

# City's Social Life

THE GAYETIES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK

## Opening of Art Institute.

A matter of considerable interest to the art-loving public of Indianapolis is the opening of the John Herron Art Institute on Tuesday evening, March 4, with a president's reception, or first-view night for the members of the Art Association, a few friends and the press, to give them an opportunity to see the building and pictures before they are thrown open to the general public.

After Wednesday morning the building will be open for free admission of all lovers of art who care to take advantage of this opportunity to see the new quarters.

There will be an exhibition several fine pictures from New York. Two by Francois-Auguste Bonheur, a brother of the famous Rosa Bonheur; two by Joseph Israels; one by a famous Norwegian artist and several others. Among these is a marine view of especial merit.

In the south room to the left of the hall is a Chinese couch of magnificent workmanship, being of zeekong wood, inlaid with brass and mother-of-pearl in beautiful and delicate design. The panels are of onyx, yellow with age. The seat of the couch is of four different marbles, each of especial beauty and value. Although made for the Emperor Ming, in the year 636 A. D., the couch is in a state of perfect preservation. Not a bolt or nail is used in the construction of the couch, each piece being mortised together and fitting perfectly. It was brought to this country for exhibition at the world's fair by the Chinese commissioners and has now been offered for sale to the Art Association. It formerly had feet consisting of brass claws, holding four large pure crystal balls which were sold to Mr. Louis Tiffany for \$1,000.

For the first time the pictures owned by the Art Association have a home of their own. Each picture has a history of its own, dear to the older members of the association.

Some have been purchased with the funds of the association, some with money obtained by subscription and some by gift, conspicuous among which is the picture of the "Little Boy in Blue," presented by Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Ritzinger and Messrs. Stoughton and Allen Fletcher.

A large vase of Chinese porcelain was presented by the Indianapolis Ceramic Club.

One of the treasured possessions of the association is a plaster cast of the Brownings by Harriet Hosmer, presented by the artist. Visitors to the building will be interested to find on the walls the portraits of Mr. and Mrs. John Herron, a clock which has been in the Herron family since 1836 and other things belonging to Mr. Herron.

When the association has a permanent home, a room to be known as the "John Herron room," is to be set aside for these things, this being the only request made by the donor in his will.

The Art Association was organized in May, 1883, at a meeting called together by Mrs. May Wright Sewall for this purpose.

Many exhibitions of various kinds have been held, some quite pretentious, others less so. Among the things exhibited have been Bookwood pottery, wood-carvings, needle work, artistic embroideries, lace, etchings, as well as water colors and oil paintings.

From time to time lectures on subjects pertaining to art have been given under the auspices of the association. For the exhibitions private homes, Masonic Hall, storerooms in various parts of the city, the Proprietor and Lieber's Art Gallery have served as temporary homes for exhibits. Each time the expenses for the rent of building, purchase of new properties, lighting, etc., had all to be incurred anew. This was discouraging and the hope grew from year to year that they might have a home of their own.

The history of the association has been one of struggle and hope, many discouragements having been encountered. When the affairs of the association looked darkest a friend (almost unknown to the citizens of Indianapolis) who had accumulated a fortune, wishing to leave his wealth where it would do the most good, selected the Art Association as the recipient of his benefaction.

For four years, from April, 1895, to April, 1899, this money was in the hands of the court, waiting for the claims of the distant relatives to be decided. It required patient waiting for the time to come when the money should be available for the purposes of the association.

The purchase of the Talbott property on North Pennsylvania street was made after much deliberation and after all available sites which had been offered had been thoroughly canvassed. Whether to remain in the heart of the city, go out to Fairbank or choose a site half way between was long a serious question. The wisdom of the choice of the present location time alone will decide.

One cherished plan of the members of the association has always been an art school. The first step in this direction was the establishment of a school in January, 1884, which, after a precarious existence of four years, was finally closed for lack of funds. The work being done was of a high grade and several young people who commenced their studies of art there have continued their art education in New York, Paris and Munich.

For years after this no attempt was made toward the establishment of a school, the association realizing that nothing could be successfully accomplished until it had a building of its own. No sooner

## ANY ONE CAN

Prove the Value of Scientific Food.

A good, straightforward test of food is worth much to humanity. The following is interesting:

Mr. T. K. Durborow, of Greenfield, O., says: "After three months' sickness with grip I found I had lost forty-two pounds, with little appetite and almost no digestion. Wife finally put me on Grape-Nuts and I actually lived on this food, taking it three times a day, and a cup of Postum Coffee at each meal, for about four weeks.

"When I began I was so nervous and weak that my strength was exhausted even by dressing, and, of course, I was unable to do the work I had to do. After a few days, but I hammered away without any tonic or medicine, only my diet of Grape-Nuts and Postum three times a day. I found at the end of twenty-three days my nervousness gone, strength greatly increased and that I had gained sixteen pounds.

"Finally, after getting back to good health again I, of course, took on different kinds of food, and, as a change, began using Grape-Nuts for breakfast. After a while some peculiar spells began to appear in the morning, with dizziness, sickness and nervous lassitude. I took treatment for biliousness, but that did not avail.

"About a month ago I gave up the Grape-Nuts and took on Grape-Nuts and Postum again. These morning spells left me and I have had sufficient evidence of the scientific value of Grape-Nuts in taking it three times a day, that does not require the heavy work of the stomach occasioned by the use of starchy foods we use so much nowadays.

had the Talbott place been purchased than every effort was put forth to get the building in order for an art school.

On Jan. 13, 1902, the school was opened with ten pupils and five teachers. The school has constantly increased in numbers until to-day there are enrolled sixty-nine pupils and the present quarters are crowded.

Plans are already being made for enlarging the capacity in order to accommodate more pupils.

It is of interest to know that the present curator of the school and building, Miss Anna Ferrell, is a niece of Mr. John Herron, and she had the care of him during the last years of his life. She was the only relative he had who did not share in contesting his will. The Art Association has had but four presidents: Mr. Albert Fletcher, who served but a few months; Rev. N. A. Hyde, whose long term of faithful service of ten years covers the most trying and critical period in the history of the association.

It is impossible to record the faithful service rendered by Mrs. Sewall, the next president. Her keen interest has never flagged, from the day when she called her friends together for organization. Whether as secretary, vice president, president or among the ranks as private, she is never absent from the meetings of the board and

## GEORGIA'S MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN.



Mrs. Harben is the wife of a Georgia novelist. She will attend the coronation ceremonies in England, as the guest of Maj. Carthen Yorston. She is said to be one of the prettiest women in the South.

is radiantly happy over the present home. It was during her term of office that word came of the magnificent bequest of Mr. John Herron.

Mr. Hugh H. Hanna, the present president, is well known for the earnestness and zeal with which he enters into every good work he undertakes. His hand was felt in the appointment of the estate into three parts—the first, \$150,000, to be set aside and the interest used for the purchase of art treasures; \$10,000 to be used in the same way for an art school, and \$5,000 appropriated for grounds and building, the thought being that the friends would more readily assist in helping to erect a building than in purchasing art treasures afterward.

At the reception on Tuesday evening the entire building will be open to the public, including the studio in the rear, where the Saturday children's classes are held. The grounds north of the building will be lighted so that carriages may drive up to the northwest door of the building, the front door being closed to visitors. Board walks will also be arranged from Pennsylvania street and from Talbott avenue. The building will be handsomely decorated and brilliantly lighted. The work of the pupils in the various departments of the art school will be arranged so that the friends and patrons may see what is being done.

The following committee was appointed to take charge of the reception: Mrs. F. H. Blackledge (chairman), Mrs. G. F. Adams, Mrs. Addison Bybee, Mrs. May Wright Sewall, Mrs. T. C. Steele and Mr. A. P. Stanton. The committee on invitations is Mrs. G. F. Adams, Mrs. E. F. Hodges and Mr. A. P. Stanton. The committee on decoration is composed of Mrs. Addison Bybee, Mr. Otis Adams, Miss Virginia Keop, Mrs. Weisenberger, Miss Rhoda Sellick, Miss Bessie Hendricks, Mr. William Forsyth, Mrs. D. W. Coffin, Miss Louisa Fletcher, Mrs. Carl H. Lieber, Mrs. S. E. Moss, Mrs. J. C. New, Mrs. Ernest Tripp, Mrs. George Tanner, Mrs. H. P. Wasson, Mrs. M. B. Wilson, Miss Mary Dean, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nordyke, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Parry, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Clemens Vonnegut, Jr., General and Mrs. Wallace, Mr. C. E. Coffin, Mr. T. C. Day, Mr. Henry Eitel, Mr. Frank Favre, Mr. J. P. Frenzel, Mr. H. O. Haldeeman, Gen. John P. Hawkins, Mr. Benet Lyman, Mr. T. E. Hibben, Mr. Nathan Morris, Mr. James E. Roberts, Mr. Philip Rappaport, Mr. Charles E. Williams.

## Gossip of the Week.

A former Indianapolis woman, who now resides in Washington, was fortunate enough to be invited to a reception given by the wife of Wu Tingfang, and she has to the affair: "Friday afternoon Mrs. R. and I

attended Mme. Wu's last reception of the season. Not only Mme. Wu, but her house is very interesting. Her only child, a boy of twelve or fourteen, received with her, and a nephew of Mr. Wu's was open to conversation in one of the parlors. Mrs. Wu has a very sweet, motherly face, and is really pretty in her graciousness. She has a very charming, cordial manner and was dressed, of course, in her native costume. I consider myself quite lucky to have had this peep in the life of such aristocratic foreigners."

Society is unfortunately in not having an opportunity to open its doors to Prince Henry during his flying visit to town. Some Indianapolis people, however, will be among the privileged people who attend the ball given in the Auditorium in Chicago to-morrow night in honor of his Highness. And, by the way, the tickets for this affair are \$35 apiece—\$70 for two! A prince is certainly an expensive attraction!

Miss Ethel Parks, of Martinsville, who has been pursuing her musical studies in New York, has been appointed soprano soloist in the quartet choir of the Second Presbyterian Church of that city. Miss Parks has many friends in Indianapolis. She is a talented girl, with an unusually sweet voice, and her friends are well pleased with the progress she is making.

A recent visitor made a great hit with a certain set of girls. It was not strange that he did so, for he was good looking and had most impressive manners. He had not been here long before his attentions to three maidens became decidedly marked. The three, unknown to him, were the best

Visit Our New White Goods Department

# WASSON'S

Ladies' Tailoring Department Is Open.

## OUR SPRING OFFERING

TO-MORROW we begin the spring business with a special offering of choice selection of Dress Goods, Silks, Novelties in Black Goods, Tailor-made Suits, Novelties in Dress Skirts, Fine Silks and Madras Waists, White Goods, Embroideries, Carpets, Rugs and Draperies.

### New White Goods Department

We open our new White Goods Department to-morrow, and invite an inspection of this extraordinary offering. This department will now compare very favorably with our great Embroidery Department. Never so many beautiful makes of White Goods as shown this season, the best of which you will find in our new Department.

10 pieces satin striped and fancy Madras, new choice styles, regular 15c and 20c kinds. For Monday, **15c**

Beautiful mercerized Damask and Jacquard shirtwaist Madras, yard, 50c and 50c kinds. For Monday, **35c**

Hop Sacking, highly mercerized satin finish, 40c

Drap de Chiffon, the new washable Organdie, 45 inches wide, sheer and fine as a 60c Organdie. Our special at, yard, **39c**

New Madera Nainsook pure soft bleach for ladies' and children's use, 40 inches wide, 10-yard **\$2.25** bolts, per bolt

Fine French Lawn, 48 inches wide, special for confirmation dresses, **50c**

Crystal Lawn, a soft silky fabric, entirely new, beautiful for evening wear **75c**

Embroidered and reverse striped pineapple tissues in a dozen designs at **69c**

40-inch embroidered Revereing, the latest shirtwaist material, yard, \$1.25 and **\$1.00**

The ultra stylish mercerized fancy Cheviots in fancy stripes, spots, Jacquard stripes and the new oatmeal and huck weaves in white and cream. More than fifty styles to choose from at from, yard, 35c **\$1.00** to

### WAISTS AND JACKETS

The new Gibson Waist, like cut, on sale Monday, made of Moire silk, peau de soie and Taffeta silk, pique and percales, white and colors, **\$1.00 to \$10.00**

Ladies' new spring Jackets of English blinde cheviots, new blouse style, lined throughout with taffeta silk, man-tailored seams, Monday **\$12.50**

### DRESS SKIRTS

New Silk Dress Skirts, hemstitched and tucked all over, new flare flounce, drop-skirt with silk ruffle; Monday **\$25.00**

New Black Broadcloth Dress Skirts, new flare flounce, trimmed, 16 silk satin straps, near silk lining; Monday **\$10.00**

### TAILORED SUITS

New Tailor-made Suits of English blinde cheviots, blouse or fitted jackets, lined with taffeta silk, new flare flounce skirts, \$25.00 value; Monday **\$18.50**

15 styles of Ladies' Tailor-made Suits, Etons, blouse, Norfolk, tight fitting and Gibson styles, all the new materials and colorings, some taffeta silk lined throughout; Monday **\$25.00**

### Dress Goods

To-morrow will be like a formal opening day in our Dress Goods Department, on account of the offering of the advanced spring styles. Here are not only new weaves in Viole, Minstrel, Twine Cloth, Hop Sacking and many others, but a magnificent display of Sicilians, Brilliantines in all the new shades for spring. Here are a few specials for the sale to-morrow.

Colored Dress Goods.

Hop Sacking, new weave, \$2.50 yard, **\$1.98**

Silk warp Eolian, \$2 grade, **\$1.50** for

Twine Cloth, all colors, specially adapted for spring garments, worth \$1.25, for **98c**

Wool Voile, soft and clingy fabrics, just the thing for spring and summer suits, \$1.25 grade, for **98c**

Minstrel Crepe, in fancy stripes, worth \$1.48, for **\$1.25**

Mohair, in cream, 56 inches wide, something entirely new, very desirable and specially adapted for shirtwaists; to introduce it, **\$1.00** quality, for

Albatross, full line of colors, worth 65c for **50c**

### Sale of Black Silks

Over 3,000 yards of Guaranteed Flack Silks sent to us by our silk buyer, who is now in New York, will be offered for sale to-morrow. Every yard of these silks would bring the full regular price, but at this sale they go at from 10 per cent. to 20 per cent. less.

Black Peau de Soie, 27 inches wide, \$1.50 quality **\$1.19**

Black Peau de Soie, 24 inches wide, \$1.25 quality **98c**

Black Peau de Soie, \$1.00 quality, **85c**

Black Royal Armure, \$1.00 quality, **79c**

Black Satin Duchesse, 24 inches wide, worth 90c, for **75c**

Black Louissine, 85c grade, **65c** for

Black Taffeta, warranted to wear, 85c value, for **69c**

Black Taffeta, 27 inches wide, guaranteed to wear, \$1.19 quality, for **85c**

Lyons finish Black Taffeta, extra quality, 27 in. wide, was \$1.38, for **98c**

### Basement

Bleached Sheets, 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 yards, nicely made, each **53c**

Unhemmed Sheets, 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 yards, in unbleached only, each **33c**

Bleached Pillow Cases, 42x36, made of remnants of sheeting, each **10c**

Cotton Huck Towels, 20x40 inches, fancy borders, regular 15c value, each **10c**

Bleached and unbleached Turkish Bath Towels, size 18x34, heavy weight, each **10c**

Factory ends Dress Linings, in black and colored, 20c quality; for Monday's sale, per yard **9 1/2c**

Factory ends figured Velour Plush, in all colors, regular price off the piece \$1 per yard; for Monday's sale **49c**

Chenille Stand Covers, size 48x48 inches, in all colors; for Monday's sale, each **69c**

Light-weight summer Comforts, cotton filled, hand made, silk-line covers, each **\$1.35**

Linen Table Damask, bleached and unbleached, 2 yards wide, regular 90c quality; for Monday's sale, **50c** per yard

Satin Marseilles Quilts, in white and colored, \$4.98 quality; for Monday's sale, for **\$2.49**

Linen damask Dresser Scarfs, in white and fancy borders, fringed all around, each **25c**

### UNDERMUSLINS

Full French Corset Covers, of fine long cloth, torchon lace insertion across front, lace edge around arms, eyes, neck, back and front; Monday **58c**

Umbrella Drawers, of fine muslin, tucked-trimmed India linen flounce, torchon lace insertion and two-inch edge; Monday **50c**

Hubbard Gown, of long cloth, "V" yoke, trimmed, twelve clusters fine tucks, twelve rows hemstitching, collar and cuffs with hemstitching; ruffle; \$1.25 gown; Monday **89c**

Low neck French Gown, of fine muslin; neck, back and front trimmed with fine Val lace insertion and edge; cuffs, lace edge; Monday **\$1.25**

Fine cambric Skirt, India linen, knee flounce trimmed with tucks and hemstitching, six-inch embroidery ruffle, full foot ruffle; Monday **\$1.35**

Umbrella Skirt, of fine muslin; India linen knee flounce, trimmed, three clusters tucks, two torchon lace insertions, three-inch lace edge; Monday **\$2.50**

### Tailoring Department

Our Tailoring Department under the management of Mr. McFarland was never so busy. The new ideas for ladies' tailored costumes are in, also the materials. Please place your orders early, as we are now over two weeks behind with present orders.

### Black Dress Goods.

Pure Mohair Sicilian, 50 inches wide, 75c quality, for **48c**

Imported Cheviot, 54 inches wide, \$1.25 grade **69c**

English Whip Cord, 54 inches wide, \$2 quality, for **\$1.10**

Granite Cloth and Armures, worth \$1.25, for **79c**

Poplins and Satin Soliels, \$1 quality, now **68c**

Cheviots, all wool, 56 inches wide, for short skirts, \$2.50 values for **\$1.39**

Eolian silk and wool, 48 inches wide, made to sell at \$2, for **98c**

## Carpets---Draperies---Rugs---Mattings

Our Spring offering to-morrow of Carpets, Rugs, Matting and Draperies will be quite an event, not only on account of the choice selection of floor coverings and draperies, but we start the season TO-MORROW with specials which cannot be duplicated again at the prices.

### RUGS

New spring patterns, high pile, close weave Imperial Axminster Rugs, size 8.3x10.6; regular price \$25, **\$19.60** March starter

50 patterns, hearth size, Axminster Rugs, Oriental and floral designs; regular price \$2.75, March **\$1.98** sale

43 patterns largest size Axminster Rugs, Oriental and floral designs; regular \$4.00, special March **\$3.23** sale

12 bales extra quality high grade tapestry Brussels Rugs, sizes 9x12; regular price \$18.00, special **\$13.85** March starter

Cocoa Mats, just the thing for muddy weather, small size, good quality; regular price 50c, March special **33c**

### CARPETS AND MATTING

1,000 yards Cocoa Matting, in all widths for porch strips, plain and fancy striped; regular price 60c, March special per square yard **43c**

Rubber and Zinc ends at special low prices

Size 9x12 Wilton Plush Rugs, all one piece goods, handsome mottled patterns in Persian colors; regular price \$25.00, special March **\$18.00** price

All wool extra super Ingrain Carpets (none better) our regular 75c quality in the special March sale **57c**

Full ten wire Tapestry Brussels, all the new spring purchases in this sale of Rug and Carpet patterns; regular price \$1.00, March special **79c**

Genuine Scotch Linoleum, printed and laid for offices, halls, kitchens and bath rooms; range in price from 48c to **\$1.50**

### LACE CURTAIN DEPARTMENT

500 remnants, foreign and domestic Swisses, Cretonnes, floor Domestics, Madras, Silkaines, Scrim, etc., 24 inch Tapestry Squares, your choice **10c**

Nottingham Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, 60 inches wide, overlapped edges, **\$1.50** per pair

Ruffled Muslin Curtains, 3 yards long, pair **50c**

Ruffled Muslin Curtains, hemstitched, 5 inch ruffles, set in colored borders, 20 select colorings and styles; tailor made, pair **\$1.75**

Popular Cable Net Curtains, full width and length, the \$5.00 kinds, 20 different style borders; per **\$3.98** pair

Heavy Tapestry Couch Covers, Oriental styles, double faced, heavy fringe all around, good \$3.00 values, **\$1.50** each

Two more cases (42 pieces) heavy finish quality 25c floor Denims, blues, browns, greens and reds, superior and extensively used for rug fillings and chamber carpets, yard **18c**

Full mercerized Portieres, heavy silky fabrics, new weaves and colorings, some handsome stripes shown in this lot at, per pair **\$5.00**

12-inch Grille fancy turned spindles, piano finish, 1 to 12-foot lengths, choice of all 50c patterns, per **25c** foot

H. P. Wasson & Company

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