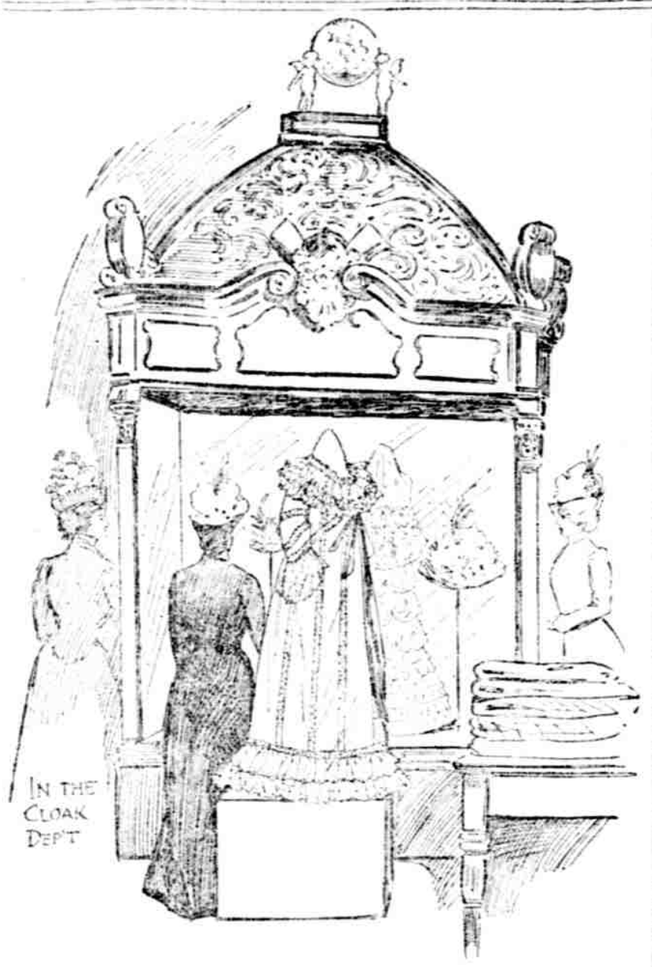
REALIZATION OF A NUGENT IDEAL.

Formal Opening of the Newly Remodeled Store Yesterday Attended by Enormous Crowds.

First Spanish Cannon From the Philippines One of the Unique Displays—Beautiful Goods, Tastily Arranged—Growth of the Business From Its Start, Twenty-Seven Years Ago.

Where the Business Was Begun 27 Years Ago.



The formal opening of the newly remodeled store of the B. Nugent & Bro. Dry Goods Company was held yesterday. The store was decked in holiday array. There was something significant of the occasion in each of the immense show windows, and on each of the five broad floors, and each of the hundreds of employes was a committee of one on reception.

The color scheme of the decorations was heliotrope and pink—the fashionable tints of the coming season. These colors were present at every point—in the windows, on the long lines of counters, in the show cases, and reflected in the hundreds of immense mirrors. Festoons and banks of violets and carnations surmounted the great rows of sleeves, and twined among them and around the great white pillars were trailing lines of smilax. As other details of the great scheme of decoration, there were the beautiful dress goods and hats, and the myriads of handsomely dressed women and girls, who moved about through the surging mass of callers.

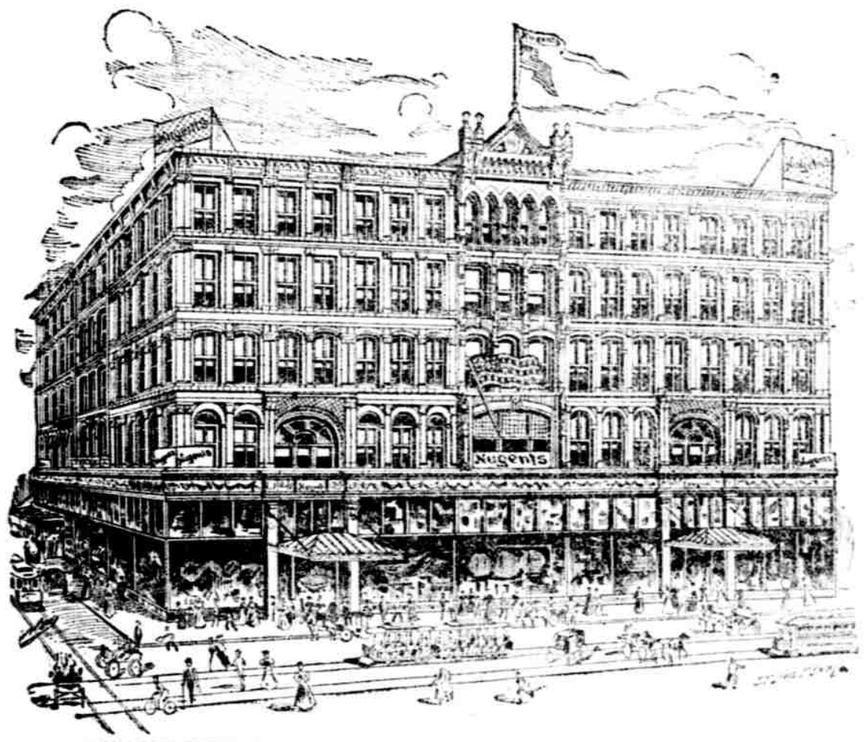
The crowds that visited the store were enormous. They began to come early, and they made the visit thorough. They explored every nook of the vast building; they examined and critically praised the arrays of beautiful things that they saw; they lingered about the show windows and the show cases; they tried on the hats in the cozy little rooms on the second floor, where the walls are swinging full-length mirrors; and when at last the day was ended and another of the important events that go to complete the history of the career of this great mart was a finished fact, they went home with new ideas of a model store, and with a feeling of pride that they could claim Nugents' as one of the great places of St. Louis.

To go into a detailed discussion of the display made by the firm in honor of the day would be an impossibility. The effect is to be tested rather by the general harmonious way in which the various departments of the store were contributors to permit of particular mention, and likewise that were too numerous to be grouped in any one or two of the display of the visitors. But there was one display, something by the place of a novelty, and one of the many evidences that the display was not simply a portrait of things offered for sale that was universally noted and admired. This was a Spanish bolo, and a Spanish mortar, have been placed on advance of highly polished wood, with many brass bands and ornaments, and the bolo rests in the jaws of huge American flags, in the true way and Washington style, of course. These cannon were sent back from Manila, where they were captured as part of the equipment of the arsenal by Mr. Ben C. Nugent, the well-known traveler, who recently visited the Philippine islands to be present at the time of the capture of Manila. First Spanish cannon sent to America from the Philippines, said Mr. Charles Nugent, emphatically. We expect to keep them in the family as the mementos of the great victory of Manila Bay.

Nugents' is the only exclusively dry goods house in St. Louis today. And it is strictly a cash house; credit is not extended to anybody, for the firm believes that to extend credit, in the ultimate, and that is something that it has always been the policy of Nugents' to absolutely avoid. It is to these facts, coupled with the further essential facts that every member of the firm and every employe is energetic, industrious and careful, that Nugents are behind every sale with a positive guarantee that the wares are exactly as represented, that complaints are given immediate and most careful attention by the member of the firm from whose special department they come; that the immense stock carried is as complete and as well selected as that carried by any store in America; that the best grade of St. Louis hospitality is always shown to every visitor, and that the whole vast business is a St. Louis enterprise, built upon good old St. Louis principles—that the immense growth of the firm is attributed. As an evidence that the Nugents are St. Louis men first, last and all the time, it is only necessary to state that there is not a public enterprise of any importance with which one or more of the brothers is not identified as a strong supporter and contributor.

While Nugents moved into their present place in 1892, that place is now to be remodeled to the tune of $100,000. During the past few months an enormous amount of improvement has been done on the store. Every floor has been remodeled, and that without the loss to the firm of a single day of business, with remarkable ease. The interior of the store has been practically rebuilt. New grills have been put in on all the floors, new fixtures have been in the stalls, and the whole scheme of the sales counters and shelves has been rearranged. The windows run from floor to ceiling, and there is not a dark corner in the whole store. The elevators have been moved, and that is a job of immense proportions. An entirely new system of heating, and the fire sprinkling plant has been installed, and it is extremely doubtful if any fire could ever gain enough headway in that store to burn much of a considerable amount of goods. There is everything in the store that belongs to a modern, modestable exclusive dry goods store. And it was the completion of the work that is necessary to make it so that was formally celebrated yesterday.

The officers of the B. Nugent & Bros. Dry Goods Company are B. Nugent, president, Ben C. Nugent, first vice president, Chas. W. Nugent, second vice president, F. C. Lake, secretary and treasurer, and James G. Nugent, manager.



WHERE NUGENT'S RECEIVED THEIR VISITORS YESTERDAY.

CAR STRIKES A CARRIAGE.

Mrs. N. R. Palmer and Daughter Receive Injuries.

Mrs. Virginia Shaffer and her mother, Mrs. N. R. Palmer of No. 25 Newstead avenue, while driving west on Delmar boulevard Sunday at noon were run down by a car of the Delmar division near Belt avenue. The carriage was upset and the two ladies painfully, and in the case of Mrs. Palmer seriously, injured. Edward Glynn, the coachman, was knocked from the top of the carriage and so seriously injured that he had to be sent to his home, No. 521 Washington avenue.

The carriage belonged to Mrs. S. V. Maine of No. 26[illegible] Pine street. Sunday morning she drove to the Delmar Avenue Baptist Church to attend the morning service, giving her driver instructions to call for her friends, Mrs. Shaffer and Mrs. Palmer, who have not been well and whom she thought would be benefited by a drive. She instructed Glynn to return for her about the time service was over. The carriage did not return as ordered and while Mrs. Maine was waiting she heard of the accident and hastened to No. 25 Newstead avenue to ascertain the extent of the injuries to her friend. Mrs. Shaffer, when seen last night, said that besides a severe cut of the scalp and bruises, she was not injured. She expressed the gravest fears for her mother, however, who is 91 years old.

Glynn, who was considerably bruised, said that he started across the tracks a few yards east of Belt avenue to go from the north to the south side of Delmar. He heard no warning nor any bell sounded and did not know a car was anywhere near until the collision occurred.

The Lindell Street Railway employes insist that it was no fault of theirs that the accident occurred.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY NOTES.

The County Court yesterday appointed S. H. Harrison of Sunset Lake as Justice of the Peace in Ben Brewster Township.

Peter Sage, of Kingshighway yesterday entered a plea of guilty to a charge of selling liquor without a license and was fined 10 and costs by Justice Hirzel in the County Court.

A petition was presented to the County Court yesterday asking for the appointment of James J. Wilson, Jr., as Justice of the Peace in Webster Groves to succeed Charles F. Gorenflo.

The will of ex-Representative Ira B. Wagner, who was killed in Webster Groves by a Suburban car about a month ago, was filed in the Probate Court at Clayton yesterday. The testator bequeaths his entire estate to his wife, who is made executrix without bond.

The office of the county clerk at Clayton, with its contents, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning at 3 o'clock. It is not known how the fire originated. The building belonged to Edward Ziegenhein and was valued at about $800. The stock, tools and oil was worth according to Hoyer's estimate, $[illegible].

A judgment for the plaintiff at their cost was rendered yesterday by Judge Hirzel in the Clayton Court in the case of Mary A. Kelly et al. vs. Albert V. Terry et al. The proceeding was a bill to quiet title to a deed of trust that the defendant had executed on a piece of property in Webster Groves on August 12, 1892, for $[illegible].

A party of mischief-makers played a number of pranks on Kirkwood Sunday night. They took a gate from Mr. Lee's tin-ware handle, and at Henry Ameelman's blacksmith shop on the Lindenwood road they cut off the top of a device wagon and threw a number of other tools and articles belonging in front of the shop into the adjacent ravine.

Justice of the Peace H. J. Horst died at his home in Kirkwood day before yesterday morning of cancer. He will be buried today. Justice Horst suffered from pustules several years ago and never entirely recovered from the attack. He was 64 years old and leaves a widow and family. He was a member of Affton Lodge, A. O. U. W., and also of the Concord Farmers' Club.

The house at No. 4[illegible] Cheltenham avenue, belonging to Mr. Clark Waring of the Hyde Park District, was damaged by fire yesterday to the amount of $[illegible]. The fire originated in a grass mound the rear stairway. Young [illegible] discovered the fire and gave the alarm. Patrolman Peter Madden, another policeman, and other citizens were there. Madden ran to the house and helped Young out. The flames were extinguished by a hooked hydrant before an engine arrived.

Matthew Bowers was found at Clayton yesterday by Frederick Eneckson and Marie B. Martin of St. Louis and by William R. Ballard of Chester, Ill., and Miss Josephine M. Wright of [illegible] avenue. The latter couple were married by Justice Hirzel and were accompanied by a merry bridal group. In the party were Miss Marie Schaefer of No. 2[illegible] Clifton avenue, Mrs. Lulu Knoche of Vera Place, Mrs. Sophia Eaton, the bride's mother and her two brothers, Arnold A. and George E. Wright.

A report of Marquand's reported yesterday that an attempt had been made to rob Ben Shaffer on the corner of Eleventh street and Washington avenue. His place of business is at No. [illegible] Washington, but he went there Sunday morning. He left his office about noon. As he was turning the corner of Eleventh street some one struck him from behind with a pair of brass knuckles and grabbed for his watch. Lazar resisted, and the fellow ran north and disappeared in an alley. Lazar did not report to the police.

The funeral of Philip F. Bock, who died last Sunday of typhoid fever, will take place today from his home at No. 6[illegible] Manchester avenue. The body will be interred in Bellefontaine Cemetery. Bock had been sick three weeks. At the time of his death Bock held a position. He at one time had been very well-to-do. The large building known as Bock's Hall, at the corner of Sarah and Easton avenues, was, until five years ago, his property. He had other large interests in St. Louis, but a slump in real estate values caused him to forfeit them. He was born in Paris forty-four years ago, and came to St. Louis with a few years old. He leaves a widow and three children.

Fish Are Biting.

Most complete assortment of fishing tackle in St. Louis. Rawlings Sporting Goods Co., 639 Locust st.

Mercantile Club's Election.

The annual meeting and election of the Mercantile Club will be held Wednesday afternoon, March 21. Five directors are to be chosen to serve three years. The election will be held between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 3 p. m. At 4 o'clock the annual meeting of the members will be called to order and the reports of the officers and committees for the last year will be received. The retiring directors are: O. L. Whitelaw, R. H. Kern, Elias Michael, J. S. Finkenbiner and L. W. Pose. Of these R. H. Kern and Elias Michael are eligible for re-election.

STEPS TO PREVENT PROPOSED REMOVAL

Methodist Ministers Want the "Central Advocate" and Book Interests to Remain Here.

COMMITTEE GIVES REASONS.

Also Outlines a Plan of Campaign to Prevent Kansas City From Obtaining the Publishing Business for This Section.

The Methodist ministers' meeting in St. Louis yesterday was that of the Southern Editorial, the question being the presentation of the report touching the removal of the Central Advocate and book interests to Kansas City, Mo. The committee appointed one week ago reported as follows, and the report was unanimously adopted:

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Third, we hold that our churches in the two cities concerned are to be considered only with regard to their relative importance to the denomination at large. This assertion that we are begging either city is not to be lightly regarded. We hasten to add, however, to point out that the general interests of Methodism are far less involved at Kansas City than at such a point of national activity and influence as St. Louis. There can be little doubt that for centuries to come the civilization of a great continent is to be considerably impressed by its four great capitals, of which St. Louis is one. Methodism, all the time, has invested in providing itself with every benefit of strength at these strategic points in the battle for God's Kingdom. Therefore, we maintain that it would be a short-sighted policy indeed to ignore the probable effects of the proposed change on the local interests of our church in St. Louis.

In consideration of the second particular of your instructions we hereby recommend the following measures to be employed against the proposed removal: First, the appointment of a standing committee, which shall have general supervision of the opposition to the proposed removal. Second, the appointment of a committee to appear before the delegation of the Book Committee at Kansas City, the 28th inst., and make representations in accordance with this preacher's meetings as touching this matter. Third, the adoption of our official boards to the 19th of December against the proposed change. Fourth, a remonstrance to be presented of all the members of the Illinois, Southern Illinois and St. Louis German conferences. Fifth, a circular letter to all the preachers of the St. Louis and Missouri conferences, setting forth the considerations against the proposed removal. Sixth, correspondence by all members of this preachers' meeting with members of the Book Committee and other members of the general conference, which meets in Chicago May next, looking to the use of our church periodicals for representation of our cause in this matter.

The report awakened a spirited discussion, and following the adoption of the following were appointed as a permanent committee: The Reverend W. M. Raleh, chairman; the Reverend Doctor A. M. Billingsley and the Reverend William Schutz. As a committee to meet the Book Committee at Kansas City, March 28, the following were appointed: The Reverend Doctor N. Lorenzo Coleman, chairman; the Reverend Doctor A. M. Billingsley, the Reverend William Schutz, the Reverend William Raleh, Governor E. O. Stanard and E. V. P. Ritter.

The recent appeal of the Bishops was heartily indorsed, and the paper of the day was read by the Reverend F. S. Briggs, on "The Responsibilities of the Church."

MEETINGS OF MINISTERS.

Paper on "Christ and the Jew" by Doctor Faris.

At the Southern Methodist ministers' meeting yesterday the paper of the day was read by the Reverend H. C. McPherson, pastor of Marvin Church, on "Pastoral Visiting." Twenty-three additions to the churches were reported. It was also announced that the Immanuel Church would enter their remodeled building next Sunday, also that there had been some ninety conversions at the First Church as a result of the revival meetings in progress now than a week, under the direction of the Reverend Mr. Culpepper.

The Presbyterian Ministerial Association was favored with an able paper by the Reverend Doctor R. P. Faris on "Christ and the Jew," in which were set forth the present views of leading rabbis with reference to the person and character of Jesus Christ. The doctor showed that, according to signed statements, these were generally agreed that such a person did actually live, and that he was a great and good man, and that his teachings entitled him to a place among the prophets. But that they just as uniformly denied his divinity and Messiahship. The Reverend Doctor Willis J. Craig, professor of systematic theology in the McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, being present, the association voted to accord him the time usually allotted for discussion of the paper. The doctor said there was no more important question than that presented by the paper, and that, while he did not think the ultimate acceptance of the Christ by the Jews would be brought about by any miraculous power, yet it was sure to come. He further said that he thought it would come through the gradual enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, and pointed to their present modified position as indication in this direction. The Reverend Doctor Faris, the Reverend Joseph Cause and the Reverend Doctor B. P. Fullerton were appointed a committee to arrange for a day of prayer for mission work in the near future, in accordance with the request of the mission federation meeting held in New York in January. The Reverend W. M. Langtry, the pastor-elect of the Brank Memorial Presbyterian Church, was received into the association.

At the Congregational Ministers' meeting the Reverend Harry Blunt, pastor of the Old Orchard church, read a paper on "A Review of the Life of Bushnell," by Munger. In addition to the discussion of the paper the meeting also took up the matter of Sheldon's paper, and the Reverend Mr. Kloss and others spoke favorably in reference to same.

At the Baptist Ministers' meeting the Reverend J. F. Herget read a paper on "Wordsworth and His Fond Earth Mother," which was favorably discussed by Doctors Armstrong, Carleton, J. T. M. and R. P. Johnston, Sawyer and the Reverend Messrs. Ewing, Bolton and Nash. Doctor A. A. Kendrick of Shurtleff College was present, and spoke favorably of the outlook for that institution. The Reverend Mr. Neill of the Chapel Car work was also present, and stated that the work never had a more encouraging outlook. The Reverend Doctor Armstrong reported the happy settlement of the missionary difficulties in Oklahoma and Indian Territories.

There was no paper at the Christian Minister's meeting yesterday, and the time was spent in hearing reports from the churches, which were more than ordinarily favorable.

FOR INDIGESTION.

Eupepsia Tablets, an Effective Remedy for Digestive Disorders and Dyspepsia.

Eupepsia Tablets are sold by druggists under an absolute guarantee to give immediate relief and permanently cure stomach irregularities, indigestion and dyspepsia. Money will be refunded in all instances where they fail. In cases of nervous dyspepsia, catarrh of the stomach, heartburn, acidity of the stomach and all other irregularities of the digestive organs they produce prompt relief.

The disturbing influence of imperfect digestion are manifested in many ways. Besides the well-known and easily recognized dyspeptic symptoms, the patient is found with sallow complexion, skin eruption, lassitude, dizziness, imperfect heart action, tendency to sleep, especially after meals, constipation, and a general feeling of unhappiness. Correct the disordered condition of the digestive organs and these troubles will quickly disappear, the organs of circulation will become normal, the blood pure, complexion clear. A condition of cheerfulness, good spirits and mental brightness will succeed depression, nervousness and irritability.

In conversation relative to the correction of digestive disorders, a well-known St. Louis lawyer says:

"People who use Eupepsia Tablets recommend them to their friends. One customer, a prominent business man, has sent eight or ten people here after them. This gentleman told me that he had been seeking relief from dyspeptic troubles for years without avail, until he began taking Eupepsia Tablets."

Geo. W. Crosswell, traveling representative of the L. H. Pride Mercantile Co., Kansas City and Hannibal, Mo., under date of March 8, 1900, writes as follows:

"I found immediate relief from indigestion after using Eupepsia Tablets, and shall take pleasure in recommending them to my friends."

Where Eupepsia Tablets cannot be obtained from local druggists they should be ordered forwarded by mail. They sell for 50 cents a box. Send prepaid to any address on receipt of twenty-five cents postage stamps. Small tablets convenient to carry in vest pocket. Every box contains two weeks' treatment. Address all correspondence to the Eupepsia Co., 2[illegible] Clark avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

THE UNION MISSION WORK.

New Branches Established—Pentecostal Training School.

In addition to the regular work at No. 1[illegible] Franklin avenue, Union Mission has established a number of departments. One of the innovations is the St. Louis Pentecostal Training School, which is located at No. 2[illegible] Dodier avenue, will be formally opened next Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The building is a three-story structure and has fifteen rooms, and the school will be for the training of workers specially for downtown mission field.

Another branch recently opened, is that of the Rescue Mission, at No. 1930 Chestnut street, which is accomplishing good results. There is also the female hospital, which ministers to those who cannot secure proper treatment otherwise. The Hephzibah Home has just made its annual report, in which it states that during the year eighty-one girls were rescued from a life of sin, and that of these sixty-two have been permanently saved. There is also the Children's Home at No. 2[illegible] Morgan street, and a mission at East St. Louis. All these are supported by voluntary offerings.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

Presbytery Meeting—German Y. M. C. A. Entertainment.

The Presbytery of St. Louis held an important meeting yesterday at No. 1[illegible] Locust street. The churches of Jonesboro and Ridge Station were transferred to the Presbytery of Ozark. The Reverend A. S. Hughes was granted a dismissal to the Presbytery of Sequoyah, and the Reverend Doctor W. S. Knight, one to Ozark Presbytery. The stated clerk was instructed to notify the pastors of the city and suburbs of a meeting of the pastors, elders and deacons called to meet at the Washington and Compton Avenue Church March 19, to make arrangements for the coming of the General Assembly. S. Howard Smith, supply for the Cabanne Church, was admitted as a candidate for licensure, and Charles Steigle and Albert Kuhn were examined for ordination. At the ordination of Mr. Steigle, the Reverend Doctor F. W. Steel will preach the sermon, and the Reverend J. Gauss will preside and deliver the charge to the candidate. In the case of Mr. Kuhn, the Reverend Doctor Niccolls will preach the sermon, and the Reverend Mr. Kessler will deliver the charge to the candidate.

The entertainment to be given Friday evening, March 16, at North Presbyterian Church, for the benefit of the German Branch Young Men's Christian Association and North End Division Christian Endeavor Union, promises to be one of special merit. The following programme will be given: Organ prelude, by J. H. Crocker; piano duet, by Misses Annie Geyer and Annie Von der Ahe; recitation, by Miss Emma Fisher; vocal selection, with violin and piano accompaniment, by Miss Hattie Geer and Messrs. Pierce and Robin Weber; recitation, by Miss Blanch Walton; piano trio, by Messrs. William Arthur and Wilfred Schroeder; vocal solo, by Miss Belle Slater; recitation, by Miss Katie Lamothe; piano duet, by Messrs. Arthur and Chester Schaum; vocal solo, by Mr. E. F. Dunker; recitation, by Miss Myrtle Rose; vocal duet, by Mrs. W. J. Biggs and Miss Nellie Stillman; piano solo, by Miss Annie Von der Ahe; recitation, by Mrs. William M. Jones; vocal duet, by L. A. Cash and Melvin Hoffman; recitation, by Miss Nannie Hopper; piano solo, by Alfred Temme; mandolin selection, by Mandolin Club.

A meeting of the St. Louis division of the Boys' and Girls' Home and Employment Association will be held in the Holland building, Twelfth floor, Tuesday, March 13, at 4 p. m. A large number of invitations have been sent to business men and others and a good attendance is expected. Alexander Hogeland, father of the "curfew reform," will be present, and with others will address the meeting.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Tower Grove M. E. Church will give a "birthday party" at the church, Kentucky and Manchester avenues, Friday evening, March 16.

The North Presbyterian Church, the Reverend J. G. Kiene, pastor, closed a series of revival meetings, Sunday, and there were seventeen accessions to the church, fifteen of which were on profession of faith. The pastor was assisted by the Reverend H. M. Campbell, pastor of Cote Brilliante Church.

The Epworth League of the Marvin M. E. Church, the Reverend H. C. McPherson, pastor, has arranged to open an annex to the public library, which will be for the benefit of the young people of the church and community.

The Reverend H. M. Campbell, pastor, reports that the Cote Brilliante Sunday school has an enrollment of 30[illegible] pupils, [illegible] of whom are in the primary department. The superintendent is A. Worthage, and his assistant is J. A. Stanion, formerly president of the St. Louis Christian Endeavor Union of the city.

Peruna in Use Forty Years.

Catarrh in its various forms is rapidly becoming a national curse. Peruna cures Catarrh in all phases and stages. There is no remedy that can be substituted.

To Parade in St. Louis.

Alton will join St. Louis in the observance of St. Patrick's Day. At a meeting held last evening at the Spalding Clubhouse in that city arrangements were made for the Alton delegation to leave at noon on Saturday on a special Bluff Line train in charge of the grand marshal, Editor J. J. McInerney, of the Alton Sentinel Democrat. The Alton delegation will be headed by the White Hussar band, and will also likely be accompanied by the Jerseyville delegation.

Save Your Money.

One box of Tutt's Pills will save many dollars in doctors' bills. They will surely cure all diseases of the stomach, liver or bowels.

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For sick headache, dyspepsia, malaria, constipation and biliousness, a million people endorse

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