

**The Pacific Tournament.**

On the evening of Monday, March Twenty-second, the California Chess Congress commenced its sittings. The large and convenient Hall in Hunt's Building had been engaged by the Committee and was filled with a crowd of chess lovers from different parts of the Golden State. Mr. Selim Franklin, President of the Congress, opened the proceedings with a brief but able address. After its delivery it was announced that eight competitors had entered the First Class (receiving odds from no one), twenty-six had entered the First Division of the Second Class (receiving the Knight from the First Class) and twelve had entered the Second Division of the Second Class (receiving the Rook etc. from the First Class). The players in the different classes, were then paired by lot with the following result:

*First Class.*

Mr. Selim Franklin	against	Mr. Charles Sutro.
Mr. Edward Jones	"	Mr. E. Justh.
Mr. Daniel S. Roberts	"	Mr. Wilhelm Schleiden.
Mr. John Shaw	"	Mr. Philip Kalkmau.

*First Division of the Second Class.*

Mr. Thomas Byrne	against	Mr. John S. Ellis.
Mr. M. Castle	"	Mr. E. G. Matthews.
Mr. J. Cattan	"	Mr. R. Gibbons.
Mr. M. Elias	"	Mr. A. F. Scott.
Mr. W. B. Farwell	"	Mr. William R. Wheaton.
Mr. George Grotjan	"	Mr. R. H. Bacon.
Mr. C. E. Hawley	"	Mr. Julius K. Rose.
Mr. Leopold Hyam	"	Mr. E. D. Baker.
Mr. George Pen Johnston	"	Mr. J. Struver.
Mr. Theodore Kentzel	"	Mr. Lewis Levinson.
Mr. John Mc Kee	"	Mr. J. Stamper.
Mr. L. B. Mizner	"	Mr. J. Levinson.
Mr. S. C. Simmons	"	Mr. Albert Charter.

*Second Division of the Second Class.*

Mr. George Ladd	against	Mr. James Fuller.
Mr. Charles A. Parsons	"	Mr. J. P. Nourse.
Mr. E. L. Ritter	"	Mr. James B. Mc Minn.
Mr. Otis V. Sawyer	"	Mr. E. J. Muygridge.
Mr. B. F. Voorhies	"	Mr. George F. Sharp.
Mr. George O. Whitney	"	Mr. J. H. Gardiner.

Among these names will be noticed some which are familiar to the chess community in the Atlantic States. Mr. D. S. Roberts was for a long time the leading player of the Brooklyn Club, and was obliged to leave for California just before the opening of our Congress, to the great regret of all who knew his large powers. Mr. Selim Franklin was, some years ago, a well-known frequenter of our chess circles. Mr. W. Schleiden is the President of the German Chess Club of San Francisco. Mr. Wm. R. Wheaton was the first Secretary of the San Francisco Pioneer Chess Club.

The playing commenced at noon on Tuesday the twenty-third and continued each day until midnight. During the evening, we are told, twenty-three boards were occupied at once, a sight which furnished the enthusiastic witness with flattering hopes that the course of Pacific chess would be onward and upward. The large number of spectators present manifested a lively interest in the proceedings. Among them were men of all ages and conditions, members of the bar, physicians, merchants and literary men. As the Tournament progressed several clergymen and judges visited the Hall. Of course the largest crowds surrounded the tables assigned to the contestants in the first class. Mr. Franklin and Mr. Shaw each scored three games to their opponents' none. Mr. Roberts and Mr. Jones won three to their opponents' one. Among the combatants of the Second Class the play of Mr. Farwell, Mr. Wheaton, Mr. Byrne and Mr. Ellis was especially commended. Rain and unpleasant weather occasionally reduced the number of persons in attendance, but on the fair days sometimes nearly two hundred people were to be seen in the Hall at once. Mr. President Franklin's second encounter with Mr. Sutro, which took place on Thursday the 25th, is spoken of as resulting in one of the finest games ever played in California. During the evening of Friday the 26th the re-pairing of the players for the second series was effected as follows.

*First Class.*

Mr. Selim Franklin	against	Mr. Daniel S. Roberts.
Mr. John Shaw	"	Mr. Edward Jones.

*First Division of the Second Class.*

Mr. R. H. Bacon	against	Mr. Julius K. Rose.
Mr. M. Elias	"	Mr. Albert Charter
Mr. John S. Ellis	"	Mr. R. Gibbons.

Mr. Leopold Hyam	against	Mr. J. Struver.
Mr. J. Levinson	“	Mr. W. B. Farwell.
Mr. L. Levinson	“	Mr. E. G. Mathews.

*Second Division of the Second Class.*

Mr. Charles A. Parsons	against	Mr. James Fuller.
Mr. George F. Sharp	“	Mr. Otis V. Sawyer.
Mr. J. H. Gardiner	“	Mr. E. L. Ritter.

On Saturday, the twenty-seventh, the second series was commenced with renewed vigor, and was continued during the following days. The interest felt by the public does not seem to have abated during the second week of the fray. Much excitement was manifested concerning the result of the battle between Mr. Franklin and Mr. Roberts. Their first game was drawn; the second and third were won by Mr. Franklin; the fourth was drawn, and the fifth was won by Mr. Roberts. The contests were generally close games. Mr. Shaw and Mr. Jones, the two remaining combatants in the First Class, had each of them scored some games. The third drawing in the First Division of the Second Class had, at the last accounts, been effected with the following results:

Mr. Albert Charter	against	Mr. J. Struver
Mr. W. B. Farwell	“	Mr. John Mc Kee*
Mr. L. Levinson	“	Mr. R. H. Bacon.

As far as our information extends Mr. Charter had scored one to his opponent's none; Mr. Levinson had done the same and Mr. Mc Kee had won two games to his opponent's none. The third Drawing in the Second Division of the Second Class resulted

Mr. James Fuller	against	Mr. J. H. Gardiner.
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During the second week the Tournament was adjourned to the Rooms of the Pioneer Club and it was announced that the public play would cease on the evening of Saturday the third of April. Another week would probably complete the Tournament, and we hope

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\* The absence of this gentleman's name in the second Drawing, and its reappearance in the third, results, no doubt, from some arrangement rendered necessary by the inconvenient number (twenty-six) of the competitors entered for this Class.

that letters from our correspondents by the next steamer will announce the names of the victors and describe the final festivities. Our notes of this interesting assemblage close with the end of the second week. This meeting cannot but give a strong impetus to the progress of chess on the other side of the Rocky Mountains. We look to see it produce results similar to those which have followed the holding of the National Congress. New players will arise and new clubs will spring into existence in California, Oregon and Washington. Let the players in San Francisco and Sacramento see to it that some one paper in each of those cities commences forthwith the publication of a well managed chess column, which may serve to keep alive the newborn and promising enthusiasm.