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NEW YEAR'S BA

H PURE and soft and wonderful it fell,
The halo for the dying Vent But at the last stroke of the mid-night bell night bell
It swept, a Fingly robe, from off his bier
To grace another, coming brave and bold
With promise in his eyes of joys untold
To us, who welcoming the glad New Year Straightway forsook-forgot the Old, + + +

IKE a richly 'broidered mantle for the Old Year fell the first real snow of winter yesterday, and with its soft benediction, passed out those last moments, while the New Year found the white glory of a new world awaiting him. In the mysterious exhilaration always produced by the first heavy snow fall and amid a scene of splendor thus fittingly framed, the representative members of Scranton society spent the ending of last year and the bright early hours of 1898.

When last geason, it was rumored that the great annual event, which had made the rocall organization known as "The Bachelors" famous beyoud the confines of this state, might never be repented, expressions of regret were general. On such a magnificent scale had the Bachelors' Ball been given at each holiday tide that the prospect of a discontinuation of the entertainments which had been a pride to the city and the anticipated picusure of the year caused not a little consterpation. Hence when it became definitely understood that a company of young men under the unassuming title of the "New Year's Ball Committee" proposed to keep up the timehonored custom of a splendid dance to mark the beginning of another twelvemonth, the liveliest interest was manifested and nothing but kind words have been heard with regard to their

The committee, Messrs. James Blair, Paul B. Belin, Lawrence B. Fuller, Joseph M. Boies and Theodore S. Fuller, early began the preparations for the bull and having not only had experience as "Bachelors" but also in the direction of important social affairs at college, they achieved results surpassing even the expectations of their friends. Particularly is this true of Mr. James Blair, upon whom, as chairman of the committee, have fallen much of the responsibility and burden of the arrangements. His able executive abilities and pronounced popularity have given him exceptional advantages and as the other members are also great favorites in this city and are well equipped with talents necessary to the task, they have reached a flattering degree of success.

It would seem that nothing remained in the way of improvement on the balls of the past, so near perfection have been the details, but as a mist hides the distant view so in memory perhaps less brightly glow the magic scenes of other years as compared with the warm, living ever-changing patiorsma of the present so the New Year bail of December 31, 1897, as fresh in the mind today presents a picture which now it seems must forever be transcendent in the records.

and graceful design of Interior architecture made an ideal setting for the gergeous moving pageant so enchanting to the eye. Every possible accessory had been added from the luxurious green of the superb floral decorations to the rich oriental effects in the lobby and vestibules. The tastefully decornied boxes with their merry parties in elaborate attire, the entrancing music that continually called forth bursts of enthusiastic applause, the exculsite illumination, and beyond all, the array of living beauty that made a rare kaleidoscope of color and grace can scarcely be described.

It is probable that never before were so many magnificent costumes seen in this region and it is undeniable that never have so many beautiful women been present at a large assemblage of the sort in Scranton. A multitude of Mile. New York visitors celebrated for their loveliness in their hane cities added to the brilliance of the occasion.

In the carrying out of all details the committee is to be congratulated since even the most exacting observer could find no cause for criticism in the dance pusic, the supper arrangements or the call as a whole. That it was enjoyed to the full was proved by the supremely happy faces of the dancers and the interest and admiration evident from the expressions of all spectators. +++

#### The Ball in Detail.

AN ARRANGING those intricate details-little things and big things which are sometimes overlooked sure to be noted at the ball-the pres-If the young men who managed last night's affair did as well as their predecossors their work was well done and was the verdict of the hundreds of persons present and of that element which always hopes to see the large equal to any of the past and is disappointed if such does not come to

Soon after 8 o'clock a steady stream the theater from the Penn avenue entrance, which was the only one used, the regular arcade entrance being closed in order to permit the use of the lobby for parlor purposes. dancing began at 9.30 o'clock. There not many arrivals after olelock, by which hour the patroness were receiving in front of one of the boxes reserved for them on the Penn

nvenue side of the theater. The putronesses were Mrs. James Archbald, Mrs. Henry Belln, jr., Mrs.H. M. Boles, Mrs. J. B. Dimmick, Mrs. H Kingsbury, Mrs. W. W. Scranton, Mrs. H. P. Simpson, Mrs. A. H. Storrs, Mrs. E. B. Siurges, Mrs. Everett Warren, Mrs. Watkins and Mrs. E. N. lard. Neither Mrs. Watkins nor Mrs Archbald were present, the former being in mourning on account of the recent death of her brother, and Mrs. Archbald's presence being demanded her home on account of the illness of her son, Thomas.

# Most Brilliamt and Notable Social Event of the Season Many Persons from Out of Town Present.

decorated by Clark, Fuhrman and Siebecker & Watkins, the floral work by the former, the drapery by Fuhrman and the furniture and finer fabric work by the latter. All of yesterday a small army of Clark's men labored to get the ocean of green and floral stuff in place and when it was finished the whole presented a frame of unusual beauty to a picture of living splendor. Ropes of smilax were stretched from the top of the proscenium to the gallery railing and the same material was bung in front of the gallery and bal-Palms, ferns and bay trees, potted lillies, cinerarias and auracaria were set about the edges of the dancing floor, which extended from the stage wall to the orchestra circle, and wherever there was an available niche in the theater architecture. The plllars were wound with evergreen and pink material, and large knots of pink satin ribbon were used at frequent intervals for a contrast among the heavier green stuff. A southern grotto made from stage scenery on the Penn avenue side of the stage was hung

with Florida moss. A prefty sentiment was arranged by the use of an electric "1897" suspended from the orchestra stand at the rear of the stage. At midnight a switch was turned, the "7" changed to an "8" and orchestra and band played "Auld Lang Syne,"

The beauty of the transformed lobby may be appreciated when it is known that its temporary furnishings, arranged by Siebecker & Watkins, were protected against fire by special insurance policies amounting to \$4,000. This amount also covered the goods of the firm in the temporary boxes. The lobby corridor was a magnificent apartment draped with oriental tapestries, rich Persian rugs and Japanest screens and arranged with bagfad covered divans and rattan and other furniture. In what is ordinarily used as the theater reception room off the lobby were hung sllk tapestries and aces. The furniture, painted tapestry panels, bric-a-brac and other furnishings would warrant the use of more than the word "elegant" in the description. Off the lobby in the storm door entrance was devised a Turkish corner, a nook wholly hidden of all woodwork and draped with silk, tapestry, curtains, lace and two French panels. It was lighted by red incan-

In addition to the four regular lower boxes there were eight temporary Four of these were arranged by removing a row of seats back of the loges, and four were built on the Wyoming avenue side of the stage. The latter were reserved for D. E. Taylor. H. M. Boies, T. C. von Storch and William T. Smith. The two adjoining (regular) boxes were sold to O. S. Johnson and C. D. Simpson and the two on Penn avenue side were reserved esses. The four temporary boxes facing the dancing floor were engaged by J. Platt and B. E. Watson, Williams, James Archbald and A. E. Hunt, A. DeO. Blackinton, The two upper boxes on the Wyoming avenue were reserved for W. H. Taylor

and A. E. Hunt, ir. The music of band and orchestra scarcely ceased during the entire progress of the ball. The twenty-four dance numbers were to music by Petermann's orchestra, of New York city, which was stationed on a suspended platform at the rear of the stage. The

orchestra selections were: Jack and the Bean El Capitan. Stalk. Belle of Scranton. Circus Girl. Brian Boro. Little Minister. Whirl of the Town. | Angel's Dreum. All Coons Alike to Me. A Little of Every Serennide. U. S. Army La Carmila

Enquirer Club American Beauty. Isabelle and Idol's Bauer's band of twenty-five pieces played the intermission numbers. The

band was located in a space cleared of seats at the westerly end of the balcony. The band played the following: Hot Time in Old Upatree. Old Club Enquirer Club. Georgia Camp Mest-

Days in Serenade. Dixle. The Prodigat. Detroit Free Press. Stars and Tenth Regiment. Forever. Flag of Victory. The Favorite. Bayarian Old Chet Pen Yan. Boston Tes El Capitan. Hot Stuff. Party. Bell of the Season. Merry American. Cognos.

Holland, of Philadelphia, was the cateror. The suppor was prepared by beforehand but whose absence is his chef and assistants in the kitchen on the third floor and served at small ent committee had a rare example in tables in the two rooms over the thethe memorable accomplishments of the ater lobby and alley. Supper was served Bachelor committees of '95 and '95 the patronesses and committee in one whose chairmen were Harry P. Simp- of the arcade rooms on the second son and Albert G. Hunt respectively, floor. The walters numbered eightoen and were from the Hotel Jermyn and in charge of H. H. Hall, headwaiter at the latter establishment. The met expectations. That they did this supper was a light but daintily served repast of chicken salad, chicken croquettes, creamed eysters, assorted ice creams, rasped rolls, cake and coffee, and distinctively local ball at least Cafe frappe and lemonade were served in the lobby.

There was a crush of carriages on Penn avenue before and after the ball. Confusion was avoided, however, by richly bundled girls and matrons an arrangement made with Gorman & and their excerts began pouring into Co., liverymen, to superintend the conveying of guests. The arrivals were made via Linden street in whatever cals had been previously engaged, but in leaving the theater parties made use of the cab which awaited its turn at the curb and faced up Penn avenue.

## Some of the Gowns.

TOHT PATRONESSES of the ball were gowned as follows: Mrs. E. N. Willard-Gray silk Mrs. H. M. Blair.
Mrs. H. M. Simpson—Rose colored silk,
Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Mr. H. W. Kingsbury-White net over Mrs. A. H. Storrs-Blue brocade. Mrs. J. B. Dimmick-Yellow crope. E. B. Sturges-Lavender, Mrs. W. W. Scranton-Pink silk

eivet. Mrs. Henry Belin, jr.—Pale blue

Mrs. W. T. Smith-Black satin, lace Some of the other charming crea-

tions worn were: Mrs. H. M. Boies-White satin brocade, red with pearls and stiver; point lace and diamond ornaments.

Mrs. H. B. Ware-Lavender brocade and

Mrs. C. R. Parke-Grey brocade, satin mrs. W. H. Taylor-Blue silk, point pplique, diamends. Mrs. T. Cramer von Storch-Yellow silk, Mrs. N. Y. Leet-Mauve brocaded satia,

nd rose color.

Mrs. George B. Smith—Pale blue bro- Miss Dimmick. ade, with sable point lace and diamonds. Mrs. George P. Griffiths—Yellow satin. Mrs. Richard Matthews—Black silk, Mrs. C. R. Parke-Gray brocaded satin,

Mrs. W. H. Taylor-Blue silk. Mrs. T. C. von Storch-Yellow silk, lace. Mrs. G. B. Smith-Light blue brocade, Mrs. G. M. Hallstead-Pompadour silk Mrs. H. B. Ware-Lavender brocade,

Mrs. G. B. Jermyn-Pink net over pink Mrs. J. L. Wentz-Grey grenadine over grey satin. Mrs. A. E. Baker-Pink satin, Avesden Mrs. C. S. Watson-Pale blue satin

brocade. Mrs. F. H. Jermyn-Black brocade, jet Mrs. Walter Dickson-Grey net. Mrs. C. D. Simpson-White slik brocade in pink and grey. Mrs. C. B. Penman-White satin, tur-Mrs. A. D. Blackinton-A Worth gown

of pink satin brocade, embroidered in silver, duchesse lace, crushed roses. Mrs. F. D. McGowan—White taffeta, ruchings of liberty silk. Mrs. Wilcox—Black satin and net. Mrs. H. C. Shafer—White satin, lace. Mrs. C. C. Rose—Turquoise satin, black

Mrs. P. S. Page-Grey and pink broade, point applique. Mrs. W. M. Marple-White satin broade, green velvet. Mrs. J. L. Crawford—Turquoise satin and net. Mrs. A. E. Hunt-White satin brocade, pearl trimmings.

Mrs. F. L. Crane-White satin brocade Mrs. William Matthews-Lavender satin

orocade. Mrs. A. de Orville Blackinton—Beautiful stume of pink satin, Duchesse lace, dland ornaments. Mrs. F. M. Spencer-Pink satin, point ce, diamonds, Miss Matthews-White gauze striped with blue, over white satin.

Miss Flora Matthews-Pink silk, with

Miss Alice Matthews-Cream silk and black lace. Miss Helen Matthews-White gauze over red silk. Miss Archbald-White crepe. M'ss Augusta Archbald-Plue crepe and

Miss Boles-Dotted organdic over pale for W. W. Scranton and the patron- blue silk; ruffles of cream lace and baby Miss Robb-Black crepe du chine; Amer-

> Miss Bradford lnk slik. Miss Lefferts-Lavender satin. Miss Waring-Pink taffeta and black Miss Weiler-Black satin, cerise velvet Miss Hanley-White organdie, over old Miss Pennynacker-Pink silk, with lace

> Miss Palmer-Dotted organdle over blue Miss Platt-Pale pink silk, white net with apple blossom garniture.
> Miss Alice Barker—White satin and

Miss Wheeler-White brocade, pearls, Miss Gearhart-White organdic Miss Bertha Bower-Yellow silk and Miss Voorhees-White organdie over thite sink, pink ribbons,

Miss Dickerson-Blue satin, Miss Nash-White organdic over white Miss Clara Simpson-White organdle ver white silk, with pink ribbons and Miss Pierson Miss Simpson-White organdie, over

Miss Barker-White satin. Miss Wheeler-White brocade, pear Miss Pennypacker-Pink silk, lace. Miss Palmer-Dotted organdie over blue

Miss Platt-Pale pink, white net. Miss Katherine Goodale-White and Miss Finch-Pink striped grenadine ovr pink satin. Miss Kemmerer-White satin, point Chauncey Reynolds-Flowered

ries Moyer-Pink silk, black liberty silk uchings Miss Galpin-Blue brocade, Miss Osborne-Pink brocade, Miss Seybolt-Black satin.

Miss Welles-White organdie over pink Miss Louise Seybolt-White satin. Miss Anna Archbald-Rose taffeta. Miss Albro-Pink brocade, ermine trim-

Miss Bradley-Grey crepe, rose and lace Miss Hunt-Pale blue taffeta. Miss Lovella Williams-Yellow Miss Elizabeth Howell-White net over Miss Galpin-Pink taffeta and mouseline

Miss Osborne-Pink taffeta. Miss Winton-Pink liberty silk, ruchings of chiffon, black velvet. .

Scranton People. COLLOWING is a list of names of the Scranton people present, the whole of which might be used as a future "blue book" refer-

Misses Arch- R. W. Archbald, jr. baid, Mr. and Mrs. James Miss Jennie Andrews Archbald, jr. Mrs. Ida M. Albro Miss Atherton Miss Anderson. Anna Arch- W. A. Avery.

Mrs. A. D. Blackin- J. H. Brooks. Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. W. Boies. . G. Brooks. Belin, jr. Col. and Mrs. H. M. W. D. Boyer. Miss Grace Birdsall.

F. L. Belin. D. D. Boies. Blair. Miss Barker. Miss Belin Reynolds Bedford.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Brooks Mr. and Mrs. A. Mr. Barber. Miss Helen Broad-

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. E. E. Chase. Christy. J. M. Chittenden, jr. Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Miss Carmait. W. M. Curry. Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Crane. Crawford. Mr. and Mrs. M. I Miss Coteman

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Miss Dickson. Misses Davidson, Charles Doud. Dickson. Miss Dale Mrs. A. M. Decker. Bevan Decker, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. James Dickson. oint lace.

Mrs. James N. Rice—Brown with cream Mrs. and Mrs. H. G. Miss Dickson. Mr. Downey.

> Dr. and Mrs. C. L. F. P. Fuller, Frey.
> W. H. Fordham.
> Dr. and Mrs. W. G. G. W. S. Fuller. M. B. Fuller. Miss Foster. Miss Fordham. R. L. Frey. T. C. Fuller. Miss Emma Fuller.

G Mrs. W. H. Gear-Griffiths. hart. Miss J. M. Gay. Miss Gearhart. Missa Griffin. J. B. S. Jaipin. E. W. Gearmart. J. K. Gearmart. Miss Galpin.

Mr. and Mrs. G M. J. M. Harris. Hallstend. E. W. Holland. Hatteren.L. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. A. G. Hunt. Holland. A. E. Hunt, jr. Mr. and Mrs. A. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hackett. Hunt. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Miss Anna Hand. Miss Hunt. Hosie.
William Handley,jr. Miss Lizzie Howell. Misses Hanley. Miss Hall.

W. W. Inglis.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Miss Jessup Mr. and Mrs. O. Jermyn. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Johnson Mr. and Mrs. T. Jermyn. Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Miss Bessle Jones. Jermyn. T. G. Jones. W. V. Johnson. Miss Sue Jermyn.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Mr. and Mrs. Willis Kingsbury. Kemmerer. Mr. and Mrs. F. H. J. L. Kemmerer. Dr. W. E. Keller. Miss Grace Kler-Kingsbury. Misses Kingsbury. S. H. Kingsbury W. B. Kingsbury. M. S. Kemmerer,

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Labar. Mrs. J. A. Linen. Lindsay. Misses Lindsay. J. H. S. Lynde, Mrs. N. Y. Leet. Miss Linen E. Langley.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Misses Merrill. Matthews. Mr. and Mrs. C. P. H. D. Merrill. Matthews. E. S. Moffat. Mr. and Mrs. Will- Miss Moffat. Mr. and Mrs. F. D. McGowan. ard Matthews. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mott. Mr. and Mrs. William Marple. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Matthews. Mrs. E. S. Mr Moffat. ter Matthews. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Mr. Markle. Misses Mattes. Miss Mott. Miss 2 Percy Mott.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Miss Manness. Miss Louise Mat-Murray. Norman McLeod. thews. J. Norman McLeod. Mrs. William Mat- Mr. and Mrs. J. S.

Misses Matthews. Miss McCartney. N Ed. Nettleton. Misses Nettleton.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. J. R. H. Patterson. Platt. C. J. Post. Dr. and Mrs. Parke. C. R. Miss Poore. Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Peck. Miss Pennypacker. Miss Ella J. Pratt. Miss Parke Miss Powell. Miss Phelps. Mr. and Mrs. W. H

Mr and Mrs. N. E. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Rice. Reynolds. Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Misses Reynolds. Misses Richmond. Rice. Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Miss Florence Rich Robertson. mond.
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. W. D. Runyon.

Peck.

Misses Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Worth Scranton. Sanderson. Miss Simpson. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Misses Seybolt. Sanderson. Miss Sherer. Mrs. F. M. Spencer. Miss Steele.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Miss Spencer. Smith. G. S. Sturges, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Major F. W. Still-Seyboit. well. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ellison Snyder. Storrs. R. W. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Simpson. B. Smith.
Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Miss Anna K. San Storrs. derson. Mrs. E. B. Sturges. Miss Sprague. Mrs. C. B. Sturges. Mrs. J. S. Scranton. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Chas. Swift. Scranton. Edward Swift Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Misses Scranton, Scranton. C. A. Straub. Mrs. W. W. Scran- Miss Helen Saxe. E. S. Sanderson

James Sanderson. Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Misses Torrey. Taylor, W. J. Torrey, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. S. B. Thorne. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Miss Voorhes.

Von Storch. Dr. and Mrs. H. B. C. W. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Watson. Mrs. E. N. Willard. Ware. Major and Mrs. Everett Warren. Mrs. E. N. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. T. S. Willia Mr. and Mrs. T. G Wolfe. Watson. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. eston. Mrs. L. A. Watres. and Mrs. R. B. F.C. Whitmore. Weston Williams. Scranton Woife. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Albert L. Watson. Mr. Wallis. Miss Jennie Will-Wharton. Mrs. Wilcox Mrs. C. H. Welles. Miss Elspeth Win Miss Welles. Miss Wilson Harold A. Watres Miss Williams Miss Grace Williams Dr. nd C. H. Welles, jr. Wentz. nd Mrs. J. L C. H. Welles, jr.

From Out of Town.

LIST OF NAMES of those from out of town follows; it gives an idea of the repute the big annual event has made for itself nual event has made for itself abroad: W. Abbot, Plainfield, N. J. A. S. Anderson, Great Bend. O.

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A. S. Andrews, New York city. Miss Bradford, New York city. Miss Bradley, Newburg, N. Y. H. H. Brady, Jr., Trenton J. Insley, Blair, Jr., New York city.

Mr. Berry, Louisville. C. R. Brady, Harrisburg, Mr. Baldwin, Honolulu. C. M. Busch. Harrisburg. The Misses Broadhead, Delaware Water Gap. Mr. Burrell, New York city. Fred. Bunting, Easton.

Miss Ruth Colwell, Troy, N. Y. Mr. Conner, San Francisco. W. L. Chamberlain, Hazleton. Mr. and Mrs. Merrett Corbett, Bingham-

W. L. Crawford, New York city.
F. B. Cleland, New York city.
George A. Co.per, West Pittston.
Miss Cooper, West Pittston.
Frank Cool, Pittston.
Mrs. Nustice Cox, Philadelphia.
Application of the Company of the Compan A. P. Campbell, Ardmore, Pa. Peter Clark, Hazleton. Frank Clark, Hazleton, Mr. and Mrs. B. Corvell, Williamsport, Arthur T. Chester, Staten Island. A. T. Chester. New York city. Mr. Curran, New Haven.

D Miss Dickerson, Brooklyn, N. Y. F. P. Dunellee, West Pittsten Miss Marie Donavin, New York city, Mr. Dorman, Pittston. Miss Dimock, Hartford.

Dr. B. D. Ericcson, Moscow, W. J. Easton, Tobyhanna. H. G. Fisher, New York city. Mr. Foster, New York city.

Eugene Foster, New York city, Miss Gibson, Philadelphia. Mr. Hale, New York city.

Miss Harris, Germantown. W. M. Hager, Orange, Mr. Haldman, Harrisburg, W. D. Hickok, Harrisburg. Miss Hinman, Dunkirk, N. Y. Edith Dimock, Hartford. Miss Holmes, Albany. Miss Hopkins, New York city.

Mr. Hagerman.
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hiss, New York city.
J. W. Hall, New York city.
Dr. Hanson Hiss, New York city.
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hudson, New York Houghton, Buffalo. Miss Holman, Southport, Conn.

K Miss Gertrude Kemmerer, Mauch Chung Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Keller, Hazleton. Miss Lefferts, New York city, C. M. Learned, New York city. Miss Janet Law, West Pittston,

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Jermyn, Oswego.

Miss Linburg, Trenton. Miss Lefferts, New York city. G. N. Morgan, Munhail, Pa. George Marple, Hazleton.

Miss Nichol, New York city. Leonard Nichol, New York city Miss Nash,

Miss Osborne. H. H. Oddie, New York city. Miss Post, Summit, N. Y. Mr. Peck, Hudson, N. Y. Elbert S. Platt, Troy, N. Y.

Miss Paimer. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Platt, Troy, N. Y. Miss Robb, Philad Sphia. Mr. Rolinson, New York city. Miss Robb. Mr. id Mrs. Walter Righter, Mount Car-M. au Reynolds, Orange,

Mr. Righter, Mount Carmel, H. H. Robinson, Hartford, Conn. George L. Ring, Orange. Miss Emily Reynolds, Kingston. Stephen M. Smith, New York city.

Phillip Stillman, Elizabeth, N. J. Miss Statz, Bro Miss Scott, Binghamten. F. Shinde Sheafer, Pottsville. A. W. Sheafer, Pottsville,

Samuel C. Thompson, Pottsville, Ralph Tompkins, Newburg, N. Y. Miss Thatcher, Germantown, T. C. Trask, Newburg, N. Y. Ralph Tompkins, Fishkill,

Mr. Van Vechten, Little Falls, N. Y. W

Miss Warring, Plainfield, N. J. Miss Weiler, Newburg, N. Y. Miss Wheeler, New York city. Walter L. Watson, Mount Carmel. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woodin, Berwick. H. P. Walker. Whitmore, Hartford. W. W. Wharton, Philadelphia George W. Woodruff, Philadelphia. Worden, Wilkes-Barre. Edward Wentz, Philadelphia. John Wentz, Philadelphia. Andrew Walker, Nicholson, George Walbridge, Easton,

#### Where Entertained.

UESTS at last night's ball were entertained by the following: Mr. and Mrs. James Archnald-H. G. Fisher, Stephen M. Smith and C. M. Learned, of New York city; Samuel C. Thompson, of Pottsville; William Willis, of Flushing, L. I.; Miss Ruth Caldwell, of Troy; F. R. Drake, of Eason; R. T. Thomas, of New York city; C E. Freeman, of Ithaca. Colonel and Mrs. H. M. Boics-Miss

Waring, of Plainfield, N. J., Miss Weller and Mr. Tompkins, of Newburg, N. Y. Miss Bradford, Mr. Hale and F. B. Cleland, of New York city; Miss Robb Miss Lefferts, F. L. Lefferts, of New York city; G. N. Morgan, of Munhait, Pa.; H. 14. Robinson, of Hartford, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Belin, Jr.-Miss Harris, of Germantown; Miss Post, of Summit, N. J.; Mr. Conner, of San Francisco; Mr. Abbet, of Piainfield, N. J. James Blair, Jr.—H. H. Brady, jr., of Trenton; J. Insley Blair, jr., of New York ity; Wiifred M. Hager, of Orange. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hessell-G. L. King,

John H. Brooks-Robert Tittle, ir Key, and Mrs. T. C. Cann-T. C. Trask, f Newburg, N. Y. Miss Dale-Miss Gibson, of Philadelphia. J. W. Decker-A. S. Andrews, of Great

Bend, Ohio.
Mrs. A. M. Decker-Mr. and Mrs. Willlam Wright, of Plainfield, N. J.
Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hunt-Miss Line
burg, of Trenton; C. R. Brady and Mr.
Haldman, of Harrisburg; Mr. Berry, of and Mrs. C. L. Frey-Andrew Valker, of Nicholson. L. S. Fuller-W. A. Fuller, of Hazleton

G. P. Griffith-Mr. Walker, son of Ad-George A. Jessup-Philip Stillman, of Elizabeth, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Jessup, of Centralia, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. John Jermyn-Mr. and Mr. and Mrs. John Jermyn-Mr. and
Mrs. R. G. Jermyn, of Oswego.
J. L. Kemmerer-Miss Gertrude Kemmerer, of Mauch Chunk; Mr. and Mrs.
Walter Righter, of Mount Carmel.
Dr. and Mrs. N. Y. Leet-Miss Dickerson, of Brooklyn; Dr. B. D. Ericeson, of
Moscow; Miss Nash.
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mattes-W. J. Eas-

on, of Tobyhanna. Rev. Dr. and Mrs. James McLeod-Mr. Burrell, of New York city. drs. L. A. Oakford-Mrs. Nustice Cox, Philadelphia.

Platt, of Troy, A Mr. and Mrs. F. a of Troy, Mr. and Mrs. N. G A. W. Sheafer, of Pon Mr. and Mrs. C. D. S Bir. and Mrs. C. D. Sendola, of Orange; Mr.
Brady, of Harrisburg,
Mr. and Mrs. A. H. St.
Mrs. Philip Hiss, of New Yo.
Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Sju.
Darte, of Kingston; Miss W. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Scrant Nichol and Leonard Nichol, of N city; Mr. Baldwin, of Honolulu; Mr of Hudson, N. Y.
Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Taylor-Miss Lator Pittston; Miss Dimmick, Hartford and Mrs. W. H. Taylor-Mis Wheeler, of New York city. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Watson-Mr. Righter and Waiter L. Watson, of Mount 'armel.

and Mrs. R. B. Williams-Miss Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Williams—alies Marie Donavin, of New York city. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Welles—Miss Holmes, of Albany; Miss Hopkins, of New York city; Mr. Hagerman, Mr. Foster and Mr. Eugene Foster, of New York city. Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Wentz-Dr. G. L. Wentz, of Dritton: Edward and John Wentz, of Philadelphia.

C. Whitmore-Miss Whitmore, of Hartford. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Williams-Miss Hin-man, of Dunkirk, N. Y.

#### Bachelor History.

SPHE NEW YEAR'S ball is the final development of the Bach- the moon meantime must elors' balls of long ago, the first outward fight, and some sw of which was given ten years The old organization was effected ter the lapse in the office of Montrose Barnard and ploughs and ricochets along the r was originally for the purpose of giving several dancing parties each sea- phic destruction. son at private houses whereby the copeople at whose homes the dances were It was this discouragement which led to the creation of the Bachelers' ball idea.

Originally the expenses of the balls divided pro-rata among the married and thus became exempt from laws of growth and decay which seem the tax. Maybe this fact was not the cause, but the Bachelors began to bly order of nature. narry at so rapid a gait that when acounts were settled for the 1893 ball at the Wyoming House, the Bachelors found themselves obligated to the extent of \$20 each for the fun of giving all of Scranton's well-to-do people and no end of out-of-town guests a ball that was considered very swell at that ime. The assessment was too heavy end the subscription plan was first tried in 1894.

The 1894 ball was planned with a deficit in the treasury account and with a total estimated expense of \$1,200. The surviving Bachelors viewed the situation with considerable squirmings but on the night of the ball the crush vas away beyond expectations, the deficit and expenses were overcome and there was a small balance in the treas-There was an equal success from social standpoint, the future success of the balls was assured and those of 1895 and 1896 were planned without any misgivings. Those two affairs particdarly, and the one of 1894 as an experment, served to mark out for the future and annually the most distinctive oclety balls given anywhere in the state, excepting possibly the similar palls, designated as charity balls, given

ecasionally in Philadelphia and Pitts-1895 and A. G. Hunt of the 1896 Bacholor committees, The splendor of hose affairs is still fresh in the minds of the hundreds who were privileged to attend them. The real Bachelor organization died with last year's ball, out the committee which would have continued under the old Bachelor name decided that the balls as a prescribed and anticipated regular event should not cease—at least not for the present. The old invitation list was discarded and a new one made. How well Chairman Blair and his associates succeeded is well known to those present last night, or may be comprehended by others through a perusal of The Trib-

une's story of the event. The beaux and the belles of ten years ago can weave an intricate web of mental fancy by an examination of the following list of names of the twenty charter members of the Bachelor organization: W. H. Jessup, jr. H. B. Reynolds, A. G. Hunt, H. P. Simpson, Montrose Barnard, R. J. For ter, E. B. Jermyn, H. W. Kingsbury Major J. W. Oakford, N. G. Robertson, R. M. Scranton, C. S. Weston, Thomas Moore, James Archbald, ir. J. M. Chittenden, jr., W. M. Dickson, G. W. Fuller, J. A. Mott, T. F. Penman, M. R. Sherer,

#### TIDAL FRICTION.

Its Effect on the Earth and on the Moon. Dr. H. S. Williams, in Harper's Me razine Perhaps the most interesting accomplishments of mathematical astronomy -from a mundane standpoint, at any rate-are those that refer to the earth's That seemingly stuid own satellite. body was long ago discovered to have a propensity to gain a little on the earth, appearing at eclipses an infinitesmal moment ahead of time, tronomers were sorely puzzled by this act of insubordination; but at Laplace and Lagrange explained it as due to an oscillatory change in the earth's orbit, thus fully exonerating the moon, and seeming to demonstrate the absolute stability and permanence of our planetary system, which the moon's mistehavior had appeared to threaten. This highly satisfactory conclusion was an orthodox belief of celestial me chanics until 1853, when Professor Adams of Neputinian fame, with whom complex analysis were a pastime, reviewed Laplace's calculation, and discovered an error, which, when corrected, left about half the moon's acceleration unaccounted for. This was a momentous discrepancy, which at first no one could explain. But presently Prof. Hemboltz, the great German physicist, suggested that a key might be found in tidal friction, which, acting as a perpetual brake on the earth's rotation, and affecting not merely the waters but the entire substance of our planet, must in the long sweep of time have changed its rate of rotation. Thus the seeming acceleration of the moon might be accounted for us actual retardation of the earth's rotationlengthening of the day, instead of a

Again the earth was shown to be at fault, but this time the moon could not Le exonerated, while the estimated stability of our system, instead of being re-established, was quite upset. For the tidal retardation is not an oscillatory change which will presently correct itself, like the orbital wobble, but a perpetual change, acting always in one direction. Unless fully counteracted by some opposing reaction, therefore (as it seems not to be), the effect

shortening of the month.

period has cea ooks out that same the moon h toward her p with the future appear (though so sent from this pred lar tidal action still c must finally exceed lengthen out little by coincidence with the ye on a swinging spiral, until i

of the earth and plunges to cate But even though imagination pau cial indebtedness of the members, all far short of this direful culmination, of whom were unmarried, could be it still is clear that modern calculapaid. The young men were the social tions, based on inexorable tidal fricleaders of their sex at that time, but tion, suffice to revolutionize the views their experiment was a failure in one formerly current as to the stability of sense, at least. It was found that the the planetary system. The eighteenth invitation lists did not always meet century mathematician looked upon the complete approval of the married this system as a vast celestial machine which had been in existence given, and another plan had to be hit about six thousand years, and which was destined to run on forever. The analyst of today computes both the past and the future of this system in millions instead of thousands of years, yet feels well assured that the solar members, excepting those who had system offers no contradiction to those everywhere to represent the Immuta-

#### THE EMPEROR WAS WORSTED. A Little Hungarian Girl Got venge For Sadowa.

From the New York Tribunc. The present Kaiser would probatby admit that he had often been thwar in any of his plans, but an anecdote herecently become known which shows the he at least once "got the worst of it," it is all the more piquant from the fact e was defeated by a girl. When the Kaiser, who was then Prince

Wilhelm, was about ten years old he and Prince Helnrich spent some time at Cas-sel with their tutors, who sometimes allowed the little princes to play with other children. One day when several of them were gathered together it chanced that a little French girl was among the number. and the young German conceived the brilliant idea of making her a representative of the country they all so cordially hatel. The delightful plan was immediately put into execution, and the poor child was tied to a tree. Then began a fusilade of pine cones, sticks, etc., and whenever anything struck her there was a cry of "Here's for Sedan!" This went on for a few minutes, when a little Hun-garian girl. Helena von D-, who was garian girl. Helena von D.—, who was watching, could bear the injustice no longer, and, singling out Prince Vithelia as chief offender, she threw her off on him. The attack being unexpect d, he was completely taken by surprise. and fell erying out at each blow, "Here's for Sadowa!" The Prince was fast getting was thoroughly in earnest, when the imperial tutors, hearing the noise, rushed up and separated the combatants. After that the Princes were more carefully watched and Wilhelm had no opportunity of justice. Some days afterward, ing that the Princes were leaving, Helana. by. As they passed Wilhelm spied fee, and, leaning out behind his tutor, he

tuck out his tongue. Helena was the daughter of titled parents, and later she was married to an Englishman. When the Kaiser was re-cently in London she told this story to one of his gentlemen in waiting, who in turn repeated it to His Majesty. The latter exclaimed: "Is that d- of a girl here now? I would like to see her." meeting was arranged, but Helena b that one encounter, to make friends

#### AN HISTORICAL FRAGMENT.

From the Chicago Tribune. A blush of shame dyed the swarthy sheek of the noble Roman senator. He stood in his place, straight as an arrow, and flashed a lightning glance of in dignation around the senate chamber. "Ye gods!" he exclaimed, in ringin tones. "Has it come to this? Must this proud tribunal descend to the level of an American senate?" A murmur of angry protest made itse heard, but ne heeded it not.

He stretched forth his right arm, a his toga fell away, disclosing his muscular shoulder and massive chest. "Men of Rome!" he said, "shall we stroy Carthage and spare Dallas Cit Why this discrimination? Burnside, and Nauvoo better than Carth behest of an infamous anti-Carthas trust, composed of sordid merchants with in whose breasts there beats not one pu sation of honor or patriotism-who has not one sentiment of pride in our co-quering galleys sage as they may covey their grain fleets in safety to dista orts-shall we do a dishonorable, bas enaries whom our Carthaginian riva hires to fight her battles would blush to Where is the pride that once mad-Roman greater than a king? sold itself for a cargo of barley? T wrath of the gods will descend upon us we heed the monopolistic claque t howls 'Carthage must be destroyed cause, forsooth, it fears she may ther commercial supremacy! I have n! Men of Rome!"-here his voice o its full volume and pealed for h ma-estically over his hushed audience—"Men of Rome, I have disclosed the African in

But he spoke in vain. The grasping apitalists had secured a majority, and even as the cierk of the sente recorded the vote that decreed the destruction of Carthage the victorious legions of Scipt were looting the doomed city.

COACH

From the Detroit Journal. "It must be bargain day, somewhere." "Yes, Mrs. de Short was out with her coach this morning "Oh, perhaps he was only putting her through the signals." In the mean-while, civilization had

### gained noward of ten yards, and all the playing, substantially, was being done in the territory of barbarism. PRECOCIOUS INFANTS.

From the Chicago News. Smiles—Some of those Biblical charac-ers must have been precocious children, Giles—Why so? Smiles-Well, there's Job, for instance he Bible says he cursed the day that he