

A JUVENILE HORDE.

NEW YORK YOUNGSTERS SEE A THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE.

Six Thousand Street Urchins Swarm Into a Metropolitan Playhouse and Make Away with Everything Portable Within Reach—A Pandemonium.

Fully 6,000 shouting, screaming, chattering, cheering youngsters attended the performance of "The Scout" given for poor children at Niblo's, and outdid the Indians as regards noise and drowned the reports of the pistols with their enthusiastic yells.

Such an audience has never before been inside the walls of a playhouse. There were boys there with dirty faces, and boys whose natural color did not give one an opportunity to see if they were dirty or not. Little girls were there, too, some white and a few black, and they took as much delight in the performance and made as much noise as the boys.

The doors of the theater were besieged as early as 7:30 o'clock, and by 8:20 there was a tremendous jam about the Broadway and Crosby street entrances. Once the doors were opened there was no use trying to collect tickets. The boys simply swept everything before them. In an incredibly short time every seat contained at least two occupants, and every available place from which the stage could be seen was occupied.

The boys hung on the posts like monkeys, occupied the stairs, stood on the radiators, and if it wasn't for the ten big policemen who were there to preserve order there is no knowing what they would have done. The youngsters talked to each other from all parts of the house.

"Hay, Yaller!" shouted one urchin across the gallery. "Did you see me brudder?" "Naw," came the answer. "Hully Mo!" shouted back the first speaker, "me mudder will slaughter me." "Hi, Red," shouted another youngster, "where's Mike?" "Oh, he's down in the parky eating oats," came the answer.

It was 10 o'clock when Congressman Timothy J. Campbell came before the curtain and addressed the boys. At least he tried to tell the boys to be good citizens, but they heard him not, and he concluded in pantomime.

One little girl wearing a big red hat occupied a chair all by herself in the orchestra. "Take off your hat, Mag!" shouted the little one behind her, but she paid no attention, and in an instant that hat was sailing down the aisle. When she got it back it was in ribbons, and to quiet her cries a policeman lifted her into a box, where she spent most of her time sticking her tongue out at the other girls.

How the boys cheered when the curtain went up! They applauded Dr. Carver like mad, and when he threw the villain in the big tank they yelled furiously. The comic Irishman and the darky pleased them immensely, and they marveled at Dr. Carver's aim when he broke all the bottles in the saloon with rifle balls.

The actors soon discovered that it was useless to talk, as they couldn't be heard, and they went on a great part of the time in pantomime. No villain was ever more heartily disliked than Cherokee Jake, played by Mr. Sommerfeld. One boy in the gallery threw a half eaten apple at him, and an Indian picked it up and finished it. In the fourth act cries came from all parts of the house to throw Jake into the river. There was tumultuous applause when the horse fell through the bridge, and there was more when the play was over. It took just seven minutes for the house to empty, and it seemed a miracle that no one was hurt. Had one boy stumbled while coming down the gallery staircase the result would have been appalling.

After the house was emptied Manager Comstock went in and viewed the wreck. Every other row had a broken seat, and in one place an entire row was demolished. The urchins broke open the opera glass machines and carted off the glasses, and in some cases took the machines and all.

"Well," said Mr. Comstock, "they had a good time, and I don't care as long as they left the four walls and didn't get hurt."—New York Herald.

Disuse of the Hat.
A London correspondent complains that he cannot take his walks abroad with his head uncovered without being exposed to gibes and flouts and sneers and treated as a lunatic. "And yet," he asks, "who but the hatter would suffer by the almost complete disuse of the hat? The advantages would be many. We should entirely avoid baldness (which our hats induce); our heads would be as cool as our faces (which we never think of covering, though they are less protected with hair than our heads); we should save our money and a great deal of trouble. In this climate we need not be afraid of sunstrokes, and we should avoid colds in the head. It is a mistake to suppose that either chimney pot hats or bowlers shade the eyes. They do not do so any more than women's bonnets."

Alphabet Suppers.
"Alphabet suppers" are getting to be quite a craze in some parts of the country. The young people of church societies arrange for an evening lunch, the name of every article of which begins with the same letter. Each member is instructed to provide a portion of the feast, and forfeit is levied against delinquents. A "B" supper, for instance, would include bread, beans, butter, bananas, beef, brick cheese (by an elastic construction of the rule), bologna, etc.—Exchange.

Their Weight in Halfpence.
It is said that a tradesman was lately residing in London who had disposed of eleven daughters in marriage, and as a fortune for each he had given their weight in halfpence. It is suggested that they were rather bulky, as the lightest of them weighed fifty pounds, two shillings and eightpence.—London Tit-Bits.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23, 1892. "What will the Democrats in the next congress do?" said Hon. Don M. Dickinson, echoing the question that had been asked of him. "Why, they will do just what is right; that's what they were elected for. The Democratic party more nearly represents the whole people than any other party, and for that reason it is better qualified to legislate for the whole people than is any other party. And in the next congress it is going to be prepared for the first time in many years to legislate; for, notwithstanding the present apparent doubt as to the senate of the fifty-first congress, I have the best of reasons for positively stating that the senate after the 4th of next March will be controlled by the Democratic party. While in Washington Mr. Dickinson stated that he had no idea of again going into the cabinet, and expressed the opinion that no member of Mr. Cleveland's old cabinet would be a member of the new one.

Senator Carlisle declines to discuss the matter, but there seems to be a general belief among Democrats in congress that he can be secretary of the treasury if he wishes to.

Representatives Holman and Rayner are leading the opposition to the Nicaragua canal bill in the house, and present indications are that it will be formidable enough to defeat the bill, by filibustering, if not by votes. The bill has been reported favorably to the senate and there is little doubt of its being passed by the senate sometime in January. There never has been any opposition to speak of to the bill in the senate.

There is a great deal of waiting among those who have been scheming to fasten the Republican employes of the government printing office upon the incoming administration by having Mr. Harrison order the civil service rules extended to cover that establishment. The scheme is a failure, if my informant is correct, and it comes from a trustworthy source, as Mr. Harrison has positively declined to issue the necessary order, although he has partially promised, as sort of compensation to the weepers and wailers, that he would try to save the official heads of the Republican division chiefs in the department service by putting them under the protection of the civil service.

Senator Vest's resolution providing for an investigation of partisan acts by certain census enumerators was adopted by the senate before it adjourned. The investigation is to be made by the census committee.

The investigation of the condition of the treasury, recently authorized by a House resolution, was formally begun this week when Chairman Springer wrote a letter to Secretary Foster specifying in detail the information wanted. As the figures are to include December 31, Mr. Springer does not expect the information before about the middle of January. The information obtained by this committee will necessarily be the basis of all the tariff and financial legislation to be enacted by the next congress. It will also show whether Secretary Foster has maintained a small available by improperly manipulating figures and by an extensive system of withholding payment of accounts against the government long after they should have been paid, both of which he has repeatedly been charged with doing.

The brainiest man in the Republican party—Mr. Blaine—is believed to be on his death-bed, and deep and loud are the expressions of sympathy on all sides. The exact nature of Mr. Blaine's disease is kept a profound secret by his physicians, but there is little doubt in my mind that grief and disappointment have as much to do with his illness as disease. S.

List of Patents.

Patents granted to Pennsylvania inventors last week. Reported by C. A. Snow & Co., Washington, D. C.
O. J. Bailey, Kane, ironing-table; O. J. Baldwin, Youngville, rope clamp; G. L. Ball, Allegheny, composition for removing paint or varnish from wood; W. E. Brown, Wilawanna, railway switch; C. E. Chambers, New Garden, and G. W. Taft, Kennett Square, transom-lifter; G. G. Coners, Salisbury, reducing franklinite ores; H. G. Else, Erie, folding hammock frame; J. E. Howard, Altoona, device for heating railway cars by steam; J. T. Howarth, Beaver Falls, wire mesh; E. Hudson, Pittsburgh, apparatus for registering the number of words written on a typewriter; A. Iske, Lancaster, door-bell; R. H. Jordan, Jefferson, sled-shoe; W. M. Justice, Pittsburg, cycle-stand; W. E. Keeler, Beaver Falls, making shovels; A. C. Laycock, Kingston, thill-coupling; E. F. Long, Scranton, coal-separator; C. D. Scott, Sanford, propelling gear for tramway locomotives; G. Skogland, Keresey, pocket-knife; A. S. Stryker, Ladin, valve; G. H. Trench, Pottsville, conveyor; W. F. Troast, and S. R. Slaymaker, Lancaster, padlock; G. N. Vannauker, Shickshinny, folding umbrella; D. B. Whitehill, North Clarendon, whiffle-handle; D. Y. Wilson, Gum Tree, whiffle-handle; A. H. Worrest, Lancaster, fifth wheel.

Transferring a Pension by Marriage.
A peculiar marriage was celebrated at San Antonio Wednesday. C. J. Emis, aged eighty-six years, an old Mexican war veteran, who was in a dying condition, was married to Elizabeth Bacens, aged seventy-seven years. Emis is in receipt of a monthly stipend of eight dollars from the government. In gratitude to the woman who is now his wife and nursed him for the past two or three years he desired that the marriage take place, so that his dutiful nurse will receive his pension after his death.—Cur. New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Seasonable Selections.
At Christmas be merry and thankful without. And feast thy poor neighbors, the great with the small.
—Thomas Tusser.

If thou wouldst walk in light,
Make other spirits bright.
—C. Seymour.

Thou who wast born and cradled in a manger
Hast gladdened our poor earth with hope
and rest;
Oh, best beloved, come not as a stranger.
But tarry, Lord, our friend and Christmas guest.
—Sarah Doudney.

Christmas is here;
Whistle whiffle shrill,
Lay and chill,
Little care we
Little we care
Weather without.
Sheltered about
The mahogany tree.
—Thackeray.

ALMOST A CHOLERA SCARE.

An incident of the Peculiar Fright That Seized New York City.
"Let me tell you how I came near being the innocent cause of a big cholera scare," said a well known lawyer to a reporter one afternoon. "It happened in this way: I was breakfasting alone in East Twenty-third street at a private Italian boarding house filled with the leading people from several comic opera companies, including 'Robin Hood' and 'Puritania.' My landlady, Mme. S., whose English pronunciation is at once the delight and despair of those who seek to imitate or understand it, came in and said: 'Mista John, writta me una note. Say Alda wom' are down. Comma queck. You putta ma nonna att'a bot, Sophie.'"

"I was in haste to get down town," continued the narrator, "and I wrote it out as I understood it. 'All the women are down; come quick.' I thought that the message sounded odd. She said, however, that it was 'alla rat,' and sent to Dr. X. around the corner in Lexington avenue. That worthy young physician glanced at the note, and thinking that it opened the way to fame for him informed the board of health that he had discovered an outbreak of cholera in an up town Italian boarding house. He telephoned the same message to several newspaper men of his acquaintance.

"In less than twenty minutes a squad of burly policemen appeared in front of the house, followed by the doctor, six reporters and several officers of the board of health, whose instincts had been wrought up to a white heat by the message. Mme. S. answered the incessant ringing of the door bell in person. She was attired in a becoming morning gown, and being a large and remarkably handsome woman, presented a dramatic appearance as she explained the situation: 'Gentlemen, who eata brifkfast now, no understanda me. I tell him olda wom' are down, slippa down, you undastan? Olda wom' worka for me. Falla downa de stair. Hurta her side. No wom' down here at all. Dey alla out. Goodday, gentlemen, goodaday.'"
—New York Tribune.

Dickens as a Dancer.
My father insisted that my sister Katie and I should teach the polka step to him and Mr. Leech. My father was as much in earnest about learning to take that wonderful step correctly as though there were nothing of greater importance in the world. Often he would practice gravely in a corner, without either partner or music, and I remember one cold winter's night his awakening with the fear that he had forgotten the steps strong upon him that, jumping out of bed, by the scant illumination of the old fashioned rushlight and to his own whispering he diligently rehearsed his "one, two, one, two," until he was once more secure in his knowledge.

No one can imagine our excitement and nervousness when the evening came on which we were to dance with our pupils. Katie was to have Mr. Leech, who was over six feet tall, for her partner, while my father was to be mine. My heart beat so fast that I could scarcely breathe, I was so fearful for the success of our exhibition. But my fears were groundless, and we were greeted at the finish of our dance with hearty applause, which was more than compensation for the work which had been expended upon its learning.—Mamie Dickens in Ladies' Home Journal.

Cruel Indifference.
"The other day a woman who spends thousands of dollars a year on dress set to make over for house wear," says a dressmaker. "There were trimmings and linings to buy, but she gave me no money. Of course it was taken for granted that I would furnish those. That was all right. When the work was done the bill amounted to \$11.30, and I had less than \$1 in cash. I wrote an apologetic little note to my customer when I sent the dress home, asking for the amount of the bill—if convenient. My messenger returned empty handed. He waited in the hallway of the rich woman's house for half an hour, and receiving no answer to my note ventured to speak to one of the servants about it. The servant kindly said that she would inquire about it. Soon she returned with the message that Mrs. — said that she had no time to bother with petty bills then. In consequence my little family had a very skippy Sunday dinner."—New York Times.

The Welfare of Children.
There is a distinct advance in intelligent grownup interest in child life. Mr. Howells, Miss Larcom and Edward Everett Hale have all given us interesting books embodying their own recollections of childhood. Mrs. De Land is writing a charming novel whose main interest is in problems of childish psychology, and Mrs. Burnett promises a similar volume. During the recent meeting of the Association of College Alumnae it was evident that one of the most interesting branches of work taken up by college bred women is systematic and scientific study of the development—physiological, psychological and ethical—of very young children. This recognition of the interesting points of the young human animal is significant. It not only promises better things for the child, but better times for his elders.—Kate Field's Washington.

Advantages of Seasickness.
Nothing can be much more depressing than seasickness, and for this reason we should strongly advise all weak persons not to encounter it if possible the risk of its occurrence. It is astonishing how soon and how completely those who are favored with a fair measure of constitutional elasticity recover from its depression. In their case the benefits of a sea trip may thus, with compensations of air, diet and appetite, be enhanced by a few hours of mechanical nausea. It is in truth for such persons only that tours of this kind are advisable.—London Lancet.

IN OTHER LANDS.

How the Children in Europe Observe Christmas Day.
In Belgium the children fill their shoes with beans and carrots on Christmas eve, and set them in the chimney place for the good saint's horse. In the morning they expect to find them filled with sweetmeats and fruit in return for their good behavior.

In Holland the children hang up their wooden stockings by the tiled chimney piece, and then go soberly to bed quite sure that good St. Nicholas will visit them, provided they do not disturb him in his visit.

Bohemian children listen anxiously on Christmas eve for the chariot and white horses of the "Christ child" as he comes flying through the air with his krippe full of presents; but the Italian children go gravely with their parents to churches and cathedral to see the bambino, or saint, who presents them with their Christmas gifts.

The Spanish children hide their shoes or slippers in the bushes on Christmas eve, and find them filled with fruit and sugar plums on Christmas morning.

In France the young people stand their shoes in a convenient place for the gifts to be dropped into. Sometimes if the shoe of a bad boy is among them he must sharp a hint. Very different are the feelings of a mingled awe and pleasure for the coming of two important personages—the "Christ child" and the "Knecht Ruppert." The latter person questions naughty children and threatens them with punishment till the "Christ child's" intercession saves the culprit and wins its pardon. Then these two Christmas apparitions lay down their burdens of gifts and depart.

In some parts of Germany the good saint will have a Christmas tree brilliantly illuminated with wax candles to hang its gifts on. He is not satisfied simply with the stocking in the chimney, and it is from this whim of his saintship that the custom has spread into other countries and come over to our own. The Christmas tree of today, however, is only a successor to its prototype, the ancient legendary yggdrasil, or eternal tree, that had its roots in earth and its top in heaven.

In Germany the schoolboys and choristers make the midnight air ring with their merry carols. The "Three Kings of the East, the Angel Gabriel and the Star Singers" parade the streets, and similar processions go about in Italy, France and Spain. In former years, and perhaps even now in some localities in England, the Christmas waits—young lads—make the air vocal with lovely Christmas carols, but in our country these are reserved to be heard in church and Sunday school, and sometimes they ring out in chimes from the church steeple.—Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR CONSTABLE—
CHARLES SAULT,
of Five Points.
Subject to the decision of the Democratic nominating convention of Foster township.

FOR SUPERVISOR—
MATTHEW DENNON,
of Five Points.
Subject to the decision of the Democratic nominating convention of Foster township.

FOR SUPERVISOR—
JOHN METZGER,
of East Foster.
Subject to the decision of the Democratic nominating convention of Foster township.

FOR SUPERVISOR—
JOHN O'DONNELL,
of Eckley.
Subject to the decision of the Democratic nominating convention of Foster township.

FOR TAX COLLECTOR—
CONRAD BREHM,
of Upper Lehigh.
Subject to the decision of the Democratic nominating convention of Foster township.

FOR TREASURER—
DANIEL BONNER,
of Five Points.
Subject to the decision of the Democratic nominating convention of Foster township.

FOR TAX COLLECTOR—
PAT'K J. GALLAGHER,
of Highland.
Subject to the decision of the Democratic nominating convention of Foster township.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION
—of—
The Citizens' Bank of Freeland,
Luzerne County, Pennsylvania,
at the close of business, November 30, 1892.

RESOURCES.	
Cash on hand	\$11,262 15
Checks and other cash items	191 01
Due from banks and bankers	11,863 13
Loans and discounts	95,199 99
Investment securities	26,291 65
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	1,062 57
Overdrafts	556 00
Current expenses and taxes paid	230 42
Miscellaneous assets	10 40
	\$119,889 12

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000 00
Surplus fund	1,250 00
Undivided profits	1,884 96
Deposits subject to check	122,877 02
Checks and cash on order of payees	1,062 57
Due to banks and bankers	3,121 04
Dividends unpaid	163 75
Miscellaneous liabilities	461 88
	\$179,889 12

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I, R. H. Hayes, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
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Prayer Meeting..... 6:00 P M

HEAVENLY RECRUITS.
Centre Street, above Chestnut.
Rev. Charles Brown, Pastor.
Morning Service..... 10:00 A M
Sunday School..... 2:00 P M
Love Feast..... 3:15 P M
Prayer Meeting..... 7:30 P M

JEDDO METHODIST EPISCOPAL.
In charge of Rev. E. M. Chilcoat.
Sunday School..... 2:00 P M
Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 P M

ST. ANN'S ROMAN CATHOLIC.
Rev. M. J. Zallibee, Pastor; Rev. F. E. McNally, Curate.
Low Mass..... 8:00 A M
High Mass..... 10:30 A M
Sunday School..... 2:00 P M
Vespers..... 4:00 P M
Mass on Weekdays..... 7:00 A M

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL.
South Street, above Washington Streets.
Rev. A. J. Kuhn, Pastor.
Sunday School..... 1:30 P M
Prayer and Sermon..... 7:00 P M

ST. JOHN'S REFORMED.
Walnut and Washington Streets.
Rev. H. A. Benner, Pastor.
Sunday School..... 9:00 A M
German Service..... 10:30 A M
Praise Meeting..... 7:00 P M
English Sermon..... 7:30 P M
Prayer and Social Meeting every Saturday evening at 7:45 o'clock.

ST. KASIMIR'S POLISH CATHOLIC.
Hidlee Street, above Carbon.
Rev. Joseph Mazotas, Pastor.
Mass..... 9:00 A M
Vespers..... 4:00 P M
Mass on Weekdays..... 7:30 A M

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Main and Washington Streets.
Rev. A. Reimuller, Pastor.
Sunday School..... 9:00 A M
German Service..... 10:00 A M
Catechism Instruction..... 5:00 P M

ST. MARY'S GREEK CATHOLIC.
Front and Fern Streets.
Rev. Cyril Gulovich, Pastor.
Low Mass..... 8:00 A M
High Mass..... 10:30 A M
Vespers..... 2:00 P M

TRINITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL.
Birkbeck Street, South Heberton.
Rev. E. M. Chilcoat, Pastor.
Prayer Meeting..... 10:00 A M
Sunday School..... 2:00 P M
Prayer and Class Meeting..... 7:00 P M
Epworth League meets every Sunday evening at 6:00 o'clock.

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Prayer Meeting..... 6:00 P M

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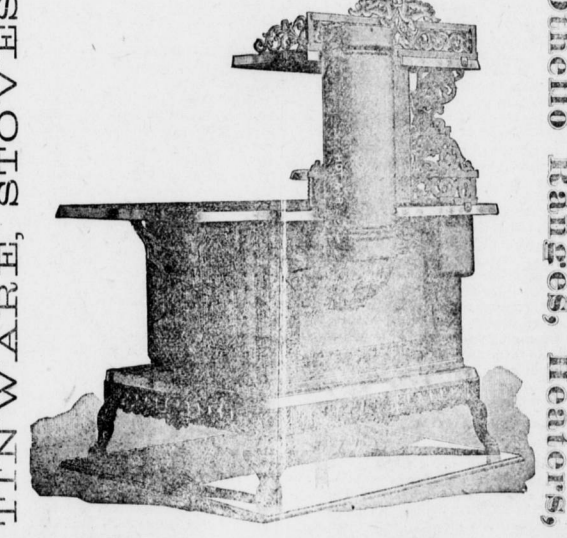
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