

Of a Series of Enjoyable Banquets Given by the Pittsburgh Press Club.

A LONG FLOW OF ORATORY. No Limit Placed on the Speeches, and They Were Quite Numerous.

POETRY THAT MEANT SOMETHING Made Use of by Men Who Know What Constitutes Rhythm.

VERY PLEASANT DOUBLE BILL OF FARE

The newspaper men took a few hours off last evening, and instead of preparing gobs of news for their readers, showed their appreciation for a good supper, and later listened to the wit and wisdom that had been stored away in the minds of the speakers for the fourth annual banquet of the Pittsburgh Press Club.

It was a thrifty looking crowd of men who gathered in the parlors at the Hotel Duquesne, and from 6 o'clock to 7:30 they came in ones and twos, until nearly 230 of them had congregated, ready to show their admiration for a good thing.

Though it was announced that the affair would begin promptly at 6, the first dinner was fully an hour and a half late. The leading feature was a treatise on oysters. While the matter was decidedly raw, criticism on the article was extremely friendly, and it was digested by all with rare tact and good humor.

Upon their arrival around the tables every man was voted a prince of good fellows, and in honor of his splendid position was decorated with the rose, a magnificent white one having been placed at the plate of each for the occasion.

Arrangement of the Tables. At the further end of the banquet hall was a long table, behind which the men of acknowledged fame were seated, and down on the slightly lesser lights who, themselves, only know their magnificent brain power and ability to run a newspaper—if they only had a chance.

Results of the Floral Decorations. On the tables all through the room roses and lilies were heaped in the most extravagant profusion, and it looked as though the city must have been stripped of her beauties to add to the charm of this occasion.

The menu and programme of music and toasts was chronicled in the *Scraper*, a 5-cent afternoon sheet published for the occasion. Leading events lead all well-regulated newspapers of course, was to be found at the top of the column.

The *Scraper*, like too many modern American newspapers published for common folk, falls into French and for this reason many of the banquets who have said that interesting tongue, consequently fell into second dish on the programme, which goes under the name of *Conquering Orleans*.

A Hint of the Coming Clubhouse. The center piece of the room was designed by the house pastry cook. The ladies say it made a sweet picture, which is no wonder, since its composition is entirely sugar. The piece represents a cottage, from the windows of which streams red, blue and green lights.

Introduction of the Toastmaster. It greeted you on the tenth anniversary of the Pittsburgh Press Club. On behalf of its members I bid hearty welcome to our guests, especially to brothers of the press from abroad who honor us with their presence on this joyous occasion.

extended to the ladies our most gracious compliments. The Pittsburgh Press Club, after its trials during the past decade, I may say is in a fairly promising condition. It has an active membership of about 150, and constantly increasing in number.

Without further speech from your Chairman, I will now introduce to your merciful consideration the clever young gentleman who has been marked by this occasion—Mr. George H. Welsch—who now has the floor.

NEW YORKERS' NOTIONS. A Metropolitan Editor Says He Didn't Live When the Bible Was Published—Newspaper Workers Don't Public Opinion—Humorous Mr. Derri.

Foster Coates was the first New York speaker, and he responded to the toast, "The International League of Press Clubs."

Mr. Coates, who was the Permanent Chairman of the Press Club Convention, is so much in love with his profession that he is sorry he was not running a newspaper when the Bible was written.

Mr. Coates concluded by outlining the work of the new organization and giving some good sound advice to the members.

OUR NORTHERN NEIGHBORS. Canadian Guests Respond to Toasts to Their Provinces—They Say We Are One Great Country—Bright Thoughts From Bright Men.

J. B. Boyd, of Toronto, responded to the toast to Canada. He said that while the convention had been good enough to call them neighbors they had gone even further and welcomed them as brethren.

Permit me to say that the holding of this convention at this time seems to be most opportune for us in many respects.

THE KEYS TO THE STATE. Attorney General Hensel Tells a Great Deal About the Resources of Pennsylvania—Homesick to Be With the Newspaper Men Again—A Wreck.

In the introduction of Attorney General W. U. Hensel, the toastmaster made allusion to his having been in the newspaper business, and being poor at that.

THE HOOSIER POET. James Whitcomb Riley Talks About Our Kind of Man in a Pleasant Way, and Then Turns Him Into Some of His Characteristic Poetry.

James Whitcomb Riley, the "Hoosier Poet," took for the text of his address "Our kind of man." It may be recorded of him, said Mr. Riley, that he is the universal favorite of all high banqueters who do weak midnight toasts innumerable upon the cold, dissipating, and weary.

THE PRICE TOO BIG. J. S. Coxy Declines to Pay \$5,000 for the Young Local Trotter.

President O'Neill Expresses Himself About the Bierbauer and Teban Cases. EXCITING POOL MATCH IN THE RINK.

What promised to be a completely killed and important horse sale was completely killed and important in the city with the intention of buying Ironwood, the trotting horse owned by James McAfee and trained by Mr. Samuel Key.

ONE LOT OF NEWMARKETS. At \$1.00. Another lot at \$2, and still another lot at \$3. These goods cost at \$7 to \$20.

MRS. C. WEISSER, 435-MARKET ST.—437. HOFFMAN'S HEADACHE POWDER. HEADACHES, COLIC, BRUISES, RHEUMATISM, NEURALGIA, MIGRAINE, DYSPEPSIA, INDIGESTION, BILIOUSNESS, COLIC, BRUISES, RHEUMATISM, NEURALGIA, MIGRAINE, DYSPEPSIA, INDIGESTION, BILIOUSNESS.

SORRY THEY COULDN'T COME. Letters of Regret From Others Who Were Invited—Only One Journalist in the City—Chicago Editor's Friendly Greetings.

HINTS OF A HUSTLER. Reporters Have Been Brought Very Near to Perfection—His Powers and Responsibilities—The Glory of the Scoop.

MICHIGAN'S MINE HORROR. EIGHT MEN PROBABLY CREMATED NEAR IRON MOUNTAIN. They Are Shut in the Great Chapin Mine, Which is Burning Fiercely—No Possible Chance to Escape—The Origin of the Fire Unknown.

A PARTISAN FIGHT. It Causes the Failure of an Attempt to Out an Official. COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 29.—A partisan fight in the Ohio Senate this evening resulted in the defeat of the bill to out "in-ing" Stevens, the Comptroller at Cincinnati.

AN ALIEN CONTRACT DECISION. The Preparation of an Emigrant's Passage Not of Itself Unlawful. ST. LOUIS, Jan. 29.—Judge Thayer this morning handed down an important decision in the case of the United States District Court of St. Louis.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. RED-HOT BARGAINS IN MEN'S OVERCOATS! SUITS! PANTS! PRICES THAT TALK FOR THEMSELVES: \$5.00 Men's Cassimere Overcoats, ten shades, well made and trimmed, velvet collar or plain, only \$5.

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Even the little pig in the picture is a more agreeable companion than a man with a dirty collar or a woman who presides over a tawdry house. But nobody wants the reputation of being a pig under any circumstances.

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STATE LINE. Glasgow, Londonderry, Belfast, Dublin, Liverpool & London. FROM NEW YORK EVERY THURSDAY. Cabin Passage, \$35 to \$50, according to location of steamer.

ANCHOR LINE. UNITED STATES MAIL STEAMERS. GLASGOW SERVICE. Steamers every Saturday from New York to Glasgow, Liverpool, London, Southampton, etc.

3,000 LAMPS AT HALF PRICE! FOR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW ONLY! The Best Offering Ever Made by Kaufmann's Popular House Furnishing Goods Department, and the Most Wonderful Lamp Sale Ever Held in Pittsburgh.

IRON MOUNTAIN, MICH., Jan. 29.—At about 6 o'clock this evening a part of the Chapin mine, the largest and most productive in Michigan, caught fire at the sixth level, and at this writing the fire has spread to an alarming extent.

25 CENTS \$1 85 \$1 50 For above good Kitchen Lamps, with tin reflector, large burner and chimney; lowest price here-tofore was 50c. For these magnificent Parlor Vase Lamps, with decorated shade and large, first-class burner; regular price \$3 to \$4.

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