THE RESIDENCE OF MRS. PARK PAINTER.

Perhaps it is unwise to comment adversely on the king that is; nevertheless I must confess to not being educated up to the elevation of a cake walk. It is curious enough that society should take a fling at it, except that society is now plunged four weeks in Lent and is glad of any diversion, no matter how peculiar. It is strongly to be suspected that Mrs. Astor's name in connection with a similar affair in New York was the drawing card here, and certainly Mrs. Astor is not to be complimented on her good taste. Suppose a woman had dropped in there accidentally without being aware that the cake walk was a fad, I think she would have come out bringing with her a very disgusted nose.

Of course there is no use of talking from a high moral point of view. High moral points of view are not in vogue. But I confess I don't see how people with any kind of respectable stomachs escaped violent attacks of *mal de mer*.

Since Lent is quiet enough to permit one to think, if people would only make up their minds no longer to perpetrate so ghastly a joke as a fancy work party. It seems to me as if women should prefer to stare at each other to staring at a needle going in and out of a bit of cloth. Nor does it seem any particular compliment to the entertaining qualities of the company that each guest must take the wherewithal with her to help to pass the time. Or is it that their fingers are kept busy so that, perchance, the tongue may be silenced.

If it is put on a high moral ground of course then nothing can be said. So far as I can see there is no excuse for anybody working at fancy business except at a watering place or a mountain resort. There is Cresson, for instance. Where, under the blue sky, can be found a more delectable sight than a woman sound asleep over her knitting or talking or crocheting on an August day on the Mountain House piazza.

The mid-Lent tea on Saturday preceding Mothering Sunday was most successful, and reflected great credit on those interested. These were the members of Trinity Church Altar Society, which under the far-seeing management of Mrs. A. E. W. Painter, has become as much a part of Trinity Church ecclesiastically as the spire has architecturally. The tea was given in Miss Libbie Walker's house on Western avenue, the hostess and the president of the society being the chief sponsors. The various tables were presided over as follows: Mrs. Painter, assisted by Miss Maidie Forsyth, Miss Lucy Haworth and Miss Cotterwood presided at the tea table; Mrs. George Shiras III, Miss Julia Harding, Mrs. Frank P. Sproul and Mrs. George Howe at the chocolate; Miss Jane Watson, Miss Nellie Reed, Miss Julia Watson, Miss Stella Hays, Miss Mollie Bakewell, Mrs. William Ross Proctor, Miss Hattie Hoag and Miss Benson had supervision over the fancy table. At the Easter table were: Mrs. William G. Park and Mrs. William R. Blair. The resultant proceeds were most satisfactory.

Next Friday evening the Glee and Banjo and Mandolin Clubs, of the Western University, shall be the center of interest in Dilworth Hall, Pennsylvania College, where they will give an entertainment out of compliment to the sister institutes. The programme of music is of like nature to those given by other college glee clubs, and, as the young gentlemen have been very successful hitherto, this occasion will doubtless reflect plenty of glory on them. There has been made a strong appeal for a dance after the concert, but the result is exceedingly doubtful, as the directing board have very pronounced views concerning the whats and what nots at a Presbyterian seat of learning.

The list of the members of the clubs, which has never been published completely, is as follows: Glee Club—First tenors, Messrs. Willis Brown, J. H. Evans, D. I. Parkinson; second tenors, C. H. Edwards, A. B. McGrew, G. H. Calvert; first base, W. McD. Dorrington, Walther Riddle, H. S. Calvert; second base, A. L. Hoerr, M. C. Cunningham, C. W. Reidinger; mandolins, Messrs. J. P. Murray, J. E. McCleary, R. C. Brown, G. P. Nevman; guitars, F. B. Smith, J. A. Hartrick, H. T. Dubarry; bango, W. T. Casey.

A marriage has been arranged and will take place on April 5 between Dr. Robert Burnside Ferree and Sadie Wallace Ramsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ramsey. The nuptials will be in the First United Presbyterian Church at 8 o'clock. Invitations have been issued as well as "at home" cards for May 1 at 182 Liberty street, Allegheny.

The marriage is announced of Mr. Edward H. Yeager, son of Christian Yeager, Esq., to Frances Porter, daughter of Mrs. S. E. McClelland. The ceremony took place in Uniontown last Wednesday.

A marriage has been arranged between Mr. Reed Fairman Blair and Jane Breckenridge Adams, of Franklin, Pa., to take place the latter part of the coming month. Mr. Blair will establish a home in Pittsburg.

Mr. John H. Crouch and Eleanor Boles will be married on Tuesday next in Kennilworth, O. The bride-to-be is a daughter of Mrs. A. E. Boles, and at one time the family lived in Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Dilworth will give a large function on April 12 in honor of a half century of married life which Mrs. Dilworth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Berry, will then have completed.

Mrs. John Oakley entertained in her most charming manner in honor of her little son's birthday yesterday afternoon from 2 to 6.

MARION CRAWFORD GALLAHER.

SOCIAL DOINGS OF LENT.

Plenty Doing to Interest the Young and Old in the Two Cities.

Probably the most delightful event of the past week took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. McDonald, Taylor avenue, Allegheny, on the occasion of the fourth anniversary of their marriage. Although rain made the evening far from promising Mrs. McDonald's spacious parlors were filled by the invited guests. The rooms were handsomely decorated, and dancing was indulged in till a late hour to the music of the full Eastern Italian Orchestra, with harp. The presents were numerous and costly. Mrs. Mary Mitchell, an aunt of the charming hostess, from Ohio, assisted in receiving. Among those present were Dr. and Mrs. Shidle, Mr. and Mrs. James Shidle, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Miller, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Caddes, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Noble, the Misses Swan, Negley, Algeo, White, Leech, Miller, Croskey, Hoobler, Young, Burgemaster, Kerr, Sloan and McDonald; Messrs. Swan, Riddle, Ralston, Arthur, Wright, Hays, Chisholm, Young, Weiderhold, Motheral, Miller, Sloan, Huscroft and Saunders.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Sperber, of Glenfield Station, Pittsburg, Fort Wayne, and Chicago Railroad, royally entertained a party of their friends with an elegant supper last Saturday, the occasion being the celebration of their crystal wedding. Their cosy home was tastefully decorated with flowers, and in the dining room covers were laid for 30. After the supper the host and hostess were greatly surprised by their friends presenting them with presents of cut glassware of much elegance. After this euchre and other games were indulged in until the arrival of the last train, when the party dispersed, regretting that the time had passed so quickly, and wishing the genial couple many more years of matrimonial happiness. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sperber, Mrs. Sperber, Dr. and Mrs. M. J. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J. Horner, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hite, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hawthorn, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Reveie, Mr. and Mrs. W. Loyd, the Misses Florence Miller, Fanny Moore and Roll, Messrs. Fred Renziehausen, Henry Scheutz, Wm. Jacobs, James Stewart, Albert Douges, George Hooper, Thomas Gilson and Mr. Tress.

A brief, pretty and impressive wedding took place at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening, March 23, at the home of Mrs. Agnes Johnston, 210 Dinwiddie street, her daughter, Miss Nellie Agnes, being united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. Samuel Bowman Hubley by the Rev. George Hodges. Miss Jennie Hubley and Miss Athalia Daly of Gibsonton, were bridesmaids and wore pretty gowns of white India silk with Chiffon trimmings, carrying great boquets of white carnations. Miss Daly got the bride's cake ring. The bride worn a gown of white brocade with lace and pearl corsage trimming, no veil. The guests, numbering between 50 and 60, consisted of the family connections of the bride and groom and the most intimate friends. Many beautiful and useful presents were received, etchings, paintings, bric-a-brac, etc., and almost everything in the way of silver, and some generous checks. The gift of the groom was a pin pendant of pearls and diamonds. Mr. and Mrs. Hubley left by the 8:45 P. M. train for the East. After April 5 they will be "at home" on Centre, near Aiken avenue.

Miss Mary Ross was married on Thursday evening to Harvey E. Fowhl at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Ross, No. 6 Kerr street, Allegheny, by the Revs. Dr. Holmes and Glass. Mr. T. W. Bottorff was groomsman and Miss Lizzie Ross bridesmaid. Among the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. John Ross, Mr. and Mrs. R. Warnock, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Fowhl, Mr. and Mrs. William Breeze, Mr. and Mrs. A. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. James Cahill, Mr. and Mrs. James Olliffe, Mr. and Mrs. William Ross, Mrs. Robert Ross, Mrs. William Foley, Mrs. E. T. Normecutt, Mrs. M. A. Barker, Mrs. E. Coxyn, Mrs. M. Kerr, Misses Mollie and Jennie Ross, Emma and Lottie Normacutt, Alice and Jennie Bown, Mary and Maggie White, Mary and Christina Bradshaw, Katie Moran, Estella Fowhl, Daisy Coxyn, Ella Foley, Messrs. Robert, Richard and John Ross, W. B. Fowhl, James Bown, Eli Normecutt, John White and John Kerr. The bride and groom were wished many happy congratulations for their future happiness and prosperity.

One of the most enjoyable events of the season was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Means, of Wylie avenue, on last Thursday evening. Fifteen games of euchre were played, and the honors of the evening awarded to Miss Dennison and Mr. Martin; the "boobies" to Miss Sade Means and Mrs. Goodwin. At midnight the guests sat down to a sumptuous repast, after which dancing was indulged in until an early morning hour. Those present were the Misses Lizzie and Elsie Doyle, Dennison, Pickering, Williams, Sade and Lide Means, of Bellevue; Black, Race, Blevenone, Caddick, Brumbly, Hanlon, Dickson, Fitch, Taylor, McChesney, Ramsbottom, Mathews and Evans, and Messrs. Brumbly, Caddick, Ziegler, Taylor, Dickson, Fitzpatrick, Martin, Henderson, Brennen, Catz, Goodwin, Wolf, Nicklas, Doyle and Bartell.

A charming home wedding took place at 8 o'clock Thursday evening last at the residence of the bride's parents, Lytle street, Hazelwood. The contracting parties were Miss Belle T. Gibson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Gibson, and Mr. J. Harry Brecker, of the East End. The bride looked lovely in white silk, with pearl trimmings and chiffon, with the picturesque accessory of the bridal bouquet formed of lilies of the valley. The groom was attended by Mr. John T. Gibson, brother of the bride, and Miss Katie Wiley, of Glenwood, as bridesmaid. Miss Wiley wore pink silk and chiffon and carried a bouquet of La France roses. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. S. Plummer, of Hazelwood, after which a delightful luncheon was served.

The wedding of Miss Helen Williams daughter of Dr. John Williams, of Philadelphia, promises to be one of the society events of this season. Friends from Washington, D. C., New York and other cities are expected. Mr. and Mrs. Knowles and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, of the well-known pottery firm of Knowles, Taylor & Knowles, of East Liverpool, will be among the guests, Mrs. Taylor having chaperoned Miss Williams during a winter in Paris. Miss Cora Strichler, of Wilkinsburg, and Miss Phoebe Kennedy, of Tarentum, are also expected.

Miss Driscoll, of Wylie avenue, gave a dancing party to her friends on Thursday evening. Those present were the Misses Laura Dunn, Mollie Dunn, Florence Deacon, Maggie Welsh, Ella Brannagan, Maggie Tillman, Mamie Tillman, Jennie and Mary McCloy, Claude Gray.

Byron W. King is rehearsing his pupils in the old English comedy, "Lend Me Five Shillings," that is to be done at the Wilkinsburg Opera House Thursday, April 14, for the benefit of Wilkinsburg Council, Royal Arcanum.

"Damon and Pythias" was repeated in the Wilkinsburg Opera House last night before a very large audience. The Brushton Volunteer Fire Department, for whose benefit the two performances have been given, will reap a neat sum.

The next lecture in the illustrated foreign travels series, by Mr. C. H. Adams, will take place at the Pittsburg Club Theater, next Thursday evening, March 31. Subject, "In and Out of London."

At a reception given at the residence of Miss Mamie Collins, at Irwin, Thursday evening last, some 25 couples from Wilkinsburg were in attendance.

Phantom parties have become the rage in Wilkinsburg. The success of that under the direction of Miss Lulu Fiatkowski and Mr. Reed Hill last week is responsible for the boom in sheets and pillow slips at social gatherings.

The entertainment to be given next Tuesday evening in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, Sharpsburg, Pa., under the auspices of the Home Mission Society of Grace Church, of that place, promises to be quite entertaining. Miss Fannie Collier and Miss Elizabeth Corry, who have it in charge, have been untiring in their efforts for success. The costumes for the seven Shakesperian tableaux are very rich, and will doubtless add to the attractiveness. A two act comedy will follow. The remaining features of the entertainment will consist of several vocal and instrumental solos. The affair promises to be very well patronized, as it will be the first entertainment of the kind that Sharpsburgers have had the pleasure of attending.

A wedding that attracted a great deal of attention took place in Wilkinsburg last Thursday evening. The bride was Miss Margaret G. Stewart, daughter of Councilman and Mrs. Stewart, and the bridegroom was Mr. George Robtezer. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Center street. Miss Naomi Stewart, sister of the bride, supported her, while Mr. Louis Drexler was the groomsman. There were about 40 relatives and intimate friends of the couple present. After a reception and congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Robtezer went to their new home on Forbes street, Pittsburg. Among the many gifts was a magnificent silver tea service from the bridegroom's business friends.

The society event of the season in the Beaver Valley was "The Boys" party last Tuesday evening at the Sixth Avenue Theater, Beaver Falls. It was by far the most delightful affair of its kind ever held in that city. Toerge's Orchestra, of Pittsburg, was in attendance, with Colonel Mooney, of New Castle, as prompter. Sixty couples were present from all surrounding towns, including Pittsburg, Youngstown and Ashtabula. Supper at 12 o'clock, and the party broke up at 3 o'clock in the morning. The committee was composed of the following well-known men: Messrs. E. B. Hardie, New Brighton; William F. Bell, Beaver Falls; Dr. John Coffin, Beaver Falls; Harry J. Todd and A. C. Myers.

Miss Minnie Boyle, daughter of Rev. T. N. Boyle, D. D., of the First M. E. Church, Braddock, presided at a charmingly appointed 6 o'clock dinner party served at the parsonage Thursday evening, Lily avenue. The guests were the Misses Ida and Lulu Boyle, Nellie Riston, Mrs. R. Hurrell, of Braddock; Miss Mamie Wilson, of Beaver Falls; Miss Della Chester and Miss O'Neil, of McKeesport; Prof. Simcox, of Allegheny City; Prof. E. W. Moore, of Sewickley; Prof. J. B. Keener, of Swissvale; Mr. Frank Chester, of McKeesport; Mr. Richard Hurrell, Mr. William Fawcett, Prof. J. A. Eaken and Mr. Bud Bennett, of Braddock. Miss Boyle is a graceful hostess.

An entertainment of a unique character will be given in the Fourth Ward School Hall, Liberty street, Allegheny, to-morrow evening, under the auspices of the young people of the Ninth U. P. Church.

The first part will consist of a musicale given by such well-known people as John A. Strauss, Edward Edstrom, William Ramsey, Robert Repp and others. The second part will consist of a presentation of an "Old Fashioned District School," conducted by Mr. J. A. Keener, assisted by Mr. D. W. Crofts, as committee man, and engaged in by the young people of the above church and others.

The wedding of Prof. Thomas S. Evans, of Etna, and Miss Amelia C. Herron was celebrated at the home of the bride's parents, Forty-fifth street, on last Thursday evening. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. D. E. Richards, of Sharpsburg. The bridesmaid was Miss Nellie I. Bell, of Bellevue, and the groomsman Mr. John S. Davis, of Wilmerding. The wedding presents were numerous and very handsome. The wedding guests were composed of relatives and near friends, and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The closing entertainment of the Wilkinsburg Public School Lecture Course was one of the most successful of the series. Rev. Jahu DeWitt Miller delivered a laughable dissertation on "The Uses of Ugliness" before the largest audience that has been in attendance for many weeks, and he will always be a favorite in Wilkinsburg. A good sum was realized for the benefit of the school library fund, and a number of new books will be bought by Prof. Anderson forthwith.

Miss Retta Whitmore, of Amanda street, Brushton, was surprised on Thursday evening by a crowd of friends who assembled intending to take possession of her home. Miss Retta gave them a cordial welcome, however, and did all in her power to make them have a pleasant time. The young lady's mother, who was in the secret, together with some friends gave evidence of the hospitality in the delicious refreshments which were served late in the evening.

One of the society events of Lawrenceville last week was the marriage of Annie Laura Busha to Charles R. McMillen, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. J. W. Witherspoon, of Fifth U. P. Church, Allegheny. Only the immediate friends of the contracting parties were present. The presents were numerous and handsome. Mr. and Mrs. McMillen will be at home to their friends after April 11, corner Fulton and Warner streets, Allegheny City.

A very pleasant surprise party was held in honor of Mrs. Sadie Thackey, of Arch street, Allegheny. Dancing was the amusement of the evening. Among those present were the Misses Mamie Thompson, Maggie Schriber, Flora Wagner, Annie Lewis, Marie Lewis, Ida Beams, Cora McClune, Lizzie Biggert; Messrs. Joseph N. Hudson, W. B. Hall, Ed. Wagner, Fred. Gelley, John Howles, Jack Dempsey, Ben. Burk, Harry Jones, Charles Roe.

The "wooden wedding" of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamilton, which was celebrated at their residence in Wilkinsburg, on Thursday evening, is believed to have been one of the pleasantest social entertainments of the Lenten season in the quiet little borough. Several of the local musical and literary lights contributed toward the pleasure of the guests.

On Monday evening, March 21, the Brushton Literary Society met at the home of Mr. Howard McAteer, Wood street. After a delightful programme, composed of musical and literary selections, the young folk amused themselves in various ways, and most, if not all, departed for home feeling that they had spent an unusually pleasant evening.

Mrs. Ayers, President of the Wilkinsburg Y. W. C. W. U., who has been sick for several months, is convalescing. The association has been practically disbanded in consequence of the president's illness, but will commence their meetings again to-morrow evening at Mrs. Ayers' home, Wood street, Wilkinsburg.

The young people of Edgewoodville, Hawkins and Swissvale who are connected with the new amateur dramatic association—which means nearly all the young men and women in the neighborhood—are rehearsing "A Widow's Hunt" and "Barbara." The entertainment will be given immediately after Easter.

Prof. Stiffey, who gave an entertainment in the Wilkinsburg Opera House last Monday evening, for the benefit of the building fund of the new M. E. Church of that borough, has been engaged to repeat it at an early day. He was assisted by the Misses Edna Smith, Daisy Hutchinson and Lizzie Kennedy.

A great deal of interest was excited in Wilkinsburg last week over the marriage of Mr. Samuel Bowman Hubley, formerly of the borough, and Miss Nellie Johnston, of Pittsburg. The young couple will take up their residence in the East End.

Miss Louie Harris, of Wilkinsburg, was surprised by a merry party of young folks from Hoboken, near Wilkinsburg, last Wednesday evening. All sorts of games were played, and the occasion was as jolly as possible.

The young men's meeting at Ralston's Hall this afternoon will be led by the Rev. John A. Burnett. Subject: "The Purpose of Our Lives." An interesting talk and a good meeting is expected.

The World's Fair Saving Club, of Deaf and Dumb school, at Edgewoodville, raised $158 12 at the entertainment they gave on the 20th of February.

There was an interesting social time at the meeting of the R. J. Reed Mission Band, of the Wilkinsburg Presbyterian Church last Wednesday.

The engagement of Miss Ellen Goldstein, daughter of K. Goldstein, to Mr. Louis Sapery, of Syracuse, N. Y., has been announced.

One of the delightful festivities of the past week was a surprise party given in honor of Miss Jessie Brown at her home, City View, Allegheny, on Tuesday evening. Excellent music was in attendance. Dancing and progressive euchre playing were the features of the occasion, and were indulged in until a late hour, when a delicious lunch was served. Then the participants of the evening bade their fair hostess adieu and retired to their respective homes. Among them were the Misses Minnie Snaman, Ella Biber, Jennie Donavan, Maggie Carson, Aggie McClure, Mary Patton, Alice McMaster, Josie McMaster, Emma Robinson, Katie Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, and Messrs. Samuel Grey, Ren Love, Harry Graham, Percy Seiger, Dan Smith, John Graham, John Deigan, Thomas Boyd, Harry Shriver, Charles Osborne, Edward Millner, John Osborne and Edward Van Eso.

One of the social events of the week was the birthday surprise party given in honor of Miss Minta O'Donnell by the Independent Literary Society. Dancing and euchre were the features of the evening. Among those present were the Misses Lizzie Helfer, Ida McCready, May Comley, Mazie O'Donnell, Annie Connolly, Emma Stauffer, Kate Merker, Madie Swint, Lizzie Allen, Stasia and Ella O'Loughlin, Mary McCullough, Lizzie Comley, Annie and Nellie McClelland and Carrie H. Harrington; Messrs. R. C. Comley, W. T. Merker, Frank Connolly, Stark M. Erwin, Fred Merker, G. S. Comley, William Ferguson, S. G. James, Harry Kruse, Charles Schuchman, H. S. Allison, S. A. McCauberts, C. C. Park, William O'Donnell and Mrs. Thomas. Lunch was served at 12 o'clock, and the guests departed for their homes at a later hour, wishing Miss O'Donnell many happy returns of her birthday.

On Friday evening last a phantom surprise party was tendered Miss Zetta Early, Wylie avenue, Miss Lillian Foringer. When the gay company made its appearance all disguised in sheets and pillow slips there was a great deal of fun and guessing as to who each other was. Music and dancing were the amusements of the evening. Although surprised the hostess proved equal to the occasion, and, after dancing had been indulged in until a late hour, the guests were invited to the dining room, where refreshments were amply supplied. Among those present were the following: The Misses Lillian Foringer, Ivy and Daisy Cooper, Ebbie Bear, Mollie Driscoll, Julia Quilliver Annie Kelly, Annie McDonough and Maggie Nagle; Messrs. Rodgers, Dundan, Elliott, West, Stuart, Dusenberry, Bear and Foringer.

A pleasant surprise was given Mr. Charles Chadwick, of Troy Hill road, on Friday evening, when his friends gathered to celebrate the anniversary of his 27th birthday. Mr. George Datt in a pleasant speech presented Mr. Chadwick with an emblem of the Jr. O. U. A. M. The remaining programme of the evening consisted of card playing, music, toasts and speech making. At a later hour Mrs. Chadwick gave the visitors an opportunity to prove her hospitality. The guests were: The Misses Barker, Chadwick, Mrs. Betteridge, Messrs. Datt, Hoffman, Gallagher, Hensel, Eynatten, Raum, Deitz, Forker, Kennedy, Krummert, Betteridge and Wilson.

Those who were fortunate enough to receive invitations to the "Leap Year Party" given at Irwin, Pa., last Thursday evening by the young ladies of that place regret that it has become a recollection only. Its success was due largely to the efforts of the Misses Lida Marchand and Mollie Adams. A number of Pittsburg young men were among those present.

The engagement of Miss Jessie Scott, formerly a teacher in the city schools, and Dr. Burn, of Brooklyn, is announced. Miss Scott is a niece of Dr. McKenan, of East Liberty, and a very attractive girl. She is a member of the Pittsburg Art Club. Dr. Burn is well known in this city.

Rev. Dr. Leeming, of Australia, who lectured at St. Bridget's Church a few Sundays ago on temperance, has been requested to return by the temperance society of that church. Accordingly he will lecture on the same subject in that church on next Tuesday evening, March 29.

Rev. G. H. Trapp, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Braddock, was given a pleasant surprise by members of his congregation on Tuesday evening. The party took their caterer with them. Mr. Trapp was completely surprised.

Last Wednesday Joseph L. McCabe was married to Miss Bessie W. Holland at the bride's home at Leasdale by Rev. G. T. Reynold. About 25 were present. The bride and groom are now in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Frank E. Zuerner, of Lily avenue, Braddock, was tendered a surprise on Thursday evening by some 40 guests. The affair was managed by Mrs. C. C. Fawcett and Mrs. J. Riston. It was a delightful affair.

The Nirvana Dancing Club will give its third reception at the Thuma Academy on Wednesday evening, April 6. The chaperons are Mrs. J. L. Boardman, Mrs. I. K. Becker.

Ladies Auxiliary No. 1, to Union Veteran Legion, will hold a necktie reception at the hall of Post 162, No. 49 West Diamond street, on Tuesday evening, March 29.

BITS OF PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Miss Annie Hunter is home from college for a week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kountz are at the Hygeia Hotel, Old Point Comfort, Va.

Miss Rose Phillips, of Greenville, formerly of this city, is the guest of friends in Braddock.

The Misses Kimmel, of Cleveland, are visiting Miss Schwerd, of McClure avenue, Allegheny.

Jesse E. La Dow, a bright young attorney of Mansfield, O., was in the city on business yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hazelton, of Wood street, Wilkinsburg, are guests of friends at Akron, O.

Miss Jennie Miller, of Franklin street, Wilkinsburg, is spending a few days at Reading, Pa.

Miss Genevieve Turner, of Wilkinsburg, spent most of last week in Johnstown, visiting friends.

Rev. James A. Brandon is visiting Prof. J. D. Anderson, principal of the Wilkinsburg public schools.

Mr. J. E. Baker, has removed his family from Wilkinsburg to their new hom, at Palmyra, N. Y.

Mr. Joseph L. Campbell, of North Braddock, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, is convalescent.

Miss Ora Bryan, of Ashland, Ky., formerly of this city, returned home after a four weeks' visit to Pittsburg friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cohen, of Washington, D. C., are visiting Mrs. Cohen's sister, Mrs. Morris Rosenbloom, of North Braddock.

Mr. and Mrs. John Routh, of Walls, who are traveling through the South, left for Havana Tuesday. They will return next month.

Rev. E. T. Williams, a missionary returned from China, lectured to a large audience Tuesday night in the First Christian Church, Braddock.

Miss Lillian Swift, of Ross street, Wilkinsburg, who has been spending some time with friends at Tarentum, has returned home.

Miss Maud Dickey, the young daughter of Rev. J. B. Dickey, of the First Presbyterian Church, Braddock, is home on a vacation from Blairsville Seminary.

Mrs. Edward W. Gilmore, who has been paying a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. O'Neill, of Allegheny, has returned to her home in Rochester, N. Y.

Miss Sophia Hutchinson, of Paris, Ky., who has been the guest of Miss Elizabeth G. Titus, of Wilson, avenue, Allegheny, for the past week, returned to her home last Tuesday.

Dr. James Harrison, of Grand Island, Neb., was a visitor to Mr. A. A. Quinette, of Penn avenue, Wilkinsburg. Dr. Harrison was formerly of Harmarville, Pa., and he is now on his way to New York, whence he will sail next month for Europe.

Mrs. M. H. Dean, of Atwood street, Oakland, has returned after an absence of five weeks from Old Point Comfort and a visit to friends in Baltimore. Mrs. Dean, who has been somewhat debilitated by the prevailing grip, is as robust as one could wish to be.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer P. Goff, of Crafton, left Thursday for a two months' trip to South Carolina. The trip is taken for the benefit of Mr. Goff's health. He has been suffering from the effects of the grip for the past three months and has been advised by his physician to go South.

KENSINGTON is the coming manufacturing city adjacent to Pittsburg. Money invested in real estate there now will soon double.

Bijou Theater	Devil's Auction
Duquesne Theater	Hoss and Hoss
Alvin Theater	Wang
Grand Opera House	The Vendetta
Williams' Academy	Reilly and Woods
World's Museum-Theater	Curiosities
Davis' Museum-Theater	Curiosities
Harris' Theater	Dowling and Hasson

The above are the theatrical attractions for this week.

The engagement of Sarah Bernhardt last week at the Alvin Theater has been more profitable to the public than to Manager Davis, and it is well to recognize the fact that it is a public spirited policy on the part of a manager to take a star of this class. There is little or no money for the local manager in such cases. When I heard that Bernhardt was coming I had the audacity to predict that she would play to three nights big business, and three nights only. Some of the theatrically wise insisted that Pittsburg would stand Bernhardt with exorbitant prices for six nights, and the sequel proves who was correct.

The plays in which Bernhardt appeared during the past week are all of the same class, possibly with the exception of "Leah." They belong to the modern French drama of which Sardou is the most brilliant exponent. Indeed, it has been a Sardou week, for no less than three out of five plays given were from his pen. But it was not in Sardou's work that Bernhardt was seen at her best. In "Camille" this great actress is able to display at its best her great histrionic talent, the attractive and even magnetic personality. *Marguerite* is possibly nearer to her ideal than any other character in her repertoire. Nothing so profoundly affecting and so genuinely human as her death scene in this play has ever been seen upon the stage. On Thursday night the audience, of which probably no more than one in ten understood half a dozen words that were spoken during the evening, was literally bathed in tears before the curtain fell; it was a strange sight in these case-hardened days to see grown-up men and women mopping their eyes and hiding under coughs and shuffling of feet, the emotion which they could not control and which were excited by the sight of a woman playing a part which is positively thread-bare. A man who sat in front of me and to whom the play, as far as it had gone had evidently been as good as Greek, when *Marguerite* had that farewell interview with *Armand* broke down entirely and sobbed as if he had just lost his best friend. Nor was this an extraordinary case, for as I have said, all the audience wept, and when the curtain fell called forth the triumphant actress with enthusiasm such as I have never seen before in a Pittsburg theater.

The only play which was repeated last week was the worst in all respects. "Cleopatra" is not a great play; it is a spectacular melodrama, and the character of *Cleopatra* is drawn without much delicacy and with a view always to exploiting to the best advantage the scenery and mechanical effects. As "Cleopatra" was produced on Friday night it lacks even the effectiveness that it had when Davenport did it here last year. The scenery, perhaps, was tolerably good when first used, though the appointments are very cheap, but now it is old and worn, the skies cracked and creased in a very unheavenly style, and the temples and palaces in anything but good repair. The tableaux which appealed so strongly to the eye in Davenport's production were at times little short of comic, because of the shabby scenery and wretched dressing of the small squad of ill-trained supers. Granting, of course, that Bernhardt gives a deeply interesting portrayal of *Cleopatra*, that she makes her, if you will, a new and fascinating embodiment of the Serpent of the Nile, the fact remains that the play is unworthy of her and the more so when its appointments fall so far short of matching the splendor of her genius. Manager Abbey ought to know as well as anyone that it is an affront to as well as an imposition upon the public to surround so great an actress with such a miserably weak company and a scenic frame unworthy of a barn-storming attraction. Three dollars a seat may not be too much for the privilege of seeing the greatest actress of our time, though I think a scale starting at $2, and including many good seats at a dollar, would have filled the theater all the week, and put more money into the managers' pockets. On the whole the public feels, so far as I have been able to learn, that the performances were dear at $3, and the next organization, domestic or foreign, that asks for patronage at such high prices is likely to feel the effects of Pittsburgers' experience with the Bernhardt company. Bernhardt herself must be enriching her pocketbook to a tremendous extent to compensate her for the outrage to her artistic sensibilities that her appearance under these circumstances must be. From the condemnation of Bernhardt's support Mr. Darmont must be excepted, and so fanas his portrayal of *Armand* in "Camille" so must be Mr. Fleury. The former actor has a brilliant future before him, for he is very young and his faults, especially the disposition to rant, are such as experience will correct.

The Bijou Theater will present for the first time in four years, commencing Monday, March 28, William J. Gilmore's "New Devil's Auction," a succession of pretty scenery and scenic effects, dazzling lights, gay costumes, catchy airs combined with specialties of the higher order. This class of entertainment appeals to a large number of theater-goers. Mr. Gilmore has, it is said, gathered a company of unusual strength in this particular line of work. Of the ballet in this production volumes might be written. Every member in her line is said to be in the very first rank in skill and culture as a coryphee, as well as surpassing in physical beauty and grace of face and motion. There is an octette dance which is decidedly the eccentricity of motion focalized. It is given by the celebrated family, Trepstic, who are amazingly swift and bewildering in their intricate and grotesque evolutions. The family is a direct importation from Europe. Mr. Gilmore's name is associated with so many pantomimes, burlesques and spectacles, that the public expects his productions to be bright.

Among the noted people engaged are George H. Adams, the famous clown, W. H. Bartholomew, Miss Victoria Walters, Miss Louise Dempsey, the Bosbobies, brother and sister (the reigning acrobatic sensation), the three Lorellas, the sisters Chitten, and many other well-known actors and actresses who have gained fame in spectacle and burlesque. It is said that the public have the assurance that a master work among stage entertainment will characterize this engagement. The sisters Chitten will introduce the new serpentine dance by the aid of two Government search lights secured especially for this production.

"Hoss and Hoss" will be the attraction at the Duquesne Theater during the coming week. When the play was produced at this same house some weeks ago, it met with great favor, and since that time it is said that it has been vastly strengthened, particularly in the first and third acts, which are said to be funnier than ever. Charlie Reed and William Collier are the bright particular stars, and they certainly occupy a field that is quite their own, distinctive in many respects. They are clean workers, possessing artistic merit, and their big company has been selected with no little care. In the cast will be found Arthur E. Moulton, James B. Gentry, Daniel L. Baker, J. W. Myers, M. L. Heckert, J. B. Murchie, J. C. Cheviot, Frank Conway, the Abbott Quartet, Daniel Brasill, Joseph McGuire, Louise Allen, May Yohe, Adele Farrington, Helena Reimer, Helena Collier and Lillian Ramsden. This list of people shows remarkable strength. The story is as follows: Judge Willie Hoss, a country jurist of quiet tastes but gallant nature, lends his son his trunk and the young man discovers in it a love letter written by the supposedly highly moral father, to an actress. The rest of the piece is devoted to the consequent trials and tribulations of the unfortunate Judge.

The large number of Pittsburgers who admire De Wolf Hopper will be glad that he returns this week to the Alvin Theater in the amusing burletta, "Wang," in which he was seen here earlier in the season at another theater. The piece and the company have not been altered since last fall to any considerable extent, and it will be recalled that its scenic splendor and the humor of Hopper's impersonation of the gigantic *Wang* made it attractive. Then there is still little Della Fox, Miss St. Henry, Arthur Klein, Marion Singer, Anna O'Keefe and other well-known comic opera favorites in the cast. The beautiful scenery and the groupings of pretty women should be seen to great advantage upon the Alvin stage. Since "Wang" was played here it has made a most successful tour of the country. It is probably true "Wang" is the most successful comic opera, though it is a misnomer so to call it, that this season has produced. Mr. Stevens, Hopper's manager, has been kept busy describing the sensational triumphs of the opera wherever it has been played, and he will need no new piece apparently, although he is now in New York preparing one to be put on for a long run in the metropolis next season. I think the greater part of the credit for this financial and popular success should be given to Mr. Hopper himself, for he is a worker as well as a clever comedian, and this season he has undoubtedly striven very hard to hold his place in the affections of the public. It is interesting to know that the elephant, which is such a picturesque feature of the show, is in good health and will demonstrate his ability to imbibe beer every night.

"The Vendetta," which will be the attraction this week at the Grand Opera House, has been one of the most sensational successes of the season. The press of New York, Brooklyn, Boston, Washington, Cincinnati, Chicago, Louisville, etc., has given it praise. Not only have they applauded it as a strong and interesting play, but the wonderful scenic display has been one of the most brilliant features of the success.

It must not be inferred that the play is a dramatization of the novel of the same name. It in no way resembles it, as the play was written long before the novel became popular; still the play only received its first production last August in New York City. The story of "The Vendetta" is an interesting one. The supporting company has been selected with great care, and includes Miss Helen Tracy, Miss Anna Boyle and other well-known performers. The scenic and mechanical effects are said to be unusually fine, and the scene of the collision between two ocean steamers is said to be particularly effective, so much so in fact that it stands out as the great feature of the play scenically considered.

At Harry Williams' Academy this week there will be Reilly & Wood's Big Show. A conspicuous member of the organization is Peggy Pryde (a daughter of Jennie Hill), who appears in her various specialties, including "The Newsboy of London." The other artists include Goldie and St. Clair, Rice and Elmar, the Washburn Sisters, vocalists; Fielding, "The Marvel," and Andy Hughes, assisted by McBride and Walton; Leslie's Canine Paradox, and a spectacular farce, in which Miss Florence Miller and Pat Reilly are seen. The afterpiece is "Hades and the 400."

The last opportunity to see Joseph J. Dowling and Sadie Hasson in their great melodramas, "Nobody's Claim" and "The Red Spider," will be afforded at Harris' Theater next week. The first-named play will be done on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and the other on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. After this season these plays will not be performed by Dowling and Hasson. Both plays are full of startling situations and exciting climaxes, and the interest never wavers for a moment. The engagement of these performers earlier in the season was so successful that they have consented to play next week to give those who were disappointed before on account of the crowds, an opportunity to see them.

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World's Museum Theater.

The interest that has been taken in the Siberian exiles of late will be heightened by the recital of the sufferings and privations of two escaped prisoners from Siberia as will be told by themselves at this house this week. Demetrius and Konoplitzky, the men in question, propose to tell exactly how prisoners are sent to Siberia by the Russian Government. They doubtless will a tale unfold of horrible torture and infernal cruelty, for they marched on foot from their Russian homes to the icy steppes, and were in captivity in the very prisons described so graphically by George Kennan. Beside other curiosities in the hall, John E. Drew's Specialty Company will give a varied performance in the theater.

Harry Davis' Museum-Theater.

At Harry Davis' Museum-Theater this week Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farlow will hold daily receptions. They are the two largest people in the world and have been but recently married. In fact they are now on their bridal tour. Mrs. Farlow weighs 685 pounds, while her worthy spouse tips the beam at exactly 625¼. Together they weigh nearly half a ton. By way of contrast Eugene Feral, the skeleton Hercules, will sit on an opposite platform and exhibit his wonderful strength, while in the theater Courtwright's Big Specialty Company will be seen in a long list of novel performances.

Stage Whispers.

DAN SULLY in "The Millionaire" is booked for an early date at the Grand.

FRED SOLOMON leaves the Casino and joins the Pauline Hall Company May 1.

MRS. JOHN DREW is 75 years old, and will not travel with Mr. Jefferson next season.

ROSE COGHLAN will play "Lady Barter" and "Nance Oldfield" at the Duquesne next week.

MISS FLORENCE ST. JOHN has been engaged by Rudolph Aronson as prima donna of the Casino for the next season.

THE Spark Comedy Company next week at the Grand, will present a new musical comedy, "The Boomer."

"SHIP AHOY," that amusing musical farce-comedy, comes to the Alvin Theater next week, with a strong company.

DAVID HENDERSON, of the Duquesne, is in New York preparing for the production of "Sinbad" at the Garden Theater.

MAY day is coming and of all the 45 regular play houses in and around New York, Niblo's Garden is the only one "to let," as E. G. Gilmore retires May 1.

THE Theatrical Attaches' Union No. 5371 will have a benefit at the Alvin next Friday, with 100 volunteers on the bill. The advance sale begins Tuesday at Ecker's.

THE Boston Howard Athenæum Company will be seen here next month, and among other novelties will present Miss Ena Bertoldi, a remarkable contortionist.

LOUISE ALLEN, the great kangaroo dancer of the "Hoss and Hoss" company was ill when the farce comedy was presented here earlier in the season. She is entirely at herself again and can kick with her accustomed grace and agility.

MINNIE SELIGMAN is having all sorts of praises showered upon her by the New York papers. It is creditable to Pittsburg that her ability was recognized here at once, while New York required four years to reach the same point.

THE best and brightest farce comedy ever written by Hoyt is said to be "A Texas Steer." He has not only written a good comedy but has cast the play with the best company that has ever yet been seen in a Hoyt & Thomas organization.

J. M. HILL has purchased a comic opera called "The Fencing Master," music by Reginald De Koven, book by Harry B. Smith. Marie Tempest has been engaged at $600 a week, and George Sweet, the baritone, will also be in the cast.

OSCAR, the Wilde, is now using a green flower in his buttonhole. It is a white carnation dipped in sulphuric acid, or something of that sort, the effect being to make it look blue by day and green at night. Could anything be more monstrous? A dyed flower!

THE inimitable Bill Nye and his popular coadjutor, Mr. Burbank, will dispense humor and pathos at Old City Hall April 9. The fun of the former is just as good from the platform as from the printed page, and the latter has few equals as a dramatic entertainer.

B. D. STEVENS, the manager of DeWolf Hopper and his company, is at present in New York City, attending to the initial details of the big comedian's new opera, which is to receive its premier presentation, at the Broadway Theater in that city, about the middle of next August. Stevens is very enthusiastic, and is confident that Hopper will have another winner as big as "Wang" has proven to be.

SIR ARTHUR SULLIVAN'S music to "The Foresters" is highly commended, although it is said that many large cuts have been made in the score as used in the New York production. Sir Arthur, who is still at La Turbie, his villa at Monte Carlo, has completed the score of his new comic opera, which will probably be put in rehearsal by Mr. Carte at a very early date. He has greatly improved in health since his sojourn in the south of France.

ALL of the theaters in Chicago have concluded their arrangements for the World's Fair period. Denman Thompson will be at McVicker's, Sinbad, The Crystal Slipper and Ali Baba at the Chicago Opera House, Sol Smith Russell at the Grand, Augustin Daly, E. S. Willard and the Digby Bell Opera Company at Hooley's, Charles Frohman's companies and a popular opera company at the Columbia. Abbey and Grau have secured the Auditorium for an important spectacular production. So, you see, visitors are to be well provided for in the amusement line.

YESTERDAY Manager E. J. McCullough, of the Duquesne Theater, received a confirming telegram from John T. Sullivan concerning the changed relations between Rose and Charles Coghlan. Until Friday evening the famous brother and sister for more than 20 years declined to appear together on the stage, this whim or something more serious costing them money often and perhaps fame. Their reconciliation and reappearance in Brooklyn Friday night has a particular significance to theater-goers in Pittsburg, as they will play at the Duquesne Theater the week after next in repertoire. No one ever really knew, though many guesses have been made, what separated the Coghlans, and, to say the least, their reticence has been unknown hitherto in histrionic annals.

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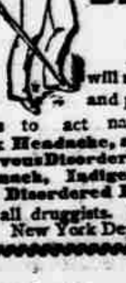

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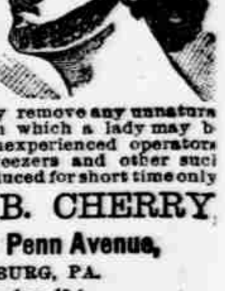

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