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Wednesday evening a meeting under the auspices of the "Polish Society of California," established a few years ago in this city, was held at Oak Hall, Market street, to commemorate the struggle for independence of the Polish nation in 1830-31. At precisely 6 o'clock all the members of the above-named society and invited guests, having assembled at the fine hall, beautifully decorated with flags for the occasion, unanimously elected Messrs. Rudolph Corvin Pidrowski as President of the meeting, and Alexander Bednawski as Vice-President, both surviving veterans. The President called the meeting to order, and stated in a few words the object of the meeting, and invited all present to sit down to a banquet provided by a special committee. At dessert the portly President delivered a very sensible written speech, in which he dwelt particularly upon the glorious past of the Polish nation as compared with its present condition, pointing at the same time to the complicated state of political affairs in Europe, which, according to his views, may be considered as the dawning of a bright future not only for Poland but to the cause of liberty at large. After him several orators followed in succession, and made short speeches replete with the warmest patriotic feelings. Amongst the speakers were Messrs. Unynski, Julius Horain, Charles Wilkanowski, former staff officer in the Turkish army; Laski Krzyzanowski, Engelman, Dr. Szoteki, etc., during which time at intervals several appropriate toasts were drunk, as: "To the health and prosperity of the glorious country we live in, and of which we are free citizens," "To the patriotic ladies of Poland," "To the heroes of that memorable epoch of 1831," and "To the soldiers of the United States, by whose bravery the Union was saved," etc. The remainder of the evening was spent chiefly with friendly conversation and patriotic songs. Finally, at 11 o'clock, the Society parted, amidst cheers and hurrahs and mutual wishes to meet again.