

## OUT OF TOWN.

### San Francisco, Cal.

At the recent annual meeting of the Eureka Benevolent Association, the treasurer reported that, during the past year, over \$12,000 had been disbursed for charitable purposes.

### Sacramento, Cal.

The annual dinner given by Messrs. Weinstock & Lubin to their employees, took place on the 1st inst., at the Golden Eagle Hotel. It was an exceedingly pleasant reunion, and served to cement more strongly the good feeling existing between the members of the firm and their subordinates.

### Tucson, Arizona.

A number of Jewish citizens of Tucson have organized a B'nai B'rith lodge, for which a charter has been granted by the officers of the district. Mr. Louis Blank, Grand Secretary, will institute the lodge next week. This is the first B'nai B'rith lodge in Arizona.

### Terre Haute, Ind.

A number of Jewish residents of this city recently formed a congregation for holding divine worship and elected a board of officers with Mr. Max Joseph as President. A minister will shortly be chosen. The synagogue was dedicated by Rev. Mr. Messing, of Indianapolis.

### Denver, Col.

On account of ill-health, Rev. Dr. M. Elkin, formerly of Philadelphia, and for the past year minister of the Emanuel congregation, has declined a reelection. This decision is greatly regretted, as the reverend gentleman during his stay in Denver made hosts of friends.

### Cincinnati, O.

The Ladies' Educational Society, organized about six months ago for the purpose of instructing the children of the Russian refugees in the rudiments of the English language, has been dissolved, all the children being now sufficiently advanced to attend public school.

### St. Louis, Mo.

An amateur performance under the auspices of the Y. M. H. A., for the benefit of the two Jewish charitable societies of St. Louis, took place at the Pickwick Theatre last evening. Among those announced to participate were Messrs. Charles Katzenberg, J. Rothschild, J. Goldsmith, A. Heyman, and Louis, Charles and Henry Wittenberg.

### New Orleans, La.

The friends of the Jewish Widows' and Orphans' Home are making an active canvass for subscriptions in aid of the institution, and have issued an appeal to the ladies to interest themselves in the work of collecting funds. The twenty-eighth anniversary of the Home will be celebrated at the institution next Sunday. An interesting programme of exercises has been arranged by the following committee:—Henry Newman, chairman; Fred. Marks, Adolph Meyer, Jos. Simon, Henry Abraham, Isaac Scherck, Simon Gumble.

### Philadelphia, Pa.

Next Tuesday evening, the regular monthly entertainment of the Y. M. H. A. will take place at Mercantile Hall. The lecture by Rev. Chauncey Giles will be followed by a concert.

The brilliant social event known as the Hebrew Charity Ball, comes off at the Academy of Music on Tuesday, January 30th. Mr. Henry Fernberger is the master of ceremonies, and has the support of a large and capable committee. For a long period these balls have been famous for their brilliancy as social reunions, and that of 1883 promises to fully equal in every particular the excellencies of its numerous predecessors. While furnishing unalloyed enjoyment to all participants, the ball has likewise been the means of alleviating the distress of the poor and suffering.

### Detroit, Mich.

During the week the sad announcement was made of the death of two well-known citizens among the Jewish community of this city, both occurring on the same morning and in the same manner—both being found dead in their beds. One, Mr. Simon Freedman, has lived in this city for the last thirty years; he was one of the charter members of Congregation Beth El, also a charter member of Pisgah lodge, No. 34, I. O. B. B. His loss is mourned by a large circle of relatives and friends.

Mr. Wolf Levy has been a resident of Detroit for the last twenty years, and a member of Montefiore lodge, No. 12, I. O. F. S. of I. Mr. Levy was buried on Friday by the Free Sons, and Mr. Freedman on Sunday by the members of Pisgah lodge, I. O. B. B.; also the Knights of Honor and Royal Arcanum.

### Cotapaxi, Colorado.

In reference to the Russian colony here, Mr. E. H. Saltiel, under date of December 27th, writes as follows:

"In your issue of December 22d, 1882, there

appears a paragraph stating that the Russian refugees here are in a highly flourishing condition, 'earning from two to four dollars per day,' 'making money rapidly, etc.' It would be highly gratifying to me, if I could confirm this rose colored report, which I regret to be compelled to state is utterly false. The truth is that the potato crop, upon which these people mainly depended for support, was, by the advice of their late manager and his assistant, for the most part left ungathered, until the severe frosts had destroyed it. I will not blame these men, as I think that their intention was to let the potatoes grow to a larger size, but the utter lack of knowledge of all practical methods for pioneer farming, is well shown in this one instance.

"The wives of many of the colonists came to me with tears in their eyes and begged work for their husbands. I had felt reluctant to assist these people further, as some of them had been made to sign a paper that they knew to be false, defaming me. Their wretched condition, however, touched me deeply, and I gave, during November, employment at one dollar and a half per day, to the following men: J. S. Shamas, J. Vorzitzer, Berl Chorowsky, Marcus Chorowsky, Samuel Neuman, H. Dublitzky, S. Chuturan, Hirsch Lauterstein, M. Menkowsky, J. Present, M. Chuturan, and D. Krupitzky. Some of them proved utterly unfit for work, the others under the instruction of a first class miner, soon learned how to sort ore from rock. Two men, Dublitzky and J. H. Shamas, made fair, attentive workmen, and promise to do well. Dublitzky did better than most of the others, and I raised his wages to two dollars per day. I have offered all of the unemployed colonists work by the piece, at sorting a large ore dump, but only two or three have accepted, and are making fair wages. The father of one family, Snyders, has gone to Denver to obtain work at tailoring, and taken his daughter, Fannie Chuturan, with him. The benevolent society paid their expenses. The funds in this society amount to about one hundred dollars. Two families, Milchstein and Shamas, are probably comfortably off, as they brought money with them, and also purchased the pair of little mules and old wagon that Schwartz bought for the colony; and I am told that they have other animals. The purchase by the H. E. A. Society of a cow for each family proved beneficial, and has helped a great deal. Two other families, Nudelman and Zedek, will get along well, as the heads of each are fair carpenters and builders, and have industrious families. Dublitzky is good enough workman always to find work. Chorowskys will occasionally get work at my mines, probably permanently. The same may be said for Neumann and Vorzitzer.

"I regret, however, to be compelled to state that the farming experiment, in colonies, is a lamentable failure, and if attempted further in the Far Western Mountain States, will cause both loss of money and great misery. The training and taste of our Russian coreligionists are against Western farming customs, and if the experiment should ever be repeated here, the only persons that will be benefited will be the clerks and managers drawing salaries. From the past year's experience I am led to believe that one hundred dollars given into the hands of the head of each discreet family to start business for himself will be productive of more good than thousands expended on colony experiments.

"We will do the best that we can with those now here, but to send any more would be cruelty to a helpless people, and a total waste of money."