

AN IMPROVEMENT NEEDED.

LEIGHTON TELLS WHAT IS NECESSARY IN THE BANKING SYSTEM.

A New National System Should Be More Comprehensive—To Mention State Banks in the East Is Like Waving a Red Flag—It Would Be Worthy of an Inquiry.

The annual reception and banquet of the Boston Merchants' association, always the most elaborate of the dinner feasts for which Boston is notable, was held this evening at Hotel Vendome, and was unusually remarkable because of the ability and standing of the invited guests, and the fact that the meeting was designed to furnish an opening of a discussion of "The Currency and Banking System of the United States," which discussion is expected to be continued by similar meetings in other cities.

At the close of the reception a procession was made to the dining hall, which had been elaborately decorated with banners and streamers.

At the guests' table presided Hon. J. A. Lane. At his right sat Hon. A. B. Hepburn, president of the Third National bank of New York, Congressman T. C. Catchings of Mississippi, Hon. William Dodsworth, editor of the New York Journal of Commerce; Hon. John R. Leeson, Mayor Nathan Matthews, Jr., of Boston, Prof. D. R. Dewey, of the commission on the unemployed, and Assistant United States Treasurer M. P. Kennard.

On his left were George E. Leighton of the Commercial club of St. Louis; Congressman J. W. Bolliver of Iowa, Lieutenant Governor Walcott, Congressman-elect W. E. Barrett, Collector Winslow Warren, Hon. A. E. Pillsbury and Hon. H. V. Poyer.

Among the other gentlemen were Hon. H. O. Sprague, General A. P. Martin, Oakes Ames, General C. S. Lawrence, Hamilton A. Hill, secretary of the National Board of Trade; Hon. A. S. Aldrich, T. Jefferson Coolidge, Jr., ex-minister to France; Congressman L. D. Apley; Charles E. Adams, president of the State Board of Trade; ex-Mayor Hart, George H. Connors of the New York and New Haven road, John Wales, John H. Holmes, president of the New England Associated Press; General C. H. Taylor, Hon. G. C. Crocker of the subway commission; President Lucius Tuttle of the Boston and Maine road, A. Shuman, John C. Paige, C. C. Jackson, J. B. Moors and Hon. Homer Rogers.

During the reception and dinner the Germania orchestra discoursed national airs and the popular music of the day. After coffee and cigars had been served President Lane arose and introduced the subject of the evening. He closed by introducing Lieutenant Governor Walcott, who extended a hearty New England welcome to the guests.

Hon. A. B. Hepburn spoke upon the currency system and the remedies proposed for existing embarrassments. Mr. Hepburn was followed by Congressman Catchings, who received a warm welcome, to which he happily replied before beginning his discussion of the evening's topic.

Addresses were also made by Editor Dodsworth, Congressman Dooliver and Hon. George E. Leighton. Mr. Leighton in the course of his address took the ground that a government commission to inquire into the subject was a necessary preliminary to any successful legislation on the subject of an improved currency and banking system for the United States.

equal rights in the issue of currency. If the state chooses to grant it, however unwise we may consider it, is one which you cannot answer and sooner or later must concede.

It would be worthy of inquiry by a commission, whether the branch bank system could not be made a permissible feature of any national system. In former days you will remember that the state bank with branches as it existed in Ohio, Indiana and Missouri weathered all storms successfully. You will excuse me for reminding you as a matter of history that a bank not was never issued in Missouri that was not redeemed in gold, and I do not believe that one ever will be.

While small capital might be an objection to currency issue by an independent bank, especially if based upon capital, a small branch protected by the large capital of a central organization would remove that objection and in a measure provide necessary banking facilities. How far this would go to meet the whole want would be a matter of extended inquiry. By filling this field in some way you will diminish the necessary place of the state bank in western and southern commerce and by meeting a real need and securing a wider operation materially strengthen a national system in the popular mind.

Democrats to Caucus. Washington, Jan. 3.—A caucus of democratic representatives on the financial bill now under consideration seems assured. The day on which the caucus will be held has not yet been decided upon, but it is not likely to be held this week. Many members favor Saturday next, but owing to the absence of a large number of democrats who went home to spend the holidays this date was considered inadvisable.

Subside in a Barn. Springfield, Mass., Jan. 3.—Joseph Giroz, a Frenchman, hung himself in his barn in the south end of the city early this morning. He had been acting strangely of late, and it is supposed that he had become partially deranged. He owned a wood yard and peddled wood for a living. He was forty-five years old and leaves a widow.

VERY COLD WAVE. Is Coming This Way From the Northern States. New York, Jan. 3.—The temperature has risen slightly along the coast and in the central valleys; in the extreme northwest a severe cold wave prevails with the temperature ranging from 15 to 20 degrees below zero.

The coldest weather of the season visited northern New Hampshire and Vermont last night. At the weather station here the mercury dropped to 8 degrees below zero.

The mercury registered 7 degrees below zero at Nashua, N. H., this morning, the coldest of the season.

Concord, Mass., Jan. 3.—The mercury registered 6 degrees below zero at 7:30 o'clock this morning.

Tax on Malt Liquors. Washington, Jan. 3.—Mr. Money of Mississippi offered in the house to-day a bill which provides that after February 1, 1895, there shall be paid on all malt liquors a tax of \$2 per barrel of not more than thirty-one gallons.

THE BLUE GRASS BLADE CONTINUES ITS ATTACK ON BRECKINRIDGE. Lexington, Ky., Jan. 3.—Colonel Breckinridge's law partner, John Shelby, who during the Pollard-Breckinridge trial attacked an attorney for Miss Pollard in the court house, attacked Editor C. C. Moore of the prohibition paper Blue Grass Blade this afternoon. The Blade contained to-day an article saying that Miss Pollard had more sense than Breckinridge and his counsel and Shelby, and did not lie as they did.

Paris, Ill., Jan. 3.—John L. Sullivan's company disbanded here to-day. The collapse was the result of Sullivan's prolonged spree. Yesterday he cursed one of the actresses until she resigned. Sullivan was escorted to the opera house last night, but his condition was such that his manager, John P. Ward, remonstrated with him, whereupon John L. beat Ward so badly that he had to be put to bed.

Another Strike Probable. Homestead, Pa., Jan. 3.—Another strike at the Homestead plant of the Carnegie Steel company is not improbable, owing to the dissatisfaction among the workmen with the readjustment of wages. The only mills at work since the start after the holidays have been the 18-inch, 24-inch and 33-inch mills, and the two open hearth mills. In each of these the men assert the wages are so reduced that they will not work unless a change in wages is made. The streets were filled to-day with groups of excited men, talking the situation over. The general opinion at Homestead to-day was that the entire plant would be idle in a few days.

DEMOCRATS ALL AT SEA.

STILL UNDECIDED AS TO THE SEVERAL COMMISSIONERSHIPS.

Opposition to Clancey, Moore and Well Growing Stronger Daily—Several New Candidates Proposed—Protest Against Moore Being Granted a License.

The democratic politicians of the city are yet all at sea over the question of commissionerships and at present it looks as though they were out of sight of land. The opposition to the Clancey, Moore, Well slate is growing stronger every day and it is now practically conceded that none of the trio have even the faintest chance of being elected by the board of aldermen.

During the past week the democratic aldermen have attempted to hold several caucuses, but have not as yet succeeded. At the last meeting five of the eight aldermen were present and an attempt made to unite upon some candidates for the commissionerships, but all efforts in this direction proved futile. When the subject was broached it was found that every alderman present had at least one candidate for each commission and the meeting came very near breaking up in a row.

A prominent democrat, when asked yesterday as to when the caucus would be held, replied: "Well the Lord only knows; I am sure I don't. I am, however, of the opinion that an effort will be made to hold a caucus next week and agree upon some candidates. This caucus will probably be held late next week and may not take place until the Sunday night prior to the night on which the elections must take place, as provided by the charter. For my own part I should not be surprised to see the democratic aldermen go to the meeting of the board of aldermen without any candidates. As far as Clancey and Moore are concerned, I do not believe they have a ghost of a show of election. Well may possibly pull through, but even that is extremely doubtful."

The Law and Order league are after John H. Moore and yesterday filed with the county commissioners a strong protest against his being granted a license to sell liquor during the coming year. At the time the protest is given a hearing, it is said it is the intention to produce the evidence on which the report of Rev. Dr. Smyth in connection with the police report was based in so far as it had to deal with Alderman Moore's case. This will be introduced to show that Moore is a wholly unsuitable person to be granted a license to sell intoxicating liquor.

It was said last night that Clancey practically concedes his defeat, but is still working hard to succeed himself on the board of police commissioners. The general impression is, however, that all his efforts will be in vain, owing to the fact that he cannot secure the united support of the eight democratic aldermen and it is believed that despite all his efforts none of the republicans will rally to his support.

Within the last day or two several new candidates have been mentioned for the several commissionerships. They are George R. Grant, Benjamin R. English and Walter Leigh for the board of public works, and T. H. Linahan and Robert J. Tracy for the police board. The election of commissioners boards must take place a week from next Monday night.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. Officers of Division No. 1, A. O. U. E., Installed by James P. Bree. The installation of the officers of Division No. 1, A. O. U. E., took place last evening at Cian-na-gael hall, when the following officers were installed: James P. Bree, state delegate of the order; president, M. J. Connelly; vice president, Daniel J. Allen; financial secretary, Timothy F. Dorothy; recording secretary, Edward J. Sheehan; treasurer, William Killeen; sergeant-at-arms, Patrick Begley.

After the installation exercises the members adjourned to the larger hall, where a sumptuous repast was served and much enjoyed by all present. The division will give their annual ball February 25, and the committee in charge are sparing no pains to make the occasion one of the most enjoyable ever held. This committee is composed of M. J. Connelly, Richard Galligan, Daniel J. Allen, Daniel McManis, Timothy F. Dorothy, Patrick Begley and T. L. Laughlin.

To Coin Eagles and Half Eagles. Philadelphia, Jan. 3.—Director of the Mint Preston to-day instructed Superintendent Townsend of the Philadelphia mint to begin the coinage of \$22,000,000 of gold bullion now stored in the mint, and which is part of the gold reserve. The gold will be coined into eagles and half eagles, and the work will occupy a month.

Sabres Were Used. Genoa, Jan. 3.—The Italian army officers at Tofani and Vergori fought a duel to the death near the French frontier on Tuesday morning. Sabres were the weapons. The meeting lasted nearly an hour, and was ended by Tofani's severing his opponent's carotid artery, which caused death. Tofani is dying of loss of blood.

McGirr Defeated Matthews. Hartford, Jan. 3.—Frederick McGirr of Bridgeport defeated Charles Matthews of Danbury at East Hartford to-night in the club house of the Hartford Rowing and Athletic club for the featherweight championship of the state. Henry Lane and Ike Williams were seconds for McGirr and Johnnie Morlock for Danbury and Mike Breslin of New York were behind Matthews. W. L. Crowley was referee. The men fought ten rounds and the referee called for another. He then awarded the contest to McGirr. The latter did most of the leading and landed oftener. He had the best of every round.

RECEPTION TO LADY SOMERSET.

She Gave an Address at a Meeting in Her Honor.

Boston, Jan. 3.—That Lady Somerset laid high in the estimation and love of her countless friends on this side of the Atlantic, and especially in Massachusetts, was clearly shown by the cordiality and enthusiasm that prevailed at the banquet and reception tendered to the distinguished lady by the Woman's Christian Temperance union of Massachusetts from 5 to 10 o'clock to-night. During the hours of the reception Lady Somerset was the recipient of well wishes and compliments from hundreds of ladies and gentlemen prominent in city and state, who desired to express in some way their deep appreciation of the noble work she is doing for the cause of temperance and labor.

There was a large representation of officers and members of the Massachusetts association in attendance. After the banquet had been enjoyed Miss Fessenden called the gathering to order and in a neat speech introduced Mrs. Mary A. Livermore. Her remarks, as usual, were very interesting, and when she had finished Rev. Arthur Little, D. D., was introduced, speaking on the topic, "The New Order of Nobility."

An original poem was read by Louise Chandler Moulton, after which Rev. W. W. Ramsey presented the subject, "Old and New England—The Tie That Binds." After Rev. I. J. Lansing had spoken upon "The Intellectual Life of Women," Miss Frances E. Willard was introduced and received a most cordial greeting. Miss Willard's theme was "Only the Golden Rule Can Bring the Golden Age," and was a beautiful eulogy to Lady Henry Somerset, who, she said, had become ostracized from the aristocratic classes because of her golden rule principles and her espousal and the espousal of the cause among the people.

Referring to the inaugural of Governor Greenhalge, which she listened to to-day, Miss Willard spoke of some of the topics treated therein, making many comments. She said: "When he told about the cattle killed by state authority, because they were infected with tuberculosis, I wondered when the application of the golden rule to the aggregate population would cause the state to destroy the drug-shops, whose virus flows out into the body politic."

When he said that the enforcement of existing laws for the restriction of the liquor traffic was more to be desired than feverish legislation (by which he meant the outlawing of the saloons) and yet had declared a little earlier that persons were more important than property in their relation to the state, and closed his address with the words, 'may this be a commonwealth governed by laws rather than by men,' I could but think that the application of these principles which are but corollaries of the golden rule which is the one great law which gives all that we ask or ever have asked for the protection of the people and the progress of the state."

Lady Somerset was the closing speaker. As Lady Somerset arose her cordial greeting would not permit her to speak for several moments. Her remarks were brief. She said in part: "I believe there is a better time coming when we shall more truly understand the brotherhood and sisterhood, when all shall strive for the benefit of every man and every woman. We promise not to send any more paupers if America will promise not to send any more millionaires like William Waldorf Astor. We live to make it possible for all to live. To live does not mean to exist wretchedly, but to enjoy a free, a joyous, a holy, a pure life. We have looked for you for help and encouragement. We pray you not to disappoint us."

Died of His Injuries. Boston, Jan. 3.—Charles F. Waterman, an old engineer of the Boston and Maine railroad, who was struck by an engine at the Prison Point crossing and injured December 16, died to-day at the hospital. He was sixty years of age and resided in Bliddeford, Me. His body has been taken to his late home for burial.

A Judge's Charge. Vienna, Jan. 3.—A dispatch from Sofia to the Neue Freie Presse says that a judge attached to the court of law ordered the arrest of ex-Premier Stambouloff last week on the charge of complicity in the murder of Finance Minister Belicheff in 1891. The order was recalled in deference to the urgent representations of several foreign ministers.

Last King of Naples Buried. Vienna, Jan. 3.—Francis II., the last king of Naples, was buried to-day from the parish church in Arco, the Tyrol. An enormous throng of spectators gathered in the streets to see the procession. Everything was done with royal pomp. The chief mourners were the Duke of Caserta, the dead man's nephew, and his sons.

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Big Suit is On. Boston, Jan. 3.—The biggest suit to which the city of Waltham has ever been a party is now before Hon. E. C. Bumpus in the local federal building. It is the case of Clement Brothers against Waltham for \$250,000, the city claiming that Clement Brothers owes it \$200,000.

GUEST OF THE PRESIDENT.

SENATOR HILL A VISITOR AT THE EXECUTIVE MANSION.

It is construed as an indication of closer relations between the two leading men of the country—The Senator Went into Dinner with Mrs. Hearst.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Senator Hill of New York was the guest of the president to-night at a cabinet dinner given at the executive mansion. This fact is construed as an indication of closer personal and political relations between the president and the senator in the future.

To-night's dinner was the first of the series usually given by the president during the winter and is regarded as the inauguration of the social season at the national capital. The white house was tastefully decorated, the great east room being studded with evergreen and palms and the mantels being banked with flowers fringed with fern. The state dining room was odorously perfumed with the perfume of roses and plants. The full Marine band was stationed in the lobby and played national and patriotic airs.

At 9 o'clock the president led the way to the tables followed by Secretary Herbert and Mrs. Morton, Secretary Morton and Mrs. Bate, Speaker Crisp and Mrs. Schofield, General Schofield and Mrs. McPherson, Senator Ransom and Mrs. Janin, Senator Hill and Mrs. Hearst, General McPherson and Mrs. W. K. Carlisle, Senator Bate and Mrs. Crisp, Don M. Dickinson and Mrs. Melburn, Representative Tracey and Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Orr of Brooklyn and Mrs. Dickinson, W. L. Nelson and Mrs. Bryant, C. C. Davis of Philadelphia and Mrs. Orr, Dr. Bryant of Philadelphia of the Pennsylvania railroad and Mrs. Perrine.

It Was a Vicious Fight. Cincinnati, Jan. 3.—Before 1,500 people in the Olympic Athletic club house to-night Billy Murphy, the Australian, defeated Mackelwiski in the most vicious fight seen here for years. As early as the sixth round Murphy had his man bloody and groggy, but Mackelwiski held out for three more rounds. Before the ninth was finished the police stopped the fight and Murphy was declared the winner.

HE WAS ROBBED. An Assistant Cashier Found Lying Face Downward. Cincinnati, Jan. 3.—Frank H. Sparks, assistant cashier of the post-office money order department here, was found this afternoon lying face downward on the marble floor of his office, seemingly in an unconscious condition, by Janitor Welthe. Welthe turned him over and asked what was the matter. "I have been robbed," exclaimed Sparks, as he pointed to the cash-drawer.

Sparks had two contusions on the forehead. He said he was alone in the office when two men entered. One asked for change for a five-dollar bill. He told them to go outside the railing and he would get the money, but the fellows grappled with him. One of them struck him in the forehead and knocked him to the floor in an unconscious condition. They then stole all the cash in the drawer, \$388.

Sparks was escorted to police headquarters, where he was closely questioned. He adhered to his story for a time, but after several persons had contradicted some of his statements and detectives had confronted him with proof that he had led a fast life, Sparks admitted that he was short in his accounts \$300, and that he had secreted the missing money in the office. The contusion on his head was produced by falling purposely on the floor at full length. Over \$600 was found where he had secreted it, and he was locked up.

BOTH BADLY PUNISHED. The Going Out of Electric Lights Were a Benefit to Siddons. Cleveland, Jan. 3.—George Siddons, the eastern featherweight, and Johnny Lavack of Columbus, O., fought a twelve-round draw before the Cleveland A. C. to-night. Behind Siddons were Peter Maher, the Irish champion, and Billy Hennessy, his sparring partner. W. C. Kelley was referee.

Up to the tenth round Lavack had a little the better of it. In the middle of this round, when it looked as though he had Siddons going, the electric lights went out and Siddons recuperated in the five minutes that the arena was in darkness. In the eleventh Lavack forced the fighting, but Siddons retaliated in the twelfth and both men were in good condition at the finish. Both men were badly punished. Siddons was on the defensive most of the time and Lavack had to chase him around the ring during the several rounds. The purse of \$500 was divided.

He Did Not Appear. Bethlehem, Pa., Jan. 3.—Miss Mary Alice Fogel, daughter of a wealthy butcher here, and Valentine Heyer, a well-to-do confectioner, were to have been married this evening, but an hour before the time set for the ceremony the bride received a letter, which stated that her intended was a married man having a wife and children living in Northampton, Mass. Heyer has fled.

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COSTLY STATE MILITIA.

What is Shown by Adjutant-General Bradley's Report—Disbursements of Nearly \$170,000 the Past Year.

Hartford, Jan. 3.—The annual report of Adjutant Bradley for the year ending November 20, 1894, appeared to-day. The strength of the National Guard at the beginning of the year was 2,759 men. The gain during the year has been 1,100, the loss 1,005, so the present strength is 2,854.

The following are the amounts returned by the different disbursing departments: Adjutant general's office (printing, stationery and general office expenses), \$3,430.25; quartermaster general's department, \$82,637.01; commissary general's department, \$5,713.31; paymaster general's department, \$65,390.47; comptroller (for salaries, office expenses, etc., and audit) \$101,117.58. Total, \$169,315.58.

In Brigadier General Haven's report he says that the newspaper men who were reporting the last encampment at Niantic were largely responsible for the noise and revelry at night which they themselves took pains to blame on the soldiers in their letters to their papers.

Adjutant General Bradley makes numerous recommendations, including two relating to the Governor's Guard—that they should be brought directly under the government of the regular constituted military department of the state, and that the Horse Guard should be organized, uniformed and equipped as troops of cavalry.

Brigadier General Haven recommends that the troops be provided with the Winchester rifles, thirty-two calibre. Surgeon General Cassidy recommends a more thorough physical examination of recruits by the regimental surgeon, and a fee of \$1, an increase of seventy-five cents, for each examination.

Commissary General Jamieson believes that the time of the men in camp can be better devoted to regular military duties than to cooking. The cost for subsistence at the camp was \$5,919.

STATE NEWS ITEMS. The oranges on the plantation in Florida of A. J. Hutchinson of South Norwich, Conn., were frozen solid in the recent cold snap. This was the case also with the oranges in the groves of R. A. Palmer, a Meriden man. Mr. Palmer's loss is \$1,000.

William T. Elmer of Middletown announced yesterday that he had not withdrawn from the race for the speakership. Middletown, Jan. 3.—Albert J. Hutchinson's body was recovered yesterday afternoon by a diver, about one hundred feet from where he sank, Monday evening. He drowned that his brother might live, as only one could hold out. Albert shoved Fred to the edge of the ice with the words, "Save yourself," and sank. Fred plunged in to save his elder brother, but failed.

The Starsfield Guard. The regular meeting of the Starsfield Guard was held last evening after drill. Captain J. J. Kennedy presided, and announced that he had made the following promotions: John Gallagher to first sergeant, Corporal Richard Welch to sergeant and Private George Walsh to corporal.

The committee on the annual ball reported that they have secured the Hyperion for April 15, Easter night. The following were elected members of the company: Thomas Moffatt, George Kitchen, John McCurry, William H. Lawlor and Thomas M. Burke.

Ladies' Night Last Night—An Enjoyable Affair. The West Side club gave one of their popular ladies' nights at their rooms on Howard avenue last night. It was the first of the '95 series. The program was: Opening Selection—West Side Banjo Club.

Baritone Solo—"Die Konigin des Fruhlings"—Mr. Adam Rosin. Quartet—"Sunrise"—White—Accompanied by Miss Healy. Soprano Solo—"The Bell of Lynn"—Miss Sadie Thompson. Miss Addie Rowland, Miss Selma Seidel, Misses May and Edith Blakeslee, Miss Edith Grannis, Miss Mae Cowell, Miss May Healy, Miss Travers, Mrs. Calmaichel, Miss Knowles, Miss Hattie Focht, Miss Knoll, Miss Hattie Woodruff and Miss Florence Howe and Messrs. Burton J. Lee, Fred J. Perry, Donald G. and Allen H. Carmichael, W. E. Johnson, Roland Greenwood, Irving Blakeslee, Frank Dallas, Benjamin Arnold, William Bradley, William Shaw, Walter Presser, Mr. Shay, Frank Willoughby, F. H. Neuman, Edward Hanson, William French, Spencer Bedell, David Bedell, Samuel Hoyt, William and Burton Pierson, George Gibson, Jacob Bauer and Frank Richter.

Holmes in New Bedford. New Bedford, Mass., Jan. 3.—David Holmes, the English labor leader, arrived in New Bedford this evening and was met by Secretary Matthew Hart of the Weavers' union and Secretary Samuel Ropes of the Spinners' union, and other prominent labor leaders. He was dined at the Parker house.

Trotting Matches Promised. New York, Jan. 3.—If the present plans of the Driving club of New York are carried out there will be two trotting meetings at Fleetwood next season, notwithstanding the constitutional prohibition of pool selling and race tracks.

WAS A BRILLIANT SUCCESS.

THE JEPSON TESTIMONIAL CONCERT LARGELY ATTENDED.

Address of Welcome by Harry W. Asher—Remarks by Professor Jepson—Superb Singing by the Soloists—Splendid Chorus Work.

The testimonial concert tendered Professor Jepson by his graduate scholars was held in the Hyperion theater last evening. The affair was a brilliant success and Mr. Jepson was honored in seeing among his former pupils musicians of national fame, besides a chorus of over 100 of the Gounod society, who volunteered their services for the occasion. All those who took part were at one time under the instruction of the professor in the schools.

The address of welcome was made by Mr. H. W. Asher, who spoke briefly of the services that Professor Jepson has rendered the community as supervisor of music in the public schools. Letters of regret were read by Mr. Harry Rowa Shelley and Mr. Frank H. Osborn, stating their inability to attend, and sending their best wishes for the success of the affair. Mr. Jepson was the conductor of the chorus by the invitation of the singers.

Miss Gaffney's singing of "Aria" by Verdi, was worthy of the tremendous applause which she received, it being one of the gems of the evening. Mr. Ericsson Bushnell's solo, "The Bedouin Love Song," was written especially for him by Schaefer, this being the first time the song was sung. It was an excellent rendering, as also his duet with Miss Gaffney, the "Excelsior," which brought the house down, the singers being called to the stage two or three times. On account of the length of the program the chorus, "He Watcheth Over Israel," was omitted.

The program was as follows: Accompanist—Mr. Harry Rowa Shelley, Mr. Richard T. P. Sprague, Mr. Harry B. Jopson, Mr. Joseph D. Rice, Mr. H. Stanley Knight, Mr. Frederick A. Fowler.

1. Chorus—Adieu to the Glorious Work.....Haydn
2. Duet—The Summer Night (Don Munio).....Buck
3. Solo—The Wanderer.....Gounod
4. Aria—B. Stravo Foter.....Gounod
5. "B" Quartet.....Mendelssohn
6. Violin Solo—Elegiac.....Wiwawski
7. Solo in C, Calm as the Night.....Bach
8. Aria—Rigoberto nel Silenzio (Lucia) Verdi
9. Duet—Autumn Song.....Mendelssohn
10. Solo—The Bedouin Love Song—Schaefer
11. Solo—The Bedouin Love Song—Schaefer
12. Solo—The Bedouin Love Song—Schaefer
13. Song, with Violin Obligato.....Becker
14. Vocal Duet—Excelsior.....Balfe
15. Hallelujah Chorus.....Handel
16. Solo—The Bedouin Love Song—Schaefer

Before the last number Mr. Jepson came forward and made a short speech, in which he said: "And first I desire to express my sincere appreciation of the very complimentary remarks of my old friend and pupil, Mr. Harry W. Asher."

In thanking the galaxy of artists who have furnished such a beautiful entertainment I feel that mere words are not adequate to convey my sense of obligation and gratitude, especially to those who have come from distant points to celebrate my thirtieth anniversary. To this talented chorus of singers from the Gounod society I can only say thank you from the bottom of my heart.

To the committee of arrangements who have labored faithfully in the preparations of this superb testimonial I owe a debt which I can never repay. My thanks are also due the press for their many kind words and flattering notices.

And then how shall I thank the members of the board of education past and present, the superintendents, principals and teachers who have so loyally sustained and co-operated with me during my long term of service. To you ex-pupils and friends who have conspired to make this occasion the event of my life I can only repeat my heartfelt thanks.

The committee of arrangements were Division officers of the Gounod society, Mr. Arthur H. Jackson, chairman, Mr. Harry K. Lines, Mr. A. W. Sperry, Mr. James E. Killam, and much of the success of the concert is due to their untiring efforts.

LOCAL NEWS JOTTINGS. Attorney W. S. Pardee of this city will be associated with Attorney Ennis of Ansonia at the hearing for the recount of votes of the city of Derby in New Haven to-day.

F. E. S. Munger has returned to the Tremont house as day clerk, and John D. Griswold, late of the Curtis house, Meriden, becomes night clerk of the house. Articles of association of the Imperial Laundry company of New Haven, capital stock \$3,600, were filed yesterday with the secretary of state. One hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars has been received by President Harper of the Chicago university from John D. Rockefeller as a New Year's gift, and \$20,000 has also been received from Mrs. Caroline T. Haskell to establish a course of lectures in Bombay, India, upon the relations of the religions of the world. President Harper has acknowledged these gifts at the winter convocation in the auditorium.