

The Chess Tournament.

The several Chess Clubs of this city, have, as we are informed, completed their arrangements for the grand Tournament to which we referred some days since. The day fixed upon for its commencement is on Monday the 20th of the present month. A committee of management, consisting of Messrs. Selim Franklin, W. Schlieden, D. S. Roberts, Wm. R. Wheaton, Geo. Pen Johnston, Willard B. Farwell, Thomas Byrre, B. F. Voorhies, Edward Jones, Charles Mayne, M. Elias, and R. H. Bacon, have been appointed, who are engaged in making the necessary arrangements for the tourney.

In addition to this committee, a committee of co-operation has been appointed, of gentlemen in various parts of the State, who are expected to interest themselves in securing subscriptions for the tournament; and aiding in carrying out the plan which has been adopted for its government. The committee of co-operation consists of the following gentlemen: Sacramento, Messrs. A. Despecher, Dr. B. B. Brown, Dr. T. B. Baillie, M. M. Harvey; Marysville, E. S. Osgood; Martinez, Judge J. D. Carr; Nevada, T. H. Caswell; Downieville, John E. Agar; Petaluma, P. Kalkman; Oakland, Rodman Gibbons; San Francisco, Messrs. John A. Monroe, Capt. E. D. Keyes, A. P. Crittenden, J. B. Haggin, S. C. Simmons, Julius K. Rose, John Shaw, O. Hoffman Burrows, Thos. H. Blythe, J. H. Gardiner, John B. McMinn, Geo. F. Sharp, Col. E. D. Baker, Jos. Mogridge, Otis V. Sawyer, John M. Freeman, Lloyd Tevis, Chas. J. Hughes, J. P. Nourse, Thos. D. Johns, John S. Ellis, A. B. Perkins.

The tournament is to be open to all comers, the players to be divided by the committee of management into three classes.

The first class to be composed of acknowl-

edged first class players, receiving no odds from any others in the State. The second class to consist of two divisions, the first of which is to be composed of players receiving from first class players no greater odds than a knight, the second division to embrace all others who may choose to enter the lists. The entrance fee has been fixed at five dollars, and the method of playing the same as that adopted by the recent Chess Congress at New York.

There will be six suitable prizes to contend for, besides one for the best problem of not less than three nor more than five moves.

The names of all competitors are to be sent in to William R. Wheaton, Esq., the Corresponding Secretary of the Committee, at the Rooms of the Pioneer Society, on or before the 20th inst., at 12 M.

We are informed, also, that persons subscribing two dollars and fifty cents to the fund, will be entitled to visit the rooms where the tourney is held during the time it is in session.

The interest which is manifested in this noble game in San Francisco is truly most commendable and should be warmly encouraged. There is no better study for intellectual development than the game of chess, and nothing that will cultivate a more intense application of the mind to any subject which it seeks to grasp. The most rigid moralist can certainly take no exceptions to it; but, on the contrary, the greatest minds of this and other ages have set it down as a wise dispensation to the human race.

Philosophers, statesmen and warriors have made it the study of their lifetime, and have drawn from it, if we are to believe their own words, the most wonderful intellectual benefits. Franklin was a devotee to its beauties, and Napoleon, amid all his vast projects, found time to make it his study throughout his wonderful career. It is related, too, that the discovery of the North American continent turned upon the matchless skill of Ferdinand, of Spain, in removing the pieces and pawns upon the chequered field, to the discomfiture of his adversary.

That California possesses some master players of this game we believe is generally conceded, and we hope to see this tourney develop a series of matches that will call forth the commendations of the chess journalists throughout Europe and the Atlantic States.