Brides, graduates and fair contestants for medals have made the past week one of concentrated sweetness. The Pennsylvania College started out Monday evening with its share of the week's proceedings in the graduation of a bevy of bright, attractive girls; the Pittsburg College, through a series of contests and class day exercises held on various evenings, led up to its graduation Thursday night and followed Friday evening with a very enjoyable banquet and reunion to the alumnæ.

Prof. King's school of elocution contest Thursday evening was one of the most notable events of the week, and attracted to this city elocutionists from all over the State and neighboring States as well. Seventeen young ladies contested for the D. B. King medal, each with a fair show of being successful, which naturally made the programme very interesting and the contest rather exciting.

A Costume of Cheesecloth.

The costumes of the contestan's added considerably to the enjoyment of the evening, for without exception they were exquisite and appropriate to the selections given. And strange as it may seem the most beautifully artistic gown of all was fashioned of cheese cloth. No one would have believed it, however, excepting those in the secret, for it was perfectly charming, and fell in the most graceful folds imaginable. Miss Dora Marshall, a young lady from Kansas, who has spent the past year here studying, was the wearer of the pretty creation, which was fashioned in the style of the Grecian maidens' garb, and was delicate pink, with cord of the same color encircling the waist.

The prize was given to Miss Mary Byron, and her pleasure at receiving it was only marred by the sympathy she felt for the other girls who so beautifully swallowed their own disappointment and tendered their congratulations. What an admirable subject for moralizing medal giving would be anyway, for where it gives pleasure to one it gives sorrow and discouragement to so many.

Social Events of the Week.

Brides have been rather numerous this week and promise to be more so the coming week. The most fashionable wedding was the O'Shea-Morgan at 12 o'clock Thursday in Trinity Episcopal Church.

The "supplementary" concert came off Friday evening, and was not an enthusiastic affair; indeed, everyone but the little boys who occupied a box looked rather bored—the ushers dreadfully so—but then they were inclined to be more ornamental than useful, and consequently suffered the en ui of idleness. A large portion of the audience departed after the fancy dance by the little folks, thereby depressing still more the already depressed atmosphere, which made it difficult for the singers to do themselves justice.

Pleasures for the Stay-at-Homes.

Nearly everyone is just at present in the transitory or packing state preparatory to the summer exodus, but for those that are compelled by circumstances to remain in the city during the heated term, and are denied the salt water and mountain air, certain outings exist that are not to be laughed at. The traction and electric lines in a very few minutes will transplant one from stifling heat to the coolness and greenness of country verdure and hilltop breezes.

Then the river will be a great source of pleasure through the Tuesday night excursions inaugurated by Mr. George Jenks that permit of a hitherto questionable evening of enjoyment. It is said that the Mayflower has reformed, and intends going only in the most select company.

KATHLEEN HUSSEY-WATSON.

IN THE MONTH OF FLOWERS.

Events of Social Interest to the People of Both the Cities.

Miss Maggie Curry, of 110 Wylie avenue, was given a surprise party Monday evening last. A great many were present and an enjoyable time was had. Among those present were: Misses Betta and Jennie Graham, Bertha and Emma Schindle, Sadie and Bella Seeds, Sadie Potter, Mary McCarthy, Mary Stuart, Maggie Haney, Mamie Thompson, Lizzie Skeldon, Lula Mercer, Maggie Yound, Lou Hester, Josie Sullivan, Mollie McClure, Mrs. A. Grant, Mrs. H. McCutcheon, Mrs. J. C. Higgins, Annie Higgins, Florence Grant, Minnie Curry, Messrs. Will and Bob Thompson, Charlie and Ed Saindle, Robert Covert, Gust Hoffing, John Gilmore, John Schner, Harry Parks, Will Braley, Will Brecan, Will Bud, Eddie McCutcheon and Charlie Grant.

The tenth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Charlton was celebrated at their home on South street, Wilkinsburg, on Tuesday evening with an informal gathering of friends. Mrs. Charlton is a delightful hostess, and she made her guests feel that they could not have found a more enjoyable way of spending an evening than in her society. Many of them brought handsome remembrances as tokens of their regard. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Hamilton and William Boyd, of Allegheny, and Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Weldon, Mr. and Mrs. John Falkner, Mr. and Mrs. Morledge, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, the Misses Moore and Messrs. J. S. Crawford and S. C. Johnston, of Wilkinsburg.

Wilkinsburg has determined to follow the example of Pittsburg with regard to the celebration of the Fourth of July. A public meeting is to be held in the Council Chamber to-morrow evening, at which arrangements for the exercises will be made. It is the intention to have oratory as one of the main features of the day, and the reading of the "Declaration" of Independence in the good old-fashioned way. There will be all kinds of sports, with the inevitable baseball match, and it is intended to offer prizes that will be worth winning. It is hardly likely that there will be a fireworks display in the evening, although it has been suggested.

A very pleasant affair was the surprise party tendered Miss Allie Brown, of Vickroy street, last Monday evening, it being her 19th birthday. Music, dancing and a sumptuous supper at midnight summed up the enjoyable features of the occasion. Those present were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. M. Garrigan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Garrigan, of Knoxville; Mr. and Mrs. P. Divine, the Misses Hughes, of Woods' Run; the Misses Rettigan, Tyler, Donohue, Stillwagen and Evans, and Messrs. H. A. Santee, M. Barr, T. Formier, P. Reagan, J. Garrigan, S. A. Warde and Prof. McClure.

Miss Elsie St. Clair, a handsome young daughter of Mr. Stewart D. St. Clair, of Talbot avenue, Braddock, Superintendent of the bloom department of the Edgar Thomson Steel Works, was married Tuesday evening last at 8 o'clock, to Mr. David Creelman, a well-known young business man of that place. Miss St. Clair was one of the charter members of "The Old Maid's Club," organized three years ago by eight of the most prominent young ladies of Braddock, and was the fifth to forfeit membership in that interesting organization.

The Lincoln Club, of Allegheny, enjoyed an outing to the woods on last Friday. All were very much pleased with their varied experiences in the country. The members of this organization are: Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Fahnestock; the Misses Alberta Lore, Adelaid Lore, Mary Banks, Maud Monroe, Nettie Sorver, Lillie Robb, Annie Thompson, Elinore Roberts, and Messrs. A. G. Boenigk, Harry Thompson, Frank Thompson, James Thompson, J. Charles Irwine, James H. Lyle, John Boles and C. R. Wylie.

The marriage of Mr. Perry J. Slater, of this city, formerly of Braddock, to Miss Elizabeth M. Carline, daughter of Mr. A. M. Carline, a wealthy business man of Braddock, which took place at the home of the bride on Talbot avenue at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, was a social affair of much interest to the young people of Braddock and to many in the two cities. It was a home wedding, and was witnessed by only the immediate friends and relatives of the contracting parties. Rev. J. B. Dickey, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Braddock, of which the bride and groom were members, performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. J. C. Maloy, pastor of the West Newton Presbyterian Church. Dr. W. T. Morgan, of Braddock, was the groom's best man, with Miss Lulu Beatty, of Allegheny, as bridemaid. The wedding supper over and goodbys said, the bridal party left for an extended tour of the great lakes and the Northwestern States.

Mr. K. T. Meade, the well-known young attorney, and Miss Grace Woodburn, daughter of Rev. B. F. Woodburn, D. D., will be married at the Sandusky Street Baptist Church of Allegheny, Thursday, June 18, at 8 P. M., the father of the bride officiating. The bridemaid will be Miss May Woodburn, of Allegheny, and the groomsman E. L. Frisbee, of Lakewood, N. Y. The maids of honor will be the Misses Sarah Barbour, of Allegheny; Minnie McNeil, of Allegheny; Julia McCord, of Sewickley, and Hattie Gray. The ushers will be Messrs. Alfred M. Schoyer, Charles O. Hadley, Harry Z. Weber, E. R. Heckel, M. D., and W. T. Tredway. The couple will leave after the ceremony for the Thousand Isles. They will spend some time with the bride's family at Point Chautauqua and will be at home in September at 44 Buena Vista street, Allegheny.

On Wednesday evening a merry party of society folks of the "hill district" met at the residence of the Misses Warden, of Wylie avenue, and from there went to spend the evening at the residence of Miss Hill, at Edgewood. The party went well equipped, being transported in Shanahan's large excursion wagon, which was quite amusing to passers by, having a band with them to furnish music for dancing. Among those present were: Misses May Stewart, Belle Scott, Emma Maxwell, Bess Fix, Blanche, Jennie and Lizzie Warden, Flo Reynolds, Nannie and Maggie Watson, Powell and Boyd, and Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Florence Hill, Harry Kerr, Bert Grazier, Ed Steyler, A. G. Rotrock, A. W. Koch, Clarence Hill, W. Larimer, W. Colmer and Will Perry.

A very pleasant surprise party was tendered Master Walter Herrod on Friday evening last at his residence, 905 Penn avenue, it being his 8th birthday. Music, dancing and games were the order of the evening, after which the little folks formed into the grand march, conducted by the Misses Edgar and Simmons and Mr. Bonner, and partook of some refreshments. Among those present were Bertha and Amelia Newbert, Lilly and Edna Herron, Hattie and Anna Goshorn, Bessie Kramer, Hazel Lindsay and Jennie Kiel; Masters Robbie Walker, Elmer Peal, Edgar Herron, Clarence Kramer, Will Ramsy, Will McKenna, Fred Gipner, Walter and Bertram Herrod and Arthur and Alex. Cook.

On Thursday evening last a delightful and most pleasant little social gathering was held at the residence of Miss N. Thompson, 724 Sarah street, Southside. The participants enjoyed themselves in singing and playing and outdoor amusements on the lawn. The luncheon and refreshments, which were served by the charming hostess, were a credit to her and enjoyed by the following persons: The Misses Bertha Feidler, Katie and Mamie Appel, Bertha Witz, Emma Boyd, Annie Boyd and Mamie Blood, and Messrs. George Dobbins, George W. Evans, Carey Weire, Charles Taylor and S. Miller.

A very pleasant and enjoyable reception was given at the residence of J. H. Irwin, Esq., of Emsworth, to his son, Dr. J. Kennedy Irwin, and his beautiful and accomplished bride, from Philadelphia, who arrived here Thursday evening on their wedding tour, expecting to remain for a few days and return home via Buffalo, Albany and New York. The doctor is enjoying the best of health, which will be good news to his many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hood celebrated their wooden wedding at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Richardson, Ridge avenue, Allegheny, Tuesday evening. The occasion was devoted to vocal and instrumental music and dancing, after which refreshments were served. Among the guests were Mrs. Coburn, Miss Lydia Kall, who presided at the piano and rendered some excellent music, the Misses Webb and a number of others.

The departure of the summer sketching class of the Pittsburg Art School was changed from Thursday last, owing to sickness, to to-morrow. The party will leave on the 12:50 noon train and will number 28. Wednesday Mr. Beatty will be joined at Scalp Level by Dr. Lippincott, C. C. Mellor and John W. Black, and a fishing party will then be organized to angle for trout 12 miles beyond the sketching field.

All the Protestant schools are to hold a union picnic at Idlewild on July 9. The following committees have charge of the arrangements: Transportation, J. K. Dillon and James Sanson; Amusements, H. T. Elliott, J. A. McMahon, J. S. Cline, R. B. Robinson, Charles Bailey, Richard Bibby and Knight Gibson. It is expected that there will be several thousand people in attendance.

The marriage of two well-known young people in Braddock society will take place at Braddock next Wednesday evening. The contracting parties are Mr. Frank Wolferd, the youngest son of Mr. Jacob Wolferd, a well-to-do business man of that place, and Miss Alice Gwilliam, a charming young lady of Fifth avenue, East End, and only daughter of the late Mr. William Gwillam, of Belle avenue, North Braddock.

Tuesday next the Young Men's Club, of Braddock, with their friends, will hold a fete champetre at Idlewild. Evidently the affair will be one of pleasure and enjoyment. The club will be accompanied by the Gas City Quartet, of the Southside, which will prove a big adjunct to the pleasure of the party. It is anticipated that 200 couples will attend.

The New P. M. Church, located on Cobden street, will be dedicated to-day (Sunday, June 14). The dedicatory exercises will be conducted by Rev. G. Lees, of New Castle, Pa. Services at 10:30 A. M., 2:30 P. M. and 7:30 P. M. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. A. Northall, will render selections appropriate to the occasion. There will be a lecture Monday evening at 7:30.

On Thursday, June 18, will occur the marriage of Margaret R. Brokaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Brokaw, of Virginia avenue, Mt. Washington, with Mr. J. B. McCormick, of Ingram. It will be a quiet home wedding, only the immediate relatives of both families to be present, owing to the recent death of a brother of the bride.

Probably the most prominent social event that has taken place in Braddock for many seasons was the wedding of Mr. Alvin C. Dinkey and Miss Margaret Stewart, solemnized at the handsome home of the bride's parents on Grant avenue, North Braddock, at 6 o'clock Thursday evening.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the Ingleside House, East End, last Monday, the occasion being the birthday of Miss Alice Fetterman. Quite a number of her immediate friends were present and the evening was spent in card playing and dancing.

The next of George W. Jenks' select evening excursions will be held Tuesday, the 16th inst. The boat will touch at Bellevue and Locust street, Allegheny, for the convenience of those desiring to join the party at those points.

The Young Men's Club, composed of about 60 of the most prominent male members of society at Braddock, will, Tuesday of this week, hold their second annual fete champetre at Idlewild Park, on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Mr. Michael O'Brien and Miss Mary A. Joyce were married at 8:30 o'clock last Tuesday morning at the residence of Mr. John Joyce, of Sharpsburg, after which the young couple departed on an extended wedding tour.

The ladies having charge of the garden party held on the lawn of Mrs. W. C. Stewart, Neville street, Shadyside, turned over to Mr. Thompson, the treasurer for the fresh air fund, the handsome sum of $300.

The Summer Night Club, consisting of John J. Cavanaugh, W. J. Sullivan and B. Harris, will give a series of lawn fetes at Silver Lake on June 24, July 14 and August 4.

A wedding on the 10th inst. united Miss Carrie M. Wood, of Cornopolis, and Mr. George E. Woodward, of Boston. Rev. W. C. Neely officiated.

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The seaside and hilltop season is here. All along the coast line of the East, on the shady hills, and beside picturesque lakes and broad rivers, mine host has opened his register and smilingly awaits the guest who will fill his house and his pocket. Soon the excursion train will be hauling tired hundreds over the Jersey levels and up the heavy mountain grades, and the cities will be turned over to the stay-at-homes. But very many are enabled by the cheap rates and frequent runs to take at least a dash in the breakers or a siesta on the hills, returning dusty but refreshed, thankful for a whiff of salt air or a sniff of the balsam. The season promises to be a prolific one, thanks to the prosperity of the nation and the craving for change. Everywhere fresh amusements and attractions, new hotels and refitted old favorites await the visitor. In a few days the season will be fairly inaugurated. What awaits the summer tourist at some of the favored spots can be gleaned from the news appended.

ATTRACTIONS AT ATLANTIC.

New Ones Will Welcome Pittsburgers—Gossip From the Gay Beach City.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

ATLANTIC CITY, June 13.—The seashore hotel proprietor who stops you on the avenue to gravely declare that the season just opened is going to be the greatest in the history of Atlantic City is not so overly enthusiastic in his predictions that they will fall far short of the mark. The season will be a big one, and to send out a letter from this resort just now without calling attention to that fact would not be doing justice to the existing situation.

Atlantic City by means of unexcelled natural advantages and enterprise has forced recognition as the greatest seashore resort in the world, and in support of this claim no better proof is needed than the fact that its patrons come not alone from the principal cities in the United States, but also from that historic region bounded by the time-honored phrase, "from every quarter of the globe."

There was a time when the place depended entirely upon the support of visitors from Philadelphia, but now the registers at the leading hotels have the variegated characteristics of a polyglot dictionary. From Pittsburg, in particular, is attracted a volume of patronage sufficiently large in itself to sustain an average watering place, and that the army of visitors from that comparatively far-off city shows an annual increase is cheering to the hotel keepers.

For the Pittsburg guest is doubly welcome here; he comes to have a good time and is willing to pay liberally for it. Therefore, the affix Pittsburg to his name on the register secures him a room on the ocean front, which is the greatest distinction that can be conferred by an Atlantic City hotel keeper. Visitors from Pittsburg will find on their arrival here this year that time has worked several material changes in the aspect of their favorite resort.

New Hotels and Brighter Old Ones.

New hotels have sprung up and the older ones have put on a new dress, and many improvements added for the more comfortable accommodation of their guests. The scene in the vicinity of the Inlet has been practically transformed, and it will not be surprising to find that neighborhood the leading attraction of the island this summer. The marshy meadows surrounding the Inlet are now occupied by handsome structures, designed primarily for the amusement of visitors and incidentally for the corralling of the nimble nickel. The grounds of the new Atlantic City Amusement Company cover a large area adjacent to the Ball Park, and while no definite detailed programme has been given out, it is probable that within the fences will be found almost every known device for diverting seashore sojourners. The work is rapidly nearing completion and in a short time the place will be in full blast.

A few blocks farther down the boardwalk is located the nearly completed structure of the Atlantic Casino and Steamboat Company, a handsome building in the Moorish style of architecture. The Casino is situated directly on the landing of a pier from which the company's splendidly fitted yachts make their ocean excusions, and is a beautiful addition to the surroundings of the inlet.

Still further down, where the beach takes a sudden bend, is the famous iron pier, shattered during the great storm of September, 1889, which made kindling wood of the old boardwalk and bathhouses within reach of its fury. No Pittsburger ever came to Atlantic City during the palmy days of the iron pier without paying it a visit, and it will be cheerful news to hear that it has fallen into the hands of the Reading Railroad Company, and is being restored to its former beauty. The pier is situated at the ocean terminus of Massachusetts avenue, and the Reading Company has just secured from Council permission to occupy that avenue with a single track connecting with the present terminus on Baltic avenue. This practically completes a line from Philadelphia direct to the beach, and in return for the franchise the railroad company proposes to give the vicinity the benefit of capital and enterprise. To this end the iron pier is being rapidly restored, and when completed will be occupied by an operatic company or by some other form of agreeable entertainment. In the course of time, possibly next year, a magnificent hotel will be erected near the beach, and the interests of the locality will receive an immense boom.

Another and even greater change will greet the Pittsburg visitor at Applegate's pier, which from now on will be known as Young and McShea's pier, those enterprising gentlemen having purchased it for a considerable sum. In the roasting days of summer, when sickly children stifle and fret under the scorching sun and melting mortals pant for a breath of fresh air, this pier is the coolest of the few cool places on the island, and, on the authority of a well-known physician, annually saves the lives of more babies than all the medicine in the pharmacopeia. Yet not long ago the city fathers discussed the advisability of tearing it down, but the bare mention of the idea raised such a storm of opposition from all quarters that the subject was speedily dropped, and the owners began to improve their property. When the work now in progress is completed the pier will have been extended 400 feet further into the ocean. This is done to permit good fishing. In the main pavilion hops will be held as usual, the opening one being given to-night under the auspices of the cottage colony.

So far the place has changed, but otherwise it is the same, gay old Atlantic City of last season and of many seasons to come. The weather, on which the interests of the resort are almost entirely dependent, has been simply perfect during the week, and the daily range of the temperature several degrees lower than that in Pittsburg or Philadelphia. Bathing has already begun, although the regular season for that luxurious pastime is yet a fortnight off. Early crabbing, brought about by the mild winter, is another sport which is being enjoyed. The carroussels are spinning, toboggans sliding, yachts gliding, saltwater taffy cooling, mosquitoes still weaning on the bottle and what more do you want?

The Pittsburg Contingent.

Miss C. B. Stewart, of Pittsburg, is an attractive guest at the Dennis where she is domiciled for a prolonged visit.

F. C. Hutchinson, a well-known Pittsburg business man, is at the Raymond with his family for a brief stay.

Select Councilman Fred Gearing, of Pittsburg, is an evening exponent of political problems to a knot of interested auditors on the porch of the De Soto, where he is resting from city cares.

Miss Fannie Michelson, an attractive young Pittsburg society lady, is a greatly admired guest at the Oriental.

E. H. Cahill, a well-known journalist, connected with the Pittsburg *Press*, finds relaxation in a quiet sojourn at the Seaside House.

George Sands, a well-known Pittsburg plumber, is a regular porch promenader at the Hotel Hoffman, where he has taken rooms for a long stay.

Mrs. M. A. Greenwald, of Allegheny, is among the recently arrived guests at the Islesworth.

Miss Marie Bauder, a charming young Pittsburg society lady, arrived at the Boscobel during the week and will remain throughout the season.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barr, of Pittsburg, are located at the Mansion for a short time.

R. W. Dalzell, an extensive Pittsburg grocer, has engaged accommodations at the Ocean House, where he arrived during the week, accompanied by his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Severance, of Pittsburg, are being pleasantly entertained at the Brighton.

J. S. Kaufman, of Pittsburg, is a guest at the Waverly.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. C. Biddle, of Pittsburg, are recent arrivals at the Traymore.

Bakewell Phillips, of THE DISPATCH, and family are among the newcomers at Haddon Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wilson, of Pittsburg, are sojourning at the Mansion.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Holmes, Jr., of Allegheny, are making a lengthy visit at the Seaside House.

Alderman David McGeary, of the Southside, is resting at the De Soto.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Geide, Jr., of Pittsburg, are at the Dennis for several weeks' stay.

Scott A. White and Harry C. Murts, of Pittsburg, are at the Seaside.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Evans, R. J. Kerr and Joseph Pollock, of Pittsburg, are among the recently arrived guests at the Mansion.

A. F. Allen, a well-known Pittsburger, is in charge of the office at the De Soto.

The week's Pittsburg arrivals at the Brighton include J. W. Scott, J. M. Kennedy, Jr., Miss Kennedy, Miss Burns, Hugh Ferguson, Mrs. J. Scott Ward and William L. Marshall.

Miss A. R. Willard, of Allegheny, is a guest at Haddon Hall.

BEDFORD SPRINGS REDIDIVUS.

The Resort to Be More Popular Than Ever—Pittsburgers Already Booked.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

BEDFORD SPRINGS, June 13.—The opening of the season here to-day is the beginning of brighter times for this ancient resort. The improvements have been going on since the day the season closed last fall. Several old buildings have been torn down and others have taken their place. The Pennsylvania Railroad has given Bedford a prominent place in its advertising mediums, while the Baltimore and Ohio "singing the praises", of old Bedford. The slow and tedious ride in poor and dirty cars from Huntingdon to Bedford is a thing of the past. This year a through express train composed of new Pullman cars will carry passengers from Huntingdon to Bedford in a little over an hour without a stop.

More rooms have been engaged at the hotels at this time than ever before. Lake Caledonia, a beautiful sheet of water covering over ten acres, is one of the many new attractions. Boating and trout fishing can be indulged in.

Among the many Pittsburgers who have already engaged rooms are R. B. Brown and family, Charles J. Clarke, Otto Wuth and family, the Dalzells, Baileys, Marshalls, Beyers, McKees, and many others who are annual visitors to Bedford.

Friday, June 19, an annual excursion of some 300 newspaper men, with their families, from Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, will arrive. They will be the guests of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and will spend some three or four days, bringing with them Hassler's famous Philadelphia orchestra.

CAPE MAY ALREADY LIVELY.

Two Conventions and Any Number of Visitors—Ocean Bathing Begun.

[CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH.]

CAPE MAY, June 13.—The first week of what appears to be the greatest season ever known at Cape May was a gay one. A large number of guests have arrived. Nearly every city in the Union has from one to 100 citizens here. The attendance at the convention of Master Car Builders of the United States, which has been in session here for the past week, at the Stockton Hotel, has been large, and when they leave Monday another, and as large a crowd, will arrive to attend the convention of Master Railroad Mechanics. The exhibition of appliances in "Exhibition Hall" was put in place Wednesday, and is a creditable show. There are over 200 exhibitors, each one having something for some part of a car, and in all the exhibits there is everything needed for the complete construction of a car for first-class service.

Things begin to look like real summer, as there are daily a number of visitors who indulge in the ocean bath, and the beach in the morning is full of children playing upon the sands. The cottages are nearly all occupied with their summer occupants, and the regular season of enjoyment is in full blast. Among the delegates, with their wives and lady friends and others from Pittsburg, are:

At the Lafayette—William H. Schoen, Miss May Y. Eaton and E. A. Schoen.

At the Stockton—A. French and wife, Robert Bole, Humphrey Miller and wife, J. B. Thomas, Charles T. Schoen, B. B. Kern, Thomas Lindsay, W. T. Paul, C. P. Krautt, L. C. Moon, D. C. Noble, R. W. Bayley, William McConway and E. A. Schoen.

SOME MATTERS MUSICAL.

Social Events at Which the Art Divine Was the Leading Feature.

Mr. Edwin Rawsthorne entertained quite a number of his friends at his home on Mt. Washington on Thursday evening, music being furnished by Miss Bixler and Miss Smith, of Pittsburg, and Dr. Buggle and H. E. Baird, of Cincinnati, and Mr. Zingling, of St. Louis. After refreshments were served, Mr. Rawsthorne, who, by the way, will sail for Europe this week, was presented an excellent pair of field glasses by the young men of his office, presentation being made by Mr. H. E. Baird and responded to by Dr. Buggle. Among the number there were Miss Voight, Miss Turbert and the Misses Rollins, Messrs. David Perry, F. F. Crandall, Dunn, Dawson and E. A. Eyman.

Miss Kate Braun, of Neville station, entertained a large number of friends from Allegheny last Wednesday night. Dancing and the singing of Misses Mary and Jennie McKelvey were the features of the evening. Those present were the Misses Sadie Force, Nellie Boyle, Mary McKelvey, Daisy Miller, Marie Duffy, Mamie Boyle, Annie Highland, Belle Bradley, Sadie Duffy, Nellie Force, Carrie Vogel, Jennie McKelvey, Kate Braun and Messrs. Harry Reno, William Highland, Ed Rupp, A. Steerheim, John Gant, Ed Hedricks, William Ango, Robert McKelvey, C. Vetter, Albert Liefielt, Mr. Mann, Ben Burns and Albert Sende. Supper was served at midnight.

A very pleasing and happy gathering of some of the best known members of the younger social sets of Braddock, or the "Rose-bud Club," collected at the residence of their friend, Mr. John Youngson, of Mills street, West End, Tuesday evening last. Those present were: The Misses Sadie A. Davis, Carrie Graham, Gertie Scott, Flora Packer, Helen Scott, Ida Boyle, Mary Packer, Nellie Hanna, Ildrie Roberts and Emma Boyle; Messrs. Archie Dawson, Earl Hanna, John Howatt, Herbert Hess, John Youngson, John Purdy, Addie Carline, Tom Yates, Harry Courtney, George Dowler, Harry Spangler.

Great flights of eloquence have echoed and re-echoed in the empty auditorium of the Grand Opera House several afternoons of the past week, in preparation for the amateur presentation of three plays on next Thurday, Friday and Saturday evenings, by the King school of oratory pupils. The plays to be presented are, "Othello," "Merchant of Venice" and "She Stoops to Conquer." For each evening an inter-act programme of monologue and recitation has been prepared that will be about as interesting as the plays.

Miss Queenie Gates, of No. 12 Canal street, Allegheny, gave a select reading at her home Monday night in honor of Blanche Oswald, pupil of Dion Boucicault, New York, and Prof. King, Pittsburg. The programme included many recitations by Miss Oswald, Miss May McCrea, Mary Byron, who took the gold medal at Curry Thursday night, and A. I. Christy; violin solos by Prof. Terry and vocal music by the ladies.

The first of the Guenther concerts takes place on Thursday evening next, June 18, at Silver Lake Grove, with an orchestra of 30 pieces, the soloists for the evening being Mr. James Vogel and Miss Agnes Vogel.

Miss Carrie Terrant, one of Pittsburg's noted singers, gave a brilliant and very successful musical at her home, 810 Wylie avenue, Friday night, in honor of Albert I. Christy, the elocutionist.

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Commander in Chief W. G. Veazey, in a circular letter to the order, writes as follows:

In connection with what has been termed the "Silver" anniversary, the attention of comrades is called to the action of the twenty-fourth National Encampment at Boston in respect to the erection of a Memorial Hall at Decatur, Ill., the birthplace of the order, for a depository of the records and other material constantly accumulating, essential to a preservation of the history, in all its details, of the G. A. R. Pursuant to such action the Commander in Chief appointed a committee, consisting of Comrades Richard J. Oglesby, of Illinois; George A. Marden, of Massachusetts, and Joseph W. O'Neall, of Ohio, to carry out the expression of the encampment in this behalf, and this committee has issued a communication to the comrades setting forth their action and recommendations. As the committee therein state, the National Encampment voted that the proposed monumental and memorial structure should be erected from the voluntary contributions of the comrades.

It is very essential that a depository for the purpose alluded to should be speedily provided, as the records and other historical material of our order are already voluminous, rapidly increasing, and are liable to waste, loss or destruction. It would be an appropriate and worthy celebration of the quarto-centennial year to make provision by our own voluntary act, and it need not bear with any appreciable weight on any, for this necessary and laudable object.

The Commander in Chief, therefore, commends this matter to the favorable consideration of all departments and posts, and would suggest that prompt action be taken to the end that all contributions of comrades be completed soon, as a full report will be presented at the National Encampment at Detroit in August of all receipts up to July 15, so that immediate attention is needed to secure recognition therein.

Major Frank L. Hays, of Decatur, Ill., has been appointed treasurer by the local committee having the matter in charge at Decatur, to receive all contributions; and all remittances, with lists of comrades sharing therein, should be sent direct to him as above. All posts are also requested to send him at the same time one of their post rosters, to be placed with the others in the archives of this structure, that the name and history of each post may be transmitted to generations yet unborn, who may thus learn by whose exertions this great nation was brought safely through the storms of war to the later years so fraught with the blessings of peace.

Sons of Veterans Included.

The Sons of Veterans are now protected by the State from imposition in the matter of the wearing of their badge and shield by persons not entitled to the privilege. To the act relating to the unauthorized wearing of badges, shields and buttons of old soldier organizations, the last Legislature incorporated the Sons of Veterans, and Governor Pattison's approval followed. Comrade Joseph B. Eaton is sending out to members of Post 3 copies of the act for the information of comrades. Following is the act as it now reads:

Section 1—Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that any person who shall wilfully wear the insignia or rosette of the military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, or the badge or button of the Grand Army of the Republic, or the badge or shield of the Union Veteran Legion, or or the badge or shield of the order Sons of Veterans, United States of America, or use the same to obtain aid or assistance within this State, unless he shall be entitled to use or wear the same, under the constitution and by-laws, rules and regulations of such organization, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $100.

Memorial Volumes at Altoona.

An interesting Grand Army event is scheduled to take place at Altoona next Wednesday evening. A few citizens have presented the two posts, Nos. 62 and 468, with Memorial Record Volumes costing $200 each. They will both be presented publicly at the Opera House. A specially fine programme is being arranged for the occasion. Among the speakers invited are Comrade Adjutant General William McClelland, Past Commander Thomas J. Stewart, Chili W. Hazzard, E. A. Montooth and Congressman "Jack" Robinson.

Grand Army Knapsack.

COMRADE HARPER, of Post 88, is improving.

COMRADE EUGENE MARTIN, of Post 236, is very ill.

COMRADE SHEETS, of Post 236, is now on the road to recovery.

COMRADE BANKS came into Post 236 on card last Friday night.

COMRADE A. P. BURCHFIELD returned from the east early last week.

ANOTHER application was read at Post 151's meeting last Tuesday evening.

POST 117 is flourishing. Commander George W. McCutcheon is a model officer.

COMRADE HANNAM GRAY, of Post 88, was reported sick at last Tuesday's meeting.

THE comrades of Post 151 are glad to see Quartermaster Ambler back after his illness.

A GRAND reunion of the Blue and Gray during the World's Fair at Chicago is talked of.

POST 117 will go to Detroit 40 to 50 strong accompanied by the Americus Band of 20 pieces.

COMRADE PENSION AGENT BENGOUGH, of Post 157, went to Washington last night on official business.

COMRADE W. T. POWELL, of Post 151, who suffered a severe stroke about a week ago, is improving.

GRAND ARMY DAY COMMITTEE meeting next Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in Council chamber, Municipal Hall.

THE General Memorial Day Committee will meet at Municipal Hall next Saturday evening to finish up its business.

COMRADE HUGH MORRISON, of Post 88, is up in the country, in Butler county, slowly recovering his shattered health.

COMMANDER A. C. FRANK, of Post 151, desires a good turnout next Tuesday evening. Some "special business" is on the tapis.

THE Detroit Club of Post 236 will probably take the Allen school drum corps to Detroit. Post 236's party will occupy a car.

POST 162's Detroit party will number probably 100. Two Pullman sleepers will be secured, which the members will use for quarters while at the encampment.

THE exact amount that will be added to Post 151's relief fund, the result of the presentation of the "Little Recruit," has not yet been ascertained, but it will be quite a large sum.

COMRADE GRIFFITH, of Post 88, visited Post 162 Saturday night a week ago. He told of his health-seeking trip to the far South, and how nicely he was treated by the ex-Confederates.

POST 259 will attend divine services at the Soldiers Widows' Home at Hawkins station this afternoon by invitation of the ladies of the G. A. R. The train will leave Union station at 2:30 P. M.

BIG preparations are being made by the comrades, backed by the citizens of Williamsport, to give the Grand Army men a rousing reception at the summer encampment next month.

A NEW soldiers' society has been organized. It is called the "Order of the Comrades of the Battlefield." Only veterans who have been under fire in battle a certain number of days are eligible to membership.

CAPTAIN WRIGHT, of Post 236, who has been sick for many months, made his way from his home in the Fourteenth ward to last Friday night's meeting and was royally welcomed by his comrades. He is much better.

COMRADES FRED HEYL, Tom Hood and Arthur Ward, the "bachelors" of Post 88, desire it said that the statement that all but one of the comrades of Post 88 are going to take their wives to Detroit in no way refers to them.

"HAYS POST 3 G. A. R. BAND" is being advertised by the post. The comrades expect it to be one of the finest bands in this vicinity. It will accompany the comrades to Detroit. Prof. S. Rocereto is the director and E. Aymar and H. A. Hausser are the leaders.

AT a meeting of Post 151's Detroit Club last Tuesday evening, Comrades D. A. Jones and A. C. Frank were appointed a committee to see Colonel Sam Moody, of the Pennsylvania lines, about transportation, rates, time of trains, boats, etc., and report at the next meeting.

THE Department President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., Mrs. Rachel Doran, earnestly requests all circle presidents and department officers to be present at the meeting next Tuesday afternoon in the hall, No. 81 Fourth avenue, at 2 o'clock sharp. Business of importance.

JUNE 26, the day set apart for the first anniversary of the Ladies of the G. A. R. Home, at Hawkins station, is near at hand, and from the outlook it promises to be a general donation as well. The Board of Managers will meet next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at No. 81 Fourth avenue.

COMRADE JOHN STEVENSON, of Post 548, Wilkinsburg, was mustered out by death last Friday. He was a Lieutenant in Company B, Sixty-third Pennsylvania Regiment. The funeral will take place to-day at 2 P. M. under charge of the post. Comrade Stevenson was also a member of Encampment No. 1, U. V. L.

COMRADE D. A. JONES, of Post 151, after a week's rest, begins to feel like himself again. He was very nearly prostrated by two months of arduous labor preparing for the "Little Recruit," ending up with a week on the boards as *Mr. Gordon*. The management of 100 people on a stage he thinks is no child's play.

IT is understood that Post 206 has requested Comrade Fred Buechlef, of Post 128, to respond to the presentation speech when the Memorial Record volumes are delivered. The eloquence of Comrade Buechler is well known, and the colored comrades are to be congratulated if they have secured him for this important occasion.

THE seven largest commanderies of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion are as follows: New York, 978; Penns