. Manure will usually have pretty well disappeared by that time.

Referring again to partly tender shrubs, although the rhododendron is not so counted here, it is one easily benefited by a mulching to keep frost from its roots. The great lot of foliage it carries calls for the supply of moisture by the roots to make good what it loses in cold, windy weather, and these calls can be the better met when no frost is about their roots.

A Beautiful Japanese Vine.

What would flower lovers do without Japan? New and beautiful things from that country are looked for as regularly each year as the Fourth of July or Christmas day. The present pretty climbing plant Clematis paniculata has long been known to botanists, but it has been only of recent date that it has come into cultivation. Thumberg says it is closely related to the American Clematis virginiana. It is, however, in every way a handsomer plant than its American relative, and, besides, flowers much later.



CLEMATIS PANICULATA.

Thumberg says that in Japan it flowers during August and September, and it has retained this character in its new American home. Meehan's Monthly concludes the foregoing illustrated mention of this good thing, which has only recently become really well known, by noting the proper pronunciation of clematis. The accent is on the first syllable, clem-at-is. It is a word of Grecian origin and simply means a rocket or branch to bind with.

Her Proper Place.

Miss Brooke, the English actress, once gave a couple of seats for the theater to her landlady, who had never seen her on the stage. On the following day the landlady seemed to be satisfied with the play, but she did not give any opinion of Paula. So Miss Brooke asked her the straight question, "What did you think of me?" Then the landlady exclaimed with a bland, admiring smile: "Oh, Miss Brooke, dear, you're far too good for the stage! You ought to be in a shop, tryin' on 'nantes'!"

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HATCHING WEATHER.

The Worst Possible Day is the "Muggy"—Mr. Campbell's Experiment. J. L. Campbell says in "Artificial Hatching and Brooding": "The worst possible day to get out a good hatch is a very hot one, because the chicks smother so easily at such a time, so that the smallest possible amount of moisture that will answer should be used on a hot day. I prefer above any other kind of weather a cool, pleasant day, especially if a nice breeze is blowing. On such a day as that chicks seem to be and are much stronger than on a hot day. The worst of all days is one that is called in common parlance 'muggy'—that is, a hot day with air saturated with moisture. Chicks will die (smother) on such a day as that without the slightest provocation that you can see. When I have a hatch coming off on such a day or night, I stay with them. When the day is cool and pleasant, they can hoe their own row pretty much as they like, and they will get out all right, but the all important thing is to keep the heat just right and supply enough air so they will not pant any before they get perfectly dry."

Mr. Campbell also gives an interesting account of the difference between hot and cold weather heat. He says: "There is one very curious point about temperature which has caused me a great amount of study, and even yet I am not absolutely sure that I have reached the proper solution of this problem. It would naturally be supposed that it was easier to overheat eggs on a hot day than a cold one, and so it is, but the rather curious fact remains that sometimes on a hot day chicks will stand heat which would kill every chick on a cold day, and it appears to do them no harm whatever. I have experimented a good bit along that line, and I am not satisfied that I know all I want to know about it yet. A case in point will illustrate what I mean. The lamp on one of my incubators was accidentally left in such shape that the regulator could not shut it off. The day was very hot, and only a very small flame was burning at best, but the heat went to 112 and must have been that high for at least two hours, quite long enough to heat the chicks to that point. This was the eighteenth day of incubation, and I decided that the chicks were done for, as they appeared to be dead on examination. The temperature of the room was 96 at that time, so I opened the incubator and left them for several hours, and 133 chicks hatched out of 147 eggs, and these chicks are nearly all alive and doing well at nearly 2 months old. I have purposely heated incubators to 112 on a cold day, with the result of killing nearly every chick inside of one hour. I think the difference lies in the fact that on a cold day the extra heat is all incubator heat, while on a hot day a good part of it is animal heat, or in other words, the same amount of incubator heat applied on the hot day that is applied on the cold day would run it up perhaps 130, and the chicks would all be dead before they became that hot. The 66° before, I think, is somewhat like the reason that a person who is acclimated can stand a heat which would kill a person who is not."

KILLED BY A BEAK BLOW.

The Loon is a Dangerous Bird With Which to Battle.

The loon, or great northern diver, is a powerful bird. The following instance of one of them conquering a man happened a few years ago. A young Micmac Indian, living at Grand Lake, N. S., wanted to get the skin of one of these beautiful birds to present to his mistress on her birthday.

One day the youth, who was an adept at imitating the peculiar sobbing cry of the loon, succeeded in calling a bird within shooting distance. His shot, however, failed to kill outright, and the bird, although so severely wounded that it could neither swim nor dive, yet retained sufficient life and strength to remain upright in the water.

The boy, thinking that his game did not need another shot, swam out to retrieve it, but when he approached near enough to seize the bird it suddenly made a dash at him, sending its head and neck out with a spring like an arrow from a bow. It was only by a quick duck of his head that the Indian succeeded in evading the blow. He swam about the loon several times, attempting to dash in and seize him by the neck, but the wary bird succeeded in flogging each effort by continually facing him and lunging out with his powerful neck.

The Indian then swam up to within a few feet of the bird and, diving under him with considerable skill, caught him by the legs. He carried him under, and, although the bird struggled fiercely, managed to retain his hold. But when they both rose to the surface again a battle royal began, the Indian seeking to carry his prize ashore and the bird attempting to regain his freedom. The bird, however, was too much for his foe and before the Indian had covered a yard on his shore bound course disabled him with a vicious blow from his beak full on the naked chest.

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

LATE HAPPENINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Viewings of the Valley Taken at Random.

Mrs. E. S. Agnew was a visitor in Petaluma last Friday.

Mrs. C. C. Agnew was a visitor in San Francisco last Monday.

Joe B. Small transacted business in San Francisco last Monday.

Wm. Trudgen has returned from a business trip to the metropolis.

John Lounibos made his regular weekly trip to the city last Monday.

Frank A. Riser was an El Verano visitor in San Francisco last Monday.

Ed. Glynn of Oakland was a Sunday sojourner in our midst this week.

Chas. Hill of the Chase ranch visited San Francisco several days last week.

The dog poisoner has been reaping quite a harvest here the past few days.

Conrad Futterer visited San Francisco last Saturday to have his eyes treated.

Mrs. Mollie Weyl came up from Oakland on Thursday evening on a visit to relatives.

Miss Rue Tate and Miss Esther Lawler drove over to Petaluma last Saturday.

Hon. Robt. Howe has announced himself as a candidate for Supervisor of this district.

Albert Griffith and M. Kerridge were Vineburg visitors to San Francisco last Saturday.

Paul Robin of San Francisco spent the past week with his cousin Miss Paulina Robin.

Miss Ruby Eastmann of San Francisco visited her sister Mrs. Nickerson here last Sunday.

Miss Alma Cutter of San Francisco is visiting her relatives Miss Lola and Tala Haraszthy.

The Misses Eva and Helen Church went to Petaluma Thursday to visit their sister Mrs. Schell.

Frank Burris has resumed his duties at the bank after a week's absence at Hanford, Kings county.

Mrs. Rude started for her home in Paso Robles last Monday after a pleasant visit at the Agnew home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ayers returned to San Francisco last week after a prolonged visit to their mountain home here.

Mrs. M. J. Gaines returned home last Monday evening after spending a sojourn of several days in San Francisco.

H. Weyl and wife are spending a few days at their Healdsburg ranch where they are having a new vineyard set out.

Messrs. Bailey Burtball, Self Domeniconi and Dr. Burdocco came up from San Francisco and attended the "Terpsichorean Club" dance.

Mont. Akers has been appointed deputy assessor for Sonoma township by Assessor Dowd. This is quite a surprise to "Monts," many friends as well as himself as the appointment was unsolicited by him.

At a meeting of Watmaugh school trustees last Monday afternoon, Miss Elta Lawler was chosen as teacher. Miss Lawler, who is a cousin of Miss Rue Tate, is a graduate of the San Jose Normal school and the tax-payers of the Watmaugh district are to be congratulated upon securing so competent a young lady as teacher.

Geo. O. Campbell returned from San Francisco Wednesday evening where he had been in attendance at the bedside of his daughter Nettie who was compelled to undergo an operation. He reports his daughter as having stood the painful ordeal in good shape and is now improving. He hopes to have his daughter home again in about four weeks.

CASTORIA.
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Chas. H. Fletcher.

Actions of the City Trustees at their Meeting Wednesday Night.

The Board of City Trustees held their regular meeting in the pavilion Wednesday evening with President Duhring in the chair and Trustees Harris, Hotz, and Seipp present.

Minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

Two bills were presented and after approval by the proper committee were ordered paid as follows: D. A. Fussell, \$3.50; L. R. Griswold, tracing, \$5.00.

The Street Committee reported upon the matters referred to them at the last meeting and recommended that a bridge be built over the creek on France street and that gravel be placed on Second street East. No action was taken in regard to gravelling said street. On motion it was ordered that the Street Committee prepare plans and specifications and invite bids for the building of the bridge on France street.

A legal opinion as to the registration of voters for the special and municipal elections was presented by the President and on motion ordered filed.

An additional estimate of the cost of the proposed water and distributing system of the city as presented by city engineer was adopted by resolution.

Trustees Hotz introduced Ordinance No. 65 calling an election to vote upon the proposition to incur an indebtedness of \$20,000 for constructing a municipal water system. The ordinance was put upon its final passage and carried by all present.

On motion the board set the compensation of election officers for the special election at \$3.00 for each official.

A communication from J. P. Weems soliciting the consent of the board to permit him to place a permanent show window on the sidewalk in front of his store was read and permission was granted providing said extension was not contrary to any ordinance of the city.

Up for Twenty-Five Days.

Last Saturday Constable Ohm arrested two tramps at Shellville who had previously been ordered to leave the railroad bridge at that place. The men gave their names as George Evans and John Sheplard and were taken before Judge Cheney that afternoon and given a hearing where they pleaded guilty to a charge of vagrancy. The Court gave them each a sentence of twenty-five days and they were taken to the county jail by Chas. Ohm.

Ed. Carr of Tiburon was up and spent Thursday with his old friends.

Miss Rosie Keechler of Petaluma spent Saturday visiting in Sonoma.

Mrs. C. Keechler has gone to Petaluma where she will reside with her daughter Rosie Keechler.

Dr. McLean and wife of San Francisco spent last Sunday with friends at their old home below town.

J. J. Dunbar solicits your trade for fitting, plumbing, pumps and wind mill work that will give satisfaction.

The children of the Junior Society held a pleasant sociable at the Congregational church Thursday afternoon, Washington birthday.

Chas. H. Ohm came up from the metropolis last Monday. He was accompanied by his brother Rudolph who is located in Mendocino county.

F. Clewe is preparing to build a foot bridge across the creek at the rear of his residence which will afford a cut-off to the distance from his store.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Riobli had their infant Joseph B. christened at St. Francis church last Saturday afternoon. Rev. Father Quill officiated.

A merry time was had at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lafferty Thursday. The occasion being their thirtieth wedding anniversary.

The Duhring store is being remodeled to make room for the goods recent purchased of Mr. Schocken and which he is moving into his store.

An Open Challenge

EDITOR OF EXPOSITOR: As we have all the plans and estimates at hand for the purpose, and in order that all the citizens may fully understand what the Trustees propose to do in regard to the water works. I hereby challenge the opponents of the proposition, to a public debate of the question, "Shall Sonoma City Own its Own Water Works." If the opposition so desire, they are at liberty to secure outside as well as local speakers. The Trustees have only the public good in view, and if it can be shown that their plans as regards a municipal water system are detrimental to Sonoma's best interests I am sure that they will drop the matter.

All that we desire, is a full free and open discussion, in which reason and argument and not personal feeling and prejudice shall govern.

If the anti-water people are sure of the justice of their side, let them now come into the open and vindicate their claims in the forum of public debate, or else forever hold their peace.

Yours truly
FREDK. T. DUHRING.
Sonoma Feb. 22, 1900.

As we understand the matter the opposition is not against water but the \$20,000 bond issue. The above communication, we believe, should have read anti bond instead anti-water as it does. Ed.

A Merry Time

The dance given at Union hall Wednesday evening was not given as large an attendance as it was deserving of, but notwithstanding this fact it proved a great success in every respect. Those who were present report having had a delightful time which they say was principally on account of the splendid music which was provided.

The gentlemen who had the affair in charge are deserving of much praise for the treat which they gave the merry gathering.

He Fooled the Surgeons

All doctors told Renick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Rectal Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with five boxes of Bucklin's Arnica Salve, the surest pile cure on earth, and the best salve in the world. 25 cents a box. Sold by Ed. Wegner druggist.

Will Steuben, our local jeweler, has moved his store into the room adjoining the new drug store where he is now neatly located.

Fred Smith, son of Chas. R. Smith, a well known resident here, left San Francisco last month for Honolulu where he has secured a lucrative position.

A pleasant surprise party was fendered Miss May Modini at her residence Thursday evening, the occasion being her eighteenth birthday. The evening was pleasantly spent with vocal and instrumental music, after which the guests partook of a choice repast prepared by "mine host," Modini. Dancing was then resumed until after midnight when all present departed voting it a very merry time.

Having brought out the interest and good will of Mr. Marcy I solicit the patronage of the general public whom I am prepared to serve with goods and prices to suit the times.

Respectfully yours,
J. J. DUNBAR.

Preaching in the Congregational church February 25th 1900, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject: "Larger Definitions." Evening subject: "The First Disciples and the Wedding at Cana." Sunday school at 10 a. m. Endeavor meeting 6:30 p. m. Every invited.

CHAS. D. MILLIKEN, Pastor.

Services in the Methodist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and in the evening at 7:30. Morning subject: "Life, its Length, Breath and Height." Evening subject: "How a Peasant Girl's Choice made Her the Founder of a Dynasty." The evening service preceded by a praise service. All are cordially invited.

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SHELLVILLE PENNINGES.

Late Happenings in our Little Burg

Mr. F. H. Dewey of San Rafael visited his Shellville ranch Sunday.

M. P. Akers has been appointed deputy assessor for this district for this year by F. Dowd.

Frank Guilfoyle spent Saturday and Sunday in Sonoma.

J. B. Bacon our efficient station agent at Shellville has accepted a position with the Pacific Mail Co. of San Francisco and will leave for his new duties the first of March.

Tony Volquardsen and John Harper drove to Sonoma Tuesday.

M. P. Akers and Joe Pritchard visited Sonoma on Tuesday.

Miss Natalie Haraszthy drove through Shellville Tuesday afternoon.

Two knights of the roads were arrested by Constable Ohm for riding the brakebeams on Saturday morning and taken to Sonoma.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lord have moved up from the city and have taken up their residence on the Edwin Lord place at Embarcadero.

D. Duggan and Chas. Ohm were in Santa Rosa Sunday.

W. P. Merriam made a business trip to the bay city Monday.

Frank Dowd of Santa Rosa and Blair Hart of Petaluma visited Shellville one day last week.

Glorious News

Comes from Dr. D. B. Cargile, of Washita, I. T. He writes:

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Mrs. S. Enos was visiting among her many friends here last Sunday. She returned to her home in San Francisco on the afternoon train.

Chas. Dal Poggetto has made another improvement in his store by adding a dust proof show window in which he will display his stock of fine shoes.

Attorney Wm. F. Cowan and Deputy District Attorney Berry drove down from Santa Rosa Sunday. They were looking for a dog which had been lost a short time previous by Attorney Rollo Leppo of that city.

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