

Boclety was busy last week with preparation for, enjoyment of, and recovery from the Christmas celebration. The Home Circle had more attractions than the reception rooms and outside of the interesting coming-out ball in the East End little was done socially. But January will have its joys fast and furious, as the many ananneaments of Christman week testify. There are rumors that Santa Claus will soon be described best by Mr. Shakespeare's

well-known line. Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans every-

er as our noted self would say, that the old gentleman is nearly at his last gasp, and already has one foot in the crematory. Santa Claus has been with us for a very long time, and we confess it would be strange if, scoper or later, he didn't get rather tired of being generous even in the face of a deal of apparent appreciation. Examining the case, it would appear that he has only been held to earth by juvenile threads, and since it is the fashion for children to be born grown up, he finds that the needs for him have

Semething of a premonition of this, though he does not mention Santa Claus particularly, must have been in Eugene Field's mind when he sang this stanza in one of his sweetest little lyrics:

Oh, girls are girls and boys are boys, And have been so since Abel's birth; And shall be so, 'tit dolls and toys

Are with the children swept from earth We submit the following for use in the Britannica of the year 1900:

Santa Claus is the name of an eminent personage who appears to have flourished for several centuries and in various countries. He is described as patriarchal in appearance and possessing an exceedingly high order of morals, for, living in an age when drinking, smoking and chewing were the concomitants of a gentleman's habits, it is declared that he was never known to starger and never seen with a cigar in his mouth. This was due, possibly, to the influence of little children, of whom he was said to be very fond, and who reciprocated his affection. One of his peculiarities was an all-absorbing habit of coming unexpectedly on his young friend on Christmas Eve, when he gained admittance by the chimney indened with presents to give away. Undoubtedly this is a true story as from other sources it is learned that he was driven out of the city of Pittsburg by the action of a famous corporation of those days, called The Philadelphia Company, which increased the price of natural gas-a fuel then in vogue-until people were obliged to close up their fireplaces to prevent the heat escaping by way of the chimney. Nothing is known of the parents of Santa Claus, and his death is shrouded in equal mystery. If all traces of it have been lost.

> MARION CRAWFORD GALLARER. GAITIES OF CHRISTMAS WREE.

Social Events That Interest the People of the Two Cities.

The Belle Vale Social Club, of Allegheny, held their second entertainment and at home on Wednesday, December 23, which was largely attended. The early part of the evening was taken up in listening to a very enjoyable programme, the principle items of which were the opening address by their president, pinno solo by Miss G. Wilkins, president, pinno solo by Miss G. Wilkins, recitations by Mr. James Fulton and Miss Jessie Fatterson, violin solo by Mr. Ed Workmaster, which was followed by a host of other. The balance of the evening was spent in dancing, a special feature of which was the fancy dance by Miss May Flack. There were about 40 couple present. Among those present were Misses Mary Quiz. Mary Wilkinson, Stella Emmler, Stella Pruden, Geite Schell, Mary Scanton, Nellie Flack, Sophy Schell, Alice Fenwick, Phebe Graham, Gert Kiefer, Carrie Schuman, Yetta Knechler, Meme Tracy, Ella Douglass, Tish Nash, Lizzie Smail, Emma McClinton, Annie Scanlon, Lizzie Nash, Anna Patterson, Georgia Wilkins, and Messis C. Miller, J. Phisicy, C. Fraser, E. Harvey, S. Miller, J. W. Luther, W. Flick, W. F. Remeosnyder, J. Brand, W. Keuchler, C. Schmitt, E. Schmitt, W. J. Smith, F. Bowman, W. Norria, C. Schaffer, J. Fulton, F. Morkmaster, J. C. Leppe, G. Merritt, E. Matheson; G. F. Lepper, master ceremonies; H. B. Pracen, prompter: committee, E. Matheson, J. Fulton, T. McDoughli.

Special musical services appropriate to Caristmus will be sung in the First M. E. Church at Braddock this morning and evening by the special request of the pastor, the Hev. Dr. T. N. Boyle. An orchestra of eight leces, with Mr. Floyd J. St. Clair as direceces, with Mr. Floyd J. St. Chair as direc-r, will give special numbers at both ser-ces, and in addition to the regular musical ambers the coor will sing the following: sing, Ou, Sing This Blessed Morn, Leslier slora in Excelsa, Trom Mozari's "Twellth-ass," in the norming, and in the evening shout, Shout the Glad Tidings" and "Gloria i Excelsis." Mr. Frank E. Zuermer is di-cator, Mass Munite Bovie organist and Mr. in Excelsis." Mr. Frank E. Zuermer is director, Miss Minnie Boyle organist and Mr. Floyd St. Clair cornetist. The choir will have la voices and be composed of the following members: Sopranos. Misses Luin Boyle, Stasin Bridges, Eva Balsinger, Sophia McCleary, Lizzie Hutzen; altos, Mrs. Richard Bennett-Hurrell and Miss Ida Davis; tenors, Messes, Watkin R. Edwards, Sam Thomas, Fred W. Edwards, Esq.: bass, Messes. Richard Hurrell, William Brown, Jr., Edward E. Gregg and William S. Brown, Sr.

A very enjoyable party was given in honor of Mr. Frank Connolly at his home, No. 136 River avenue, on Christmas Eve. Among present were Mr. and Mrs. Calhoen, the Misses Maggie and Minta O'Donnell, Emma Stanffer, Mary Comiey, Annie Consoliy, Stasia and Ella O'Loughlin, Nellis Leyden, Maggie, Bianche and Maude Col ns Alice Powell, Mary Shea, Maggie Pollee, Nellie Cox, Ida Conners, Birdie Railer, Maggie Speer, Kate Merker, Josephine Sweeney Agie Nevergold and Messrs, John and Harry Kruse, Frank Connelly, R. C. Comley, William Merker, J. Warren Shirley, G. S. Comley, Frad Merker, J. Warren Shirley, G. S. Comley, Frad Merker, J. the Misses Maggie and Minta O'Donnell olty, R. C. Comley, William Merker, J. Varren Shirley, G. S. Comley, Fred Merker Villiam and Frank McCoy, G. H. Wenver moch Humparies, C. H. Schaner, Samuel maintain, Charles Dally, Alfred Wright, E. Switt, Charles Carpenter, Joseph Doyle, riey W. Shirley and many others. Dancing was the feature of the evening, and lunch

The marriage of Miss Annie L Heckel to Mr. Will Seelhorst took place at the residence of the bride's parents in Ross township at 8 o'clock. The ceremony was personable of the bride's parents in Ross township at 8 o'clock. The ceremony was personable of the bride's parents in Ross township at 8 o'clock. formed by Rev. Riffer, of West View, after were Miss Tillie Heckel, bridemaid, and Mr. Edwin Kuhn, groomsman. The happy pair received the congratulations of their many friends and relatives. The presents were of a large number and costly. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Adam Heckel, Mr. and Mrs. Staving, Miss Tena Gable, Miss A. Walters, Mr. Chris Heckel, Mr. W. Heckel, Mr. H. Heckel, Mr. G. J. Heckel, Mr. G. F. Heckel, Mr. G. F. Dietz, Mr. and Mrs. Riffer and daughter Mary, Mr. Gharlie Heckel, Miss Amelia Heckel, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Seelhorst, Mrs. J. J. Besser, Mrs. Zhen Hamilton, Mr. W. F. Wray, Miss Meinstne Scelhorst, Mrs. Alice Scelhorst, and others.

One of the most claborate social events of the season was the entertainment given Mr. E. Pritchard, the insurance-man, pre-

under the auspices of the Young Men's Social and Literary Club at the Butler street extension schoolhouse on Tuesday evening. The schoolrooms were crowded to their capacity. The floral decorations were magnificent. Mr. James E. Gallagher delivered the address of welcome in behalf of the club in a masterly way, and Mr. Robert McClelland responded in behalf of the guests in an appropriate manner. An elegant lunch land responded in behalf of the guests in an appropriate manner. An elegant lunch was partaken of. Among those present were the Misses Duncan, Bender, King, Johns, Murray, Miller, Evans, Shields, Ryan, Purcell, Curtin, Gallagher, Samuels, Kline, Steel, McCielland: the Messra, Wagner, Cost-low, Williams, Couner, Reed, Baker, Lemon, Campbell, Blasdel, Shugart, Nolan, Arm-strong, Mess, Beggs, Edwards, Kerr and a host of others.

The long debated question, "What Shall We Do to Stimulate Society Spirit?" was settled by the members of Philo Society of the University in a very pleasant manner Wednesday evening at their society hall in the college building. They began with a series of "Fandangos." This feast was attended by almost all the members, who came heavily armed, anticipating trouble from the non-society men. But no one save a senior dared to intrude, and he was pitied and allowed to partake of the edibles, so lavishly prepared. Much merriment was had in initiating the janitor into the mysteries of the society by the bucking goat method. He didn't appreciate it, but the goat did Songs, cards, dances, games, etc., engaged the young society men until morning. The banquet was a booming success, and it is likely to be repeated.

A surprise party was held on Mrs. J. V. Brooks at her home, No. 2112 Penn avenue, by the Garfield Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., by the Garfield Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., on Tuesday, December 15. Among the many present were: Mrs. Mary Story, Mrs. McCambridge, Mrs. E. A. Smith, Mrs. Uhler, Mrs. Allbucher, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Furch, Mrs. Setbert, Mrs. McCurry, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. Annie Griffith, Miss Sina Hughes, Miss Mamie McKenna, Miss May Dnyls, Misses Sadie, Annie and Maggie Smith, Miss Stores and Miss Annie and Miss Annie and Miss Annie and Miss Annie Smith, Miss Stewart and others; the Messrs. Horace Cromer, William Heater, Edward Thompson, Harry Brooks, Onslow Smith, Aiex Wright and William Brooks. Every-one had a pleasant time and supper was served at 11:30.

Little Maggie Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, of 29 Thirteenth street, was tendered a surprise party Wednesday evenng. Among the little folk present were: ing. Among the little folk present were: Misses Lydia Williams, Myrtle E Fitzpatick, Kate Emily Thomas, Mary Jane Edmuns, Lizzie and Emma Tyler, Harriet Williams, Mollie Watkins, Tillie Wadingham, Tillie Timmins, Josephine Lewis, Esther and Tidville Davis, Sadie Davis, Laura Jones, Mrs. Williams, of Jeannette; Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Masters Govner L. Thomas, Evan and Will Williams, Willie Watkins, John Jones, Will Jones, The little Watkins, John Jones, Will Jones, The little Hostess was the recipient of many nice preslostess was the recipient of many nice pres-

On December 24, at 5 r. M., Miss Catherine Clark, eldest daughter of Dr. H. H. Clark, and sister of Dr. A. C. Clark, resident physician at the West Penn Hospital, was married to Mr. Charles Wright, the prominent steel inspector of Park Bros. The wedding took pince at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The bride, who is a beautiful brunette, was at-tired in a traveling suit of tan broadcloth, trimmed in coque, and wore a diamond pedant, the gift of the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Wright will be at home to their friends after January 1, 1892, in an elegantly furnished

The marriage of Miss Annie House, daughter of Mr. John W. House, Jr., of Braddock, to Mr. Gilbert McClain, of Copeland, was an affair of much interest to Braddock

of Monongahela City, composed the party of 75 couples, who congratulated each other on the most successful affair Monongabela City

the Edgar Thomson Steel Works, was mar ried at 7 o'clock on Thursday evening to Miss Mary Ferguson, of Braddock. The cer-emony was performed at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. James Ferguson, of Corey avenue. The Rev. Samuel J. Shaw, bride's protein, Corey avenue. The Rev. Samuel J. Sh. paster of the U. P. Church, of Bradde

The lecture to be given Tuesday evening by James Whitcomb Riley in the Presbyte-rian Church, Sewickley, is likely to prove the most interesting of the series so far given, as Mr. Riley will recite his poems in his own inimitable way, and the musical part of the programme will be given effectively by Messrs. Carl Retter and Jack Irwin.

A party consisting of 20 couples left the Eric depot at 6:20 o'clock Wednesday even ing to attend a musicale given by Miss Kate Fleming, of Fleming Park. Some fine music was rendered. Among those who took part in the musical programme were Mr. George Provost, Miss Fleming, Mr. Fisher, Miss Watson, Marie Graham and Birdie Duff.

Thursday evening James McCosker, rep resenting the machinists of the America from Works, presented in a few well-chosen words Mr. Robert Atkinson, the superintendent, with a costly diamond scarfpin as a token of the high regard in which that gentleman is held among the employes.

Holiday frolics opened for the toddlers at the Roselia Foundling Asylum, upon the arrival of Mr. C. L. Magee's donation of beautiful Christmas toys. In the name of the little ones, the Sisters return thanks to their patrons and wish them the blessings of a glad and prosperous New Year.

At the family dinner party given by Mr. B. L. H. Dabbs on Christmas Day the guest of honor was Mr. Dabbs' mother, Mrs. George Dabbs, who, in spite of her burden of many years, had journeyed from her bome in Philadelphia to spend Christmas with her children in Pittsburg.

Mr. David W. Elrod, of North Braddoo and Miss Jennie Mackey, of the same place were married at the home of the bride on Thursday afterneon at 2 o'clock. A recep-tion was given them by friends on Christ-mas evening. They will make their home in North Braddock.

The Sunday school scholars of the Wilkinsburg Presbyterian Church were entertained in a pleasant manner in the church last Thursday evening. In addition to a treat, a Christmas tree and a Kris Kingle, Mrs. Charles D. Armstrong sung some delightful

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Dr. J. R. Morrow, of Jeannette, to Miss Gertrude Sandels, of Greensburg. The cere mony will take place at the residence of the bride's parents, in Greensburg, Wednesday evening, January 6, 1892, at 7 o'clock.

The Young People's Society of C. E., connected with the Swedish Evangelical Luth-

The Christmas services at St. Stephen' Episcopal Church were so successful that they will be, as far as the musical portion is concerned, repeated this morning. The congregation of St. Stephen's is increasing

A delightful evening surprise party was tendered to Miss Mamie Scherer, at her residence, 404 Webster avenue, on Christmas evening. Duncing and games comprised the programme. An elegant repast was served. The second annual reception and supper

Lodge No. 14. Daughters of St. George, at Kenyon's Hall, on Federal street, Allegheny, Tuesday evening next.

ented on Christmas eve to each of his as-istants and agents a fine, large turkey, and hey in return made him a very suitable

Samuel Harper, Manager of Singer, Nimick & Co.'s mill in the West End, and a teacher in the West End M. E. Sunday school, was presented on Christmas with a handsome bronze clock and ornament.

To-morrow evening little Miss Weaver, of Franklin street, Wilkinsburg, will celebrate her sixth birthday by giving a party. About 35 of her small friends have received invita-

Miss Sadie H. Patterson, of 160 Irwin avenue, Allegheny, who has been visiting in Saginaw and Detroit, Mich., will be home to her many friends on New Year's Day.

The ladies connected with the St. Thomas'

R. C. Church, of Braddock, opened their annual fair and festival, which is to continue for several weeks, on Christmas Day. Miss Mazie Alston, of Avalon, will give an

evening party Tuesday, assisted by Miss Gretta Williams, of Allegheny, and Miss Edith Irwin, of Bellevue. The big social event this week in Sewick ley will be the dancing and card

party given by Mrs. Kerr and Miss Pearson at the Park Place Hotel, An enjoyable euchre party was given by the Misses Boal, of Wilkinsburg, last Tuesday evening, at their pretty home on Hay

Mr. Ivanhoe Christy, of Glenfield, and Miss

Madge Dickey gave select readings in the Presbyterian Church at Glenfield Christmas The Epworth League, of the Wilkinsburg

Methodist Church, will entertain its friends Tuesday evening in Raiston's Hall. The Sheridan Sabers, of Wilkinsburg, are preparing for a reception to be given shortly

Mr. and Mrs. J. Koch, of New York, are visiting Mr. E. DeRoy, of Allegheny. Mrs. F. M. Gipner and Mrs. Landers, of Mayflower street, are going to Florida for six or eight weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore W. Nevin, of Sewickley, spent Christmas at Mrs. Nevin's home, in Lancaster.

Oliver S. Richardson, Esq., has returned to Sewickley from New York, where he had been for a week or so. Mrs. D. Crowley, accompanied by two of her sons, Michael and P. J., of Juliet street, Oakland, has left for Culpepper, Va., where they will remain for a few weeks. They will also visit the capital on their return.

A BRILLIANT SILVER WEDDING.

Millerstown Society Enjoys an Event of Unusual Importance.

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH.I MILLERSTOWN, PA., Dec. 26.—The palatial residence of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Murphy, of Millerstown, was the scene of a brilliant gathering Thursday evening, the twentyfifth anniversary of their marriage. A reception was held from 5 to 8 P. M. during which time a large crowd of invited guests paid their respects to the host and hostess. te dock, to Mr. Gilbert McClain, of Copeiand, was an affair of much interest to Braddock, was an affair of much interest to Braddock of the bride's sister, at Wilkinsburg, on Thursday afternoon at 30 clock. A large burged East. Each of the bride's sister, at Wilkinsburg, on Thursday afternoon at 30 clock, and later a reception. The young people are useful after a wedding tour will like there.

A party was given by Mr. and Mrs. J. McGarvey, at their new residence No. 70 Targe gart street, Allegheny, on Thursday evening after the four being pupils of the school. Mr. S. B. Smith, of Meadville, Pa., gave agart street, Allegheny, on Thursday evening after the four being pupils of the Mendelssohn wedding the playing of the Mendelssohn wedding the pupils of the Mendelssohn will be aftered to send a well after the four being pupils of the Mendelssohn will be aftered to send a well after the was given by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thompson, Mrs. and Mrs. Mrs. and Mrs. J. B. Thompson, Mrs. and Mrs. J. Kennedy, the Pittsburg caterer, with an ef-ficient corps of waiters, furnished delightful

from their many friends. One was an ele-gant mantel mirror of heavy plate, set in a most artistic silver frame of beautiful demost artistic silver frame of beautiful design; the other a rich vase four feet in
height, the center part of onyx decorated
with a design of thistic and finished with
gold and silver decorations.

At the conclusion the presentation
speeches the final number of the programme
was given and the guests enjoyed social intercourse until the dawn of Christmas Day.
Mr. Frank H. Murphy and Mr. S. B. Smith
found a Phi Kappa Psi brother in Rev. Eli
Miller and they, with the young ladies,
joined in some lively college and fraternity
songs, much to the enjoyment of the listeners. It was indeed a joy tul occasion and the
whole affair a great success.

whole affair a great success. We ring the silver Christmas bells, And sweet the tale their music tells; From sixty-six to ninety-one How swiftly all these years have rolled! In nineteen hundred and sixteen Another score and five to come, If at the feast we shall be seen,

Daughters of Liberty. East End Star Council will hold a basket social early in January. The Advance Association of Unity Council met at the home of Brother A. G. Walters,

Hope Council, mentioned last week, will be instituted Friday evening, January 8, in Masonic Hall, Allegheny. Brother Leech, of Margaret A. DuShane Council, is spending the holidays with friends in Millerstown, Pa.

The Union Association held a business meeting Monday evening at the residence o Brother Fred Ertzman, in Hazelwood. Evening Star Council will hold an enterainment and basket social in Silver Palace Hall, on Thursday evening, January 21. At the last meeting of Star of Liberty Council, No. 67, Sisters Maggie, Minnie and Emma Scharf presented the council with a ballot box, work basket and a pair of gavels. Brother Leech made the presentation speech and Brother Young received the gifts for the council.

To Grip or Not to Grip.

There are some thinkers of a philosophical turn, those without colds in their heads and who have not been frightened by lunatics, who express the opinion that the grip is really only the usual run of winter colds. aggravated by newspaper notoriety into an epidemic, and that cranks are no more dangerous or frequent now than usually. Such strong minds, however, do not make many converts. The grip is certainly growing every day, and although it has not yet be-gan to kill its victims as it did last year, it certainly has more power already than any-thing else in New York.

S. V. White's Hard Luck.

The financial world has done much speulating this week as to the connection between the honest failure of S. V. White and the disgraceful crash of the Field stock brokerage concern. The story that \$500,000 put in the hands of Field to support White's attempt to corner corn had been turned the other way, and that it was White's own money which caused his failure is going about very actively on the Stock Exchange. If it is true it shows Mr. White to adopt for permanent use the text about not putting one's faith in princes or any child of man.

Booth on and Off the Stare. Edwin Booth, always more interesting to Americans than all the much-talked-about stage mushrooms combined, has been seen at one or two entertainments in New York this week. His health certainly seems better than it was two years ago. At the same time he does not seem in a physical state to undergo the great strain of such acting as he does. The difference between Edwin Booth and many other actors is that Booth off the stage looks as great as the characters he portrays—the other fellows, rigged out in their finest, with limelight and all look like black and tans playing St. Bernard.



General orders received yesterday from department headquarters announce the in-stalling officers for Allegheny county posts

as follows: R. W. Jones, of 181, Braddock, 59 McKees ort; Past Department Commander J. F. Denniston, of 117, 480 and 3: C. B. Stewart, of 548, Wilkinsburg, 38, Etna; R. C. Miller, of 162, 117 and 135, Tarentum; H. L. Hoburg, of 157, 128; E. A. Montooth, Judge Advocate, of 3, 41; John W. Brown, of 123, 162 and 88; James Storer, of 111, 127, Boston; James Lewis, of 155, 151; Thomas Irwin, of 162, 153, Mansfield, A. C. Frank, of 151, 155; Orrin M. Head, of 259, 157 and 329, West Elizabeth; F. M. Patterson, of 55, 181 and 564; C. B. Stewart, of 548, 199, Turtle Creek; Thomas J. Hudson, of 259, 266; D. W. Smyth, of 238, 207; L. H. Waiter, of 153, 215; H. L. Hoburg, of 157, 280; James Atkinson, of 207, 238; W. O. Russell, of 151, 259; G. C. Hatch, of 235, 289; George A. Cassidy, of 44, 381; G. B. Morrall, of 235, 470; J. S. Thomas, of 38, 545; George W. McCutcheon, of 117, 548. 157, 128; E. A. Montooth, Judge Advocate, of

Post 128's Memorial Service.

The annual memorial service for the com year will be held by Post 128 in Carnegie Hall, Allegheny, this afternoon. The deaths of the following are to be commemorated: the following are to be commemorated:
James Carlton, Company B, Fifth Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery; Peter Schwinn, Company A, Thirty seventh Illinois Infantry;
David P, Williamson, Company F, Eightyseventh Pennsylvania Volunteers: Adam Fhey, Company H, First Virginia Cavalry;
Jacob Richter, Company C, Sixth Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery; Edward Hoffman,
Company M, Fifth Pennsylvania Cavalry.
The following programme will be observed:

Dirge ....... P. A. East Opening of Post ...... S. V. C. James Rufferty Anthem, ..... Who Are These in Bright Array? 

Solo Selected

Miss Irene Sample
Address Dr. G. W. Bryant, Post 343, Dept, of
Missouri
Chorus God Be With Us Till We Meet A gain
Clocing of Post

were distributed, each boy receiving a full suit of clothes, cap and shoes and the girls a dress pattern of good warm woolen goods and shoes. In addition, each one, boys and girls, received a box of candy, an orange and a banana. All seemed to be happy and well pleased with the afternoon's exercises.

Pension Agent Bengough and his corps of assistants are now happily moved into their permanent quarters in the new Government building. The moving was effected on Thursday, but yesterday the first work was done in the new rooms. Everything will be in good shape for the January pay commencing on Monday, the 4th. Comrades Bengough and Postmaster McKenn are desirous that the pensioners come into the building on the Fourth avenue side, as the stairway is handy to the doors there and officers will be stationed there to direct applicants to the location of the Pension Office. ment building. The moving was effected officefs will be stationed there to direct applicants to the location of the Pension Office. It is the earnest desire of Agent Bengough that those pensioners who do not stand in absolute need of their pension money the first day, do not come on the first day, as owing to the large increase of pensioners receiving their money from the Pittsburg office there will be a tremendous rush, and many who absolutely need their money on the first day should not be crowded out. By doing this those more favored in this world

doing this those more favored in this world will do their fellow pensioners and the Pen-sion office officials a great favor. Hollday News of the Veterans CONRADE THOMAS G. JONES WAS elected trustee by Post 206 last Friday evening. Post 236 held a large and enjoyable meet-

ing on Christmas evening, that bappening to be the regular meeting night. SHLECT COUNCILMAN DANIEL BRAUN, of the CONRADE BRYANT, of the Department of Missouri, and Comrades Head, Hart and Sample were visitors to Post 88 last Tuesday

Post 88 accepted the invitation of Post 128 to attend the memorial services to be held by the latter at Carnegie Hall, Allegheny, this afternoon. Post 151 will attend the memorial services

of 128 at Carnegie Hall this atternoon. The comrades will assemble at 1923 Carson street at 1:30 P. M. in full uniform. Post 162 will have an open thstallation of officers next Saturday at its hall. A pleas ing programme is being arranged by the Committee of Entertainment. CHRISTMAS presents in the shape of clothing and provisions were distributed on Fri-

day by Post 236 to the widows and orphans in its care. This custom is observed every year by this energetic post. COMBADE JOHN HOPKINS, of Post 151, desires to return his sincere thanks to the ladies of Colonel John W. Patterson Woman's Relief Corps No. 1 for their kind donation of a basket of fruit to his sick wife on Christmas

Post 360 of Verona and the Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the post, will have an open installation on Saturday evening, January 2. Comrades of the G. A. R. and ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps in the cities of Pittsburg and Allegheny are cordially invited to be present. THE treasury of Major Lowry Post 543, of Wilkinsburg, received a large benefit from

whithsoury, received a large benefit from the three performances of the "Little Re-cruit" in the Opera House last week. This play will be given in the Pittsburg Audi-torium on New Year's Day for the benefit of the Woman's Relief Corps. WILLIAM G. McLain, a member of Davis Camp, Sons of Veterans, also of the Jr. O. U. A. M.. Northside Council, Allegheny, died at his home in East Liverpool, O., on December 17. Mr. McLain was the son of Mrs. Clendeuning, of No. 10 Isabella street, Allegheny. He leaves a widow and one child. COMRADE CHARLES HOLYLAND, Adjutant of Post 162, received a letter the otherday from an old comrade whom he had lost sight of

for 27 years. This comrade, Silas Peckham, had seen Comrade Holyland's name in print in connection with the Cassidy resolutions, and wrote to know if he was "Our Charile Holyland, of the Chicago Board of Trade Battery." Commde Holyland histsaw Comrade Peckham when he (Holyland) was wounded before Atlanta in '64. were racked with provisions and wearing apparel and sent to their different destinations with the symmathy and good wishes of the ladies. Post 88's Auxiliary has been doing a noble work during the pastyear, and has assisted materially in preserving the reputation of the post to which they are attached.

THE SECRET SOCIETIES.

Contributions for this department should reach The Disparch office by noon Saturday. These columns are open to all secret organizations, but news and news only will be printed. Space is too valuable to be given up to the discipline of delinquent members, notices of meetings, praise of individual lodges, advertisements of orders or mere personal puffs. Select Knights of America.

All arrangements are now complete for the institution of a new legion in Allegheny about the first of the next month. Bellevue Legion No. 31, of Allegheny City, is working along nicely taking in new mem-bers. Its new Commander, William Griscom, is a institer.

Vice Commander L. Melvin McComb, of No. 10, visited Oil City Christmas Day and gave a highly enjoyable entertainment in mesmerism there. Colonel Lewis requests that all comrades who have not done so will make their returns for the reception as soon as possible to Chairman Payne, of the Committee.

The members of Duquesne Legion No. 10 are certainly hustlers, having disposed of more tickets for the reception than any other two legions in the First Regiment. Colonel C. V. Lewis is quite under the weather, and has been during the last three weeks, and will be pleased to see any of the comrades who may choose to call on him to-day.

Lost, strayed or stolen, from Legion No. 10. within the last three months, a little sawed-off comrade answering to the name of Charley. A liberal reward will be paid by the Colonel for his safe delivery to him Bellevue Legion No. 31 of Allegheny is hav-

ingquite a revival of late by adding two and three new members to their roll at each meeting. It is understood it will initiate four new ones at the next meeting. Some of The family of Comrade John Best, of No. The family of Comrade John Best, of No. 10, have the sympathy of the entire membership of the First Regiment. The sudden death of the comrade during the past week was a severe shock to his family, who only knew him as a kind and loving husband and father. All the comrades knew him in the legion room only to honor him, and he was beloved by them all.

G. C. James M. Todd is anxious that every comrade who can will accompany himself and staff to Youngstown, O. New Year's eve, as the trip bids fair to prove very enjoyable. Banner Legion, of that city, has made elaborate preparations to receive and entertain. The reception in the evening will no doubt be a grand affair. All Select Knights will appear in fatigue uniform. Duquesne Legion No. 10 has a very inter-

Duquesne Legion No. 10 has a very interesting meeting Monday evening last, when the following officers were elected: Past Commander, W. J. Payne; Commander, William Conell; Vice Commander, L. Melvin McComb; Lieutenant Commander, F. G. Reineman; Standard Bearer, D. C. O'Kain; Marshal, Samuel Shauer; Senior Page, George Stanton; Recorder, Charles L. Hannan; Recording Treasurer, James M. Todd; Treasurer, James A. McKee; Trustee for 18 months, James Chalmers, Sr.; Medical Examiners, Drs. Rex and Krebs.

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G. C. James M. Todd and Colonel C. V. Lewis received an invitation from P. G. C. John Rowan to partake of a turkey dinner at the Central Hotei Tuesday, which was promptly accepted by the two worthies. After being scated in the dining room, and waiting about 30 minutes for their turkey, Comrade Rowan appeared upon the scene leading a bind turkey with a string, and notified the two invited guests to take a good look at the poor old bird, as that was all the turkey they would get that day. The Colonel says that from the number of rattles on that turkey's neck he had seen many years' service in the same way.

Harry R. Peck is a model conductor. Members of Fort Pitt Council, No. 220, have had some very lively and entertaining meetings of late which has stirred up some of the irregular members. The Council votes on the change of name to-morrow night. A lunch will be served at 10 r. M. Many members of Thomas Ashford, Jr.'s Council, thought he would not be as faithful in the discharge of his official duties since he became a benedict, but such is not the case. Tommy is on hand every meeting night and his flowery voice can be heard on all subjects.

Harvey Case, retiring Councilor of Sam Harper Council, feels very proud of his record as presiding officer of his Council for the last six months. Although some very hard questions have come up for his decision not in one instance has he been on the

wrong side.

The following officers have been elected in Samuel Harper Council, Mt. Washington, the installation to take place January 8 at Mannerchor Hall, Thirty-second ward: Councilor, James A. Benton; Vice Councilor, P. M. McVay: Assistant Recorder, W. P. List; Conductor, H. R. Peck: Treasurer, M. Nawmaw: Financial Secretary, Emil Becker: Recording Secretary, Thomas Ashford, Jr.; Warden, Drum Morgan; Junior Past Councilor, Harry Case: Trustee, 18 months, Harry R. Peck. Samuel Harper Council is booming. A special invitation is extended to all the Jr. O. U. A. M. boys to visit it.

At the canton entertainment Brother Her-man Bergman won laurels as Simple Simon. Next Monday evening the degree staff of Monteflore Lodge, No. 794 will confer the first degree on two candidates. Canton Pittsburg No. 18, P. M., will hold its next cantonment Wednesday night at No. 102 Fourth avenue, Business of great im-portance will be brought up. Pittsburg Lodge No. 336 will confer the initiatory degree next Friday evening. The degree staff is expected to be in good trim and business of importance will come before the lodge.

At the reception given by Canton Allegheny No. 32, P. M., Lieutenant Alpha J. Potzer created quite a surprise in making his opening address to the audience and more of a surprise when he used that 18-karat smile in bowing to the ladies.

The concert, drill and reception of Canton Allegheay last Wednesday night was a grand success in every particular. In the concert part of the entertainment the performers all deserve great credit. One of the formers and deserve great credit. One of the grand features of the evening was the drill of the battalion under the command of Lieutenant Colonel S. W. Jeffries. Then came the grand march, and after this dancing to "the wee sma' hours."

Royal Arcanum. Brother Robert McMillen has just bee elected for the sixth consecutive year to the office of Chaplain in Iron City Council. Prof. R. M. Cargo has held the position of Collector in Iron City Council, R. A., for nearly ten years, and he has just been chosen for another year's service. At every meeting held recently by Iron City Council, R. A., some member has fur-nished refreshments of some kind, which is a very good thing to draw the boys out, Hon. Alfred Marland and Judge P. G. Digby are both members of Iron City Coun-cil, and the old hall rings at times with their powerful voices arguing on seme important points.

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The following officers will be installed January 4 in Iron City Council, Royal Arcanum, at Mannærchor Hall, Mt. Washington, by District Deputy H. A. Tanner: Regent, M. L. Over; Vice Regent, Will P. Jesson; Orator, E. A. Hill; Chaplain, Robert McMillen; Guide, Robert J. Macrory; Warden, Charles Welland; Sentry, Harry J. Wilbert; Secretary, Hugh White; Collector, Prof. R. M. Cargo; Treasurer, C. C. Boehmer; Past Regent, L. H. Hunter, Two new members will be received and other important matters attended to. Visitors are welcome.

C. M. B. A. Branch 97, of Turtle Creek, held an open Branch 79, of Allegheny, will hold an open meeting next Wednesday evening. Twenty-two names are signed to an appli-cation for a charter at Johnstown. Branches 34, 38, 49 and 63 made handsome donations to the Foundling Asylum. There are now 41 branches in this county with three more about to be organized. Branch III will be instituted at Lorette Cambria county, the first week in January The members of the C. M. B. A., of Alle gheny City, have formed a sick relief asso-ciation. H. W. Deare, of Detroit, will be in this city about January 25. While here he expects to vi-it every branch in this vicinity. The attention of branches is called to the fact that annual reports must be sent to the State Secretary before the installation of the new officers.

With the first meeting in the new year, Branch 88 will reach 200 members. This is the largest branch in this vicinity, with 36, 45 and 46 each pushing hard for second place. At the meeting of the Advisory Council last Sunday \$100 was donated to the Mercy Hospital. The C. M. B. A. will have a room hereafter at the hospital for the exclusive

General Custer Lodge No. 118, Allegheny City, had five applications at its last meeting and more to follow. It gives an open instal-lation and entertainment Monday evening,

The Degree of Honor will be instituted in Industry Lodge Tuesday evening, January 19, instead of a week earlier, as previously reported. Members with their wives and families are cordially invited to be present and join

F. W. Guyger, late a member of Gardner Lodge, at Gardner, Mass., was killed on the railroad here recently and his remains were buried in Bellevue Cemetery by Union Lodge No. 86, of this city. He was recognized by assessment notice receipts in his pocket, and his widow was telegraphed for, who came on and attended the burial. Much credit is due Union Lodge No. 86 and Colonel John Rowan, of the Central Hotel.

Five new conclaves will be instituted in

Having had no assessment in December has given the order quite a boom. A number of conclaves will hold open in-stallations, supplemented with an enter-tainment.

Financier, Treasurer and Secretary of each conclave a reference manual to the law, as it effects these officers,

Knights and Ladies of Honor.

Robert Blum Lodge, with a membership of 55, was instituted recently at Erie. It is the first one in that city working in the German language.

General Lodge Notes.

The officers of the Pride of Allegheny City

GENERAL JOHN A. WILEY has been laid up for the past three weeks with a bad attack

SIXTERN members of Company E, Eigh teenth Regiment, gave an exhibition drill in Turner Hall, Southside, on Christmas night. CAPTAINS W. H. DAVIS and George Welshons, both of the Eighteenth Regiment, leave for San Francisco shortly, as delegates to the annual meeting of the International League of Press Clubs.

Inquiries are now being passed aronne This is always an interesting period not only to the company commander, but also to their creditors.

ADJUTANT GENERAL MCCLELLAND is slowly recovering from his recent severe illness, but is not yet able to strictly attend to duties of his office. It may be several weeks before his physicians will allow him to leave COLONEL JAMES CAVANAUGH, of the famous

EACH company in the First Brigade within the city limits of Philadelphia was presented with its annual allowance of \$500 by the Councils of the Quaker City last week. What an agreeable addition to the exchequer of some of the local companies would such a windfall be!

THE report of the General Inspector of

ompleted at an expense of over \$400 and cuss the affairs of the regiment and the pos-sibilities of a war with Chie. A little touch-ing up of the quarters of its fellow organi-zation, the Eighteenth, would prove most agreeable to the eye of one even not overly fastidious.

W. P. Bennett, Deputy for District 23 in Division No. 2, paid Industry and Custer lodges a visit last week. These lodges are in his district and he received a cordial wel-

A. O. U. W.

Charles L. Hannan, deputy for Tarentum Lodge No. 223, will pay that lodge a visit Saturday evening next, when it will install officers and have an open installation. He will pay Springdale and Americus lodges a visit the first week in the new year.

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Inspections and installation of officers will take place in January.

J. K. Moorehead Conclave, No. 82, is pre-paring to entertain McKeesport Conclave, No. 81, at supper some time in January. The order will, during the coming week, pay to the widow of Albert Cline, of No. 89, \$3,000 and to the widow of H. W. Hagan, of No. 139, \$5,000. This is quite a sum for one order to drop in one place at the same time. The Supreme Archon has sent out to each Deputy the blanks for January inspection; also a manual of instruction, in addition to promulgation of Official Circular No. 15.

There will also be mailed to the Secretary of each subordinate conclave for the Archon, Financier Treasurer and Secretary of each

The semi-annual reports show encour-ing increases in membership throughout t

An English lodge will be instituted on Mt. Washington early next month. A list for another English lodge is being signed rapidly. Mr. D. Goodman, a D. D. G. P. of the First district of Pennsylvania, represents the in-terest of the K. and L. of H. on Mt. Wash-

The order is in its fourteenth year, has 70,-583 members, 15 grand lodges and 1.235 lodges in 34 States. Pennsylvania has 4,550 members in 80 lodges.

Lodge, Daughters of St. George, were installed last Thursday by D. D. W. G. P. Mary I. Scott, after which a pleasant time was spent. Tuesday next they will hold their second annual reception and supper at Kenyon's Hall, Federal street, Allegheny, The Mozart Orchestra will be in attendance. The Mozart Orchestra will be in attendance,
Bessemer Tent No. 92, Knights of the Maccabees, of Braddock, will give a free musical
entertainment to its friends Tuesday evening, December 29, in Odeon Hall. Some good
talent has been engaged, also Miss Lizzie Stametz (elocutionist), of Pittsburg,
will render a number of recitations. A
cordial invitation is extended to all sister
tents.

GOSSIP OF THE GUARD.

among company commanders as to the tim when the State warrants may be expected

Sixty-ninth Regiment of New York City, will shortly complete his fortieth year in connection with that regiment. He en-listed as a private in Company E in 1832, and has been a hustler in the service ever since.

A NEW military company is being organ ized in Connellsville, the members of which expect to be mustered into the National Guard as Company D, of the Tenth Regi-ment. The organization is about completed and application has been made to the Adju-tant General's office for official recognition. CAPTAIN HENRY SCHMIDT, of Company A. Fourteenth Regiment, is arranging for a big reception and ball for his company to be held some time in February. This company is in a most flourishing condition at present and probably better supplied as to finances and military equipments than any other company in the brigade.

submitted to the Adjutant General and is the best yet shown in the existence of the Guard in this State. Five thousand seven hundred men qualified last season out of a total of 8,500 enrolled. The increase in the number of sharpshooters was as correspond-THE reflitting of the headquartres rooms

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for the

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the visitors. It is expected that the sur-gical departments of the guard from all over the country will be well represented. Tue consolidation of the National Guard made to the Adjutant General, shows the umber of officers in the First Brigade to be 169, with 2,470 enlisted men; in the Second Brigade 206 officers and 2,951 enlisted men and in the Third Brigade 184 officers and 2.479 enlisted men. The total number of offi-cers in the State is 623, with 7.925 enlisted men, making the total strength of the Guard, according to latest returns, 8,548.

SEVERAL military visitors in the eastern part of the State complain that the Second and Third Brigades do not give the First sufficient credit for the brilliant example it sufficient credit for the brilliant example it sets in the way of equipments (white trousers) and other details of a well-clothed soldier, and playfully terms the western guardsmen as rustles from the rural districts. To all of which the poor rustles can say, bosh! The entire National Guard patterns after but one ideal, the regular arms, but, of course, it is barely possible that the officials in the regular service consult the First Brigade, N. G. P., when any changes are contemplated.

are contemplated. A REMARKABLE quiet pervades the local military armories at present, and it is scarcely probable the moss will be brushed aside until active preparations commence for the spring inspections. Several of the companies have been working in a quiet way on the new drill regulations, and such of the other companies that have such of the other companies that have not unofficially adopted them seem loth to squander any further efforts on the old manual, which is at best fated to live but a few short months. The same state of affairs seems to be shown in most of the organizations of the Second Brigade as far as can be learned, and it would probably be an excellent thing if the new manual was to be promulgated officially in the National Guard at an early period, as a new injection of spirit an early period, as a new injection of spirit would necessarily follow.

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