

A FORGOTTEN GRAVE,

Which by the Deceased's Will Was to Be Kept Forever Green.

THE TOMB OF MONSIEUR ROUAUD,

A Frenchman Identified With the Early History of Pittsburg.

CONTROLLER MORROW'S EXPLANATION

The complaint has again been made that the grass is not kept green on Monsieur Rouaud's grave on the Tustin estate, Sobor, near Fifth avenue, and that the monument marking the mound, is in a dilapidated condition although Rouaud left in his will funds ample to secure the perpetual care of the same. But as is generally the case in most American graveyards after a lapse of half a century, even where families remain in the vicinity of their ancestors' ashes, the mad rush of events has greatly obliterated recollection.

Some people had gotten the idea in some way or other that City Controller Morrow was under some sort of obligation to see that the tomb of the eccentric Frenchman was kept in repair, but such is not the case, though Mr. Morrow will have it put to rights to comfort a member of the Tustin family, who felt an obligation in this respect.

A Character of Old Pittsburg.

While it is a matter of small consequence in the aggregate of human affairs, and possibly Mons Rouaud now smiles in the spirit world whenever he thinks of the burden he laid on the conscience of James Tustin, yet a brief resume of some of the incidents in the Frenchman's life is interesting as bringing up in ghostly panorama old Pittsburg, as really the present city dates from 1860.

Though Claire Aimé Fodelle de Rouaud died 48 years ago, there are some of our citizens who still remember him, among them Attorney John J. Mitchell. Rouaud kept a drygoods store on Market street, near where Holmes & Son's bank stands. It would also appear from references to several thousand barrels of whisky appearing from time to time in the executor's reports of progress in settling the estate, that his stake in the ardent spirit business was considerable.

Though a bachelor and almost a recluse, Rouaud was a jolly old soul, and in addition to a powerful love for his dogs, had formed strong attachments for some of his companions, such as the Denny's, and particularly for James Tustin, who was affectionately charged with the care of his friend's dog, not only during their minority, but for the term of their natural lives. The Frenchman had the reputation of keeping in stock the finest lot of silks and other elegant goods to be found in the city, but a visitor to his store would only see them by accident, unless he went to purchase, as they were kept trapped closely and hidden away in boxes to keep them from dust, and the care of them formed the chief occupation of his life. In dog and cat to smoke them he did his cooking in a charcoal brazier on the pavement, as he always boarded himself.

A Large Estate for That Day.

He left a rather large estate, for that day. The executor's account shows it to have been nearly \$20,000 and Rouaud was evidently a philanthropist, though extreme prohibitionists might be disposed to question this phase of his character. In that day public opinion had not developed the opposition that is now found to the traffic in ardent spirits. Rouaud, by his will, gave a drayman, Michael McClusky, to whom he was greatly attached, 1,800 acres of land in Missouri, something over 2,000 acres.

A daughter of McClusky subsequently married the late Major Ryan, of McKeesport. Rouaud also gave \$250 each to some servants, among these Louis Lise and S. Maher May, in addition to their wages. He gave \$1,000 for the care of his, the testator's, dogs; \$1,500 to provide for funeral expenses, monument, etc., and these bequest were subsequently enlarged by various codicils to the will. He also bought his graveyard in fee simple from Tustin. The testator enlarged the bequest to his friend Tustin so as to make the care of the grave and monument a perpetual charge on the Tustin estate. He stated that he had no doubt that Tustin would carry out the provisions, but expressed a doubt that he would feel the obligation of friendship that he would.

The rush of modern events has frustrated the testator's design. The will provides that \$500 were to defray the expenses of a trip to France by one of the executors for the purpose of ascertaining whether the testator's brother, Pierre Marie Rouaud, were still alive at that time, 1843. If Pierre etc., were still alive he was to receive the residue of the estate, which constituted the bulk of it, save some minor bequests; if not alive, it was to be devoted to the founding of a hospital in Nantes, the native place of the testator, the hospital to be maintained for the benefit of the poor of that arrondissement. The executors named were Harman Denny, William H. Denny and Charles A. Bradford, and their final account rendered to the Orphans' Court shows that they performed their duties to the letter.

An Explanation From Morrow.

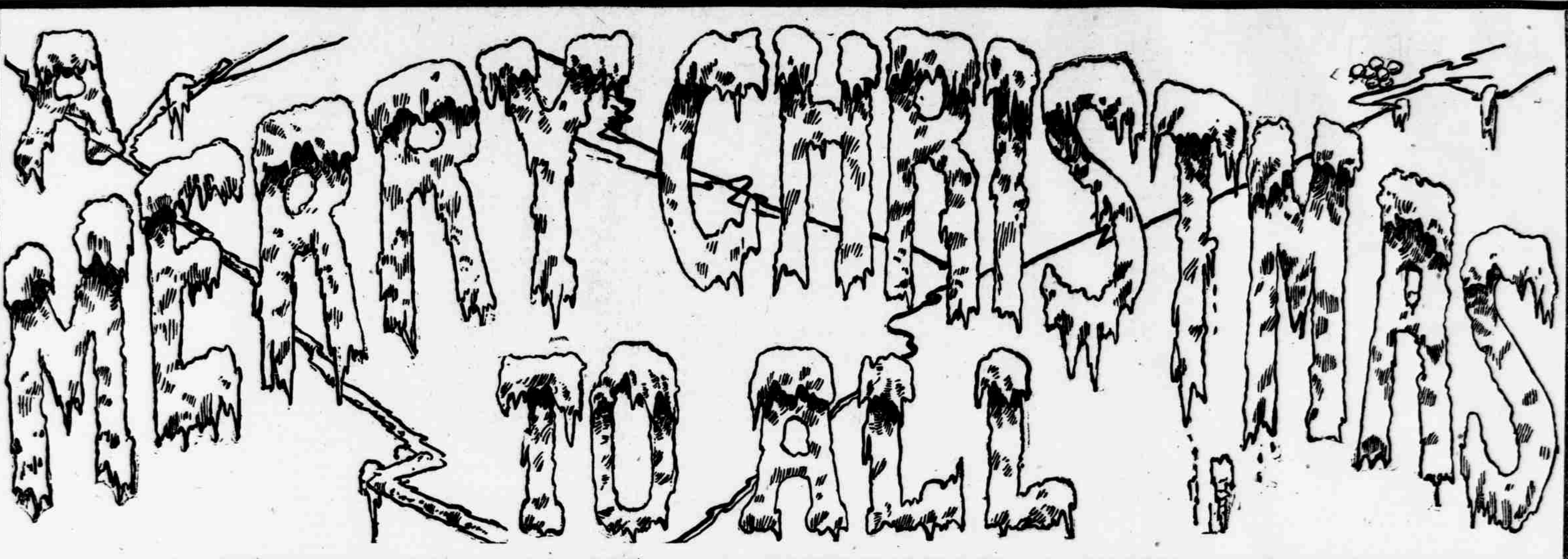
Controller Morrow's explanation of the cause of neglect in keeping Rouaud's tomb in order is lucid enough for all purposes. The property has been twice sold at sheriff's sale. The first purchaser was a man named Lyon, who attempted to obliterate all traces of the tomb by having a street run through which would have gone over the grave lot, but he was prevented, all the sales by the Tustin family expressly reserving the same. At the second sheriff's sale, about 1878, the property was purchased by Mr. Warden, of Warden, Oxnard & Co., and accordingly there is no one either legally or morally obligated to care for Mons. Rouaud's tomb.

Reviving recollections of Rouaud reminds Mr. Mitchell that in the early days of Pittsburg his P. E.'s were as proud of their blood and lineage as any bluegrass proprietor of Kentucky, or Castilian grandee of the last four centuries. These old Pittsburgers were great men mentally, and their pride supported them and made them appear to us strange under most adverse circumstances. Most of them had taken part either in the War of the Revolution or that of 1812-14, and they had thus the advantage that such participation in the great national always gives. They wore their garments for a longer time than do the wealthy of the present day, but they wore the very best cloth that the world could produce and cost prices that would appear almost fabulous to-day.

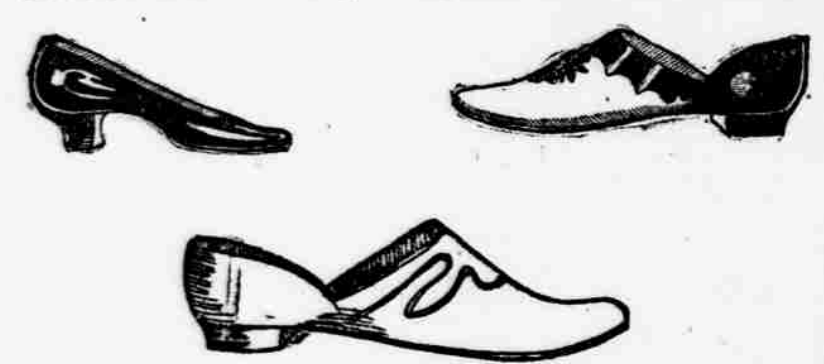
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SANTA CLAUS will start out on his TENTH GRAND ANNUAL TOUR OF THE ORPHAN ASYLUMS OF PITTSBURG AND ALLEGHENY.

Appended are the two routes, and the times at which the various institutions will be reached:

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| ALLEGHENY DIVISION: | PITTSBURG DIVISION: |
| Edge Avenue Orphan Asylum 9:30 a. m. | St. Michael's Orphan Asylum, South Side, 11:30 p. m. |
| Colored Orphans' Home, Greenwood Avenue, 10:30 a. m. | Homeopathic Hospital, Second Avenue, 12:30 p. m. |
| Women's Christian Home, Locust street, 11:30 a. m. | Children's Temporary Home, Washington street, 1:30 p. m. |
| United Presbyterian Orphans' Home, Monterey st., 12:30 p. m. | St. Paul's Orphan Asylum, Tannehill street, 2 p. m. |
| Allegheny Day Nursery, North ave. and Federal st., 1:30 p. m. | West Penn Hospital, 4 p. m. |
| Allegheny Day Nursery, 51 North Diamond street, 1:30 p. m. | Episcopal Church Home, Fortieth street, 5 p. m. |
| Allegheny General Hospital, Stockton Avenue, 2:30 p. m. | Little Sisters of the Poor, Bloomfield, 6 p. m. |
| Protestant Boys' Home, Anderson street, 3 p. m. | German Protestant Orphans' Asylum, West Liberty Borough— |
| Home of the Friendless, Washington street, 3:30 p. m. | Presents taken to Sixth ave. and Smithfield |
| Little Sisters of the Poor, Washington street, 3:30 p. m. | Children's Aid Society—Presents taken to Dispensary Building, Sixth Avenue. |
| Home of the Good Shepherd, Troy Hill, 5:30 p. m. | East End Dispensary, De Soto street, East End. |
| St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, Troy Hill, 6:30 p. m. | |

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