pany, 2425 Mission street, near Twenty-first. Interment Laurel Hill Cemetery.

BARUCH—In this city, December 29, 1900, Moritz Baruch, beloved brother of Simon, Isidor and Bernhard Baruch, Mrs. B. Blumenthal and Mrs. I. Eichwald, a native of Loebau, Germany, aged 38 years 9 months and 29 days. (New York, St. Louis and Los Angeles papers please copy.)

☞Friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services to-morrow (Monday), at 10 o'clock, at the parlors of N. Gray & Co., 641 Sacramento street. Interment Hills of Eternity Cemetery, by train leaving Third and Townsend streets at 11:30 o'clock.

BENAVITES—In the City and County Hospital, December 29, 1900, Antone Benavites, a native of California, aged 43 years.

BOND—In Vallejo, December 29, 1900, Mary G., relict of the late Jonathan Bond, beloved mother of Dr. Frederick T. and Miss Lillian M. Bond of Vallejo, and sister of Mrs. Abbie A. Clark of Oakland, a native of New Hampshire.

☞Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral to-morrow (Monday) afternoon, December 31, 1900, from Masonic Hall, Vallejo, at 2 o'clock, under the auspices of Silver Star Chapter No. 3, O. E. S. Interment Masonic and Odd Fellows' Cemetery.

BOTTCHER—In the City and County Hospital, December 29, 1900, Fritz Bottcher, a native of Germany, aged 52 years.

CLAPP—In this city, December 27, 1900, E. D. Clapp, aged 49 years. A member of the Musicians' Mutual Protective Union No. 6 and late president of the San Francisco Labor Council.

☞Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral this day (Sunday), at 10:30 o'clock, from Union-square Hall, 421 Post street, where funeral services will be held under the auspices of the Musicians' Mutual Protective Union. Remains at the parlors of H. P. Petersen & Co., 228 McAllister street. Interment Laurel Hill Cemetery.

COUCH—In this city, Mrs. M. K. Couch, mother of Mrs. J. W. Gould and Ira Couch.

☞Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral this day (Sunday), at 2 o'clock, from her late residence, 1304 Pine street. Interment Laurel Hill Cemetery.

CRAIG—In the City and County Hospital, December 29, 1900, Thomas F. Craig, a native of Scotland, aged 39 years.

DALY—In this city, December 28, 1900, John A., beloved son of Mrs. W. J. McDonald and the late Martin Daly, and brother of James and William Daly, Mrs. William L. Dolan and the late Mary E. Daly, a native of San Francisco, aged 20 years and 7 months.

☞Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral this day (Sunday), at 9:30 o'clock, from his late residence, 946 Illinois street, thence to St. Teresa's Church, where a requiem mass will be said for the repose of his soul, commencing at 9:45 o'clock. Interment Mount Calvary Cemetery.

OFFICERS and members of Court America No. 3, F. of A., will please meet at our lodge-room, Tennessee street, at 8:45 o'clock, this day (Sunday), to attend the funeral of our late brother, John Daly. By order of Chief Ranger.

I. SULLIVAN, Secretary.

DELURY—In this city, December 28, 1900, Elizabeth, dearly beloved wife of William Delury, mother of David Golee, and sister of Joseph Kirby, a native of San Francisco, aged 35 years 1 month and 20 days. (Tracy papers please copy.)

☞Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral this day (Sunday), at 2 o'clock, from the parlors of Castagnetto & Ravenna, 643 and 645 Vallejo street.

EDSELL—In this city, December 29, 1900, Jacob W. Edsell, beloved son of Mrs. D. P. Smith and brother of Mrs. W. A. Burns, a native of New York City, aged 40 years 11 months and 28 days.

☞The funeral will take place to-morrow (Monday), at 11 o'clock, from the residence of his brother-in-law, W. A. Burns, 203 Valencia street. Interment strictly private, Cypress Lawn Cemetery.

EITZEN—In this city, December 27, 1900, Mrs. Carolina Eitzen, dearly beloved mother of William J. Christ, a native of Hamburg, Germany, aged 48 years and 7 months.

☞Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral this day (Sunday), at 2 o'clock, from her late residence, 2766 Twenty-first street, between Bryant and Florida. Interment Odd Fellows' Cemetery.

FOLEY—In this city, December 28, 1900, Francis Linus, beloved son of William E. and Margaret A. Foley, and brother of Thomas M., William R. and Alfred E. Foley, a native of San Francisco, aged 3 years 3 months and 5 days.

☞The funeral will take place this day (Sunday), at 2 o'clock, from the residence of the parents, 914 Alvarado street. Interment private, Holy Cross Cemetery.

GILLIGAN—An anniversary requiem high mass will be celebrated to-morrow (Monday), for the repose of the soul of the late Christopher Gilligan at St. John's Church (Old St. Mary's College), commencing at 9:30 o'clock.

GILLISPIE—In this city, December 27, 1900, Frank, beloved son of Thomas and Mary Gillispie, and dearly beloved brother of Mrs. Albert Tissot and Thomas J. Gillispie, a native of San Francisco, aged 26 years 2 months and 10 days.

☞Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral this day (Sunday), at 12:30 o'clock, from his late residence, 2411 Folsom street, thence to St. Peter's Church for services at 1 o'clock. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery.

GREENWOOD—In this city, December 28, 1900, at his residence, 172 Clinton Park, William, son of the late Henry and Hannah Greenwood, and beloved brother of George, Richard, Jaine and Fred Greenwood and Mrs. W. W. Mead, a native of San Francisco, aged 34 years.

☞Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral to-morrow (Monday), at 2 o'clock, from the parlors of the United Undertakers, 27 and 29 Fifth street, where services will be held. Interment Laurel Hill Cemetery.

HAUTWEIN—In this city, December 29, 1900, Jacob C. Hautwein, beloved husband of Marie Hautwein, a native of Bingin-am-Rhine, Germany, aged 40 years and 10 months.

HEGELUND—In Alameda, December 29, 1900, Ida W. C., beloved wife of the late Jacob R. Hegelund, and mother of Mrs. Cerena E. Cox and Harry R. Hegelund, a native of Denmark, aged 55 years 4 months and 19 days.

HETHERINGTON—In Los Angeles, Cal., December 27, 1900, Joseph H., beloved husband of Helen Hetherington, and father of Clarence E. and Myrtle B. Hetherington, a native of England, aged 50 years.

☞Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral this day (Sunday), at 2 o'clock, from the funeral parlors of Hesser & White, 126 Eddy street. Funeral under the auspices of San Francisco Aerie No. 5, F. O. E. Interment I. O. O. F. Cemetery.

JAMIESON—In this city, December 28, 1900, Anna Amanda, dearly beloved daughter of James W. and Amanda Jamieson, and sister of Helen L. and Daniel J. Jamieson, a native of Pueblo, Colo., aged 16 years 3 months and 20 days.

☞Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral to-morrow (Monday), at 1 o'clock, from the residence of her parents, 812 Hampshire street, between Twentieth and Twenty-first. Interment Mount Olivet Cemetery.

KAVANAGH—In this city, December 28, 1900, Elizabeth Kavanagh, beloved wife of Maurice Kavanagh, a native of Ireland, aged 60 years.

☞Interment private.

KENNEALLY—In this city, December 29, 1900, Bridget, beloved wife of the late John Kennealy, and beloved father of Thomas, William, Charles, John, Joseph, Henry and Francis Kennealy and the late Mrs. Mamie Murphy, a native of Ireland, aged 66 years.

☞Notice of funeral hereafter.

KRAMER—In New York City, December 22, 1900, Josephine Kramer, beloved sister of Mrs. Annie Doyen, a native of Hyannis, Mass.

☞Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral to-morrow (Monday), at 8:15 o'clock, from the parlors of Carew & English, 61 Van Ness avenue, thence to St. Ignatius Church, where a solemn requiem high mass will be celebrated for the repose of her soul, commencing at 8:30 o'clock. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery.

LEUSMAN—In this city, December 29, 1900, Henry Leusman, a native of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, aged 70 years 9 months and 6 days.

☞Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral to-morrow (Monday), at 2 o'clock, from his late residence, 1528 California street. Interment Odd Fellows' Cemetery.

LYNCH—In this city, December 29, 1900, at his residence, 26A Silver street, Arthur Ambrose Lynch, beloved son of John and Abbie Lynch, and dearly beloved brother of Joseph, Marguerite and the late Walter and Mabel Lynch, a native of San Francisco, aged 21 years 10 months and 16 days.

LYNCH—In this city, December 28, 1900, Jeremiah Lynch, a native of St. John, New Brunswick.

McELMAY—In San Rafael, December 29, 1900, Olivia A. McElmay, beloved daughter of Mary McElmay, and sister of Mamie McElmay, a native of San Rafael, aged 27 years 1 month and 26 days.

☞Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral to-morrow (Monday), at 9:30 o'clock, from her late residence, G and Fourth streets, thence to St. Raphael's Church, where a requiem mass will be celebrated for the repose of her soul, commencing at 10 o'clock.

McNAMARA—In this city, December 29, 1900, Patrick McNamara, dearly beloved husband of the late Ann McNamara, beloved father of Mrs. P. O'Donnell and William and Edward McNamara, and brother of Mrs. P. Mahoney of Petaluma, a native of Ireland, aged 75 years 8 months and 3 days.

☞Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral to-morrow (Monday), at 8:30 o'clock, from his late residence, 1030 Hampshire street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third, thence to St. Peter's Church, Alabama street, near Twenty-fourth, where a solemn requiem high mass will be celebrated for the repose of his soul, commencing at 9 o'clock. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery.

MAGUIRE—In Oakland, December 28, 1900, at 1315 Fifteenth avenue, Thomas Maguire, a native of Massachusetts, aged 32 years. A member of South San Francisco Lodge No. 45, K. of P.

☞Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral this day (Sunday), at 12:30 o'clock, from his late residence, 2411 Folsom street, thence to St. Peter's Church for services at 1 o'clock. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery.

MOORE—In this city, December 29, 1900, Stephen, beloved husband of Emily Moore, and father of James H. Moore of Stockton and Mrs. Dr. L. R. Ellis of Sonora, a native of Vermont, aged 77 years and 9 months.

MORRISON—In this city, December 29, 1900, Ann, beloved sister of Maggie and Rose Morrison, a native of Donegal, Ireland, aged 80 years.

☞Notice of funeral hereafter.

MULHOLLAND—In Contra Costa County, December 28, 1900, at his residence near Red House, James, beloved husband of Annie Mulholland, father of William and George Mulholland and Mrs. P. Rodden, and brother of Robert and Hugh Mulholland of Oakland, a native of County Antrim, Ireland.

☞Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral this day (Sunday), at 9 o'clock, from his late residence, thence to St. Joseph's Church, Berkeley, where a requiem mass will be celebrated for the repose of his soul, commencing at 10 o'clock. Interment St. Mary's Cemtery, Oakland.

O'DONNELL—In this city, December 29, 1900, George M., dearly beloved son of Eleanor Rice O'Donnell, and brother of William J. O'Donnell, a native of New York, N. Y., aged 35 years 11 months and 23 days.

☞Interment private.

PETERMAN—In Stockton, December 27, 1900, Lottie Peterman, daughter of John and the late Mary Peterman, granddaughter of Mrs. C. Lawson, and niece of Mrs. F. P. Hickox, a native of Stockton, aged 18 years 4 months and 15 days.

POHLER—In this city, December 29, 1900, Edward Joseph, beloved son of Edward and Cecilia Pohler, a native of San Francisco, aged 8 months and 16 days.

QUADT—In this city, December 27, 1900, Louis, dearly beloved son of John and Maggie Quadt, and beloved brother of Mrs. William Conrad and Mamie, Joseph, Agnes and Tina Quadt, a native of San Francisco, aged 20 years and 2 months.

☞Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral this day (Sunday), at 1 o'clock, from the residence of his parents, 258 Thirteenth street. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery.

ROONEY—In this city, December 28, 1900, Francis Rooney, a native of Dublin, Ireland, aged 73 years.

☞Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral to-morrow (Monday), at 10 o'clock, from the Chapel of the Passion, attached to St. Mary's Hospital, where a solemn requiem mass will be celebrated for the repose of his soul, commencing at 7:15 o'clock. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery, by 10:40 o'clock train from Third and Townsend streets.

ROY—Near Fairfax, Marin County, December 29, 1900, Allan James, beloved son of John A. and Barbara Roy, a native of San Francisco, aged 20 years.

☞Notice of funeral hereafter.

SCHMALZ—In this city, December 29, 1900, Mariam, beloved wife of William Schmalz, a native of Wales, aged 50 years 6 months and 7 days.

☞Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral to-morrow (Monday), at 10 o'clock, from her late residence, 1352 Webster street. Interment, via 11:30 o'clock train from Third and Townsend streets, Salem Cemetery.

SANDIN—In this city, December 26, 1900, Olof Sandin, beloved brother of Louis and John Sandin and Mrs. Charles Quist, a native of Vermland, Sweden, aged 23 years 10 months and 8 days.

☞Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral this day (Sunday), at 2 o'clock, from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Charles Quist, 274 Crescent avenue, off Mission street, opposite Thirty-fourth. Interment Cypress Lawn Cemetery.

OFFICERS and members of Scandinavian Society: You are hereby requested to please attend the funeral of our late member, Olof Sandin, from his late residence, 274 Crescent avenue, near Mission and Thirty-fourth streets, this day (Sunday), at 2 o'clock. By order of

CARL A. HAGSTROM, President.

C. A. ANDERSON, Rec. Secretary.

SHEEHY—In this city, December 28, 1900, Margaret, widow of the late Robert Sheehy.

☞Funeral services will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral December 31, at 10 o'clock. Interment private. No flowers.

SMITH—In this city, December 28, 1900, Jarvis L. Smith, a native of Ohio, aged 68 years 10 months and 4 days.

☞Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral to-morrow (Monday), at 2 o'clock, from the funeral parlors of Charles H. Jacob & Co., 318 Mason street, between Geary and O'Farrell. Cremation Odd Fellows' Cemetery.

STONE—In Oakland, December 28, 1900, Brenda Hul Stone, mother of Mrs. W. S. Fender and Mrs. Alice R. Ricord, and grandmother of Marion and Frank Ricord, a native of Buffalo, N. Y., aged 63 years.

VAN PATTEN—In East Oakland, December 28, 1900, Albert Eugene, son of H. B. Van Patten, a native of Oakland, Cal., aged 17 years 6 months and 19 days.

WALSH—In this city, December 29, 1900, Bertram Alden, beloved son of Mary E. and Harry T. Walsh, and brother of Adrian, Geraldine and Marion Walsh, a native of San Francisco, aged 3 months and 1 day.

WEIL—In this city, December 28, 1900, Bertha, beloved wife of Leopold A. Weil, mother of Mrs. Leopold Weil, Mrs. Sol Sondheimer and Adele, Alexander Lewis and Al B. Weil, and sister of Alexander Leiter and Lena Weil, a native of Germany, aged 58 years 11 months and 22 days.

☞Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral this day (Sunday), at 10:15 o'clock, from her late residence, 909 Ellis street. Interment Home of Peace Cemetery, by 11:30 o'clock train from Third and Townsend streets.

WEILHEIMER—In Fresno, Cal., December 28, 1900, Aaron, beloved son of Sophie and the late Seligman Weilheimer, husband of the late Adeline Weilheimer, father of Lillian and Louis Weilheimer, and brother of Mrs. Celia Marks and Julius, Henry and Samuel E. Weilheimer, a native of Mountain View, Cal., aged 42 years 5 months and 17 days.

☞Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral this day (Sunday), from Third and Townsend streets, by train leaving at 11:30 o'clock. Services will be held in Home of Peace Cemetery.

WEYBURN—In this city, December 29, 1900, John K., beloved husband of Mary C. Weyburn, father of Florence M. and Charles W. Weyburn, and stepfather of Frank Lane, a native of Ohio, aged 54 years 9 months and 6 days. A member of Ione Lodge No. 51, I. O. O. F.; Oriental Encampment No. 57, I. O. O. F., and Argonaut Council No. 597, Royal Arcanum.

WHITE—In this city, December 29, 1900, Patrick, dearly beloved husband of Jane White, and loving father of Willie White, Mrs. Lillie Simonds and Mrs. Belle Morell, a native of County Limerick, Ireland, aged 52 years and 1 month.

WOODCOCK—In this city, December 28, 1900, George F. Woodcock, a native of England, aged 40 years.

☞Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral to-morrow (Monday), at 1 o'clock, from the funeral parlors of Bunker & Lunt, 2666 Mission street, Mission Masonic Temple. Interment Laurel Hill Cemetery.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

PALACE HOTEL.

E H Cox, Madera	E Hockmeyer, Cal
W M Harrington, Cal	T W Miller, Topeka
S V Kent, Salt Lake	P F Erb & w, Dallas
P P Palmer & w, Can	W H Savage, Cal
J Wood Jr, Sacto	E E Beeman, Clevelnd
C M Davis, Pasadena	G W Gardner, Clevelnd
W W Thompson, L An	F E Smith, Cal
T Gresley, N Y	F Beaudry & w, Cal
P S Woolsey, Berkeley	Mrs T Ofner, Portland
A W Kelly, Berkeley	J B Gildersleve, Stanfd
J J Murphy, U S N	H W Heiss, N Y
E A Strout, Stanford	A C Britton, Buffalo
Miss A Keefe, Sn Jose	W Bordwell, Los Ang
Mrs W Dougherty, Cal	H P Wendt, Los Ang
Miss L Dougherty, Cal	H W Bennett, N Y
B Dougherty, Cal	C J Ball & w, Ls Ang
W S Baylis, Fresno	H A Klerchler, Stanfd
O Meysenberg, Chicago	F F Dunphy, Melbrne
I A Wayman, Ala	J A Altschul, Melbrne
S K Lynch, Ala	J M Kirk, Chicago
L Bruck, N Y	E S Church, Phila
C Phillips, London	A W Norton, Chicago
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J Gamage, St Louis	Miss O Douglas, Portld
M Ryelsburg, Chico	W S Collins, Cal
E L Doheny, Los Ang	

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J E Leopold, Sacto	R M Chenault, K City
S E Merritt, Napa	J J Donovan, Sacto
W B Howe, S Jose	A D Graham, Chgo
G F Sealt & fam, Cal	H J Pfluger, Los Ang
Mrs J W Ransom, Mex	J M Burns & w, Cal
E R Bishop, Cal	E B Hyde, Spokane
R de B Lopez, Cal	W E Henry, San Jose
T J Savage, S Rafael	H J Darling, Reno
M Douglass, Fresno	M E A Kistler, Denver
P H Mack, Cala	Mrs Llewellyn, Greeley
W H Savage, Cal	N W Thompson, L An
W H Sebastian, Cal	J W Armstrong, Cal
D M Souden, Bkrsfield	E E Mills, Syracuse
H J Baldwin & w, Cal	D Levy, Willows
A Leiter, Cal	S C White, Cal
H G Sauer & w, Cal	F V Flint, Sacto
A A Sandahl, w & son, Butte	H T Bagley, Alameda
T Carroll & w, Colo	H Weilheimer & w, Cal
H Peterson & fam, Cal	H Dominick, Vallejo
M Goulden & w, Cal	G M Westcott, Cal
H R V Tuomley, Cal	H F Adler, Cal
A Anderson, Cala	W Moir, San Jose

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A Smart, Seattle	J Maulein, Mont
J Brady, Vallejo	M Johnson, Mont
T J Dwyer & w, Ariz	S Sherman, Oregon
C B Miller, New York	Mrs Matthews, Ind
D M Rafalovich, Anglis	I W Owens, Watsonvl
W H Bliss, Pasadena	W Chinn, Vallejo
T J Bliss, Pasadena	T C Robinson, N Y
W Brady, Willows	R B Heath & w, Truck
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MOVEMENT OF REAL ESTATE IN AND ABOUT SAN FRANCISCO

Review of the Prevalent Conditions and Some of the Big Sales During the Past Week.

The closing week of the year has naturally been somewhat quiet in the realty market. The larger transactions have involved property south of Market street. These have not been numerous, but they are significant of the steady drift of capital toward the business section of the city. In this evidence is given of the belief of the public in the solid growth of the community on commercial and industrial lines, the essential element in continuing prosperity.

F. C. Peters has sold to N. C. Masten the Newport block property on the southerly line of Mission street, 91:8 feet east from Beale, 45:10x137:6, for $50,000. The improvements consist of a three-story frame building. The brokers were Bovee, Toy & Sonntag.

Mary L. Gibb has sold to T. B. Clarkson property on the southerly line of Mission street, 106:10 feet southeast from New Montgomery, the lot being 25x80, for $15,000. There are old buildings on the lot. Bovee, Toy & Sonntag effected the sale.

The land department of the San Francisco Savings Union has sold 1380 acres of grazing and farming land in Glenn County for $7700; 184 acres of vine land near Reedley, in Fresno County, for $5000; 160 acres of pasture in Tulare County for $1150, and 40 acres of sweet potato land in Merced County for $1600.

George M. Wilcox has sold for the Villeneuve estate to Adrian Goursoulle a lot with two old houses on Marcy place, 22x106, for $2275; also two lots on the east line of Steiner street, 87:6 south from Green, 25x137:6 and 26x137:6, at the rate of $60 per front foot.

A. J. Rich & Co. are enlarging and improving their offices, business having compelled them to extend.

Scott & Harris have removed to 204 Montgomery street from Post street.

Thomas Denigan will build six flats on the southwest corner of Mary and Natoma streets.

General R. H. Warfield has purchased, through the agency of Bovee, Toy & Sonntag, from John Brown, a lot on the southwest line of First street, 92:8 south from Mission, 21x75, for $11,000. The same brokers have sold for the estate of Mary T. Stratton to S. P. Rosenthal, for $7750, a lot 30x110, with residence, on the corner of Asbury and Fell streets.

The Builders' Association has elected officers for the ensuing year. James McInerney is president, I. W. Coburn vice president, M. Lindsay recording secretary, G. G. Gillespie financial secretary, F. W. Kern treasurer; J. E. Mallory, P. Griffin, D. Powers, J. D. Hannah, A. Gilbert, J. Neal and J. W. McDonald executive committee.

The California Club has invited Henry P. Sonntag to address the civic section on January 9 and he will speak of thirty-two matters directly concerning municipal and State interests.

I. C. Scharff reports sales of:

County lands as follows: One hundred and eighty acres six miles southwest of Watsonville from L. J. Dratton to J. McFarr, for $5000; an improved place of forty acres at Los Gatos from W. Winn to A. J. Crumbell, of Grand Rapids, Mich., for $4000; a tract of 250 acres of farm and pasturage land near the headwaters of the Navarro River in Mendocino County from L. Bolling to W. Chester for $2500; four 10-acre pieces in Misvale colony, Madera, at $1000 each.

William Wolf will erect four three-story frame buildings containing flats on the north line of Ellis street, 27:6 feet east from Octavia, to cost $25,000. Salfield & Kohlberg are the architects.

A double two-story and basement frame building will be built on the north line of Bay street, east from Taylor, to cost $4700.

A three-story and basement frame building containing flats will be placed on the east line of Shrader street, north from Beulah, by Wiley B. Wilson. The cost will be $7000.

Alterations and additions to be made by Herbert E. Law to the two-story building on the northeast corner of Vallejo street and Van Ness avenue will cost $7929. Albert Sutton is the architect.

Building contracts have been placed on record as follows:

C. H. Eggebrecht with J. T. McInnis, for alterations and additions to a one-story and basement building on the west line of Baker, between Golden Gate avenue and Turk, $987; Milton A. Morgan with J. Kaighin and Thomas Caine, for all work on a two-story frame residence on the east line of Tremont avenue, 721 south from Frederick, $2200; Mrs. E. Westwater with Ira W. Coburn, for all work on a two-story frame building on the west line of Twenty-fourth avenue, 100 feet north from Lake, $2320; I. Magnin & Co. with Gustav Moller and Louis Faxe, for alterations in and about ground floor and putting up store fixtures in Columbian building on north line of Market street, between Stockton and Powell, $8134 40; same owners with John Simmen, for glass counter cases for same building, $1276.

Some of the larger transactions, with the considerations involved, that have been put on record during the past week are as follows:

Daniel Scales to Paolo A. Demartini, southeast corner of Green and Dupont, 68:9x83:6, $19,000; Minnie Brown et al. to Jonas Schoenfeld, east line of Front, 88:2 feet north from Pine, 90:8x45:5⅝x50x46:5⅝x90, and east line Front, 88:2 feet north from Pine, 50x136:⅝, $34,000; Jonas and Selma Schoenfeld to W. Giselman, in two pieces, $35,250; Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Company to Union Trust Company, southwest line of Main, 137:6 feet northwest from Harrison, 50x137:6, $19,500.

The Probate Court has confirmed the sale of the southwest corner of Pine and Fillmore streets from the estate of Lucy Armstrong to Frederick Streibel for $12,250.

Mortgages have been executed as follows:

Sarah B. and Drury Melone to the Hibernia Savings and Loan Society, lot on SE corner of Valencia and Quinn streets, E 80:4½ by S 32; also lot on E line of Valencia street, 103 S of Quinn, E 80 by S 50; also lot on E line of Valencia street, 32 S of Quinn, S 23:8 by E 80; also lot on E line of Valencia street, 165 N of Fourteenth, E 180, N 206, W 99:7¾; S 145:7¾, W 80, S 54; also lot on E line of Valencia street, 55:8 S of Quinn, S 47:4 by E 80, 1 year 6 per cent, $35,000; Mary A. Carroll to the San Francisco Savings Union, SW California street and Van Ness avenue, 72x137, $25,000; Mary E. and John H. von Schroeder to the Savings and Loan Society, $60,000 for two years at 6½ per cent on S corner Harrison street and Rincon place.

The larger releases of the week were as follows:

San Francisco Savings Union to Mary A. Carroll, SE California street and Van Ness avenue, 72x145:3, $25,000; San Francisco Savings Union to Charles Blach, S Ellis, 180:6 E of Buchanan, 76x120, $12,500.

Buildings upon which San Francisco contractors have been offered a chance to figure are a detention hospital at San Andreas, Calaveras County; a Courthouse and vault for Wheeler County, Oregon; a two-story brick high school building at Modesto; a brick workshop at Hackaberry Indian School, Arizona; for heating and ventilating a grammar school building in Seattle.

The rebuildings of the woolen mills at Marysville will cost $100,000. All but $22,000 has been raised.

At the twelfth annual meeting of the board of directors of the San Francisco and Oakland Mutual Loan Association Secretary A. Sbarboro reported that the shares of the first series had matured to the full value of $200 per share. There are 312½ free shares which are entitled to $62,500 and will be paid on the second day of January. There are also 46½ shares pledged for loans amounting to $9700, and the shareholders of these will be given a clean release of their mortgages. The association has issued twelve series of stock and has now outstanding 2140½ shares. Since its incorporation it has made 247 loans amounting to $402,027 87, of which 160 amounting to $257,665 27 have already been repaid, leaving now outstanding eighty loans aggregating $144,361. It has also paid out to withdrawn members $202,718 for installments and $52,561 60 for earnings, making a total of $315,379 60. The board of directors have ordered issued, 1000 shares of stock of the thirteenth series.

THE BANK AT MONTE CARLO

How Shrewd Gamblers Have Schemed to Plunder It.

A little before Christmas, 1899, when Nice and Monte Carlo had filled up with their sporting cosmopolitan winter populations, one of the trusted employes of the bank, a croupier, made a combination with nine other Christmas money-seekers to defraud his own trente-et-quarante table.

The syndicate was made up of an ex-croupier at the time operating a clendestine roulette at Nice; a man without profession, his woman friend, an employe of the ex-croupier and five other individuals of the same morality, who got away. The 60,000 francs capital of the syndicate was divided equally among the nine, who stationed themselves around their partner's table. When it came his turn to take the bank they made ready. He gave the signal. Immediately three or four of his associates demanded gold for 1000 franc notes from the three other croupiers of the table. At the same instant the lady, who had remained standing, let fall to the floor a handfuil of gold twenty-franc pieces. It stopped the game, because many of the players had to make room for the servants to pick up the coins.

At the moment when the attention of all was distracted, one of the syndicate slipped into the unfaithful tailleur's hand, on top of the other cards he held, several similar cards arranged to make red win eight times in succession. The game started up again. The syndicate bet on red, and, in the space of a few minutes, relieved the Monte Carlo bank of 700,000 francs, or $140,000.

But Monte Carlo is well served on the whole. The chef de partie, who had noticed that all the heavy betting remained faithful to red, even after it had won five, six, seven times in succession, counted the cards later on and found thirty too many. The unfaithful croupier was conducted to the director, and after being passed through the third degree, arrested. Brought up before the Monaco tribunal, he was condemned to eighteen months of prison.

"The evening of the bomb" will remain historic in the annals of Monte Carlo. Four high-class confidence operators, of whom two were said to be English or American, conceived the idea of getting away with one of the trente-et-quarante table's stack of 1000 franc notes. The play at this game is much higher than that at roulette, not only because of its lower rake-off, but because of its higher maximum, 12,000 francs ($2400) and the fact—weighty with those who believe in such things—that, once the six packs are shuffled and cut, no chance event, like that of a gold piece falling into a roulette cylinder or the "jumping" of a roulette ball, can risk breaking "the series." The tenacity with which many poker players hold to drawing their "right cards" in the case of a turn-up arises from just such a consideration.

Well, these four conspirators thought that they might get at the 150,000 francs in big notes that each trente-et-quarante table is pretty sure to have in bank along toward 10 o'clock at night. Each table starts with this sum in gold and notes, and winning it, with its accumulations or less its diminutions, constitutes "breaking the bank." Constructing a bomb, principally of loose powder enveloped in caoutchouc, they furnished it with a concealed spiral fuse and introduced it into the large gaming hall hidden in the high silk hat of one of the conspirators. The others sought places near the principal croupier at a prosperous trente-et-quarante table, convenient to the bank roll, and gave the signal. He of the bomb and plug hat, watching his opportunity, deposited the hat, with the bomb in it, on the large mantelpiece in the center of the hall, lit it with a cigar that he had kept palmed for the purpose, and coolly strolled away. Suddenly a formidable explosion filled the casino with clouds of thick smoke and indescribable alarm.

Hats were smashed, coats torn, gowns ripped and gas brackets loosened. The four conspirators had calculated that, besides creating great clouds of smoke, the explosion would put out the lights.

Happily for the bank the gas only went out. The petroleum lamps, which are retained for double safety, despite the march of improvement, continued feebly to light the scene. They made light enough for the cool-headed croupiers, who, faithful to their trust, stood on the alert to guard the bank roll. There was a dash made—and two of the conspirators were taken into custody. That they tore away the next moment and escaped is only a detail.

The band of eighteen Italians who, a few years ago, won the 800,000 francs in one month from the bank, owed their good fortune not so much to active as to passive fraud. They bet on the physical defects of a particular roulette. Was it fraud? The Casino people thought so, though they could not see their way to prosecuting the offenders. Perhaps it would be best to call it an indelicacy.

In any case, these Italian geniuses began by observing that the roulette machine at table number 2 had a manifest tendency to repeat frequently the same sumbers: 0, 8, 12, 14, 15, 17, 24, 28 and 31. This discovery led them to experiment a cheval on the numbers 12—15, 14—17, and 28—31, which happen to be neighbors on the "layout," and en plein on the single squares of 0, 8 and 24. Divided into several groups, relieving each other every two hours, they began betting heavily from the opening of the salons till their closing. At the beginning the chef de partie, the croupiers, the lookouts, spies and detectives who are banded around each table to protect it, paid no attention to them. After several days, however, habituated though they were to pay out big sums and looking indifferently on phenomenal runs of luck, the bank's protectors began worrying. Night after night they were bringing back no profits to the general cashier. Often they brought him heavy losses. They themselves asked to be changed from table No. 2, which they declared to be hoodoced. A new set of croupiers and watchers was put in their place. Still table No. 2 continued losing money. In two months it had cost the administration over 800,000 francs, or 13,000 francs a day.

The Italians had been observed by this time. They were known to be the guilty —winners. Had they found a sure-winning system? The administration laughed at the idea. It was remarked, nevertheless, that the Italians always played at the same table, and always on the single numbers en plein or a cheval. This awakened the suspicions of the administrator, M. Boulant, and caused him, later in the day, to do what would be done after a week's bad luck at present. He ordered the unlucky roulette cylinder to be put aside. Another was substituted; and they sat down to watch the result.

The next morning the Italians entered with a business-like briskness. They had come to collect their income, as usual. Seating themselves at table No. 2 they prepared to play. All at once it was noticed that they hesitated. They exchanged glances. They began consulting. They re-examined the roulette cylinder with furtive glances. Then they packed away their gold and bank notes, got up and strolled away, conversing earnestly. It was equivalent to a confession. The syndicate was surprised into committing an error. It ought to have continued playing.

The next morning, however, it was M. Boulant's turn to be surprised. Entering the salon a few hours after their opening, he found the Italians at their accustomed places, playing—and winning—as if nothing had happened. He was more than surprised a moment after, when, on careful examination, he discovered that the unlucky cylinder had been brought back. Who had replaced it? It mattered little, and the traitor in the camp was never discovered. An order was issued for the guilty machine to be broken up into kindling wood, the syndicate ceased betting on its chosen numbers, and the bank ceased losing 13,000 francs a day at table No. 2.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

A RUSSIAN CANAL.

Will Open Up Communication From the Caspian to the Mediterranean.

The Volga is the largest river in Europe and the Caspian, into which it empties, is the largest inland body of water in the world, but neither has a natural connection with the ocean. Freight from the Caspian may go all the way either to the Arctic Ocean or to the Baltic by means of canals that connect the Voiga with navigable rivers flowing either into the northern or the eastern seas; but in order to reach the ocean from the Caspian by either of these two canal routes it is necessary to cross the whole of Russia from its southeastern corner, and the routes are very long, roundabout and therefore expensive.

People who have followed the progress of the industrial development of Russia have long wondered why the Caspian has not long ago been connected with the Black Sea. This union might be effected by digging a canal between the lower Volga and the lower Don at the point where they very nearly approach one another. The country between them is almost perfectly flat except for the high hills that skirt the western bank of the Volga for some hundreds of miles. If it had not been for this chain of hills it is probable that the Volga-Don canal would have been in operation years ago.

It is now proposed to dig this canal. The distance is only sixty miles, the plans have been made and the estimated cost is about $35,000,000. The effect of this canal upon transportation in Russia and a part of Asia would be far-reaching. It will give Russian Central Asia and Northern Persia water communications from the Caspian to the ocean without involving a journey northward of from 700 to 1000 miles, and it will give the Volga, to which the most of Central and Eastern Siberia are tributary, an outlet to the Black Sea.

The canal will be certain to cause an important diversion of Russian trade to the Black Sea. Three canals now connect the Volga with the Baltic, and many hundreds of freight boats make the journey every year between the river and St. Petersburg. The Volga carries about half the river freight of Russia, and much of this freight is drawn from the country tributary to the lower half of the river, which is much nearer the Black Sea than the Baltic. The Volga-Don canal will therefore tend to make the Black Sea more important than ever as the main outlet of the agricultural exports of Russia.—New York Press.

A Maine man sent his small son out to count the new brood of chickens which had hatched out that day. When the boy returned he said: "I counted them all but one, daddy, and that one was running 'round so fast I could not count him!"

HE IS A BOLD YANKEE SKIPPER

Nautical Feats that Have Brought Fame to Captain "Linc" Jewett.

The first of Maine's two six masted schooners, the George W. Wells, launched at Camden on August 14, has been rigged, fitted out and towed to sea, and by this time she must have reached one of the coal ports to take in her first cargo. The second six-master, says the Belfast, Me., correspondent of the Chicago Inter-Ocean, is still on the stocks at Bath, and will be launched in a few weeks. Unusual interest is felt in her, not only because she