REDWOOD CITY.

Local News of the Week at the County Seat.

A Budget of Happenings—Personal News and Notes of Interest. Town Affairs.

A merry Christmas.

To-day is the shortest day of the year.

The tide next Thursday will be the highest of the year.

The public school closed yesterday on a two-weeks vacation.

Martin Kuck is fitting up part of Germania Hall for a restaurant.

The amount of taxes collected up to yesterday morning was $72,239.

Dan Mullen is improving the appearance of his shop on Main street.

I. C. Steele of Pescadero was in town last Thursday on business.

Joe Larkin has been absent in San Francisco during the week on a visit.

Mrs. N. Winter has gone to Placerville to visit her daughter, Mrs. McCallum.

The sidewalk on First street has been extended to Hanson & Company's lumber yard.

The Central Pacific Mill property sale did not take place last Saturday. There were no bidders present.

Posters are out announcing the dramatic entertainment and ball for the benefit of the library and reading room.

The boys of No. 3 Hose Company are considering the question of erecting a bell tower and putting up a bell on their house.

Street Superintendent Hughes and L. B. Twombly are repairing the sidewalk in front of Mrs. Thurber's property on First street.

The schooner S. Danielson is lying in the creek at the rear of Chamberlain's store. She will remain here during the winter for repairs.

Ed. Cashin has gone to Sacramento to accept a position on the railroad as section foreman. His place of business here has been rented by Dan Cameron.

Simon Benzer, the unfortunate man who attempted to commit suicide in the county jail last week, was sent to the insane asylum at Agnews last Monday.

The semi-annual examination for teachers' certificates and grammer school diplomas will commence on the 30th instant and will continue five days.

District Attorney Geo. H. Buck has been absent during the week in Los Angeles on business connected with the Order of Red Men of which he is Great Sachem.

Auditor George Barker has purchased the property of John Offermann recently occupied by the Chinese laundryman. He will have it fixed up for a residence.

Postmaster Poole has received a letter from Harry Wormington who is now in London. He sends his regards to all of his Redwood City acquaintances.

Services will be held at the Congregational Church to-morrow morning and evening as usual. Sermons upon "The Gift of Christ to Man" and "Peace on Earth" will be preached.

The rainfall in Redwood for the past week is 1.36 inches. The total fall for the season is 16.35 inches, as guaged by E. L. Fisher. The fall has been several inches less here than in San Francisco.

At the next meeting of the Supervisors bids will be received for furnishing the county farm with supplies. Contractors will read the notice in another column.

Johnnie Badie, a boy employed in the TIMES-GAZETTE office, fell on the street in a fit yesterday afternoon. He was taken to his home and attended by Dr. Loveland and at latest accounts was improving.

Henry Armstrong, who was shot and killed in San Francisco last Tuesday night, was once a resident of this town. He was a painter by trade, his first work here being the painting of Kuck Bros.' store on A street twenty-three years ago. He was employed recently on the coast.

Sheriff Kinne desires to return thanks to Constable Murray and his deputy, Fowler, of Tulare, the officers of Gilroy, Constable Hoagley of Watsonville, Deputy Constable White of Fresno, Constable McGinnis of Modesto, and Richard Madigan of Mayfield for their kindness and assistance to him while looking for the men who stole Waugh's horses. The Sheriff will be happy to return the favor to any of the above named officers should their duty send them to San Mateo county.

Public School Exercises.

The closing of the public schools for the holiday season was marked by an exhibition by the primary classes conducted by Miss Mills and Miss Finger yesterday afternoon. To music the classes marched into the girls' gymnasium, when a "Welcome Song" was rendered by the scholars. There were recitations, songs and calisthenics by the class, and the juvenile band was quite a feature of the occasion. This band is composed of Tenny Thurston, Adore Merrill, Walter Sheehan, Louis Fehrn and Leslie Johnson. The exhibition closed by the school singing "Merry Christmas." Remarks were made by Rev. L. D. Rathbone and Geo. C. Ross, the latter gentleman promising a prize to the boy standing highest in deportment next term. Members of the school board and others were present and were pleased and well entertained.

More Trouble For Ten Broeck.

It is learned definitely that the recent trouble and litigation between Richard Ten Broeck and his wife has resulted in a complete separation of the couple. After the decision of the jury some two weeks ago, which in effect was that Ten Broeck was able to manage his own affairs, Mrs. Ten Broeck decided to formally leave him, and the red cottage at San Mateo knows her no more. The lady has taken apartments in San Francisco, while her aged husband probably pines for her in the solitude of his home. A suit for divorce may be looked for.

GAS OR ELECTRICITY.

Or Both--Proposition Before the Town Board of Trustees.

The interest in the question of lighting Redwood was manifested last night by a large attendance of leading citizens at the special meeting of the Board of Trustees, called to consider the subject and hear propositions. Messrs. Gordon and Frank of the Board were absent and Trustee Hind presided, who with Messrs. McGarvey and Twombly constuated a quorum.

J. G. Saftig of San Francisco made a verbal proposition to the Board to the effect that if the town would buy the pipes his Company, having a new and cheap process of making gas, would supply the community at $2.50 per 1000 feet, the rate being $4.50 to $5 in many of the small towns of the State. It was stated that the gas company proposed to establish a gas works in the rear of Germania Hall and will in any event furnish gas to the block extending to the Grand Hotel. This will include Price's new hotel. Mr. Thurston of the Grand stated that the gas company offered to light his office and saloon for $6.25 per month, whereas it would cost him $10 per month by electric power.

Another proposition in regard to lighting the town by electricity was presented and read as follows:

To the Board of Trustees of Redwood City—GENTLEMEN: I, the undersigned, hereby will agree to furnish Redwood City, San Mateo County, State of California with electric lights, both arc and incandescent, as it had heretofore: furnish my own poles and all requirements per contract, which the West Coast Electric Light Company agreed to, and at such rates as they have heretofore paid to above Company which is $8.33 per 1200 candle power light, per month, not promising to change any poles, only crosslight poles on corners which will be raised to full 30 feet, also that all new poles hereafter will be as required, full 25 feet on straight line, and 30 feet at corners, and all new poles will be plained and painted, and after being established will remove gradually all old poles and replace with new as above described; will also put in separate incandescent machine for stores, offices and private dwellings.

OTTO R. BRANDT.

The Trustees will see in putting in the electric lights in accordance with the aforesaid proposition there is no outlay of money on the part of the city, and to get the lights, poles, and necessary work on same will be all the expense one can lay out on an uncertainty.

My first requirement will be a franchise for 10 years.

Also that I am furnished with steam power at a good fair rent. I will either pay for my own fuel, fire up myself and pay so much per month for wear and tear of machinery or rent steam power.

My object is to prevent putting in boiler and engine at the present time, as the business is not sufficient to warrant it.

OTTO R. BRANDT.

The latter portion of the above was withdrawn.

J. Brooks Ridley of the old company made a statement regarding franchise, etc., which did not agree with the minutes of the Board. Mr. Brooks want, $3000 from the city or citizens before he will start up his works.

Remarks were made by Geo. C. Ross, John Solen, Mr. Thurston, A. J. Beer, Mr. Glennan and others, and the meeting adjourned till a week from next Monday without taking action.

HOPKINS' MARE.

The Sheriff Arrests Wm. Dickey on a Charge of Grand Larceny.

About ten days ago a valuable brood mare was missed from the ranch of Moses Hopkins, near town. Almost simultaneous with the loss of Mr. Hopkins, mare a cart was missed from the residence of J. M. Lane, Woodside, and a harness disappeared from A. Newman's, whose place adjoins Mr. Lane's. Diligent search failed to disclose the whereabouts of any of the lost property and all hope of its recovery was given up. Last Tuesday, Constable Madigan of Mayfield received information from a San Jose man that there was a horse and cart for sale in Antone Schner's livery stable at Pleasanton. He at once notified Sheriff Kinne, who telegraphed to Larkin Lock, a young man employed in the stable, who formerly lived in this county, for a description of the team. An answer was promptly received and the Sheriff accompanied by Mr. Winne, foreman of the Hopkins ranch, started for Pleasanton at 5 o'clock the following morning. The mare was identified by Mr. Winne as the property of Mr. Hopkins. From the proprietor of the livery stable they learned that the team was brought to Pleasanton a few days previous by a young man who had since been trying to sell it for $75. While they were conversing the young man entered the stable and was promptly arrested by the Sheriff. He said he bought the horse and cart from another man at Milpitas for $50. Sheriff Kinne arrived in Redwood with his prisoner on the 8 P. M. train Wednesday evening. There was a large crowd at the depot and it would be impossible to describe the consternation of all when it was discovered that the culprit was none other than William Dickey, a young man well-known in this town. Young Dickey was born in this county and has respectable connections here who keenly feel the disgrace into which he has plunged himself. It is generally supposed that Dickey was not alone in the theft, as he is a simple, half-witted young man, hardly capable of planning and carrying out such an undertaking.

A Liquor-Crazed Frenchman.

Last Friday evening a Frenchman named Allain, who resides on Sixth street, while going to his home in a state of intoxication bordering on insanity, forcibly entered the residence of Mrs. Brabazon and proceeded to do the premises up in Marquis of Queensbury style. There were two young ladies in the house who ran out screaming and summoned help from the neighborhood, but not before two windows and a door had been demolished and sundry household articles were slogged into fragments. One of the ladies came in reach of Allain's fist and speedily went to grass. Marshal Jamieson and a posse soon arrived and marched the belligerent Frenchman off to jail. The next day he was taken before Justice Welch and fined $10.

CREME GANISO for the complexion. No more paint or powder, no arsenic, no cosmetics. By using the above preparation positively a fine, white complexion and a soft, beautiful skin is obtained. Removes tan, freckles, pimples, blotches, etc., and heals the ravages of so-called beautifiers. For sale by C. J. Berlin & Co., 1209 Polk street, San Francisco. Price $1. Sent by mail. Write for circular. *

THE HORSE THIEVES.

The Mexican, Valencia, Captured With His Paramour.

Sheriff Kinne's long hunt for the men who stole Waugh's horses has at last ended successfully. The stolen property has been recovered, and now the thieves are safely lodged in the county jail with evidence enough of their guilt to send them to the penitentiary for a long term. Last Friday afternoon news was received here by the Sheriff that the men were in San Francisco. While officers were on their way to the city, armed with the necessary warrant and a description of Valencia, they met Justice of the Peace, Walter Welch, to whom they disclosed the only clue they were in possession of as to the identity of Valencia, namely a scar on his left wrist and an anchor tattooed on the other one. The Justice happened to be in San Francisco the previous day, and while sitting on a boot-black stand on Broadway street he saw a Spaniard with the particular marks described by the Sheriff. He was positive he would know the man if he saw him again. The Justice accompanied the Sheriff and Constable to San Francisco, and securing the services of Officer Leinsky, they proceeded to Barbary Coast, where after a short search the man with the tattooed arm was discovered by the Justice who pointed him out to the officers. He was followed to a lodging house at 503 Broadway where the woman with whom he eloped was discovered, also a companion named Alverado. The three were quickly made prisoners and taken to the Central Station, where they were kept over night, and the following morning taken to this town.

The prisoners were seen at the county jail by a TIMES-GAZETTE reporter shortly after their arrival. Valencia acknowledged having sold the horses but claimed to have bought them from another person. He was very surly and declined to talk much, saying that he preferred to make his statement to his lawyer. The woman was more communicative. She said her name was Roderiguez. Her husband who abused her is an old man, and she did not want to live with him. She has two children.

Alverado who was arrested with Valencia is supposed to be an accomplice. He was working on the Price building in this town up to the time that the horses disappeared.

Shortly after the horses were stolen the officers arrested a half-breed in town who called himself Frank Galinda who is still in jail on suspicion of being connected with the crime, and from discoveries recently made it would appear that the officers were not mistaken in their belief. Last Tuesday a Constable from Livermore came to town and driving to the Canyada returned with a pair of horses which he found in the possession of Antone Cardoza who said he purchased them last spring. Cardoza identified Galinda as the man who sold him the horses.

The prisoners will probably be given a hearing some time next week.

UNIVERSITY PARK.

Owen McGarvey the Lowest Bidder for Grading Its Streets.

An adjourned meeting of the property owners in University Park near the Leland Stanford University was held Wednesday night in Parlor A at the Palace Hotel, the object of the meeting being to consider bids for grading the streets in that new town.

C. L. Crabtree was in the chair, Wm. MacMillan acting as Secretary. Bids were received from several sources, that from Owen McGarvey of this town being accepted, but as the property-owners present could not bind by their vote the remainder of the interested parties, a committee was appointed composed of the following gentleman: C. L. Crabtree, W. M. MacMillan, J. W. Dayan, S. A. Coe and J. J. Morris, who are to report at the next meeting.

Mr. McGarvey is to gravel the streets and avenues, thirty-six feet wide, four inches deep for twenty cents per lineal foot, according to plans and specifications. He proposed to gravel the streets and avenues, forty-five feet wide, four inches deep, for 25 cents per lineal foot. For streets fifteen feet wide, 8.19 cents per lineal foot. If the rolling is to be done with wooden rolls, ½ cent per lineal foot will be charged, and if with iron roller 1¼ cents per lineal foot. Mr. McGarvey also proposed to turnpike the streets and avenues for 1¼ cents per lineal foot.

The property owners has arranged to have a complete water-works system through the grounds, and the sewerage arrangements will be such as to connect with the bay.

There was not enough unanimity on the part of those present to make the occasion a finality, and the next meeting of the property owners will decide whether or not the new town is to have its proposed street improvements. The meeting then adjourned to the call of the chair.

MORE WATER FOR MENLO.

Reincorporation of the Old Water Company.

The Menlo Park Water Company has dissolved and last Wednesday articles of re-incorporation were filed at the Court House under the name of the "Bear Gulch Water Company." The capital stock has been increased from $100,000 to $500,000, or 500 shares, subscribed for by the following named persons who constituted the Board of Directors: Jas. L. Flood, $370,000; Geo. R. Wells, $10,000; C. N. Felton, $100,000; Con O'Connor, $10,000; R. H. Follis, $10,000. Extensive improvements will shortly be made at the company's work. New mains will be laid to Menlo Park, and the probabilities are that a larger dam will be built.

Accident at Mountain View.

Last Monday a boy named Frank Abbot went out hunting with a companion. In some unaccountable manner the gun was discharged, the load entering young Abbot's leg at the ankle, badly shattering the bones. He was taken to his house and attended by Dr. Jones, who called to his assistance Dr. Kelly of San Jose. The leg was amputated below the knee. The unfortunate boy is considered out of danger.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

News from the Valley and Notes from the Coast Side.

Regular Letter from Half Moon Bay—Woodside, Searsville and San Mateo Heard From.

SEARSVILLE.

A. S. Hallidie spent Saturday and Sunday at his pretty country home in the hills.

One of the butcher carts carries the United States mail now between here and Woodside.

Sunday-school in our neighboring burgh continues to flourish in spite of the wet weather.

Loads of beautiful evergreens for Xmas festoons, wreaths, etc., are a daily sight passing our roads.

Miss Josie Hanley of Redwood City, has been the guest of the Misses Kelly of Woodside during the week.

D. B. Lawler, who has been away in the metropolis ever since the week preceding Thanksgiving, returned this week.

P. P. Chamberlain, alone and unaided, was admiring the beauties of Portola, (the scenic beauties of course) last Sunday.

The fact was demonstrated to us the other evening that a French Canadian in our town is a Scotchman, in another, "Oui, Oui."

Mr. Hull, with his men from Belmont, finished the burning of the kiln the first of the week, and the brick is rapidly being hauled away.

Miss Dearborn, sister of C. L. Dearborn of this place, is expected home this week, her school on the coast side having closed for the winter.

The family of Otto Klump have removed to Redwood City, where, as it was published last week, Mr. Klump is established in the jewelry business.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Pedro are residing now on Eddy street in San Francisco. Mr. Pedro, as was announced several weeks ago, is employed in one of the large mercantile houses in town.

Mr. Price was up over-looking things Sunday last. It is estimated that he will have at least two hundred thousand good brick, perhaps more, if the rain did no injury.

"The Mysterious Letter" would be a very appropriate title for a new play if one of our dramatic clubs would take the matter under due consideration. The plot is already laid and right here.

Some of our weather-prophets say that the advent of robins foretells heavy storms. If this assertion prove true, then we have a dreadful winter yet before us, for that specie of the feathered tribe flocks here in myriads, and especially in such places where the madrone berry is most abundant.

Nic Hansen left Tuesday on an excursion to San Luis Obispo county, where there was to have been a great auction sale of land. The fare down there was extraordinarily reasonable this time and many whose imaginations were fired with the vivid accounts given of the inducements offered settlers in that section of the country, seized the opportunity, and went off—to look around at least.

S. Hopkins of Woodside intends removing his family to Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz county, as soon as the weather settles. When Mr. Hopkins goes from here another pioneer will have left our county. Portola Valley is slowly but surely being occupied by strangers, our old residents, many of them of late years, having passed from amongst the living; while others have sought or are seeking new fields of enterprise. But unlike the red men, those of us who remain do not fear the encroachments of a new race whose ambitious spirit will be instrumental in bringing our picturesque vale to the front.

THE BALL.

Saturday, December 14, 1889, will long be worthy of remembrance, as one of the most joyous events of the season took place on the evening aforesaid. The Bachelors' Cotillion Club of Woodside inaugurated the fact of its existence by giving a grand ball, which was the most proper way to make its debut. Everything proved most auspicious for the occasion, with the exception of the roads, which one drawback prevented a much larger attendance that would otherwise have been there. But taking all things into consideration there was nothing to complain of from that source, as the expectations were more than realized. The novel feature of the evening was the costumes of sheets and pillow cases, which to the spectators looked weird enough. To Thomas Leahy, master of ceremonies, and Will Byrnes, whose inventive genius asserted itself, were attributed the tasteful manner in which the hall was decorated. The drapings of the national colors around the hall, forming a pretty contrast with the evergreen boughs, looked exquisite. The staging, however, was the cynosure of all eyes. The effect of the evergreens and the flags was heightened by the particolored streamers and Japanese lanterns, while the words "Welcome" and the "B. C. Club," pendant from the draperies in bright red and white lettering proved truly creditable to the decorator. Above a shield and two banners was another—a Latin inscription—"Sumus pueri" (we are the boys). And they were the boys! A jolly time they had too. At midnight a sumptious repast was partaken of at Mrs. M. G. Kelly's. The good music was furnished by D. M. A. Ritchie, Menlo's popular violinist, and Thos. Leahy, of whom it may unflatteringly be said he is an exceptionally good pianist.

PESCADERO.

The question for debate is: When will the rain cease?

A. C. Maxcy is yet in Halfmoon Bay making cheese vats.

Miss Clara Peterson and Miss Boline are home for the holidays.

They say that the Pomponia is a cold place for H. M. B. school maams.

Miss Mamie Leighton and Mrs. Wm. Blackman are in San Francisco for a few days.

Charley Schuyler was in Pescadero last Tuesday repairing the telegraph line.

Halpin's fast frieght was delayed Tuesday at John Butt's by a broken wagon tongue.

John McCormick, Jr., is getting a good supply of turkeys and geese for the Christmas shooting.

If the rain continues another week the roads will be impassable in places, and the mail may have to be carried on horse back.

John Galvin has resigned his place as head-keeper of the Cape Arago Life Saving Station, and Jos. Hodgson, formerly at Point New Year's, has been appointed in his place.

Last Wednesday the axle of the Halfmoon Bay stage broke near Purissima, and the passengers had to be conveyed to Pescadero in two light wagons, and did not arrive here until after 7 o'clock.

Silva Brown died at Waddels' creek on Sunday of pneumonia and was buried in Pescadero on Tuesday. The Rev. Father Brady of Halfmoon Bay conducted the funeral services. The deceased leaves a wife and four children.

A public Christmas tree at Union Hall Tuesday evening will make the hearts of all the children glad; and we hope that many of the older ones will receive tokens of love and friendship from the same source.

The following visitors are registered at the Swanton House: A. N. Manley and wife, Portland, Or.; A. J. Keeney, A. Cohn, D. Newell, James W. Gray, San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. Manly, Portland; Dr. W. T. Marsh, Santa Cruz; J. M. Manly and daughters.

HALFMOON BAY.

What kept William Savage in town sunday night?

"The New Handy Andy" to-night (Saturday) at Pillar Hall.

Horace Nelson of Purissima visited the metropolis this week.

G. R. Borden has been very seriously ill, but at last accounts was slightly improved.

Mr. Chas. Bowman, who has been seriously ill for the past week, is able to be around again.

Miss Mamie Leighton and Mrs. Wm. Blackman of Pescadero passed through town a few days ago, enroute to San Francisco.

Geo. Williams, teacher of the Purissima school, left a few days ago for San Francisco where he will attend Business College during his winter vacation.

Miss Annie Ramey received a Christmas gift of two dozen Rocky Mountain quail from her uncle in Arizona a few days ago. She has had a very pretty cage made for them and prizes them very highly.

M. C. Bement was on the coast this week looking for a fine mare recently stolen from Mr. Hopkins of Redwood City. She is probably not here, as there is now no harbor for stolen animals on this side of the mountain.

At the time of this writing it had not been fully decided whether the M. E. Sunday school would give a Christmas entertainment or not, but it is very probable that they will, as they have done so every Christmas for many years.

SAN MATEO.

Quite a number of our citizens went on the excursion to San Luis.

A shovel is necessary for a journey to the coast owing to land slides.

The Directors of the Library Association will meet Monday night, the 23d.

The Menlo Social Club had but a slim crowd Wednesday owing to the dark and stormy night.

A meeting was held Thursday night to take preliminary steps looking toward establishing a Presbyterian Church in San Mateo.

The road grader was put at work on B street this week with disastrous effect to the street and to the feelings of the business men on the street.

Rev. M. Case has accepted the call to the church of St. Matthew and we are sure that his good work will tell with the cooperation of the members of the parish.

C. M. Morse has in stock holiday goods as follows: Christmas cards, books, watches and clocks, fine perfumes, wooden wagons, tin toys, etc.

BELMONT.

The rain has brought out a good crop of weeds on the rockeries at the depot. A few seeds of trailing vines would improve the appearance after a hoe had got in its work.

Mr. De Roach has commenced the erection of a fine residence adjoining that of Mr. Waltermire. The taste shown by Belmont folks in the selection of designs speaks well for the future appearance of the town.

A few of the young gentlemen of Belmont resorted to the park pavilion Monday evening for the purpose of exercising themselves on roller skates. A very enjoyable time was the result.

Mr. Phelps' men have been busy fighting the water on their new dyke which they erected last summer. Owing to the good work put into it very little damage was done.

MAYFIELD.

The University Brass Band will give another of its enjoyable dances New Year's Eve. Good music and supper will be provided. The committe of arrangements are, Robert Morris, Frank Kee and J. L Greer.

A Veteran Pensioned.

Among the veterans of this county who has been remembered by the Pension Office at Washington is Charles B. Sears of Searsville, who is classed as an "original invalid." The order for this pension was issued this week. Mr. Sears is a member of Geo. S. Evans Post, G.A. R., of Redwood.

Thomas A. Casey of Menlo Park has a full stock of shoes, Eastern and California make, which he will sell for cash only. Call and examine them. *

TOWN TRUSTEES.

Sanitary Measures Taken--Health Officer Appointed.

The Board of Town Trustees met last Monday. Trustee Frank was appointed Chairman in the absence of Mr. Gordon.

Treasurer Hadler reported the following sums in the different funds: Street fund, $1,408 27; General, $2,655 21; Water Works, $4,265 69; Street Sprinkling, $181 65.

Superintendent Stalter of the water works reported having run 13 days during November, having used during that time six cords of wood.

Surveyor Cloud reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Town Trustees, he had measured the track of the Southern Pacific within the corporate limit of the town, and found that there were 1.74 miles.

The poundmaster reported having earned during November $13.

In accordance with the desire of the Board, an ordinance was presented by Geo. W. Fox, providing for the appointment of a Health Officer. The duties of said official are defined as follows in section four of the ordinance:

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of such Health Officer to inspect any and all sewers, conduits, drains, and cesspools within said town; to oversee and direct the construction, repair and maintenance of sewers, drains and cesspools and cause the same to be so constructed, repaired and maintained in such a manner, form and condition as to render them safe and proper for the use and purpose designed and not detrimental to public health. He shall prevent the erection or maintenance within the town of pig stys or other places for the keeping of animals; or of open closets, vaults or other offensive matter on any of the highways, streets, alleys or commons of the town, and cause the removal of any such deposits when made known to them. * * *

The ordinance also provides that the Health Officer shall have charge of the flood gates and see that the creek is properly flushed not less than twice a week. It is also the duty of the Marshal and Street Superintendent to assist the Health Officer in the performance of his duties.

On motion of McGarvey the ordinance was adopted, and Geo. W. Fox was appointed Health Officer.

Otto R. Brandt of Belmont addressed the Board on the subject of electric lights. Mr. Brant represents a company desirous of securing a franchise to light the town.

A proposition to supply the city with gas was received from the Germania Gas Company of San Francisco.

An ordinance was introduced by Mr. Twombley to have a grade established on C street between Sixth and Seventh. It was ordered that a six-foot side walk be built on that street fronting the property of James Stafford and A. J. Twombley.

The Street Superintendent was instructed to remove the brush and other obstructions and repair the sidewalk in front of the property of John Stafford on Stambaugh street.

On motion the Fire and Water Committee, were instructed to prepare a statement to be made to the Board Friday night at what points gas lamps would be necessary in the event of gas being adopted.

The Board adjourned from day to day and met last night for the purpose of discussing the propositions for lighting the town with electricity or gas.

The following bills were received and ordered paid:

Jas. Stalter	$60 00
Hanson & Co	16 00
Fulton & Berry	10 35
T. J. McNamara	4 95
P. B. Jamieson	12 50
L. B. Twombley	7 50
P. B. Jamieson	2 00
P. B. Jamieson	1 50
John Christ	10 00
J. H. Titus	5 25
J. Christ	50
P. P. Chamberlain	3 70
J. S. Hughes	77 90
J. J. Cloud	58 00
John Glennan	25 00

Christmas Ceremonies.

Christmas services will be held in all the churches.

At the Catholic Church Rev. Father O'Sullivan will celebrate mass on Christmas morning at 7, 8 and at 10:30, when a sermon appropriate to the day will be preached.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA.

The cantata, "Christmas, Past and Present," in two parts, will be given in Germania Hall Christmas night under the auspices of the M. E. Church Sunday School. The first part represents a scene in Bethlehem at the time of the birth of Christ. The second represents a modern parlor, time evening, children enjoying their Christmas festivities. Xmas trees, Santa Claus, etc. Parents of the children are kindly requested to send their presents to the hall that they may be put on the tree. Admission 25 cents, children 15 cents. A good time anticipated. A cordial invitation to all.

JUDGE SANTA CLAUS.

The children of the Congregational Sunday School will render the operetta "Judge Santa Claus," in Germania Hall next Tuesday evening. After the operetta presents will be distributed from the trees in an old time parlor. Admission to all, except members of the Sunday School, 25 cents, children 15 cents. The proceeds will be used for purchasing more books for the Sunday School Library.

A Valuable Medical Treatise.

The edition for 1889 of the sterling Medical Annual, known as Hostetter's Almanac, is now ready, and may be obtained, free of cost, of druggists and general country dealers in all parts of the United States, Mexico, and indeed in every civilized portion of the Western Hemisphere. This Almanac has been issued regularly at the commencement of every year for over one-fourth of a century. It combines, with the soundest practical advice for the preservation and restoration of health, a large amount of interesting and amusing light reading, and the calendar, astronomical calculations, chronological items, etc., are prepared with great care, and will be found entirely accurate. The issue of Hostetter's Almanac for 1889 will probably be the largest edition of a medical work ever published in any country. The proprietors, Messrs. Hostetter & Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., on receipt of a two cent stamp, will forward a copy by mail to any person who cannot procure one in his neighborhood.

A Brother of Sunol.

A dispatch from Auburn, Maine, would indicate that the fame of Palo Alto stables had reached "Away Down East." It is said T. H. Briggs has bought of Senator Stanford the two-year-old stallion Warren, a full brother of the far-famed trotting mare Sunol.

People desiring to have buildings moved or raised can have the work done promptly upon application to A. G. Morris, St. Charles Hotel, Redwood City.

MENLO PARK.

What is Going on in Our Neighboring Aristocratic Burg.

A Carpenter at the Stanford University Wins $15,000 in the Lottery.

Fred Kugeler is spending Christmas with his mother.

I. P. Clark is back from a business trip to Mendocino county.

The public schools closed yesterday for a two weeks' vacation.

Many of those passing the winter months in San Francisco will spend the holidays here.

Hon. Charles N. Felton will visit his daughter, Mrs. Elkins, at Philadelphia on New Years.

Mrs. John Murray and William Murray have moved into their new residence in the Mills tract.

Miss Fannie Doyle spent several days during the week with Miss Addie Mills at the metropolis.

The city papers speak very highly of Mrs. Frisbie's visit to Los Angeles in behalf of the Women's Relief Corps.

Mrs. General W. H. Dimond was reported quite ill at San Francisco for several days. She is now convalescent.

Miss Abbie Weeden, who has been successfully teaching in Butte county, will spend her vacation here with her parents.

W. Potter, a carpenter at the University, won a fortieth of the capital prize, $15,000, in the Louisiana State Lottery last Tuesday.

W. P. Lambert, the corpulent ex-Supervisor of San Francisco, accompanied by the well known butcher, Mr. Brown, visited friends here during the week.

The performance given at San Mateo last Wednesday evening was fairly attended. All things considered, the club was fortunate in making expenses.

Members of Y. M. I., No. 43, are requested to be present at the next meeting, Thursday evening, December 26th, as business of importance will be transacted.

The closing exercises of the Kindergarten will take place to-night at Triumph Hall. The juvenile performers have been thoroughly drilled by their teachers, so that their efforts will be a source of much pleasure to those fortunate enough in securing seats.

Dr. J. H. Stallard has demonstrated that he is as successful an orator as he is a physician. At the entertainment given last Tuesday evening by the Polyclinic Society of San Francisco, of which he is president, the doctor's eloquent address was received with vociferous applause.

Romeo Fay, who figured in a shooting affray during the week at San Francisco, resided here a few years ago with his uncle, John Watson. Young Fay left here to apprentice himself to the butcher's trade, and nothing has been heard of him since until last Saturday evening, when he bobbed up serenely as a would-be murderer.

J. W. Collins, while driving a spirited colt Tuesday, was violently thrown from his cart near Mayfield. He was soon afterdiscovered by Capt. Wilson unconscious. Medical aid was immediately summoned, when it was found that Mr. Collins was more frightened than hurt. With the exception of a slight scalp wound he is none the worse for his equestrian experience.

H. C. Nash of San Jose met with a painful accident here last Monday morning. The young man, accompanied by two friends, while on their way to Mrs. T. H. Selby's ranch, accepted an invitation to ride from Joe Perry. They had not proceeded far, when the side boards of the wagon gave way, precipitating Nash under the wheels. The hind wheel passed over his right ear, nearly severing that organ from the body. Dr. Charles was at once summoned to sew up the wound. The injured man was removed to the home of his parents at San Jose, where at last reports he is rapidly recovering.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following is a list of the deeds filed at the court house for the week ending Friday at noon with the date on which the same were executed:

Dec. 11—Margaret McCormick of San Francisco to Daniel McDivitt of the same place—Lots 68, 69 and 70 in block 7 in the School House Extension Homestead; $10.

Dec. 13—Juliet J. Mezes, et al to Herbert P. Riddle—Parcel of land 100x348 feet, being a portion of lot 5 in the Canyada del Diablo; $10.

Aug. 28—Alfred Wheeler of San Francisco to C. H. Maddox of Santa Clara—A tract of tide land containing 14.40 acres, being the same conveyed to Maurice Dore by the Tide Land Commissioners Sept. 30, 1871; $2,190.

Nov. 27—Robert Sherwood of San Francisco to C. H. Maddox—Tract of tide land, being lot 2 in Sec. 15, Township 38 South Range 5 west, 14.50 acres; $1.

Jan. 2—Edgar Mills of Menlo Park to Thos. Whitehead of Alameda county—Lot 22 in block B of the Edgar Mills Tract at Menlo Park; $10.

Dec. 12—Rudulfo Miramontez of Halfmoon Bay to Edubeges Miramontez of the same place—53 acres of land being a portion of the Miramontez Ranch; gift.

Dec. 12—John T. Doyle of Menlo Park to J. Leroy Nickel of San Francisco—Tract of land containing 699-1000 acres, near Menlo Park; $10.

Dec. 17—Joaquin Corriea Santos to Manoel Gaudencio, both of Halfmoon Bay—Block No. 20 in Ryan Addition to Spanishtown; also two acres of land known as the Kelly tract; $5.

Dec. 12—Wm. F. Smith of San Francisco to John Bartley—Tract of land 50x150 feet, being lots 6, 7 and one-half of lot 8 in block C of Sunny Slope, near Belmont; $10.

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