

SOUL KNOWLEDGE. The Science of Cultivating a Higher Spiritual Sense.

THE Gnostic ORGANIZATION

A New Order Recently Inaugurated in this City—Its Objects and Its Methods—Its Motto, "Know Thyself."

Some time in July last Mr. George Chalmers made his advent in San Francisco and announced a series of lectures upon subjects connected with theosophy.

It is to be known as the San Francisco Gnostic Society, and its motto is "Know Thyself." Its objects are announced to be: First, the recovery and promulgation of the esoteric truths of all religions.

Second, the culture of the subjective or soul faculties. Third, the study of occult science and all psychic phenomena in order to be better able to fulfill the motto of the Society, "Know Thyself."

Fourth—Giving aid and encouragement to local societies adopting the society's name and general aims.

Fifth—The establishment of one or more schools of psychic research and culture.

Sixth—The holding, in some desirable location on the Pacific Coast, a summer school and encampment, when healthful and outdoor enjoyment can be combined with the advocacy and study of the principles of the society.

Seventh—The encouragement in every possible way of all movements in favor of justice, mercy, physical, intellectual and spiritual liberty.

There are three grades of membership: Fellows, Teachers, Lecturers. On first joining, all enter as Fellows.

Mr. Chalmers explained that a Gnostic was one possessed of spiritual or soul knowledge. He claims that the ancient Gnostics knew of the true nature of man and were permitted to deal and converse with angels.

"Let us study to quicken our vision until it pierces the veil of eternity or stretches on into distant lands, bringing before us ever the forms of our beloved. Let us quicken our hearing until we can hear the music of the spheres, or the sense whispers of love coming to us from the direction over the invisible telephone wires of the soul.

The speaker said that "these invisible touches" and believes that "we can inhale through a spiritual sense the perfume of Paradise and taste the food of gods."

Mrs. Kimball followed in an earnest exhortation. Among other original sayings she remarked that she "knew of a man and a woman who were a woman."

It may be remarked that this embryonic society is in its general features akin to the theosophical organization. Theosophy is a reformed type of Buddhism, and originated in India.

A Gnostic Society, has some side shows which do not appear on the Theosophical programme—the "mind cure," for example, which level-headed people are not prepared to swallow at a gulp.

Among the cherished memories of bygone days, those whose tender feet first trod along the verdant paths of the rural districts will call vividly to mind the "patient search and vigil long" in quest of suspected hen's nests in the out-houses and stables, and in the well-fitted with the old-fashioned barn.

Children's cries, both double and single, can be found in great variety, and at all prices, at the old, reliable store of the California Furniture Company, Nos. 220 to 226 Bush street.

A VALUABLE GIFT Presented by the Governor of Pennsylvania to this City.

The State Mining Bureau is in receipt of a valuable and important donation. Governor Pattison, of Pennsylvania, has just forwarded to the State Mineralogist a set of six great atlases, containing elaborate, colored maps, drawn on a large scale, and illustrating the geological formation of that State.

The inspection of these maps, and a thoughtful consideration of their practical value to the citizens of the State by which they have been issued, suggests the interest which would be aroused by a similar publication in California, and the material benefits which would thereby accrue to the inhabitants of the State, not only through advertising its resources abroad, but in definitely pointing out to our citizens, and to capitalists, the opportunities for profitable investment available on every locality.

It is claimed by a lady who was a member of one of his excursions and accompanied the same from Cincinnati to Oregon, that he, Leavy, stole her ticket, telling her to lay over there for the purpose of finding it. She was compelled to purchase a local ticket to Sacramento. Leavy used the ticket for his own passage.

SALINAS LAND TROUBLES. Serious Apprehension of Bloodshed in Ousting Squatters.

Some years ago a party by the name of John A. Douglas, in company with others, squatted on land near the town of Chualar, in the Salinas Valley. The claim was set up that the land was Government land and unlawfully held by one David Jacks, a wealthy real estate and stock man residing in Monterey. Litigation ensued and eventually Mr. Jacks successfully established the legality of his claim.

The agent who promises superior accommodations and cheap rates has no power to furnish either, the railroad selling third-class tickets at a fixed price, and furnishes simply a third-class car. If the agent receives a small fee for securing accommodations, he simply takes the money without doing anything for the party.

BEISSMANN'S BOODLE. Probable Result of a Young Man's Lack of Patience.

The disappearance of August Beissmann, book-keeper for Werner Staaf, the grain broker, is causing his wife considerable anguish, and his friends are beginning to think that he must have committed suicide. Experts are at work on Staaf's books, but have been unable to discover anything wrong so far, and their investigations will not be concluded before to-day.

More White Babies. The traffic in white babies among the Chinese populace of this city seems to have been greater than was at first suspected.

There will be two good trotting races at the Bay District track this afternoon. The first will be a match between Anteo and Adair for a purse of \$2,000, mile heat and three in five, to harness.

THE JUSTICES' COURTS. E. Banning has filed a suit in the Justices' Court against the American District Telegraph Company to recover \$83.50 damages.

Given Further Time. William Dunphy has been granted an extension of time to enable him to file an amended petition for letters of administration on the estate of John C. Piercy and to file an opposition to the granting of letters to A. J. Piercy.

Personal. Mr. F. S. Chabourne is now in the East making extensive purchases of furniture for our Fall trade.

For a fine fitting suit and low prices, go to the Elite Tailor, No. 1226 Market street.

RAILROAD NOTES.

How M. J. Leavy Worked the Excursion Agent Swindle.

PLAINTS OF HIS VICTIMS. The Traveling Public Again Warned Not to Buy Their Tickets of Irresponsible Parties Who Make Big Promises.

Some time back the ALTA warned the public in regard to a certain irresponsible party styling himself an excursion agent. The circular issued by Mr. T. H. Goodman in regard to the matter was also published. The party referred to is M. J. Leavy, with office at 21 Montgomery street, who advertises himself as manager of a series of railroad excursion agents which afford special accommodations and privileges.

A LADY PASSENGER'S GRIEVANCE. It is claimed by a lady who was a member of one of his excursions and accompanied the same from Cincinnati to Oregon, that he, Leavy, stole her ticket, telling her to lay over there for the purpose of finding it.

A gentleman residing in Eureka received a circular from Leavy, promising first-class accommodation in various parts of the world, even in Norway and the cities of Russia, asking for copies of these reports. The works were issued gratuitously by the State and carefully distributed, but copies are now in great demand at a handsome premium.

AGENTS' PROMISES. The agent who promises superior accommodations and cheap rates has no power to furnish either, the railroad selling third-class tickets at a fixed price, and furnishes simply a third-class car.

It is the intention of the Union Pacific excursionists who arrived in this city Wednesday to remain three or four months on the Coast, visiting Monterey, Los Angeles and other parts of the State.

PROSPECTIVE REDUCTION OF RATES. NEW YORK, October 29th.—It is learned that the Utah Traffic Association will hold a meeting November 6th, at which a reduction will be made in the existing tariff rate for the Missouri River and Pacific Coast to Utah points.

Decidedly Bold. Last Saturday night James Reilly and two other hounds went into George Gordon's saloon, in the Mission, and threw about the place a case anew, and has just rendered judgment sustaining the decision of the local inspectors.

A Mission Burglary. William McLaughlin effected an entrance into the residence of Mrs. Gray, No. 808 Shotwell street, during her temporary absence yesterday afternoon and stole a number of small household articles.

The Grand Jury. The Grand Jury has adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman, to await the result of the investigation now pending regarding its legality.

Tulare Valley Railroad. The Tulare Valley and Giant Forest Railroad Company has been incorporated to build a road from the foothills in the Sierra Nevada Mountains to a convenient point on the Southern Pacific Railroad, a distance of fifty miles.

Stole a Directory. John A. Johnson entered the law office of M. J. McGrath, on Kearny street, yesterday afternoon and picked up a directory book, with which he was about to walk off, when Officer Doran laid his heavy hand upon the thief's collar and took him to the City Prison, where he was charged with burglary in the second degree.

The Coming Holidays. In anticipation of a large trade for the coming season of festivity, the California Furniture Company, Nos. 220 to 226 Bush street, have laid in a fine stock of appropriate articles.

STREET COMMITTEE.

Bids for Cleaning the Sewers Discussed and Laid Over.

A Lively Time Yesterday in Regard to Levy's Salary.

AUDITOR STROTHER RAGING. A Succession of Attempts to Get His Signature to a Small Warrant Gives Him No End of Annoyance.

A meeting of the Street Committee of the Supervisors was held yesterday afternoon for the purpose of discussing bids for cleaning the public sewers. Supervisor Gates was opposed to doing anything by contract until it could be demonstrated that the sewers could be effectually cleaned.

Chairman Farnsworth said that he was satisfied that the flushing gate of Johnson's was a failure. He had been three weeks at work, with no practical result.

Supervisor Gates repeated his objection, and asked why a test had not been made on the Sacramento-street sewer.

The report of the Street Committee was received and Supervisor Farnsworth moved to award the contract to Miles & Co. Mr. Farwell said it was evident the award could not be made at this time, but he hoped the motion to pass to print would prevail, so that when the order came up for final passage it could be debated.

Mr. Vallejo was opposed to having anything to do with the contract because the Board could not see that the contractor did his work. Besides the bid was too low.

Mr. Farnsworth said the Board could see that they were getting their money's worth, for the Superintendent of Streets would be on hand to supervise the work. The bond given by the contractor was ample to protect the city.

Mr. Vallejo said he was not concerned about Miles. If he took the contract for \$19,508 he would make at least \$2,000, but he felt sure that no one could clean the sewers properly for what was bid.

A motion was then made to award the contract to Miles, but an amendment was offered by Mr. Farwell to lay the matter over till Monday evening, which was unanimously carried.

The Board then adjourned, and the Street Committee reassembled. Superintendent Huggles was instructed to examine an alleged nuisance at 2,213 California street and to remove it. Several parties appeared before the Committee to protest against the granting of the Market-street Railroad Company the right to construct a short track on Jones street, commencing at the corner of McAllister and Market, running north 150 feet.

THE CRIMINAL RECORD. A Summary of Events in the Police and Superior Courts.

Owing to the attendance of Mr. Ackerman upon another Court yesterday afternoon, Deputy Sheriff Goldstein's case was continued by Judge Rix until next Tuesday forenoon at 11 o'clock. Mr. Ackerman is the counsel for defendant.

Frank Banman, the careless driver of the milk wagon which ran over and killed Mrs. Caroline Meece on the corner of Fourth and Harrison streets last Friday evening, was held to answer by Judge Rix yesterday on a charge of manslaughter. Bail was fixed at \$10,000.

George Gray, Superintendent of the San Francisco Bridge Company, was convicted in Judge Charles C. Bonin's court yesterday on a charge of attempting to knock out James Kerwin, proprietor of the Seawall Hotel, with a set of brass knuckles, on the 12th inst.

The discovery of burglary against George Roy, who was charged with robbing a variety store on Kearny street when the place was opened Wednesday morning, was dismissed by Judge Lawler yesterday, as it was shown that the defendant had been accidentally locked in the night before.

Wm. Patterson, a petty thief, was given six months at the House of Correction by Judge Lawler yesterday.

A jury will be impaneled by Judge Van Fleet to-day to try the Brown-Wells case. Jake Simms, the negro who took an intoxicated man named Arthur McCall to a room at 618 Mission street, and robbed him of a gold watch and chain on the night of the 14th instant, was held in \$2,000 bail by Judge Rix yesterday, to await trial in the Superior Court on a charge of grand larceny.

Joseph Fogarty and Charles Schroeder, the two burglars who broke into the dry goods store of McDonnell & Kroeger, corner of Twenty-fourth and Mission streets, on the 13th instant, and stole \$500 worth of silk and velvet goods, were also held to answer in the same Court under \$2,000 bonds each.

About 1 o'clock A. M. May 17th the steamer Zerkon collided with the schooner of the same name, and the local inspectors investigated the matter, and on January 4th decided to suspend the license of W. C. Tyler, captain and pilot of the Zerkon, for five days. Captain Tyler was not satisfied, and immediately appealed to Supervising Inspector Charles C. Bonin, who heard the whole case anew, and has just rendered judgment sustaining the decision of the local inspectors.

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The Grand Jury has adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman, to await the result of the investigation now pending regarding its legality. D. H. Bibb, the juror who was challenged on the 12th inst., and threw about the place a case anew, and has just rendered judgment sustaining the decision of the local inspectors.

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LEGAL LEGERDEMAIN.

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AUDITOR STROTHER RAGING. A Succession of Attempts to Get His Signature to a Small Warrant Gives Him No End of Annoyance.

On Wednesday Judge Sullivan issued a peremptory writ of mandate directing Auditor Strother to sign the salary demand of Walter H. Levy, Judge of the Superior Court, for September. This order was signed on a showing made by Levy's attorneys that Clough's attorneys had failed to answer the overruling of a demurrer to their complaint within the required time.

Nothing was done in the matter till yesterday about 11 A. M., when the Auditor was waited upon by Mr. Langhorne, one of the counsel for Clough, who asked if he intended to take an appeal to the Supreme Court. The Auditor replied that he did not care what stages were taken, but he should submit the question to the City and County Attorney. He immediately sent him the following note by Mr. Langhorne:

San Francisco, October 29, 1885. Hon. John L. Love, City and County Attorney—Dear Sir: In the matter of Judge Levy vs. Fleet F. Strother Auditor, use your own judgment in taking an appeal. All I desire to know is for whom I shall send the warrant. Answer and oblige. Respectfully yours, FREDERICK STROTHER, Auditor.

THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. Langhorne went to Mr. Love's office, but did not find him for some time, but he finally brought to Auditor Strother the following answer:

San Francisco, October 29, 1885. Hon. F. F. STROTHER—Dear Sir: In accordance with your suggestion I will appeal the case of Levy vs. Strother. Yours respectfully, JOHN L. LOVE.

When the above was read the Auditor was thrown into a state of great excitement over the idea of his suggesting anything about the case. He had often said to both parties and their counsel that he did not care to whom they gave the warrant, but he must be satisfied to see some way to protect his bondsmen. He determined to see Mr. Love, if possible, and get the matter settled in some way, so he went upstairs to hear for himself. He did not find Mr. Love, but one of his deputies informed him at once that an appeal had been taken. The receipt of this information caused the Auditor to be still more excited, and the whole affair seemed to him to be a piece of legal legerdemain. He returned to his office, in no equitable state of mind, where he found C. L. Ackerman, Levy's counsel, who asked that the salary be paid, as no judgment had been entered in the case. As a last resort the Auditor told Mr. Ackerman that if he would give him a good and sufficient bond he would sign Levy's warrant. The proposition was immediately accepted, and a bond was drawn up by Joseph L. Schmitt, C. L. Ackerman and W. H. Levy as sureties.

CLOUGH'S COUNSEL TO THE FRONT. In the meantime the affair became more complicated by the action of Clough's attorneys, who had learned of the fact that no judgment had been entered up, and who went before Presiding Judge Lawler and obtained a stay of proceedings for one day. The order was regularly entered, but upon a proper showing by Levy's attorney, Judge Lawler revoked it, thus leaving the affair in the same condition as before. A short time previous to 4 P. M. a consultation had taken place between County Clerk Flynn and his deputy, L. J. Walsh, and Judge Maguire and Beardon, in regard to the case to be pursued in case they were asked to issue a writ. They were told that as the matter now stood the City and County Attorney had become the attorney of record, and that no one else had authority to apply for the writ. Acting on this advice, Mr. Flynn gave orders to refuse to issue any papers in the matter unless requested by the City and County Attorney. The City Clerk's office was kept open till nearly 5 P. M., but Mr. Love made no demand for such documents, and in case such demand is made to-day it will be refused.

HEAVY DAMAGES ASKED FOR. W. D. Writter has sued P. E. Bowles to recover \$10,000 damages. He alleges that Bowles contracted to sell him certain lands in Fresno county at \$14 per acre, payable one half cash and one half in one year. The plaintiff alleges that he offered the cash and demanded a conveyance, but Bowles refused to carry out his contract.

THE PARK RESERVOIR. The work of repacking the reservoir of the Park Water Works on Strawberry Hill, has been undertaken by Al and Warren, the contractor under Captain Bradbury, who is pushing it forward as rapidly as possible. He is confident that when the bottom is packed with puddled clay it will be as tight as a boiler.

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