MUSIC—THE DRAMA.

"MIGNON" AT THE OPERA.

The first performance this season of Ambroise Thomas's "Mignon" at the Opera House last night was not altogether calculated to provoke enthusiasm in the listeners. It derived some interest outside of the fact that it was an addition to the current repertory from the circumstance that two new members of the company effected American entrances in it, but had the impression created by the first act been permitted to remain, that interest would have been ill rewarded. The new members were Mlle. Mira Heller, who sang the titular rôle, and Signor Nouvelli, who was the Meister of the occasion, but in name only. The young woman is an engaging person, and gifted in a more than ordinary degree with qualities that go to make up a true artist. She is comely, sympathetic, earnest and intelligent. Her voice, too, is good in quality, and its merits, we are sure, will assert themselves when they are presented under more favorable conditions than were possible last night. Miss Heller is evidently young and comparatively inexperienced. The improvement which her singing and acting disclosed as the evening wore on indicated that she was nervous in the first act, and that her deviations from pitch were due to that cause. She sang the Styrienne in the second act very much better than the romance in the first; her voice was truer and much more resonant. It has a fine carrying power, due to quality and not force, and that speaks well for it. As the season grows it is safe to say that she will advance in the estimation of the public. This cannot be said of her companion, however. Signor Nouvelli was distinctly disappointing—a poor singer and worse actor. Mme. Nordica was the Filina, acted archly and intelligently, and sang the polacca with brilliancy, though up to that number she seemed to feel but little interest in a rôle which is plainly not within the range of her sympathies. Mme. Scalchi was the Frederico of yore, and when she sang the gavotte in the boudoir scene, and repeated it, she sent the first thrill of real pleasure through the audience which it was privileged to feel. M. Piançon was a tuneful Lotario, and as impressive as the librettist would permit him to be.

HARRIGAN'S THEATRE—"NOTORIETY."

The return of Edward Harrigan to his own theatre was a subject of rejoicing there last night. He reappeared with his company in a new play which he calls "Notoriety." There are good things to be said about it, as there always are about any of Mr. Harrigan's plays, but it was not, on the whole, quite up to the standard of the house, the author and the company. The condition in which it was presented suggested insufficient rehearsal. It was much too long, and there were expanses of dialogue in it which added nothing to the interest or the enjoyment. The story was even slenderer than usual, and, though the cast of characters was headed "Types," there were not many new portraitures of the sort for which Mr. Harrigan's stage is justly famous. One of the most noticeable was Melancholy Mary, who had a song about herself. Miss Vivian Bernard, who had the part, looked exactly the woman that she was intended to look. It was a faithful picture, but not a pleasant one.

The good part of the play was the way in which it was done. The crowd with which Mr. Harrigan fills his stage is not only natural and right as a whole, but it can be taken to pieces, and then it is found that every member of it is distinct, natural and right of himself. John Wild was as funny as ever in his unfailing character of the rascally negro. Mrs. Yeamans delighted the audience, and the admirers of Miss Emma Pollock, Miss Queenie Vassar, Joseph Sparks, Charles Coffey and Charles F. McCarthy were numerous. A good dash of fun was imparted to the last act by some very fragmentary portions of "As You Like It," in the open air, with Mr. Harrigan as Touchstone and Mrs. Yeamans as Audrey. Six new songs by David Braham were sung, of which two, "The Old Neighborhood" and "Up in the Tenderloin," pleased the audience greatly. If the faults of the performance are indeed due to lack of preparation, it is scarcely necessary to say that the play may be expected to improve in the course of a few nights.

INCIDENTS IN SOCIETY.

Mrs. Alfred Edwards, of No. 12 West Thirty-third-st., gave a dinner party at Sherry's last night, in honor of her daughter, Miss Helen Gansevoort Edwards, who will make her formal entrance into the fashionable world at a reception to-morrow. The guests, about 100 in number, sat at small tables, which were set in the ballroom, each one being prettily decked with flowers. Some of those present were Miss Alice Post, Miss May Neeser, the Misses Delafield, Miss Elizabeth Hare, Miss Mary Pell, Miss Eliz[illegible] King, Miss McKeever, Miss Caroline Lee, Mi[illegible] Hoffman, Miss Edith Van Cortlandt Jay, Miss Belknap, Miss Alice Wilmerding, Miss Edith Sands, Miss Juliette de Neufville, Miss Snelling, Miss Julia Grant, Miss Henop, Miss Renee Coudert, Miss Charlotte Barnes, Miss Mabel Jones, Miss Mabel Lewis, Miss Clews, Miss Ada Godfrey, Miss Ethel Iselin, Goodhue Livingston, J. Langdon Erving, George S. Brewster, George R. Dyer, Allen Robbins, Edward Livingston, jr., Valentine G. Hall, Fitzhugh Townsend, Henry R. Taylor, Thayer Rebb, G. Beekman Hoppin, Charles K. Beekman, Creighton Webb, Pierre Jay, James De Wolf Cutting, Ernest R. Van Rensselaer, Erskine Hewitt, Edward Renshaw Jones, Frederick Rhinelander, George Blagden, jr., J. Montgomery Hare, John G. Neeser, J. Rudolph Neeser. After the dinner the majority of the guests went to the Patriarchs' ball at Delmonico's.

Mrs. Robert Livingston Clowe gave a coming-out reception yesterday at her home, No. 19 East Sixtieth-st., for her daughter, Miss Cornelia Livingston Crooke.

George W. Vanderbilt gives the second of his series of receptions, with music, in honor of his friend, Courtlandt Palmer, this evening, at his home, No. 640 Fifth-ave.

James Lawrence Breese gave one of the most brilliant receptions of the season yesterday afternoon at his new studio, No. 5 West Sixteenth-st. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Stanford White, Mrs. Henry Clews, Miss Elsie Clews, Mrs. George B. De Forest, Mrs. Thomas W. Ward, Mrs. August Belmont, Mrs. Duncan Elliot, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Porter, Mrs. J. J. Wysong, Mrs. William Pollock, Miss De Forest, Miss Callender, Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Francklyn, Miss Cora Randolph, Mrs. F. Egerton Webb, Mrs. Jordan L. Mott, jr., Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Beckwith, Mrs. Paran Stevens, Mrs. William Osgood, Mrs. John A. Lowery, Mrs. J. Hobart Warren and Miss Eloise Breese.

The second of Albert Morris Bagby's "musical mornings" took place in the ballroom of the Waldorf yesterday. There was an interesting programme by the Adamowski Quartet, and Miss Lucile Hill, of the Metropolitan Opera House, sang. Orton Bradley was at the piano. Among the many well-known people present were the Marquise de Talleyrand-Perigord, Mrs. H. Mortimer Brooks, Mrs. Charles D. Stickney, Mrs. James Abercrombie Burden, Mrs. Elisha Dyer, jr., Mrs. Christopher Moller, Mme. Melba, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bierstadt, Mrs. James H. Beekman, Mrs. Schuyler Hamilton, jr., Prince Del Drago, Count von Bismarck, Count de Castellane, Baron d'Uechtritz, Mrs. E. L. Baylies, Mrs. Arthur B. Twombly, the Misses Cameron, Miss Louisa McAllister, Mrs. Frederick D. Grant, Miss Clementina Furniss, Mrs. Alfred C. Barnes, Miss Martina Johnstone, Mrs. Wilber Bloodgood, Mrs. William Bloodgood, Mrs. Robert Ballantine and Mrs. William Rockefeller.

Dr. Henry Dwight Chapin gave a musical tea on Saturday afternoon at his home, No. 27 West Fifty-first-st. Mrs. H. B. Chapin, Mrs. W. H. H. Moore, Mrs. George McKibben and Miss Hattie Snow received the guests. Mrs. Northrop, soprano, and M. Gaston Blay, violinist, were accompanied by organ and piano.

MR. KELLY SAID TO BE OUT OF DANGER.

At the home of Eugene Kelly last night it was said that the banker was resting easily and that he was out of danger.

STILL LOSING GOLD.

A BETTER POLICY NEEDED.

From The New-York World.

The continued withdrawals of gold from the Sub-Treasury show the pressing need of a currency commission to frame some better policy than that which pays bankers an interest premium on gold at one window of the Treasury in order that they may have a better opportunity to draw it out at another.

THERE MUST BE MORE BORROWING.

From The Providence Journal.

It would seem that the necessity to borrow again cannot be postponed much beyond the last of January. The issue of bonds in February last sufficed to keep the reserve above the $100,000,000 limit till the first of May, but the drain has begun sooner and in larger volume this time, and it may be expected to complete its weakening work more rapidly.

LENDERS GETTING BACK THEIR GOLD.

From The Chicago Times.

That tiresome gold reserve dropped off something more than $1,700,000 yesterday. The patriotic gentlemen who helped the Government by buying its bonds with gold have begun to take their gold back.

IT HAPPENS UNDER DEMOCRACY.

From The St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Treasury gold fund has already begun to dwindle again, the loss on Thursday reaching $1,581,-000. This is not pleasant, but it is one of the things to be expected as a regular accompaniment of Democratic rule.

THE BORROWING ADMINISTRATION.

From The Newburg Journal.

Gold shipments continue. Thanks to the second fifty million loan made by the Administration, the reserve, however, is still above the hundred million mark. It will be maintained if the Administration has to borrow all the country's spare cash. It will be known in history as the Borrowing Administration.

REPUBLICANS HAVE A FEAST.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES CHEERED AND LISTENED TO.

THE REPUBLICAN CLUB GIVES A DINNER FOR ITS MEMBERS WHO WERE ELECTED TO OFFICE IN NOVEMBER—CONGRESSMAN QUIGG AND OTHERS SPEAK.

There was a gale of merriment and good fellowship intermingled with the full dress suits, the bunting, the champagne and the speeches at the dinner of the Republican Club at their Fifth-ave. clubroom last night. Primarily the object of the supper was to honor successful candidates in the last election who are members of the club. The club furnished the Governor of the State, the Mayor of the city, five members of Congress, four members of the Assembly, three Aldermen of the city of New-York and the treasurer of Long Island City.

Governor-elect Morton was not present, but he sent the following letter to the chairman of the Committee of Arrangements:

I must apologize for this late acknowledgement of the receipt of your note of the 19th ult., which was accidentally mislaid and overlooked, conveying an invitation to attend the monthly dinner of the club on December 10. While it would give me pleasure if I could avail myself of the invitation so courteously extended, I regret to say that my engagements here are so pressing that it will be impossible for me to be present on so interesting an occasion.

I am well aware of the active and earnest efforts made by the officers and members of the Republican Club during the recent campaign, and desire to return to them my hearty congratulations upon the gratifying results achieved.

The rooms were beautifully decorated with American flags. Covers were laid for about 130. The reception-room contained one table, the parlor two, the back parlor a large one, T-shaped, and there was one more table in the café on the second floor.

GUESTS AT THE TABLES.

Seated around the table in the reception-room were George W. Stephens, William Leary, Jacob M. Patterson, H. L. Einstein, J. F. Baker, Joseph Pool, H. De Milt, H. B. Niles, E. C. Ray, Mr. Tibbetts, C. R. Skinner, F. Billings, A. H. Steele, C. H. Dennison, T. B. Odell, H. T. Hanks, E. H. Benn and J. Ford.

Holding down the ends of Table B were William Brookfield, chairman of the County Committee; Elihu Root and Edward Lauterbach, the well-known lawyers, and Assemblyman-elect Alfred R. Conkling. Ranged along the sides were Congressmen-elect Ben L. Fairchild, Richard C. Shannon and Benjamin B. Odell, Congressman Lemuel E. Quigg, Edmund Wetmore, R. W. Taylor, Assemblymen-elect Frank D. Pavey and W. W. Niles, jr., W. M. K. Olcott, C. C. Shayne, J. S. Smith, B. E. Hall, J. P. Windolph, Lucien Knapp, J. E. Leaycraft, T. F. Wentworth and J. A. Blanchard. At the other tables were F. C. Loveland, R. R. Hefford, Ellis H. Roberts, D. Lewis, Richard Deeves, C. H. Treat, A. B. Price, J. P. Foster, W. L. Findley, John A. Sleicher, J. S. Lehmaier, J. P. Clark, G. W. Lyon, W. H. Arnoux, H. Gleason, G. J. Seabury, James Owens, G. B. Fowler, C. E. Bidwell, M. E. Haviland, C. Strong, G. H. Smith, A. Alling, G. S. Redfield, W. N. Cohen, L. T. Golding, F. E. Leinbeer, J. Lee Taller, G. R. Fitch, George H. Stover, J. Bonnell, S. W. Rowne, S. G. French, L. W. Sweet, H. B. Johnson, C. F. Homer, J. M. Mitchell and J. R. Sheffield.

In the café upstairs were gathered E. A. Newell, J. C. Thomas, C. U. Gordon, G. W. English, W. F. Wakeman, A. H. Gleason, E. R. Ramsdell, J. A. Bishop, T. Clelland, J. R. Tressider, R. A. Murray, Charles Andrews, L. R. Wilson, J. H. Phipps, G. M. Corning, W. De L. Washbridge, E. C. Jones, G. A. Strong, G. A. Morrison and J. E. Russell.

MR. WETMORE BEGINS THE SPEAKING.

Edmund Wetmore presided. The dinner began shortly after 7, with nearly every guest in his appointed place. The speaking began at about 10 o'clock. Mr. Wetmore was greeted with applause as he rose to make his introductory remarks. He said in part:

We gave this dinner in honor of our fellow-members whom the choice of the people, at the last election, promoted to public station. The occasion renders a new rule necessary. Each speaker will be allowed ten minutes and no more. This not out of discourtesy or lack of interest in our guests, but simply because of the gratifying fact that if all are called who were also chosen they are so numerous that, in view of the circumstance that more than a month has passed since the election, so that all of them have got their second wind, if we did not impose a limit of time we should be apt to slip into eternity.

Of the successful candidates last November, this club furnished from its roll of members the Governor of the State, the Mayor of the city, five members of Congress, four members of the Assembly, three Aldermen of the city of New-York, and the treasurer of Long Island City, the first Republican ever elected to that office.

And in the brief period that has elapsed since the election the same suggestive list has given a secretary to the Mayor, an adjutant-general to our military forces, and a police justice to the bench.

I know it is the fashion to scoff at those who are active in party politics as office-seekers, but it is a grave and pernicious error to make that a reproach which should be the subject of the highest commendation, because, like all human acts and doings, it has been abused, and is liable to abuse. No amount of indignation at the evils and abuses of office-seeking, or at making that the subject of barter and sale that should be earned by high endeavor, worthy deeds and proved capacity, should lead us to forget that the ambition to fill the duties of political office worthily is not one to be stifled, but to be encouraged. (Applause.)

R. W. TAYLOR UPHOLDS "McKINLEYISM."

Mr. Wetmore then introduced R. W. Taylor, Congressman-elect from Governor McKinley's district in Ohio, a former member of the club. Mr. Taylor received an enthusiastic greeting. Among other things he said:

After partaking of this bountiful supper and making a speech in the café upstairs, I find myself in a condition to remind me of Abraham Lincoln's steamer on the Sangamon River. This particular steamer had a six-foot boiler and a seven-foot whistle. Every time the boat whistled the steam all went out of its boiler. I ran against a man named Coxey. (Voice: "And you kept him off the grass.") In addition to this, the Democratic papers accused me of being a carpet-bagger, a bloated bondholder from Wall Street and a gold-bug. I found that while it was an easy thing for an Ohio man to come to New-York and be elected to office it was brimstone for a New-York man to go to Ohio and be elected.

Then came from the young Congressman a ringing rebuke to Republicans who had shown timidity about so-called "McKinleyism," which was received with cheers.

MR. QUIGG'S TELLING REMARKS.

Congressman Quigg was then introduced, and received a rousing greeting. He was in excellent voice. His address follows:

Four years ago, when the 51st Congress met in its second session, I happened to be in Washington. The American people had just inflicted upon the Republican party a severe defeat. The Democratic members of that Congress returned to the capital frisky and jubilant. As they circulated among the defeated Republicans they did not simply smile—they glowed and crowed. They could not contain themselves, and they did not try to. Taunt was in every look and exultation in every tone. A Republican could not remark the time of day without being reminded that he and his party had been beaten.

A week ago to-day I was in Washington under other conditions, and the picture was very different. The Republican members, fresh from a triumph (cheers) the like of which had never been known in the history of the Nation, were quiet, thoughtful, subdued. If they smiled at all, it was at one another, not a Democrat. All around them were the battered hulks of stranded statesmanship, but not a word was spoken to the annoyance or humiliation of any Democrat. When Republicans met together they talked not of the victory, but of the responsibility. I recalled in contrast the other scene four years before. It was a contrast that strikingly illustrated the difference between the two parties. (Applause.)

It is a principle of human nature to which, consciously or unconsciously, every man responds, when things go wrong, to find a reason for it in everybody else's conduct except his own. The Democratic susceptibility to this impulse is especially quick because it is a part of being a Democrat to be uncandid and shortsighted. We find Republicans galore who are ready, and often over-ready, to admit their own mistakes, but a Democrat will only admit some one else's. (Laughter.) No stretch of imagination can picture the President conceding that he had anything to do with his party's overthrow, for nothing is so notorious of the President as that he fails to find any distinction whatever between himself and Divine Providence. Mr. Wilson has already published his profound conviction that if the people had only had the good sense to choose him to be 356 Representatives and 88 Senators, all in one, they would now be living on milk and honey and resting on flowery beds of ease. (Long laughter.) Mr. Gorman, on the other hand, would like it to be understood that if humanity would only put its trust in him, as he puts his in the Sugar Trust, all the troubles of time and place would melt away. And so it goes through the long list of these hapless incompetents. Each knows that he knows it all and that all other knowledge is vanity. (Applause.)

CAPABLE OF LEARNING A LESSON.

Fortunately for the country and for our party, Republicans are capable of learning a lesson, especially when it comes with a just teacher's benevolence and a master's authority. When parties can be placed and displaced, politicians lifted and flung down and with the ease and celerity that have been exhibited in the last four general elections in this country, who shall say that the American people do not know their power and have not solved the problem of self-government? It is a fool who moans from under the wreck that their indignation has heaped upon him that they are capricious, and don't know what they want. It may be that they don't get what they want even when they take what seems most available. As one who lays no claims to statesmanship, who does not pretend to have fathomed the mysteries of time and space, and who has no disposition to argue with a whirlwind, I venture the assertion that in this country, at least, that public servant will receive the highest appreciation and the longest lease of responsibility who consents to take the people at their word and strives to give them not what, with assumed superiority, he thinks is good for them, but what they say they prefer to have. (Applause.)

REASONS FOR THE VICTORY.

The Democratic party was beaten on the sixth of last November as much because of the way they did it as because of what they did. Their most insufferable exhibition was of a total want of capacity for the practical business of government. They carried this exhibition from the capital right into the campaign. Throughout the West and South, in every State, they had two opposing sets of principles and orators. In Georgia, for instance, Secretary Hoke Smith and Congressman Turner went from stump to stump preaching the original Wilson bill and a gold standard in currency, while Speaker Crisp and the rest of the outfit talked for the German amendments and free silver! (Laughter.) This confession of imbecility went on in every State to the amazement and disgust of the people. We had a show of it here in New-York where a Democratic leader who was equally opposed to both the Wilson bill and the bill as modified by Gorman was the candidate for Governor, and the President himself set to his party the example of staying away from the polls. And this was their condition, it must be remembered, after two years of complete power and responsibility and the first opportunity they had had in two generations to show their true character as a party.

We Republicans must now see to it that we obtain a clear apprehension of what we have been elected to accomplish, and that we avoid all the mistakes of sectionalism and factionalism that have broken down our enemy. (Applause.) In the Nation, at least, we are not in power. We are in possession of only one branch of the Congress, and the Executive is still a man who, however in rebellion against his own party, is a distinct foe of ours. Before we can properly make ourselves responsible for public conditions, we must receive from the people that further grant of power which will enable us to produce public conditions. The only power we have yet received is a power of negation. We can stop further folly, but we cannot undo the folly that has been done. There is general legislation of a useful character which the next Congress can wisely undertake. It can pass, for instance, a bankruptcy law which will not be, as the pending bill is, a measure simply in the interest of debtors, but which will be in the interest of both debtor and creditor. A voluntary bankruptcy bill can never be much else than a scheme to enable dishonest debtors to escape their creditors. The bill that the country demands is a law which will enable creditors to step in, when a debtor is set free of his obligations, that they get their just rights, and which will enable them also to compel an assignment before the point comes in a debtor's affairs when they can't get anything. Other matters can be transacted in the interest of commerce and communication, in the interest of labor and education, but the Republican party can assume no responsibility in the next Congress, on any condition of affairs that now seems probable, for the settlement of the two great questions of currency reform and the tariff.

WHAT REPUBLICANS BELIEVE IN.

We believe in Protection, and the Democrats do not. We believe in a currency which is uniform, stable, safe. It must be recognizable and secure in every part of the country. It must not be based on the fraudulent claim that a dollar which means 50 cents is as good as a dollar which means 100 cents. The Democratic party is not with us on these propositions. Some may be with us on some parts of them, but the Republican party should not go to the country in 1896 on a straddle or a compromise, giving the Democrats credit for good principles which they do not possess, and taking upon Republican shoulders the responsibility of bad provisions which will not properly belong there. The Administration cannot mix good ideas, stolen from us, and bad ideas, meant to attract its own partisans, so artfully as to make the people forget that the Democratic party stands in an overwhelming majority for the free and unlimited coinage of silver and the unguarded issue of wildcat banks. These are their policies when the matter is divested of pretence and subterfuge, and with these policies the Republican party wants no compromise. (Great applause.)

NO MENACE TO INDUSTRY.

The people will not expect during the next two years to recover the prosperity they were enjoying when Republican policies were in full force. They will expect to pay the penalty of those who have been deceived, and who get what they don't ask for and don't want. Two years from now they will complete their message of instruction to the Republican party; and with a Republican President, a Republican Senate and a Republican House of Representatives in Washington, the business men of the United States will know that whatever the tariff changes under contemplation may be, in none will be found a menace to industry. Not a wheel will stop nor a fire go out because of any tariff legislation that is contemplated by the Republican party. The working people will know that with every enlarged opportunity to them there come better wages and better conditions of employment, that these are the fruits of a National policy which helps and not hinders. (Loud applause.)

The Republican party, no doubt, will make mistakes, but of this you may be sure, that they will not be mistakes of malevolence. Let it be our constant effort to show to Republican officials the true gauge of public contentment, so that their acts may be not only steps in the right direction, but good steps, wisely chosen. (Cheers and applause.)

Alderman-elect Olcott followed Mr. Quigg, and spoke happily.

Mr. Wetmore then said that Governor-elect Morton had sent him the following communication, lately received at Ellershe:

FROM THE "GET THERE" CAMPAIGN CLUB OF HUNGRY HOLLOW.

We are coming, Father Levi,
A hundred thousand more,
From Buffalo and Harlem,
From Old Long Island's Shore,
From every country district
Where our starry banner floats,
The men to draw the salaries
Are those who drew the votes.

If you're seeking for commissioners
But this way turn your eyes
Where else can you find candidates
So wholly free from flies?
We are all of us non-partisan,
For if there's some one who
Has got the office that we want
Another one will do.

The offices should seek the man,
Not leave him in the lurch,
And we can save those offices
A long and fruitless search,
For here are patriots galore
All ready if they must
To abandon private credit
And assume a public trust.

They talk about divisions,
There is fiction in the air,
But the way to heal divisions
Is to "divvy" on the square.
If you'll take the left hand voters
Now of harmony beneth,
If you want to save the party
See that none of us get left.

Other addresses were made by Congressman-elect Benjamin L. Fairchild, Assemblyman-elect Alfred R. Conkling, Assemblyman-elect Frank D. Pavey, Assemblyman-elect W. W. Niles, jr., and Alderman-elect Benjamin S. Hall.

BEFORE THE ANTI-LYNCHING LEAGUE.

A meeting under the auspices of the Anti-Lynching League and the Woman's Loyal Union, of Brooklyn, was held in Association Hall last evening to protest against the outrages perpetrated on negroes in the South. The Rev. A. J. Henry, of the Nazarene Colored Congregational Church, introduced General Stewart L. Woodford as the presiding officer. There was a large attendance. Letters of regret were read from Frederick Douglass, the Rev. Drs. A. H. Bradford and Lyman Abbott and Father Malone, who had been invited to speak. Miss Ida B. Wells, who went to England to stir up sympathy for her race, related the facts which had come to her knowledge, and made a strong plea for putting an end to the outrages so long endured and unavenged. S. V. V. White, former Member of Congress, and Colonel A. S. Bacon, also spoke.

ROBERT STUART'S HOUSE SOLD.

Worthington & Whitehouse have sold the Stuart house, Fifth-ave. and Sixty-eighth-st., 55x200, to A. Barber for over $50,000. Robert Stuart died a few years ago, leaving no will. The property then went to his wife. Mrs. Stuart died recently. There was an offer of $30,000 for the house one year ago, made by John N. Golding, the real estate broker of No. 11 Pine-st., but it was refused.

This is one of the handsomest pieces of property in the city.

CONTRACTS FOR STREET LIGHTS AWARDED.

The Gas Commission yesterday awarded contracts for lighting the city next year, at a total cost of $985,000. The Consolidated Gas Company will light 14,001 lamps at $17.50 a year for each lamp; the Equitable, 4,113, at $12; the Standard, 2,436, at $13; the Central, 1,199, at $21; the Northern, 2,184, at $28; the Yonkers, 655, at $28, and the New-York and New-Jersey Globe Gas Light Company, 158, at $22. The electric light contracts were divided between the Brush, United States, Mount Morris, Madison Square (successor to the Thomson-Houston), Harlem, Manhattan, Edison and North River Electric Light companies. All but the Edison bid 40 cents a lamp a night, the latter asking 45 cents.

Superintendent Parsons, of the Park Department, asked to have 200 naphtha lamps placed on the paths in Central Park. The New-York and New-Jersey Company offered to supply these lights at $22 each a year. A public hearing will be held on Friday on this subject.

BATTLE OF LONG ISLAND COMMEMORATED.

The Long Island Association of the Sons of the Revolution held a meeting last evening in the Brooklyn Club, to commemorate the battle of Long Island. The actual anniversary of that battle occurred in August. John J. Pierrepont presided. General A. C. Barnes read a brief account of the Battle of Long Island, and Asa Bird Gardiner, of the Society of the Cincinnati, made an address upon preserving memorials of the Revolution. A proposition was presented to erect a tablet to commemorate the battle of Long Island, at Flatbush-ave. and Fulton-st., where one line of the breastworks in that Revolutionary conflict was thrown up. Supper and music followed the meeting.

A GAY AND RECKLESS OLD DRIVER.

HE DUMPS A SECOND BIG LOAD OF TOYS AND OTHER INTERESTING THINGS INTO THE BASEMENT OF A WELL-KNOWN STORE.

When the snow came last December and invited the merry music of the sleigh bells an old man was one of the first to accept the invitation. He was a jolly looking chap, with a round, ruddy face and a long white beard, and he drove a team of horses attached to a heavily laden sleigh. The old man drove with a reckless, careless grace, typical of the merry twinkle in his eye. When he reached the corner of Broadway and Tenth-st., his horses shied at a cable car, the heavily laden sleigh was thrown against the curb, and together with its contents fell through the open grating into the basement of Hilton, Hughes & Co.

The firm, it seems, made no complaint, but the news of the accident brought thousands of people, with their little ones, to see the enormous load of goods, which was nearly entirely made up of toys. The policeman stationed at the corner had not forgotten the accident, and a few days ago he recognized in the wagon which came rumbling up the street the same quaint, old driver. He evidently had not profited by his mishap of a year ago, and was driving quite as recklessly. When he reached the same corner the same accident again occurred, and the wagon, load and driver were hurled into the basement of Hilton, Hughes & Co.'s store. The policeman could not overlook the affair a second time, and the old man was placed under arrest and taken before Judge Right, at the Jefferson Market Police Court.

The venerable appearance of the prisoner, whose misfortune had failed to dim the merry twinkle in his eye, evidently appealed to Judge Right, who had just entered on the blotter the charge of reckless driving. "What is your name?" he asked kindly.

"Santa Claus," the old man replied. Just then a drop of ink fell from the pen upon the book and the charge was blotted out. The prisoner was released and returned to the scene of the accident, where he has been engaged until Christmas Day to show all little children his collection of toys.

THE VARIETY ENTERTAINMENTS.

Novelty and interest were given to the programme at Tony Pastor's Theatre last night by the appearance of George Thatcher. He is a clever performer and a great favorite, and his part of the entertainment was much enjoyed. The programme as a whole was excellent. Besides Mr. Thatcher it included the Helston Sisters, singers and dancers; the Browne Brothers, clog dancers; Frank Appel, wire-walker; Miss Madge Ellis, A. H. Wilson, Rose and Harry Wentworth, contortionists; Miss Polite Holmes, the O'Brien Brothers, acrobats; Hugh and May Whitings, Frank Binney and Kittie Chapman, and Tony Pastor in new songs and parodies. The regular frequenters of Tony's are now waiting anxiously for the reappearance there of Miss Maggie Cline, on Christmas Eve.

Last night at Koster & Bial's new features of the programme were the first appearance at this house of Mlle. Marie Vanoni, in new French and English songs, and Jules Levy. The remainder of the bill included the living pictures, Mlle. Eugenie Petrescu, equilibrist and contortionist; the Brothers Rossow, liliputian athletes; Mlle. Erminia Chelli, M. and Mme. Bruet-Rivier, French duettists and imitators; Ivan Tschernoff and his troupe of trained dogs; A. O. Duncan, ventriloquist, and the Brothers Forrest, musical eccentrics. Next Monday evening new features of a change of bill will include the first presentation of the third series of living pictures, comprising twenty new subjects, and the reappearance in America of Paul Cinquevalli, the juggler.

The crowds that pass up and down Sixth-ave and through Twenty-third-st. always find Proctor's Theatre a pleasant place to rest for a quarter of an hour, or an hour, or for four. The show is always going on and the time makes no difference. The living pictures retain their popularity. They are chiefly domestic, heroic and humorous in character. The vaudeville bill of this week includes McAvoy and May, with novelties of singing, dancing and acrobatics; Press Eldridge, monologuist; Lizzie and Vinie Daly; the Lenton Brothers, acrobats; Brown and Harrison, in "The Same Thing Over Again"; the Dawsons, in difficult feats with high roller-skate stilts; Dilkes and Wade, the Ahrens, Clark and Temple, in their sketch "The Passing Show"; Winning a Soubrette"; the Fonte-Boni Brothers, Spanish and French duettists; Lottie E. Raymond, in character changes; Harry Rackett, Miss Addie Smith, Highland dancer; Karl Michaels, and Vic Ruthden, in songs and dances.

There was a variety of attractions at the Eden Musee last night. Among them were a dozen new wax figures and groups and an excellent concert by Danko Gabor's Gypsy Band. Among the new groups are three mechanical figures which are so lifelike that many people were deceived. The organ-grinder, his two boys and the monkey interested the children by the antics of the monkey as well as by the popular airs of the organ. The mother and her restless child proved a decided attraction. "The Sleeping Guard," the most ludicrous of all the mechanical figures, set everybody laughing. The majority of the visitors thought one of the attendants had fallen asleep and was snoring, but as soon as they attempted to arouse him they found out their mistake. Since the figure was placed on exhibition on Sunday no less than thirty people have reported the wax guard for being so uncivil as to fall asleep and snore. New groups will be added this week.

Huber's Fourteenth Street Museum this week presents several new and interesting features, both in the line of vaudeville and curios. Walter Ralston, the snake charmer, Jarrow, the strong boy, and Perkins's talking seal, Polly, Charles Tripp, the armless wonder, Signor Ferrel's rat circus, Campbell's Punch and Judy and Clawhammer Gus are among the attractions. Manager Huber recently enlarged the menagerie. In the theatre a continuous performance is given each day by the Elite Novelty Company, which includes Devoe and Taylor, the Cunningham Sisters, Fry and Lamont, John Sheehan, Lew Johnson, James Moore and Foster and Lewis.

The three continuous performances in Old Nuremberg, at the Madison Square Garden, went on yesterday afternoon and evening, to the joy of the children and of their elders. Crowds of people strolled about the streets, traded at the bazaars and rested in front of the three stages where the variety shows were going on. There is probably more entertainment offered for a single price of admission at the Garden than anywhere else in town. Of course, it is not possible to see all of it in one visit, but the way to accomplish that result is to make several visits, and that seems to be the plan which a good many people have adopted.

WOMAN'S EXCHANGE ENTERTAINMENT.

The annual social entertainment of the Woman's Exchange, Madison-ave. and Fifty-ninth-st., is to take place this evening, at the home of Mrs. Herman O. Armour, No. 856 Fifth-ave. The secretary will read her annual report, and Bishop Potter will deliver an address. The musical part of the programme is under the direction of Miss Lillie Berg, assisted by her pupil, Miss May Rankin, contralto; Emilie de Gogorza, barytone, and the Imperial Quartet, consisting of Joseph Brunning, Chris Levier, Joseph Smith and Alberto C. Mora. R. T. Percy is the accompanist. Miss Freer will play several selections on the autoharp. The following are the names of the managers of the Woman's Exchange, by whom the invitations have been issued: Mrs. C. Truax, Mrs. J. Hull Browning, Mrs. J. Hood Wright, Mrs. Herman O. Armour, Mrs. James Stokes, Mrs. Allen C. Batewell, Mrs. Anson B. Flower, Mrs. William N. Crane, Mrs. John Markle, Mrs. George M. Hard, Mrs. John J. Lapham, Mrs. Charles A. Tatum, Mrs. Richard J. Thompson, Mrs. Joel Ellis Fisher, Mrs. G. Weaver Loper, Mrs. Edwin Wasserman, Mrs. James Wilkinson, Mrs. St. John Hays, Mrs. Harvey S. Ladew, Mrs. David B. Ivison, Mrs. Francis Schell, Mrs. Mary A. Barnes, Mrs. Henry G. Lapham, Mrs. Francis A. Dugro, Mrs. Hopper S. Mott, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Wright, Mrs. Jacob Hays, Mrs. J. Jarrett Blodgett, Mrs. Edward W. Ropes, Mrs. Bertha N. Robinson, Mrs. Thomas H. Wood, Mrs. Henry B. Plant, Mrs. Simon Borg, Mrs. Charles L. Colby, Mrs. Alfred H. Smith and Mrs. Charles Raymond.

JULIAN POTTER AND MISS PIXLEY MARRIED.

The first public announcement was made yesterday of the marriage of Alice Bernice Pixley to Julian Potter. It occurred on September 14. Mr. Potter belongs to one of the best-known families of Westchester County, the same one which includes Bishop Potter, and James Brown Potter, Mrs. Potter is a sister of Annie Pixley, the popular actress, who died a little over a year ago. She has herself been on the stage, and may act again, though her plans are not definitely formed. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Houghton, of the Church of the Transfiguration, at the home of the bride's mother, No. 27 West Sixty-first-st. Miss Pixley was sick at the time and unable to leave her bed. Mr. Potter is a member of the Knickerbocker, Country, Meadowbrook and Vaudeville clubs.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

ASTOR—Congressman John M. Farquhar, of Buffalo. CAMBRIDGE—Judge John Davis, of the United States Court of Claims, and Captain Heese, of the German Embassy at Washington. FIFTH AVENUE—Senator Richard F. Pettigrew, of South Dakota; Congressman John M. Wever, of Plattsburg, N. Y., and ex-Senator C. P. Velder, of Ellicottville, N. Y. MURRAY HILL—Judge Hoyt H. Wheeler, of Vermont. NEW AMSTERDAM—Congressman-elect R. W. Taylor, of Ohio. WALDORF—Colonel R. Sartorius, C. M. G., and Captain A. E. Whitaker, of England. WINDSOR—Bishop George Worthington, of Omaha; Charles Fargo, of Chicago, and Lieutenant-Colonel A. L. Keller, of the British Army.

THE MICHAUX CYCLE CLUB MEETS.

A FASHIONABLE ASSEMBLAGE AT ITS FIRST SESSION—SOME OF THOSE PRESENT.

Society people who have taken to the bicycle as a pastime turned out in great numbers at the first meeting of the newly organized Michaux Cycle Club, which was held yesterday afternoon in Bowman's Hall, at Broadway and Fifty-second-st. The formal opening of the new club was a brilliant success, and everything augurs well for the prosperity of the venture, which will no doubt increase in popularity as the season advances. Society assembled yesterday not to ride, but to watch the evolutions of the instructors, and to enjoy the tea and music. The ladies who acted as hostesses yesterday were Mrs. James B. Townsend, Mrs. Charles B. Alexander, Mrs. Elisha Dyer, jr., Mrs. J. Watts Kearny, Mrs. Reginald De Koven, Mrs. H. G. Piffard, Mrs. George Hoffman, Mrs. Stanford White, Mrs. William Jay, Mrs. Charles G. Francklyn, Miss McAllister, Mrs. George B. De Forest, Mrs. Clement C. Moore, Mrs. Adrian Iselin, Mrs. C. S. Brown, Mrs. John Lawrence and Mrs. Robert G. Remsen. They received the members and the especially invited guests, who enjoyed the fancy riding and the good things provided by the organizers of the club. Some of those who attended yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. John A. Haldeh, Mr. and Mrs. James Hude Beekman, Clement C. Moore, the Misses Iselin, Lieutenant and Mrs. Beltini, Mr. and Mrs. B. Aymar Sands, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Boone, the Misses Gilbert, Miss Remsen, Mrs. Charles A. Childs, Dr. and Mrs. S. Oakley Vanderpoel, General J. Watts Kearny, Miss Kearny, Elisha Dyer, jr., Dr. and Mrs. Holbrook Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Ward, Mrs. Charles Oelrichs, Mrs. Isaac Lawrence, Mrs. Ferdinand Wilmerding, Mrs. Duncan Harris, Mrs. Gregory Sutton, Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs, Miss Virginia Fair, Mrs. Hugo Frits