—The custom of having marriages in the morning, instead of the afternoon and evening, is being revived in Pittsburg. Many years ago, we are told, it was the proper thing to be married in the forenoon, as it is now in England, where the Episcopal Church is known as the Church of England. The Catholic Church has always held to the old custom of forenoon marriages, but other denominations have married their members at all times in the day, preferably in the evening. Now it is noticeable that morning marriages are preferred, one or two in Pittsburg and vicinity last week having taken place before 12 o'clock, noon. Outside the Catholic Church there are very few denominations wherein the time of day in which the marriage takes place affects its legality, but the young people seem to see a little spice of romance in the forenoon weddings that cannot be given to it even by wax candles and flowers at night. So we may expect to hear that most of the weddings during the coming winter will take place by the light of the morning sun before luncheon, instead of in the afternoon or evening.

Independently of the sentimental aspect of a morning marriage, it must be admitted that it is more convenient than when it takes place toward midnight. It gives an opportunity for the friends of the couple to offer congratulations, and for a wedding breakfast, that in old times was always such a pleasant part of the exercises at a wedding. There is no hurrying away to take a midnight train, with all the stuffy discomforts of a sleeping car. On the contrary, the young couple take a day train, enjoy the scenery along the route, and do not feel as if they were being hustled away into a strange life with all the miseries of a stage coach journey in the last century. There is much to be said in favor of forenoon weddings.

Where Summer and Winter Meet.

—The great Exposition is open. While not strictly a fashionable event, in the ordinary acceptation of the term, it is still fashionable to many thousands who look forward to it all the year as the great delight that is to usher in the winter's galeties. The Exposition is the connecting link between the winter and summer pleasures, and a very bright link it is. It is the fashionable thing to go to the Exposition, but one is not required to put on full dress to attend. It is one of those places where you go for pleasure and not to make an impression upon your neighbors. Is that not the best sort of fashion, after all?

Children in Sock and Buskin.

—There is a great deal of interest felt in the Fairies' Carnival, to be held in Exposition Park Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. So many children are to take part that it will be an event of great social interest in the city. The little ones from hundreds of families will be in the cast. This talent is sufficient to insure a very large attendance. The little actors and actresses seem to enjoy the rehearsals very much, and the performance will be one of the most earnest ever seen in Pittsburg.

LUCETTE LORNE.

AUTUMN'S GAY GATHERING.

Social Pleasures That Ushered in the Season of Falling Leaves.

Sweet strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march floated through the sacred edifice of St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral last Tuesday evening, as Miss Sadie O'Neill and Mr. Edward W. Gilmore approached the altar to desert the state of single blessedness. The bride, a well known and popular young lady of Allegheny, attired in a neat traveling suit, was attended by her sister, Miss Stella, while Mr. J. Harman Savage looked after the groom, who is a prominent young business man of Rochester, N. Y. Rev. Father O'Sien performed the ceremony, after which a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents, followed by a well served wedding supper, where toasts and congratulatory speeches were responsible for a most enjoyable sequel to the happy event. Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore left on the midnight train for an extensive trip through the East, after which they will make their home in Rochester, N. Y.

Mr. George Todd, of 43 Fulton street, returned last evening with his nephew, Elmer C. Gill, from a two months' trip visiting his sister, Mrs. W. S. Gill, of Washington, D. C. An enjoyable surprise party was in store for them. Their friends had gathered to welcome them, and amid games and music and dancing and refreshments, a pleasant time was spent. Among those present were the Misses Lydia, Isabel and Birdie Rhoads, Ida and Grace Rhone, Blanche McClintock, Ida Bailey, S. O'Donnell, Maggie MacAtee, Nellie Grant, Gertie Callaghan, Austie and Hessie Guckenheimer, Hannah McKeever, Clara Godfrey, Lydia Brown, Mamie McKee, Minnie and Belle Todd and Mr. G. Todd, J. Milne, G. Shantelt, R. Rogers, J. Gildernew, J. and N. Raylor, F. Roush, J. Kregor, A. Kerr, A. McConnell, W. Coppenger, J. Dodson, J. Wilson, W. Miller, S. Simpson, E. Flinn, J. Badger, J. Cunningham, F. Knowland, W. McCloy, J. Kissock and A. Bachelor.

The Union M. E. Church, Pennsylvania avenue, was the scene of a very pretty wedding Thursday morning, when Miss Neetie King Cook, daughter of Mrs. Mary Cook, was wedded to Mr. John Page, a prominent business man of Lima, Ohio. The fair bride was handsomely attired in a stylish traveling gown of brown with toeque and gloves to correspond. She carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley and maiden hair fern. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. J. McHyar. It was followed by a luncheon at the family residence on Locust street. After an extensive tour of the western cities, Mr. and Mrs. Page will live in a pretty new house at Lima, O.

A surprise party was tendered Miss Katie Ladley at her home, Sandusky street, Allegheny, on Tuesday, September 2. It was the thirteenth anniversary of her birth and her young playmates gathered to do honor to the occasion. The evening was spent in childish games. At 10 o'clock supper was served by her young friends. Among those present were: Misses Jean Keown, Gertie Reiland, Bessie Williams, Emma Wolfendole, Essie Knot, Annet Osterling, Laura Jackson, Maggie Shann, Olive Hamilton and many others. A number of handsome presents were received by Miss Katie.

An enjoyable party was given Friday evening in honor of the Misses Lizzie and Augusta McConnell, at the family residence, 5734 Penn avenue. The festivities lasted until the "we sma' hours." Among those participating were the Misses Bookmyer, Urbens, Wharton, Summerhill, Matthews, White, Williams, Henry, Feilroes, Longrey and others; the Messrs. Durbin, White, Summerhill, Eaby, Williams, Shide, Marx, McCabe, Keiter, Bevlin, Kaye, Kelly, Lafferty, Purkins and John V. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Reitzel, Mr. and Mrs. Parkinson and others.

A very pleasant musical party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Dinsmore, of Duquesne Park, Allegheny, Wednesday evening last. Among those present were: The Misses Lulu and Edna Vogler, Grace Cahill, Lizzie Davis, Ollie and Bessie Workman, Minnie Ecker, Mr. and Mrs. E. Vogler, Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. John Vogler, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bryne, Mrs. John Workman, Prof. Albert D. Liefeld, Messrs. T. B. McCumsey, Clark Workman, H. Pinkerton and Morgan Heuring.

A surprise party was tendered Mr. Henry Shaier, of Penn avenue, Thursday evening by his Church Council and he was presented with a handsome rocker. The guests present were, Mr. and Mrs. Dersam, Mr. and Mrs. W. Oetting, Mr. and Mrs. H. Schuster, Mr. and Mrs. Heineman, Mr. and Mrs. Kempf, Mr. and Mrs. C. Wilnarm, Mr. and Miss Grundish, Miss Richard, Mr. Huber, Mr. Krebs, Mr. Yonge. An elegant supper was served at 11 o'clock.

At 5 o'clock P. M. Wednesday, September 2, at the home of the bride's parents, St. Mary's, the marriage of Mr. E. W. Hunt, of New York, and Miss Minnie T. Patton was performed, the Rev. J. D. Cook, of the First Presbyterian Church of Renovo, Pa., officiating. The day was perfect in every respect. The summer sunshine and cool September breeze, together with the lovely golden rod which decorated the house from end to end, made the old Patton homestead a haven of comfort and delight. At 8 o'clock P. M. the bride and groom left via the Philadelphia and Erie road on their wedding trip. They will, when it is over, be at home to their friends at No. 86 Highland avenue, Jersey City, N. J. Among the guests were Mrs. Robert Logan, DuBois; Mr. John Torbett, DuBois; Mr. F. Overholt, Scottdale; Mr. George Clumb, Chicago; Mrs. J. M. Patton, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Patton, Pittsburg; Miss Grace Patton, Pittsburg; Mr. Jos. R. Patton, Kane.

A very pleasant party was tendered to Miss Katie Johnston at her home, West End, Wednesday evening, September 2. The following ladies were present: Misses Katie Marshall, Tillie Dugan, Maggie Faber, Nellie Francis, Gertie Gall, Cora Gall, Eddie Gall, Bella Gall, Katie Nelson, Ella Esplin, Annie Sloan, Annie Sheridan, Pauline Sheridan, Mary Ryan, Lousia Shidley, Jennie David, Annie Barbour, Katie Sheadle, Annie Chaffin, Annie Walsh, Kate Dugan, Annie Varley, Mary Shaughnessy, Dora Connors, Annie Corrigan and Mary McCabe.

Mrs. Philipa Deltz, of Perrysville road, gave a reception on Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. Walter Hale. Mr. H. A. Bernhardt, of New York City, was present and delighted the guests with his violin solos. Among those present were Miss Alice Conley, Winnie Brookfield, Fred Stone, Cora Hoadly, Milton J. Mather, Mrs. Nelson Todd and Edward Melvin. The Gungl Orchestra furnished music.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Henry celebrated their wooden wedding Monday evening at their residence, East street extension, Allegheny City. A large number of friends assembled. The couple was serenaded during the evening by the Crescent City Quartet. Many presents were received. Luncheon was served at the residence of Mr. J. F. Hodel, father of Mrs. Henry.

The annual Convention of the Allegheny County W. C. T. U. will be held at the Buena Vista Street M. E. Church, Allegheny, next Tuesday. The session will open at 10 A. M., 2 and 7 P. M. The ladies of the Allegheny W. C. T. U. will furnish entertainment for the convention at Luther's Cycloroma building. An invitation is extended to all interested in the temperance work.

A party, under the guidance of Mr. L. G. McPherson, visited the Monastery on Troy Hill yesterday and viewed some of the relics collected by Rev. Father Mollinger. The occasion was a very interesting one. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Franks, the Misses Quay, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Kerr, the Misses Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Mayer and others.

Miss Mary E. Lobingier, of the East End, gave a reception on Thursday evening at her home in honor of her cousin, Mr. B. Lobingier, of Somerset. Among the guests were: Misses May Lane, Minnie Witherspoon, Flora Wynne, Gertrude Lane, Messrs. John F. McClung, Fred Welfley, William Stull and J. E. Lobingier.

Mr. J. E. Gardill, of West Braddock, was married on Tuesday evening to Miss Jennie Topper at her home in West End, Bedford county. About 60 friends of Mr. Gardill from Braddock and vicinity witnessed the ceremony. The young people will make their home at Braddock.

Prof. J. S. Christy, who has just returned from the East, says the new dances for this season are the American (round dance), L'Eclair (galop), Elite Lancers, Union Quadrille, Cadet Waltz and Duquesne Minuet Waltz. The German is still favored.

Mr. William Reynolds, of Peoria, Ill., will deliver a lecture to Sunday school workers at the Eighth U. P. Church, on Sunday morning, September 13, at 10:30 o'clock. All persons interested in Sunday shool work are invited.

The school children and members of the congregation of St. James' R. C. Church at Williamsburg, will have an outing at Idlewild on Thursday, September 10.

Monday evening the Royal Arcanum of Wilkinsburg will celebrate its two hundreth regular meeting in an appropriate manner.

Miss Maggie Scott, of Rebecca street, Wilkinsburg, entertained a number of her friends Tuesday evening.

The members of Point Breeze Presbyterian Church will picnic at Idlewild tomorrow.

Prof. Murdock is fitting up a studio on Frankstown avenue, E. E.

September Birds of Passage.

W. C. Mackey and family have returned from Put-in Bay.

Miss Mary E. Taylor, of Mt. Washington, is in Denver, Col.

The Misses Barr, of the East End, have gone to New York.

Mr. William Winterhalter has returned from Canada to the lakes.

Mr. Henry C. Shallenberger, of Braddock, is home from Atlantic City.

Mrs. John T. Kinney, of Braddock, is visiting friends at Bolivar, New York.

Miss Maud Healey, of Forbes street, is the guest of Mrs. J. E. Getley, of Haysville.

Messrs. Frank T. Redman and Nel F. Riley, of Braddock, are summering in Dakota.

Miss Blanche Franz, of Shady avenue, is visiting the Misses Hartman, of Bellevue.

Miss Mame Clark, of Marion street, has returned from a four weeks' visit to Indiana.

Mr. John Lalor, of Braddock, arrived last week from a seven months' European trip.

Mrs. Robert Kerr, of Cliff street, has returned after a two months' stay at Ligonier.

Sam J. Feldenheimer has returned from abusiness trip to Niagara Falls and Buffalo.

Mr. Frederick A. Oesterle, of Evergreen, is attending school at the Holy Ghost College.

Mrs. C. Kenneweg, of Cumberland, Md., is visiting her parents on Linden avenue, Allegheny.

Miss Marie Thoma, of Mobile, Ala., is spending the summer with relatives in Pittsburg.

Miss Mary and Arthur McMurray, of the West End, have returned from their visit to Cincinnati.

Miss Grace Bollman, of Braddock avenue, Wilkinsburg, has returned from a trip to Atlantic City.

Miss Viola Forsythe, No. 223 Arch street, Allegheny, will visit her brother at Natrona for two weeks.

Miss Millie Clementson, of Braddock, arrived this week from a visit to friends in Fayette county.

The Misses Ida and Bonnie Young have returned from Atlantic City after a three months' sojourn.

Miss Kate Goldsmith, of Philadelphia, has returned home after a pleasant visit to her sister, Mrs. Van Uliem.

Mr. William Grusch, of Allegheny, and family, are sojourning at Hite's station, on the West Penn Railroad.

Miss Sadie Bartholomew, of Jackson street, Allegheny, is spending a couple of weeks at Bedford Springs.

Miss Sylvia Quinn, of Washington, has returned after three weeks' sojourn at Atlantic City and New York.

Mrs. Dr. Alex. Atcheson, of Dallas, Tex., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Edward Bausman, Holland street, Wilkinsburg.

Miss Lena Friedberg, of Philadelphia, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Streng, of No. 19 Esplanade street, Allegheny.

Miss Jones will return about the middle of September from Europe, where she has been for the past three months.

The Misses Ada and Dollie Riston, of West Braddock, are visiting their grand parents in Reynoldsville, Jefferson county.

Miss Nellie Shaffer, of Cliff street, arrived home Thursday, after a pleasant vacation of six weeks spent with friends in Ohio.

J. J. Vandvort and Miss Nettie Moss, No. 19 Warren street, Allegheny, will visit among relatives in Kenbington, O., for a month.

Miss Jennie C. Williams, of Mt. Washington, who has spent the past year among friends in Denver, Col., returned Thursday.

Mr. Joseph Henning, of Wallace street, Wilkinsburg, has returned from a stay of several weeks at Chautauqua and Niagara Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Totten and son James, of Atwood street, Oakland, will leave on next Tuesday for a two weeks' trip up the Cheat river.

Mr. C. A. Smith, of Forbes avenue, arrived home yesterday after a pleasant vacation of two weeks at Keesel Springs, Westmoreland county.

Miss Annie S. Hunter, of Penn avenue, and Miss Emma Kenworthy were among the young ladies that left this morning for Coledge.

Miss Jennie Quinn, of Washington avenue, Thirty-first ward, has returned to St. Xavier's Academy to pursue her studies for another year.

Mr. Milton Mather, Jr., of Allegheny, was the guest of Captain Oscar Melvin at The Pines, during part of the past week in Evergreen Villa.

Mrs. M. Tutell and daughter, Miss Milly, of Buena Vista street, Allegheny, have arrived home after a year's absence in Western and Southern states.

Mr. Milton J. Henricks, of New Brighton road, who has been spending his vacation at Silver Lake, O., accompanied by Alvin Christy, has returned home.

Mr. A. P. Davis and wife returned home this week from Minneapolis, where they have been attending the National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans.

Mr. S. Black, of Ohio street, Allegheny, left Thursday evening for New York City to meet his father, Mr. M. Black, who arrived yesterday morning from a trip to Europe.

Mrs. John Gearing and daughters, Misses Nellie and Mollie, of Duquesne Heights, and Miss Mae Hunter, of the Southside, have returned from a three weeks' trip to Atlantic City.

The Misses Stella and May Jester, of Palo Alto street, Allegheny, have gone with a party of friends to Eureka Springs. They will also visit Chautauqua and other points of interest.

Mrs. M. Briggs, of No. 200 South avenue, Allegheny, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Wilson, left yesterday afternoon for a three weeks' visit with relatives in Chicago and other Western cities.

The family of Mr. J. A. Meighan, of Taylor avenue, have returned from their summer residence at Emsworth, where they have spent the last ten weeks. Mrs. Meighan is much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bosworth and little daughter, of Hudson, Ohio, and Miss Grace McGrotty, of Cleveland, are spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Bosworth, Denniston avenue, East End.

Mrs. E. J. Clark and daughter, Gertrude, formerly of Pittsburg, but who have for some time been residing in New Brighton, returned to the city and will be at home to their friends at 88 Franklin street.

Miss Lillian Ruch, of Bellefield, returned home during the week after a pleasant vacation spent at Atlantic City and other Eastern watering places. Miss Alice Graves, who accompanied her, stopped off at Mifflin, Pa. for a few days.

The following party arrived in the city Wednesday evening from Chestnut Ridge, where they have been for some time: The Misses May Shanahan, of Federal street; Nellie and Hame Lyons, of Shadyside; Nellie Triplett, of the Southside, and Messrs. Charles Schmidt, Will Negley and Ed Cole.

GOSSIP OF THE GUARD.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM AWL spent the past week at Mt. Gretna taking in the shoot.

CHARLES S. HOLMES, formerly captain of Company B, Eighteenth Regiment, leaves for Chicago this week to engage in business in that city.

LIEUTENANT JOHN NIEBAUM, of the Washington Infantry, has been spending the past few weeks in the Northwest. He is expected home this week.

LIEUTENANT HORACE F. LOWRY, formerly of Company E, has been appointed on the honorary staff of Colonel Smith, with rank of Captain. He will attend to the commissary department.

COLONEL WALTER W. GREENLAND, Quartermaster General of the National Guard, spent a few days in the city last week. Colonel Greenland has finished his reports of the costs of the encampments this year, and they have been placed in the hands of the Adjutant General.

CAPTAIN SHANNON, of the Washington Infantry, has announced that the drills in his company will be resumed at once and that all members will be expected to be as prompt in attendance as usual. The members of the Washington Infantry are enthusiastic over their camp experiences, and it is stated that organization is in better condition than ever.

TO-MORROW being a legal holiday, Captain Davis, of Company C, Eighteenth Regiment, has decided to take his company to McKeesport for target practice. Owing to the fact that the regimental range is still not in condition to shoot over, Captain Davis has obtained the privilege of shooting over the range of Company I, at McKeesport. Almost the entire company is expected to be present in uniform.

CONSIDERABLE comment is being indulged in on account of the delay in paying off the members of the Second Brigade for the recent tour of duty at Arnold station. Both the First and Third Brigades were paid in full within ten days after the camps had broken, but already double that time has passed by and no signs of the money for the Second Brigade are to be seen. The delay is said to be entirely due to errors in the rolls of one of the regiments of the brigade, and if such is the case some scheme should be devised to make that organization alone wait for its money and not include the other six or seven organizations in the brigade.

THE local teams of the Fourteenth Eighteenth regiments and Battery B are expected in from Mt. Gretna to-night. While the Second Brigade team as a whole did splendid work at the contests, the teams of the local organizations have not much to be proud of. While it is scarcely to be expected that the city organizations could compete with the country boys in the way of shooting, still the showing this year is very much below the standard. Both the Fourteenth and Eighteenth Regiments have done very little work on the ranges this season, as their poor totals in the recent matches would indicate.

IT is expected that the Eighteenth Regiment will be able to do some work in rifle practice this week on the new range, which is almost completed at Coleman station on the Allegheny Valley Railroad, about seven miles from the city. Owing to a refusal of a number of company commanders to devote the State allowances for rifle practice to its proper uses, it has been impossible to make any progress in target work this season so far, and several pieces of property which had been secured for range purposes have gone by default owing to the regiment not having the money to place the target in position. The new range at Coleman station is handy enough to the city to prevent kicking from that source, and while the advantages and comforts to the shooters will be as good as the meager funds will allow, considerable hustling will have to be indulged in by some of the companies in order to get in out of the cold.

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PROF. CHARLES C. MURDOCK has opened a new guitar studio at 61 Frankstown avenue, E. E.

BIJOU THEATER..... "Later On."
DUQUESNE THEATER..... Joseph Haworth.
GRAND OPERA HOUSE..... "Fantasma."
HARRY WILLIAMS'..... Jack's Creoles.
WORLD'S MUSEUM-THEATER.... "Black Hawks."
DAVIS' MUSEUM-THEATER..... Curiosities, etc
HARRIS' THEATER..... "The Inside Track."

The above are the theatrical attractions for the coming week.

THE English Comedy Company at the Grand Opera House was not remarkably successful in the revival of sterling plays. The plain fact of the matter is that the company is not heavy enough for the task. Nearly all the players in it, with the notable exception of Mr. McClannin, have a great deal to learn before they will be able to do anything like justice to such characters as Goldsmith has designed in "She Stoops to Conquer." This holds true of young Mr. Clarke and Miss Ford, for whose essential benefit these revivals were presumably undertaken. Mr. Clarke's cleverness is very little beyond that of an amateur, and Miss Ford hardly showed more than a faint promise of better things. What both need is a deal more schooling in subordinate parts. Both have good opportunities in this direction, and Miss Ford has the advantage of the experience and wisdom of her excellent father, like whom 'twere well that there were more managers in this country.

THE Exposition and rather warm weather contributed to knock the bottom out of theatrical business the past week, but the week before us ought to exhibit the first real movement of playgoers toward the local theaters. The attractions at the principal theaters are decidedly good in their several lines. Hallen and Hart's "Later On" promises to show improvement already from the management of the gifted Mr. Brady, and Hanlon's "Fantasma" is known so well that it needs no commendation. The Duquesne alone has a downright novelty; a new play in a new drama, namely, Joseph Haworth in "St. Marc." There is one thing that can be counted upon assuredly with Mr. Haworth, that he will do his best and that it will be essentially artistic. This Pittsburg has learned already, although last year his efforts were unhappily in the wrong direction. It is very hard to establish a new star, but Mr. Haworth has already made a deep impression wherever he has played, and it is in the nature of preferring art to commend him most favorably to all who love acting in its highest and best sense.

A COMPARATIVELY new face in Mr. Haworth's company is Miss Katharyn Kidder's. She has attracted considerable attention in England, and her work this season has already called forth a wonderful amount of approval. She is described as being above the medium height, shapely and graceful, clustering golden hair, soulful large eyes of gray, and a mouth, that must be seen, to be appreciated properly for its charm. Her powers include the tragic of Anderson, and the lightness and sweetness of Ellen Terry, it is said. The picture is certainly tempting and I give it subject to revision, if need be, after Monday's performance.

OCCASIONALLY protests are made against the advance notices of plays. It is charged that the actual facts do not bear out the promises. Then THE DISPATCH is blamed for assisting in the deception. This is not fair. The advance notices are sometimes entirely true, sometimes not. When the play or the players are new the word of the manager is all one has to go by. He may tell the truth, and the criticism on Tuesday will agree with the advance notice; or he may romance with opposite results. The advance notices of the theaters as they appear in these columns, are as nearly as possible, correct statements of the attractions merits. Of course they are strongly biased in favor of the managers and players. That must be expected. It is desirable that it should also be understood by the public. Hence these words, and the further remark that to the best of the writer's ability the truth and nothing but the truth will always be found in the criticisms upon the plays, and as far as possible in the advance notices.

HEPBURN JOHNS.

Bijou Theater.

The first of the important farce comedy engagements booked for Pittsburg this year will occur at the Bijou this week. Hallen & Hart, well-known and liked performers will renew their acquaintance with local theatergoers in a revised addition of "Later On." "Later On," like all of its class, has an accommodating stomach and can assimilate almost anything that meets with popular approval. The pungent ingredients of the past, which have served to make its fare palatable to amusement seekers have been freshened, we are told, for the current season, with much that is new and pleasing. The songs, dances, melodies and romping incidents have been literally changed, it is said, and with an effect of entertainment which has been a big surprise to even stale theater-goers. Last year the performance in Pittsburg found remarkable favor for a piece of its class, and established the principals as bright and resourceful entertainers. John McWade, the baritone singer, who did so much to make "Comrades" popular, continues with the company as does also the Misses Ada Somers and Mollie Fuller. The other members of the company are new. Clara Thropp, the *Innocent Kid* in "A Parlor Match" last year, has taken the place of Annie Lewis. Sadie McDonald, a comely young girl, who dances with rare ability, will assist Miss Thropp in making the hoydenish features snappy. The other members of the company are the Misses Florence Bell, Georgie Metzger, Carrie Wallace Howard, Grace Wallace, Lola Bigger, Hattie Haven, Lilian Thrush and the Messrs. Will H. Sloan, George O'Donald, Thomas Condon, Harry Hilton, Richard Kead, Charles Keller and W. S. Francis. Mr. McWade will sing a new song in place of "Comrades," called "My Chum Tom." This song is a composition of Mr. Hart's, and has been heartily received in Chicago this week. Among the concerted novelties announced is a quaint dance, called "The Sweet Robin Gavotte," in which the figures are directed by singing birds. These birds are clever imitations of the actual flesh and blood and sing sweetly and true. Another tuneful concert is a serenade with auto-harp embellishment. A colleen dance and rowing song and dance are two other numbers which involve the chorus in ways that are said to be especially pretty and captivating. The girls, who form the chorus, by the way, are spoken of as unusually good looking, shapely, stylish, and, above all, able to sing by right of natural voice and cultivation. This looks like a novelty, sure enough, and if Monday night confirms the statement the Bijou is the focus an uncommon share of public interest next week. To find a chorus in farce comedy with an even fair share of youth and looks on its side, as well as a voice intended to be exhibited in public, will form an event that smacks of the miraculous and is bound to meet with an ovation. This is really the beginning of the dramatic year at the Bijou, and, unless all the signs fail and there is no logic in events, it will be a scene of unusual pleasure during the presence of Hallen and Hart and their jolly associates in the new "Later On."

The Duquesne Theater.

Joseph Haworth's engagement at the Duquesne Theater next week promises to be highly successful. He has surrounded himself with an exceptionally strong company.

Two bills will be presented during the week. St. Marc, the soldier of fortune, E. L. Davenport's romantic drama, will be produced with due attention to scenic effects, costumes and properties. A double bill, consisting of Fra Diano, Booth's version of Ruy Blas, will be given at the Wednesday matinee, and on Thursday and Saturday nights. St. Marc will hold the boards the rest of the week.

Last week was the first of the season for Mr. Haworth and his company, and the success they have made has been considered enormous. Syracuse and Rochester, New York, it is reported, grew very enthusiastic over the performances, while Mr. Haworth was recalled before the curtain five times every night. Not the slightest hitch disturbed the "opening," despite the fact of new scenery, new costumes and new properties that were especially designed and made for Mr. Haworth. Critics in those two cities agreed with William Winter, New York's eminent critic, who is quoted as saying "That the mantle of Booth is destined to rest on this man's shoulders."

The supporting company is exceptionally good, the management boldly asserting it is the best company in the support of any star. The cast includes Miss Kathryn Kidder, who will be remembered as the original heroine in "Held by the Enemy," and the original "dearest" in "Little Lord Fauntleroy," and who for the past two years has been winning dramatic triumphs in England. Others in the company are Miss Louise Bial, who made a great success in "Jim the Penman;" Atkins Lawrence, who is the "handsomest leading man on the stage," and who has played *Romeo* to 19 different *Juliets;* Robert Drones, J. Gordon Edwards, John Dalley, Horace Mitchell, E. J. Morgan, Lotta Keith, Anna McVeigh, Joseph Kelly and L. E. Lawrence.

The advance sale of seats is very large.

Grand Opera House.

The attraction at the Grand Opera House this week is the popular Hanlon Bros.' "Fantasma," which has this season been revived, it is promised, on a magnificent scale. The play will present a number of new features. The first act shows the retreat of the hags and witches, who indulge in a weird dance. Then there is the village home of *Lena*, a beautiful young woman, who, with her handsome lover, *Arthur*, is compelled to leave home by her father, *Farmer Close*, on account of a diabolical trick played by *Zamabiel*. *Lena* is immediately abducted by the fiends, while *Arthur* follows in pursuit. *Fantasma*, a good fairy, visits the farmer's house and grounds with a cyclone in punishment for the cruel treatment of his offspring, and after the general confusion and destruction the old gentleman starts in pursuit of his daughter, and compelling his valet, *Pico*, to accompany him. The poor fellow meets with many misfortunes, the fish and crabs seizing him at every conceivable point, while his wearing apparel disappears. Skeletons appear and indulge in a dance with him, and at last a number of bears have fun with him. Adventures of this sort beset them, till at last the fiends are defeated and the lovers united. There will be the usual Wednesday and Saturday matinees.

Harry Williams' Academy.

Sam T. Jack's Creole Company comes to this house to-morrow, and Pittsburgers do not need any introduction to it. Since they were last here they have had a long run in New York, where they really made a great hit. In the tropical revelries with which the performance begins Maud Fogewell, Rhoda May Brooks, May Bohee and Mrs. Sam Lucas will be the interlocutors, and the end men Irving Jones, W. B. Morris, Sam Lucas and Burrell Hawks. There will be a good olio, in which the following persons will be seen: Jones and Norris, comedians; the Creole Four, May Bohee, Billy Farrell, in comicalities; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lucas, in a unique entertainment; the DeWolf Sisters, Ben Hunn and others. It will include also a pretty gavotte and grand ensemble by the entire company, a challenge dancing contest and "The Amazonian March."

World's Museum Theater.

The attraction at this house this week is "Black Hawks," a realistic Western melodrama, which will be given, it is promised, in first-class style by Arizona Joe, the noted Government scout, and a large company. The synopsis of the play shows it to be at least superbly equipped with sensational scenes and situations, such as the attack by road agents upon the Silver City stage, which is drawn upon the stage by real horses, a bowie knife duel, and the various shooting scrapes through which Arizona Joe passes. In the remarkable shooting of Arizona Joe is, indeed, a strong part of the performance, as he is said to be one of the best shots in the world. The cast includes the following: Mr. Leon Hascall, Mr. Al H. Hallett, Mr. Ed Finlay, Mr. Pierce, Mr. C. C. Allen, Mr. F. Leighman, Mr. J. McDuff, Mr. M. Needham, Mr. L. J. West, Miss Edna Seforist, Miss Fannie Yantis and Miss Maude Beall. Considerable of the realism of the play are horses and dogs, and among the latter, "Jumbo," the largest St. Bernard dog in the world. Jumbo figures in the drama most interestingly it is said. For the scenic side of the play it is promised that the Western landscapes, the interior of the saloon and concert hall of a mining town shall be reproduced with careful truth. There is plenty of fun and pathos in the play. No extra charge will be made for this special engagement. The curio hall will contain the usual number of attractions.

Fifth Avenue Museum.

Harry Davis' Fifth Avenue Museum Theater will be a lively place this week. The season proper commences to-morrow, the 7th, and Manager Davis has engaged a number of very strong attractions to make the occasion memorable. The "Skeleton Dude," J. W. Coffey, that extraordinary freak of nature, who weighs only 48 pounds, will be on exhibition at every performance. Besides being the thinnest man alive, he is an authority on matters of dress, and is known for his elegant and refined manners, as well as for his conquests among the fair sex. As an anti-fat exhibition dude, there will be Miss Della Beck, the big country girl, who weighs a clear quarter of a ton, and who is as light upon her feet and as graceful in her bearing as any ordinary maiden of twenty years. It is whispered that Mr. Coffey has a strong liking for Della, and that he would hardly have accepted the engagement at the Museum this week had he not heard that the young lady was to be there, too. Prof. G. E. Charles' Golden Temple of Art and Music—an immense structure of gold and ebony, that plays 184 musical instruments and exhibits dozens of moving figures on ten distinct stages—will also be shown in the mammoth curio hall. Prof. Lamb and his wooden-headed family and Prof. Wallace's Silk Industry will be other pleasing features of the Museum. In the theater, a meritorious vaudeville organization, "Winston & Howley's All Star Specialty Company," will hold the boards. The entertainment is a long one, but there will not be any advance in prices this week.

Harris' Theater.

A sensational comedy drama, "The Inside Track," will be Harris, Britton & Dean's attraction this week. It is a combination of exciting scenes and comedy, embellished with specialties. Will Akers plays the leading role and the soubrette part is taken by Miss Jennie Calef.

Stage Whispers.

AND now cruel rumor says that Jack Mason and Marion Manola have quarreled and separated. Oh, how soon!

GORMAN'S MINSTRELS, who are booked at the Grand for September 14, are said to contain many clever artists.

HANDSOME S. Miller Kent was recently married to Mrs. Theresa Pond at the house of the bride's aunt in New York.

W. C. ADAMS, a Pittsburger who has had experience in the position, will be master of properties at the Alvin Theater.

EFFIE ELLSLER will shortly be seen at the Grand Opera House in "The Governess" and "Hazel Kirk." Uncle John Ellsler is in the cast.

MISS KATHRYN KIDDER'S costumes in "St. Marc" and "Ruy Blas" were made by Felix, the Parisian dressmaker. They are pronounced "revelations."

THE New York *Herald* has offered a prize of $200 for the best new and original one-act drama, comedy or genteel farce, on an American subject, written by a resident of the United States and submitted before December 1. The plays must contain 400 words, call for the use of only one scene, and not more than seven characters. The winning play will be produced at one of the leading New York theaters.

A LUDICROUS accident occurred in the last act of "Uncle Isaac" at the Bijou Theater, Washington, on the night of August 10. In making a dive from a high set rock into the "deep blue sea," a distance of fully ten feet, Presley B. French made a miscalculation and struck a row of set waters and the foreground, bringing them down with him. Not only was Mr. French fully exposed to the audience, lying face down on a mattress waiting for his cue, but Mr. Woodhull, whose entrance in a boat immediately follows, was forced to "wade" out over the prostrate waters and hop upon a rock.

THE rumors which have been in the air from time to time of a Venice in London are at last about to be realized. A syndicate has been formed purely by a few personal friends of "Barnum's former partner," and, as a consequence, "Imre Kiraly, limited," is the unromantic but decidedly practical shape which that gentleman assumes to effect his purpose. Thus, strange as it appears, the *Duke's* suggestion in the "Gondoliers," of converting himself into a Limited Liability Company has passed from the mere stage of Gilbertian fancy into the more prosaic realm of commercial fact. Yes, thanks to electricity, and miles of hot water pipes, they are going to have Venice conjured up within the walls of vast Olympia for the Londoners, and by and by, perhaps, we may have the balmy airs of St. Augustine or Los Angeles, with strawberries and green peas dished up for New Yorkers at the Madison Garden Amphitheater.

TEACHING THE TEACHERS.

Meetings at Which the Work in the Schools Is Discussed—Progress in Drawing—The Lloyd System—The East End Crowded—Odds and Ends.

The wheels of our great educational machinery are now in motion, and plans to have them do the most good in the time alloted are now in order. Superintendent Luckey called a meeting of principals, which was well attended, at the Central Board rooms yesterday morning. Only the Duquesne, Monongahela and Mt. Albion schools had no representatives.

Mrs. Van Wagoner, the drawing supervisor, explained the work that was expected for the first three years of the school course, in which no text books are used. This includes clay modeling, designs in colored paper, and scissor work. The teachers will meet at the South school for instruction on the following dates: Teachers of step 1, September 7 and 21; step 2, September 8 and 22; step 3, September 9 and 23; step 4, September 10 and 24; step 5, using book 6, September 11 and 25; step 9, book 7, September 14 and 28; step 10, book 8, September 15 and 29; step 11, book 9, September 16 and 30; step 13, book 10, September 17; step 14, book 12, September 18. The classes will meet promptly at 4 P. M. The teachers in steps not called will use books as follows: Step 5, book 2; step 6, book 3; step 7, book 4; step 13, book 11. "Teachers will please bring drawing book used in step, colored paper, ruler, pencil, pasted paper and sc