Surprise parties, as a rule, are not the most charming affairs in the world, though newspaper reports are generally prolific with adjectives giving that impression. One bright little woman has even gone so far as to say that in her opinion the giving of a surprise party should be a penitentiary offense, though it must be said those who get the surprise are generally very philosophical, and take the surprisee as in marriage—"in sickness or in health, for better or for worse."

However, pleasant or unpleasant, enjoyable or disagreeable, the past week has been one grand composite surprise party, consisting of any number of component surprises that have been the basis for no end of animated comment. In the first place it was surprising to hear so much unfavorable criticism regarding the May Festival, and to know that the great financial deficit was attributed to bad management, when inquiry substantiated the fact that it was due to a wonderful streak of economy that suddenly affected some of the wealthier citizens of the city, who became friendly and occupied boxes jointly.

A Woman's Rights Surprise.

The lecture delivered by Rev. Charles Edward Locke the first of the week was refreshing in surprise, as ministers of the gospel are generally conservative on the question of women and the ballot, and are diffident about indorsing and encouraging women in their pursuit of the ballot, and the majority, if not the entire, audience which assembled to hear the gentleman's discourse expected him to advise women to increase their influence and right their wrongs by prayer. Instead of that, the speaker advocated strongly the right of franchise for the fair sex and predicted a much better state of affairs, politically and morally, when they obtained it. Mr. Locke will discover eventually, if he is not already aware of the facts, that his lecture was a pleasing surprise to all progressive women in the city and all liberal minded men who are not afraid of the brains of women; and, that by this lecture he greatly increased the popularity he previously enjoyed with thinking, active people.

The Art Society was treated to a little surprise at its reception Thursday evening, when it expected to have possession of its charter and assume the dignity of a chartered organization. It received the information that the document had been refused by the court. Such a turn had never been deemed possible by that worthy august body, with aims of such great altitude, and the shock was therefore the greater. However, the charter was refused simply on points so fine that a judicial microscope must have been used in discovering them, and by the aid of strong magnifying glasses they will be rectified and the charter once more appear in the courts as a suppliant.

The Daughters of the Revolution.

The organization of the "Daughters of the American Revolution" has played a prominent part in this week of surprises. It certainly was surprising to hear the organization condemned quite bitterly by people who pride themselves on being leaders of the social world in this city; and to hear them affirm that it never could be a success. It was surprising also that everyone does not know that the very blue blood of the country flows in the veins of the descendants of the revolutionary heroes, surprising to ascertain that descendants of so many of the Revolutionary officers are residing in Pittsburg, and that 29 officers were represented by their descendants in the first meeting called by Mrs. Nathaniel B. Hogg, Regent of the new society. All in all, it is surprising that every one does not indorse the organization of a society having lineage instead of shekels as a basis.

But the greatest of all, however, in this week of numerous surprises was the fact that at the mass meeting called Friday evening in the interest of the establishment of a Young Women's Christian Association in the city, one minister only was present, though every minister from his pulpit last Sunday announced the meeting, the place and the evening of holding it. The subject of establishing the society has been a matter of agitation among religious workers for a fortnight past, principally among women. The society is needed, formed and maintained, so it is affirmed, for exactly the same reasons and on exactly the same terms as is the Young Men's Christian Association. It is purely evangelical and an auxiliary to church work. Were it otherwise, it would be safe to say its foundation here would encroach upon the prerogatives of a very old organization, known as the Woman's Christian Association, that engages all active working philanthropists in its vast field of charitable work. As it is, however, a second organization in the East End engaged in the same work and bearing the exact name the new society proposes taking, objects strenuously to the usurpation.

Probable Calls for Cash.

The gentlemen do not seem to favor the movement much, and why the clergymen refrain from giving it tangible encouragement, when it would lighten materially their labors and assist them so greatly, is not known. The husbands and brothers remain negative probably because they realize that it is their pocketbooks that will be called upon to supply the deficiency left by the prayers of their wives and sisters, as sad to relate most of the wives and sisters have nothing of their own to offer such an enterprise but prayers, even though their fingers may be covered with costly gems and their figures robed in laces and fine silks. And strange to say, most women in asking the custodian of the family exchequer for a check of $50 do so with more embarrassment, humility and reverence than they feel in petitioning heaven to grant the most extravagant requests. It is to be hoped that if the society is established here, in the great and glorious evangelical work that it proposes doing, it will discourage emphatically the button-holing, lobbyist manner with which the highest power is so frequently promised glory if he will only grant requests, and teach in its stead a proper reverential form of prayer.

In case the organization is effected, as indications seem to point, it will without doubt soon become a commendable and interesting feature of this city's organized work, and if such a gentleman as Mr. H. Kirk Porter, who has used his influence so wisely and his money so generously in promoting the Young Men's Christian Association, should become interested in it, a financial basis would soon be assured.

They Got the Encouragement.

Mr. Porter, by the way, was the only prominent gentlemen besides Rev. Dr. Sutherland present at the mass meeting, and he was called upon by the Chairman to make an address after the speaker of the evening, Miss Dunn, an International Secretary of Chicago, had finished. His remarks, however, were decidedly of the subjunctive and potential mood, though very graceful and pleasingly given. They did not thoroughly meet the approbation of the interested ladies, and whether with or without intent the Chairman, in requesting Dr. Sutherland to give a talk, asked him to speak some "words of encouragement" for the project. The modified request was unnecessary, as Dr. Sutherland, though admitting his ignorance of the subject, until he arrived at the church, with his usual skill in solving problems with unknown religious quantities, had attained in this one an affirmative result, and did not hesitate to so express himself.

Clearly and emphatically the words of encouragement the Chairman had requested fell from his lips in eloquent, convincing language, and then and there, amid a burst of applause, he announced himself an advocate of a Young Woman's Christian Association of Pittsburg.

KATHLEEN HUSSEY-WATSON.

SPRINGTIME PLEASURES.

Social Gatherings at Which the Hours Passed Swiftly Away.

An event of more than usual interest to many Pittsburgers, was the celebration of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Leedy, at their residence, No. 322 Summit avenue, Youngstown, O., on Wednesday, May 13. Mr. and Mrs. Leedy have lived in Youngstown for a number of years and are well-known. They have six sons and four daughters, all married and all residing in Youngstown, except the eldest daughters Mrs. Kloffenstein, who resides in Utica, N. Y. At the opening of the Civil War Mr. Leedy lived in Baltimore, and he with three of his sons served for three years with a Maryland regiment, the father being drum major and his sons drummer boys. They are now members of the drum corps of Todd Post, G. A. R. Mr. and Mrs. Leedy were the recipients of many beautiful presents. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Tope, of Youngstown, and the ring used was the same one which was used at the first ceremony, 50 years ago, at Gettysburg, Pa. After the marriage ceremony and supper the evening was devoted to singing and recitations by the children and grandchildren of the worthy couple. During the day photographs were taken, first of Mr. and Mrs. Leedy, with their ten children, also of the guests, numbering between 70 and 80. The guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Alf Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Yates and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vanderbilt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leedy and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leedy and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Leedy and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leedy and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leedy and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Leedy, Mrs. Birney, Miss Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Riebie and daughter, all of Youngstown; Mrs. Kloffenstein, of Utica, N. Y., Mrs. White, of Toledo, O., and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wattles, Miss Julia Wattles, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wattles, Mr. and Mrs. Spahr, Warren Wattles, Jr., Gorton Wattles, Dr. J. R. Horner and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fuhr, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Getty, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Armor and family, Mrs. Margaret Armor and daughter, Mrs. Thomas Armor, Mr. George Armor, Mrs. Katie Scott and son, Miss Wolff, Miss Margaret Reamer, Miss Mary Getty, Mr. George Gillespie, all of Pittsburg.

Last Thursday evening a beautiful rural spot on the outskirts of the little village of Oakmont, 11 miles from Pittsburg on the Allegheny Valley Railroad, was the scene of an interesting social event, at which Miss Aggie Gertrude, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Herron, of Sandy Creek, was united in marriage to Mr. William Frank Kennedy, of Verona, by Rev. W. S. Nevin. The ceremony was performed in the United Presbyterian Church in the presence of a large and select number of intimate friends and relatives of the estimable young couple. Mr. Kennedy is one of the most genial and popular young men of Verona, and his bride is an amiable and charming young lady of whom he has reason to be proud. Mr. I. E. Kennedy, a prominent young business man of Apollo, was the groomsman, and the bride's sister, Miss Annie S. Herron, acted as bridesmaid. Mr. D. C. Kennedy, of Hulton, and Mr. H. F. Rutter, of Verona, respectively brother and cousin of the groom, were the ushers. After the solemnization of the ceremony, which was the beginning of the union of willing hands and loving hearts for life, a brilliant reception was given at the residence of the bride's parents, which will long be remembered as a very pleasant and enjoyable affair by all who were present. Another reception was given on Friday evening at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kennedy, at Verona. Elegant suppers were served at both receptions. Numerous valuable and useful presents were received, which will doubtless be highly prized as mementoes, and around which many a pleasing recollection will linger when their possessors in future years look back to the eventful date which was the starting point in their connubial career. The guests departed after showering their congratulations on the happy couple.

The employes of the Welsbach Light Company held their third annual banquet in the spacious parlors of Captain Edward Merriman, Monterey street, Allegheny, on Thursday evening. One of the courses consisted of planked shad, sent them by Mr. C. E. Stokes, superintendent of their factory at Gloucester, N. J. The boys claim they were the finest that ever left the waters of the Delaware. After partaking of the delicacies of the season the company indulged in euchre and numerous games until midnight, when they adjourned, with all wishing to see many returns of their annual. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Rumsey, Mrs. J. B. Decker, Mrs. J. Griffith Stephens, Mrs. Merriman, the Misses Stephens, Rumsey, Maggie and Jennie Roney, and Messrs. S. A. Love, J. B. Hill, Edward Schuler, W. H. Weaver, D. H. Hall, R. B. Burke, S. S. Hall, W. W. Stephens, G. G. Hazlett and Edward G. Merriman.

One of the most popular events of the week was the surprise party given by Mr and Mrs. Hammett at their residence on Wharton street, Wednesday evening, in honor of their daughter Jennie. About 25 people responded to the invitations sent out. Among those present were Misses Jennie Kirsh, Mamie Tesh, Annie Bryant, Bella Reed, Hattie Willette and May Harris, and Messrs. J. T. Richardson, E. Beathling, H. I. Keefer, H. Willette, W. Ziegler, W. Galbraith, B. F. Pritchard, Jr., K. William Schuchman and others. At midnight an elegant lunch was served, which was enjoyed by all. Dancing was the principal amusement of the evening. The Duquesne Orchestra furnished the music.

A jolly party of young people met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sankey last Tuesday evening at No. 45 Lockhart place. It being the anniversary of the birth of their daughter, Miss Jennie, the assembly was given as a surprise to that young lady. Dancing was enjoyed, also many musical selections, and at a late hour a dainty lunch was served. Among the guests were Dr. Hagemann and wife, of Mt. Washington; Messrs. M. P. and Walter Kreps, Charles and Will McGuffin, Dravo, Rhodes, B. McCormick, Clyde Sankey, Farrell, Patterson and Burchfield, and the Misses Semple, Conway, Bergen, Kreps, Patterson, Banker, Hoene, Sutmeyer, Euwer and Forgie.

A very pleasant surprise party was tendered Miss Carrie McCleary at her home on Rebecca street, last Friday evening, by her friend, Miss Jennie Simpson, of the same street. Among those present were the Misses Annie Maier, Carrie Duglass, Minnie Dick, Aggie Thomas, Mary McCune, Ella Walters, Annie Simpson, Carrie Cox, Myra Kirk, May McAfoos, Clara Gallagher, Ida McAfoos, and Messrs. E. Parker, T. Simpson, H. Hinson, H. B. McGaig, H. C. McGaw, J. Simpson, J. R. Kirk, R. Thorn, C. White, J. McAfoos, W. Weber, W. N. Kirk, J. McCune, N. James, H. Tatte, T. Weiss, T. Goshorn and F. Hedrick. Dancing and cards were the amusements of the evening.

A surprise party was given in honor of Mr. Arthur T. Hutson at his residence, Washington avenue, Allegheny, last Tuesday evening, the host being 18 years of age the day previous. An evening long to be remembered was spent by all present, after which refreshments were served. Those present were: Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Hutson, Messrs. E. M. Merriman, Harry L. Carson, Charlie Chambers, W. F. Kennedy, Frank Hutson, Harry Woernly, Frank Wellard, Frank Chambers, William M. McCormick, James R. Cutler and the Misses Mamie Rumsey, Ridie Young, Carrie Jackson, Hattie Burst, Zella Duncan, May Hutson, Maggie Dougherty and Nettie Duncan.

Misses Maud McGrath and Ella Schroeder entertained a number of friends at their home in Brushton last Wednesday evening. Prof. Joseph Breil, who has just returned from Europe, where he finished his musical education, was one of the guests, and was charmingly entertaining in that he responded to numerous requests to render solos. Others who assisted in making the evening pleasant by musical selections were Misses Mamie Breil, Mamie Colvin, Katie Deitz, and Messrs. George Mehaffey, Holmes Austin McGrath, Charles Lang and Master Dannie.

The Vassar Students' Aid Society met yesterday at the residence of Miss McCreery, on Lincoln avenue, and were tendered a tea by that young lady, who is Vice President of the organization. The society, though decidedly young, has already a membership of 40 and is increasing rapidly. Its object is to establish a scholarship at Vassar. Its officers are Mrs. James Chalfant, President; Miss McCreery, Vice President, and Miss Grace Kelly, Secretary. Graduates and any one who has attended Vassar for any length of time in years are eligible to membership.

Mr. and Mrs. Finn were surprised at their residence, 449 Tustin street, Thursday evening by a jolly party of young people. The American Orchestra furnished the music, and dancing was the order till a late hour. Among those present: Mr. and Mrs. James Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. T. McAvoy, Mr. and Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Rodgers, Miss Ellen Welch, Misses Anna and Kate Giles, Miss Annie Kelley, and Messrs. Benjamin Mason, H. Garber, G. Strinner, Frank Conley and William Finn.

The Silver Lake Recreation Club, under the direction of Prof. H. B. McClure, has completed all arrangements for a series of lawn fetes at Silver Lake Grove, to begin Thursday, June 4. The Original Royals will furnish the music and none but members of the club will be admitted.

Last Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Charles Glockler, of 3949 Howley avenue, celebrated the fifth anniversary of their marriage. The evening was spent in dancing and card playing, and was climaxed by a delicious repast.

Mrs. Coffin, after leasing her beautiful property at Leetsdale called Elmridge to Mr. J. Haworth, of Allegheny, has removed to her house at Pine Spring, Somerset county, where she is making some notable improvements.

The Brushton Literary Society met at the home of Miss Elizabeth Krahenbihl on Monday evening, May 18. As usual the programme consisted of literary and musical selections. A pleasant evening was spent by all.

A delightful party was given by Miss Molly Collins at Noblestown Wednesday evening. Dancing was the chief amusement. A dainty lunch was served, and the guests had a very pleasant evening.

There will be an entertainment given by the King's Daughters in Gymnasium Hall, Shady avenue, East End, on Thursday, May 28, at 8:15 o'clock, for the benefit of the Children's Hospital.

A very pleasing surprise party was given Miss Bertha Freshwater and Miss Nellie Duffy last Tuesday evening. Refreshments were served and dancing was the order of the evening.

The engagement is announced of Mr. J. Sidersky, of Connellsville, formerly of this city, and Miss Xenia Rapport. The wedding will not take place until the end of next August.

The Thursday Night Club will hold a reception at Braun's Dancing Academy Thursday evening.

MATTERS OF MUSICAL MOMENT.

Social Events in Which Instrumental and Vocal Music Was the Feature.

The Mansfield Valley Glee Club gave a very entertaining concert at School Hall Tuesday evening, May 19. The following artists assisted the glee club: Miss Bertha Kaderly, Dr. W. T. English, Mr. D. W. Davies (violinist), Mrs. R. W. Jones, Miss Logan, Miss Newlon, and Messrs. Reese, Orrs, Ford and Gunter. Mr. T. L. Reese acted master of ceremonies, and all went well under his wise and cheerful directorship. The club rendered "The Hills and Vales Rosamond," "Belfry Tower," "The Bells of St. Michael's Tower" and "Carnovale" in a very creditable manner, and a double quartet sang "The Tar Song" with vigor and animation. Miss Bertha Kaderly sang her numbers with exquisite taste, and her rich voice, faultless phrasing and refined pathos enraptured the audience. Dr. English was as popular as usual and in good voice. Mrs. R. W. Jones and Professor Reese sang the duet "Wilt Thou Tempt the Wave With Me" in a very pleasing style, and they well deserved the applause given them. Messrs. Ford and Gunter acquitted themselves very commendably, and the blind violinist, who is always a favorite at Mansfield, made new admirers and won new laurels. Miss Annie Hardy, the accomplished accompanist, filled her part with her usual grace and faithfulness. The soloists, choir and appreciative audience speak well for Mansfield's advancement in the march of progress.

Last Monday evening a party of well known young people of Allegheny, chaperoned by Miss Mame Boyle and Miss Madge Byron, visited the home of Miss Kitty Braun, at Neville station, P., F. W. & C. R. R. To the delightful strains of the Crescent Orchestra, the guests indulged in the mazes of the terpsichorean art to their utmost. Several vocal solos by the popular young soprano, Miss Marguerite McAllister, and a number of recitations by Miss Mary Byron and Miss Blanche Oswald, delivered in a highly complimentary manner, added to the evening's enjoyment. An elegant supper closed the evening that will ever be fondly cherished in the minds of the Misses Edna Bridge, Blanche Oswald, Mary Byron, Marguerite McAllister, Estelle Connolly, Celia Byron, Nan Isherwood, Belle Bradley, Madge Byron, Annie Quinn, Mamie Braun, Jessie Fried, Minnie Bowers, Rose Weible, Minnie Rupp, May Henry, Rena Emanuel, Nellie Braun, Bessie Rupp, Kittie Braun, Nellie Boyle, Lizzie Miller, Nellie Rupp, Jessie Hoffman, Lillie and Ella McCormick, and the Messrs. Joseph A. Isherwood, Frank L. Kohen, C. Edward Upperman, Joseph V. Roney, John C. Fisher, Addie Stierheim, Benjamin Burns, Charles Stierheim, Al Sende, James P. Wall, Albert Liefeld, Christ Vetter, James Kennedy, John Sawyer, Will Rupp, Al Hoffman, George Weible, Spencer Sage, Edward Rupp and Joseph A. Fisher.

Last Thursday evening Miss Kate Braun, of Allegheny City, assisted by her pupils, gave a unique literary and musical entertainment at School Hall, Mansfield Valley. Miss Braun gave several recitations, and her vigor and descriptive mimicry were very meritorious. Miss Lena Rhodes, pianist; Miss Jenny Evans, soprano, and Miss Auguste Guenther, entranced the audience with their excellent renderings of choice selections. The following pupils gave valuable assistance: Misses Eva Gulbertson, Lizzie Johns, Kate Nixon, Harriet Skewes, Maud Wherry, Nina Joyce, Flora Knepper and Edith Wherry. Miss Lizzie Johns deserves special mention for her graceful attitude, cautious gestures, and clear enunciation.

A READER asks the significance of the number "29" on the cap of Pat Gilmore and the members of the band. It denotes the Twenty-second Regiment of the National Guard of New York, to which organization the band is attached.

NEAT invitations have been issued by the pupils of all classes of Prof. J. S. Christy's Dancing Academy for their final reception May 29. Guenther's Orchestra will be in attendance, and a pleasant time is anticipated.

THE Pittsburg Concert Company gave a very creditable performance at the Carson Street M. E. Church last Tuesday evening.

CAPE MAY IS STIRRING.

The Season Will Open Earlier Than Usual—The Harrisons Coming.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

CAPE MAY, May 23.—Although early in the season this ancient and renowned resort is already preparing for an opening which will take place a month earlier than usual. In years heretofore the large hotels, such as Congress Hall and the Stockton have not opened until about the 28th and 30th of June, but this season all the houses will be open on the 6th of June, and thus make the season that much longer and much more profitable.

The reason for the early opening is the assembling of two very large conventions here on the 9th and 16th of June, each one lasting about a week. The Master Car Builders' Association of the United States will assemble on the 9th at the Stockton Hotel, and in the week following the Master Railroad Mechanics will hold their convention. It is expected that from 8,000 to 12,000 persons will be here, including the delegates and their wives and sweethearts.

The rumor of the first of the week that the Presidental cottage had been sold was promptly denied to an Associated Press reporter at the White House by Mrs. Harrison, and in her denial she also stated that the family would probably start for the Cape and occupy the cottage about the first week in June. The cottage is being put in thorough order, and heaters have been added to it for the use of the family, should they want to occupy the summer villa in the cool seasons of the late spring or early fall. The steward of the White House is expected daily to make the final preparations for the coming of the family.

During the winter great improvements have been made in the hotels in the way of additions and renovations. A large number of cottages have been erected, as well as pretty pavilions on the beach strand for the use of excursionists and other visitors. The citizens will vote next Tuesday on the question of allowing the bonded indebtedness of the city to be increased $50,000 more in order that the money may be expended on improvements. There is great diversity of opinion.

As yet but one or two cottages have been rented to Pittsburgers, but several suites of rooms have been engaged for the summer at leading hotels by prominent citizens of Pittsburg. A contract has been signed by the Philadelphia and Seashore Railroad with Messrs. Hobard & Co., of New York, to complete the road to Cape May by July 1, and 500 men are reported to be working on the road now. The roadbed is graded and the ties distributed, and a vast majority of them laid to within three miles of the city. The management has been suffering from litigation for over a year, which has retarded the completion of the road. It will be fed by the Reading system. The Pennsylvania system, however, gives the Cape excellent service.

Personal Small Talk.

Mrs. David Lauber, who has been in New York City for some weeks in the interest of art, returned home Friday evening.

Master Harold B. H. Frederick, of New York, cousin of Mr. and Mrs. Phil T. Weis, arrived in the city Monday to pay them a visit.

Mr. George A. Kim's frequent visits to the South have had a significance. During the month of roses he brings a Memphis belle home as a bride.

A trio of objects, health, pleasure and business, will take Miss Jones, of the firm of Parcells & Jones, to Europe next month, where she will spend the summer.

Mr. Joseph A. Isherwood, a former well-known young society leader of Allegheny, returned to Louisville, Ky., last Tuesday, after a brief visit to his old home.

Mr. Thomas Curran, of Arch street, and Mr. James Watson, of Eastestreet, Allegheny, will leave next Tuesday evening on a three months' pleasure trip to Europe. Their intention is to go first to Ireland and from there to London, Rome and some of the principal cities of the Continent.

Miss Delila Davis, of Columbus, Neb., has been visiting relatives in Pittsburg, Braddock and other sections of the county for the past month. She has been in the East for the last eight months, visiting Philadelphia, Washington and other prominent Eastern cities, and will depart this week for Dayton, O., and after a visit there will meet her parents in Chicago, from where she will go home.

GOSSIP OF THE GUARD.

CHAPLAIN WOOD, of the Sixteenth Regiment, has tendered his resignation to Colonel Hulings.

THE First Brigade camp this year will be known as Camp W. T. Sherman, and will be located near Norristown, Pa.

CAPTAIN SHANNON, of the Washington Infantry has decided to have his company go into camp some time in August. No selection of ground has yet been made.

INSPECTOR OF RIFLE PRACTICE PATTERSON, of Battery B, is in Washington, D. C., on a two weeks' sojourn. Several members of the Battery have already qualified for this year.

CAPTAIN HARMON A. PERKINS, of the Governor's troop at Harrisburg has tendered his resignation. There has been quite a jangle in the troop for some time past, but things are expected to be straightened out shortly.

DURING the past week Captain Hunt, of the Battery, sent a very neat letter of congratulations to the Committee of Arrangements for the anniversary of "Battery B," of the First Pennsylvania Reserves, at Mt. Jackson, Pa.

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE SHEPHERD, of Battery B, tendered his resignation to Captain Hunt last week. Mr. Shepherd has been Senior First Lieutenant of the battery since its organization, and during that time has made many friends in the guard.

THE officers of the Fourteenth Regiment have decided to fit up a room in Old City Hall for headquarters purposes. No expense will be spared to make it both cheerful and inviting. The regiment has been in need of such a meeting place for a long time.

TO-DAY committees from the Washington Infantry will visit the various cemeteries and decorate the graves of deceased members of the command. The company, under command of Captain Shannon, will turn out with Post 157 at the Oakland Cemetery on Decoration Day.

A MEETING of the company commandants of the Eighteenth Regiment will be held tomorrow evening at 8:30, in the regimental headquarters. The meeting will be a most important one, as the policy of the different companies on the subject of rifle practice will be settled. Every company commander should be present.

THE Eighteenth Regiment loses one of its most efficient officers by the resignation of Lieutenant Horace Lowry, of Company E. Mr. Lowry finally decided to leave the regiment last week, and has sent his resignation to Colonel Smith. The condition of Company E for the past year has not been all that might be desired, and as a consequence other changes may be expected.

LAST Friday was the seventh anniversary of the organization of Battery B, the important event having taken place on May 22, 1884. The members of the battery are delighted at the prospect of going into camp with the rest of the brigade in July, and not being compelled to repeat their experience at Mt. Gretna two years ago. They have had an elegant summer outing every day of their business. Captain Hunt has received fresh assurances that his command will be supplied with guns shortly, but as the tale has grown very old with him, he will not be satisfied until he sees them safely stowed in the battery's armory.

CAPTAIN CHARLES HOLMES, of Company B, Eighteenth Regiment, sent his resignation to Colonel Smith last week by request. Mr. Holmes is now in Chicago, where he will probably be permanently located. He has been in command of Company B for the past 18 months, and previous to that time, held the position of Sergeant Major of the regiment. It is safe to say his connection with military life was somewhat of the farcical order, and had it not been for his two subordinates his company would have been disbanded long ago. The National Guard in Pennsylvania is making active strides toward perfection, and has no time to waste with commissioned officers, who cannot be found in their proper places at least once in two years.

THE unveiling of the Hartranft Monument takes place at Norristown on June 6. It is understood that the entire First Brigade will be present at the ceremony, in addition to representative regiments of the Second and Third Brigades. Just what regiment from this end of the State will go is hard to say, although the offer will probably be made to Colonel Hawkins, of the Tenth Regiment, he being the senior Colonel. On account of the scattered condition of this organization, the chances are that one of the Pittsburg regiments may have the opportunity to take the trip, the chances being in favor of the Eighteenth, Colonel Smith being the ranking officer here. It is scarcely thought a provisional regiment will be called for, on account of the difficulties of handling such organizations. It is expected that 2,500 soldiers in all will be present, in addition to representatives of many other organizations.

CONTRARY to expectation, General Wylie has decided that the Second Brigade shall go into camp this year at Arnold station, on the Allegheny Valley Railroad, about 18 miles above the city. The selection narrowed down to one of two sites, the other being at Ellwood, about 40 miles from the city, and a splendidly located ground. While no doubt Arnold station is a very pretty place for a camping ground, a number of strong objections are urged by many officers who have been on the ground. The first is the remarkable nearness to the city will cause the camp to be overrun with visitors, many of whom will be of an objectionable character. The second objection, and probably the most forcible one, is that the Methodist camp meeting grounds are located but half a mile away, and unless remarkably fine discipline is exercised in the brigade, unpleasant developments may result. Major Logan, the Brigade Quartermaster, will shortly take a number of the regimental quartermasters up to the grounds and locate the lines for the camp.

THREE companies of the Eighteenth Regiment were inspected last week. Company F, on Monday evening, presented 48 men and 3 officers to Major Logan in the Diamond Street Armory, and altogether showed a creditable improvement over the work of last year. On Thursday evening, at the Fifth Avenue Market House, Captain Simmons turned over to Major Patterson 56 men and 3 officers of Company H. On account of the failure of the light the company had not the opportunity to display itself to the best advantage, but the showing was up to the standard. On Friday evening, at the same place, Captain Penny presented 53 men and 3 officers of Company G for inspection to Major Patterson. The showing made by this company in every detail was undoubtedly the best in the regiment, and possibly in the brigade; certainly none of the Pittsburg companies have equalled it in many years. The work of the non-commissioned officers in handling the platoons and company as a whole was of the very best, and showed the result of last winter's non-commissioned officers' school. Captain Penny was highly complimented for the showing made.

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REMNANTS of fine carpets at Edward Groetzinger's this week.

The arrangements for Memorial Day, next Saturday, were about completed at the meeting of the committee last night at Municipal Hall. Owing to the incompleteness of the programmes for the various cemeteries, an extended account is impossible.

Posts 3, 41, 206, 230 and 269 will have charge of the ceremonies at Allegheny Cemetery. Rev. M. B. Riddle will deliver the oration.

Posts 88, 128 and 162, of Allegheny, will have charge at Uniondale and Troy Hill—88 and 128 holding service at Uniondale and Bellevue and 162 at Troy Hill. The orator at Uniondale will be Rev. J. R. Miller. At Troy Hill the orators will be (English) Rev. Mr. Satchell and (German) Rev. Mr. Pick. The Sons of Veterans will decorate the Soldiers' Monument on the hill and the Hampton Monument in East Park.

On the Southside Post 151 will hold services at the old Methodist graveyard and will send details to other cemeteries. Frank I. Gosser will deliver the oration.

Post 236 will hold services in the Southside cemetery. Comrade Daniel Ashworth of Post 3 will deliver the address. The Allen School Drum Corps will escort the post.

Post 157 will have charge at Oakland and Minersville cemeteries. The service will be held at Oakland. Rev. C. E. Locke will deliver the oration. The post will be escorted by the Washington Infantry and the Monteoth Band.

Post 117 will hold services in the Homewood Cemetery. Rev. Dewitt M. Benham will deliver the address. Early in the morning a detail from the post will decorate at the German Lutheran Cemetery.

Post 3 will hold services at Sewickley in the afternoon.

The services in all the cemeteries will consist as usual of addresses, singing, etc. The most complete arrangements have been made for the gathering of flowers and decorating the graves of the soldier dead.

At the close of the general service in Allegheny Cemetery, Post 269 will hold its special services at the graves of comrades who were members of the post.

Comrade Thomas G. Sample, of Post 128, will deliver the Memorial Day oration at Zelienople, Butler county.

Samuel Harper Camp No. 162, Sons of Veterans, will turn out with Post 157 on Memorial Day.

The Grand Army editor greatly regrets that lack of space prevents the publication of Department Commander Boyer's Memorial Day order. It is a beautiful tribute to the soldier dead and breathes with patriotism. It is well worthy of preservation.

The members of McPherson W. R. C. Auxiliary to Post 117 are requested to meet at their hall next Friday at 1 o'clock P. M. to twine garlands. They are also requested to lay aside some of their choicest blooms, to be placed on a cenotaph in Homewood Cemetery. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone having friends buried in the national cemeteries or in unknown graves to send flowers or flower pieces, to be placed on this cenotaph. The children of the East End are invited to bring flowers, if only a bouquet of wild blossoms or branch of evergreen to lay upon the soldiers' graves. All donations of cut flowers will be left at the office of Mr. Krebbs, Shady avenue, near Penn, on Friday as early in the afternoon as possible.

Special services will be held at the Arsenal sufferers graves on Memorial Day, under the auspices of James A. Garfield Circle No. 15, Ladies of the G. A. R. All sister circles are invited to attend.

Sharon Circle No. 43, Ladies of the G. A. R., is busy getting ready to assist the comrades on Decoration Day.

H. B. Hays Circle No. 56, Ladies of the G. A. R., of Turtle Creek, will assist the post on Memorial Day.

Their Strange Experience.

Two well-known citizens of Pittsburg served in the Pennsylvania Reserves, one in the Ninth and the other in the Tenth. Both were transferred to Company K, One Hundred and Ninetieth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and both became corporals in that company. One was captured August 19, 1864, on the Weldon Railroad. Both got home safely and never met till last Monday at the office of J. H. Stevenson & Co. They were there on pension matters and were introduced to each other by Mr. Stevenson, as they had not recognized each other. Then army history flew thick and fast for half an hour or so and they soon became well acquainted.

One of the men is Comrade Irwin K. Campbell and the other Comrade W. W. Scott, of Sewickley. Both belong to Encampment No. 1, U. V. L. They had passed each other hundreds of times in the past 25 years without recognition.

Along the Line.

COMRADE ROBERT HARPER, of Post 88, is very sick.

POST 157 will be inspected next Thursday evening.

FOUR or five comrades of Post 236 are still on the sick list.

COMRADE HUGH MORRISON, of Post 88, who has been very sick, is improving.

POST 236 will attend service at the South Street M. E. Church this evening.

POST 3 will assemble at the post room at 7:30 o'clock A. M. on Memorial Day.

DAVID DINES, of the Water Assessor's office, was mustered into Post 3 last Monday night.

NEXT Tuesday evening Post 155 and friends will visit the fair of the German Evangelical Church.

THE comrades of Post 157 have been ordered to report at the post room at 7:30 A. M. on Decoration Day.

COMRADE W. O. RUSSELL, of Post 151, is recovering slowly from his severe hurts, but is not yet able to be out.

THE comrades of Post 88 deeply sympathize with Comrade Fred Zimmerman, who buried a 4-year-old son yesterday.

COMRADE BARNEY COLL, of Post 157, inspected Post 206 on Friday evening. The meeting was a very pleasant one.

JOHN PATTERSON, late of Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Volunteer Infantry, is wanted at the Pension Office.

COMRADE PENSION AGENT BENGOUGH has gotten into his new quarters in the University building, and will be happier henceforth.

COMRADE HENRY STAUDE, of Post 151, having recovered from the grip, was at the meeting of his post last Tuesday night. The boys were glad to see him.

THE Grand Army Day Committee met in Common Council Chamber yesterday afternoon. A report of the proceedings may be found in the local columns.

POST 157 mustered two recruits last Thursday night. An extra large audience was in attendance. Posts 3, 41, 151 and 230 were represented. The boys had a lively time.

POST 88 was inspected last Tuesday evening by Comrade R. C. Dawson, of Post 128. The meeting was a very pleasant one. Visitors were present from Posts 3, 162 and 128.

POST 131 will attend service at the Eighteenth Street M. P. Church this morning, and the Bingham M. E. Church in the evening. Post 215 will accompany Post 151 to both services.

THE Entertainment Committee of Post 155 will give an entertainment at the fair of the German Evangelical Protestant Church at Maennerchor Hall, Mt. Washington, next Tuesday evening.

THE three posts and two camps of Sons of Veterans of Allegheny will attend divine service at the Central Presbyterian Church, Allegheny, corner Anderson and Lacock streets, this evening.

THE entertainment under the auspices of Post 88's Detroit Club at the Second U. P. Church, Allegheny, Thursday evening, was quite a success. There was a fair audience which was well pleased.

POSTS 157, 206 and 230 will attend memorial service at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, corner of Wylie avenue and Congress street, to-night. All comrades of other posts are cordially invited.

COMRADE D. A. JONES, of Post 151, who has charge of the cast for the "Little Recruit," is kept so busy at present that he has hardly time for anything else. He feels sanguine of success, and gives his time cheerfully.

THE department officers of the Ladies of the G. A. R. are very much gratified by reports received at headquarters from all over the State, reporting increase in membership and the organization of many new circles.

INSPECTION, a muster, several reinstatements and some applications was the order at Post 41's meeting last Wednesday evening. Among those present were Commander Scott, of Post 88, and Comrades Coll and Braun, of Post 157.

MRS. MAGGIE ARMIGER, wife of Comrade J. B. Armiger, of Post 155, was presented with a beautiful silver set on Wednesday evening by the ladies of W. R. C. No. 23 in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of her wedding to the old Adjutant.

ON Wednesday next the Teutonia, Sicilia and Robert Blumenaennerchors will tender to Post 128 a concert of