

AMEN CORNER DINES FEW ESCAPE SHAFTS. Many "Stunts" of Many Kinds and Lots of Songs.

Senators, members of the Legislature, members of the city government, past and present, and just politicians, reformers, judges, lawyers, financiers, newspaper men and representatives of other professions and businesses, were among the six hundred guests at the tenth annual dinner of the Amen Corner at the Waldorf last night.

The speakers were Senator Dewey and State Senator Thomas F. Grady. The former, who was introduced as "the oldest youngest and the youngest oldest American with us to-night," spoke of the pleasure he always got from gatherings of newspaper men.

Senator Dewey said that Senator Grady who preceded him with a "swan song" had done "the neatest thing of his career." Senator Grady, who was introduced to tell about what was happening at Albany, said he was glad to come to so "formable a place as the Amen Corner."

"I am through with machine politics," said Senator Grady. "I think I see the back coming. So I introduced my direct primaries and nominations bill. I am sorry the Mayor has gone. I wanted to tell him through with state politics. There must be an end to the Mayor's personal acquaintances."

Among the other guests were: Chairman Woodruff of the Republican State Committee, President Irwin of the Republican County Committee, Orr T. Barnard, Chairman E. A. MacCurt, Jr., Controller Prendergast, John H. McCooey, chairman of the Kings County Democratic Committee, Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, Daniel F. Cohalan, Perry Belmont, William L. Ward, Republican National Committeeman, Fire Commissioner Walden and Winthrop Ames, director of the New Theatre.

The dinner began to entertain its guests soon after the oysters were served. President Anderson, over a telephone at his side, received occasional messages which caused no end of merriment.

LINER'S EXTRA FARE PILOT STORMBOUND. The Mauretania in After Her Worst Voyage.

The difficult problem of getting gratis a round trip between Europe and America in the cabin of a first class liner has been solved. Thomas Martin, a veteran pilot of Queenstown, put the Q. E. D. after the solution on his arrival yesterday on the Cunarder Mauretania.

Thomas Martin, the Queenstown pilot, came over in the first class of the Mauretania as a passenger, and he will have the same accommodations going back to Ireland. His recipe for getting a free trip is: "Learn to become a pilot; pick out a good ship to take into Queenstown, and then pay for bad weather."

The Mauretania, which left Liverpool on Saturday evening at 5:30 o'clock, got off the Irish coast, where she was to take the mails, in a terrific gale. Captain Turner said it was the worst weather he had encountered since he had been on the Liverpool and New York run.

Under the heading of "Shipping Intelligence" were the following items: Whalebark Finley, signalled in distress while passing Tammany Pier. Lifeboats lowered, and crew being saved. Windlass working full speed but anchor fouled.

Under the heading of "STUDENTS FLEE FIRE. Narrow Escapes When Dartmouth Dormitory Burns." Hanover, N. H., Feb. 26.—Many narrow escapes from death marked a spectacular fire which drove more than fifty Dartmouth College students from their beds in their dormitory, South Fayerweather Hall, and destroyed the building early to-day, causing a loss estimated at \$60,000.

Under the heading of "WOULD FORESTALL CONGRESS. Said To Be Pennsylvania's Plan in Buying N. & W. Control." The report from Philadelphia published in the Tribune yesterday that the Pennsylvania Railroad had acquired a majority of the \$30,000,000 capital stock of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company was said in well informed quarters in this city to be true.

Under the heading of "WOULD COST ROAD \$1,000,000. Say New Haven Officials, if Demands of Employees Are Granted." New Haven, Feb. 26.—The demands of the conductors and firemen on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, which were turned down by General Manager Higgins, it is stated with authority, if granted would have cost considerably more than \$1,000,000 a year.

Reduction Sale During the Month of March. Brass Beds, \$25.00 Up. Enamel Beds, \$37.75 Up. Enamel Queen Anne Couch Beds, \$7.00 Up. Springs and Mattresses at Very Reasonable Prices.

Goods purchased will be held for later delivery if desired. WHITCOMB METALLIC BEDSTEAD COMPANY 450 5th Avenue, near 40th Street PHILA., PA. 151 CHESTNUT ST. BOSTON, MASS., 80 WASH. ST.

Spring Opening To-morrow. We have everything in readiness. The newest and choicest materials now being shown are the small, neat check effects in all colorings. Samples and book-let forwarded to any address.

ARNHEIM, Broadway & Ninth St. POLICE FUND "OVER THE DAM." So Says Commissioner Baker, but He Is Investigating.

Police Commissioner Baker yesterday, in answer to a question as to whether he had done anything toward investigating the alleged raising of a fund to influence police legislation in the Assembly, said: "I guess that fund has gone over the dam with the water which went over the dam yesterday."

MRS. VAUGHN BREAKS DOWN. Charged Jointly with Physician for Murder of Husband. Kirksville, Mo., Feb. 26.—Warrants issued by the Adair County Circuit Court in a report of a special grand jury resulted in the arrest to-day of Mrs. Alma Proctor Vaughn and Dr. James R. Hull, of Monroe City, Mo., on the charge of the murder by strychnine poisoning of Professor John T. Vaughn.

CHARITIES DIRECTORY OUT. The New York Charities directory, which contains the names of more than five thousand persons prominently identified with philanthropic, educational and religious work in New York City, has just been issued. A special feature of the directory is a section on the treatment of tuberculosis.

GAYNOR TO SPEAK IN SYRACUSE. Syracuse, Feb. 26.—Mayor W. J. Gaynor of New York has accepted the invitation of the Syracuse Chamber of Commerce to be the guest of honor at its annual banquet in his honor at the city of Syracuse.

Stern Brothers Will display Monday Advance Styles of Women's Street and Carriage Wraps For Early Spring. Also Special Values in Paletots of Black and Blue Chevron Serge. at \$20.00. Paletots of Shepherd Plaid and Checks, lined throughout. at 25.00. Evening Wraps of Broadcloth, in a variety of colorings, at 45.00.

An Unusual Offering of Women's Tailored Suits and Dresses Suitable for Immediate Wear. Tailored Suits, of Chain Diagonal Serge, at \$24.50. Actual Value \$32.50. of Plain Serge, Two Styles, \$27.50, 38.00. Actual Value \$34.50 and 47.50. Dresses, of Cachemire Crepe, Actual Value \$45.00, 35.00.

Imported House Gowns of French Flannel, in various colors, trimmed with embroidery, at \$10.50, 14.50 and 19.50. Domestic Tea Gowns of China Silk, at \$10.50, 13.75, 16.50. Actual Value \$13.50 to 21.50. of Ribbon and Lace, Actual Value \$24.50, at \$19.50. of Crepe de Chine, " " 30.00, " 21.50.

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Boys' Spring Clothing Much Below Regular Values. Hand Embroidered White Russian Suits, in exclusive designs, at \$4.95, 6.95, 8.95. Reefers in Blue Serge and Fancy Mixtures, Values \$6.95 and 8.95. Norfolk, Double-breasted, Russian and Sailor Suits, in mixtures and plain blue, at \$4.95, 6.95. Boys' and Youths' White and Colored Negligee Shirts, 12 to 14 inch neck measure, also Flannelette Pajamas, 6 to 18 yrs, Value \$1.00.

Misses' and Small Women's Tailored Suits and Dresses Very Attractively Priced. Suits of Wale Serges, in olive, reseda, wistaria, grey, navy and black, plated skirt, Coat 30 ins. long, \$26.50. Dresses of Figured Foulard Silks, in navy, copenhagen and reseda, beautifully braided tunic skirt, 24.50. Dresses of Gingham, Dutch Neck Model, with yoke of embroidery, in blue, pink, tan, green and black and white plaid, at 5.75. Girls' Washable Dresses and Gimpes. Dresses of Imported Repp, Dutch Neck Effect, in white, pink and blue, embroidered design on yoke, full plaited skirt, 8 to 16 yrs, \$8.95. Gimpes of White Lawn, cluster tucked with three rows of feather stitching, turnover collar and cuffs, 6 to 14 yrs, at 1.25.

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