GEN. ALGER'S VISIT.

The Commander in Chief of the Grand Army Here.

VETERANS RECEIVE HIM.

His Speech on Pensions Delivered in the Old City Hall.

PLAN FOR A HISTORY OF PRIVATES

General Russell A. Alger, of Detroit, Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, arrived in the city from Erie at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He came here on his general tour of inspection of the G. A. R. posts, and was accompanied by John A. Logan, Jr., of Youngstown, O. The gentlemen stopped at the Hotel Duquesne.

Immediately after their arrival they were called upon by Department Commander Thomas A. Stewart, Assistant Adjutant General James McCormick, Assistant Quartermaster General Harry G. Williams, Colonel Chill W. Hazzard, H. D. Starr, of the Council of Administration of Indiana, and the Junior Vice Commander in Chief, James G. Lovett, of New Jersey. These gentlemen spent a pleasant half hour with General Alger. After their departure the General was visited by C. L. Magee, who spent over an hour in social conversation. Mr. Magee was empowered to invite General Alger to accept the hospitality of the Young Men's Republican Tariff Club after the banquet at the Hotel Duquesne. General Alger declined the invitation for two reasons. In the first place, he desired to leave the city for the West at midnight, and, in the second place, he said he would not mix politics with the business of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Grand Army, he said, would suffer by any tendency of its officers to meddle in politics.

General Alger was able to accord a brief interview to a reporter for THE DISPATCH. The Commander in Chief is a handsome, tall and erect man, with keen eyes and hair and beard almost white. He has a pleasant and agreeable address and is a ready talker.

HAS SWUNG AROUND THE CIRCLE.

He said he had visited many of the G. A. R. posts in Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Missouri, and had attended the reunions of the armies of the Cumberland and of the Tennessee, held in the South. "I find the order," he said, "in excellent shape, particularly in this way: As men grow older their affections become stronger. As our veteran comrades appreciate the fact that the days are growing shorter in which they can enjoy the pleasures and benefits of the order, their attachment to the order becomes more intense. Everywhere I go I find the most cordial feeling among the old soldiers, and the camp-fires held are alive with the fire of comradeship."

General Alger politely declined to talk on political subjects. He is devoting himself now, he said, to the business of the G. A. R. "It takes a great deal of my time," he said, "but when a man accepts such an office he must expect to give up his time and work for the order."

WELCOMED BY THE BOYS.

General Alger was given a hearty welcome at Old City Hall last night. The hall was about half full of men and women. Many veterans wore their G. A. R. uniforms. The drum corps of the Fourteenth Regiment played several stirring airs. The greater part of the stage was cut off by a curtain composed of the national colors, leaving in front a single row of seats for the speakers.

General Alger entered the hall at about 8 o'clock in company with Major J. F. Denniston and the Junior Vice Commander in Chief, James G. Lovett, of New Jersey. The Commander in Chief was not recognized by the audience, and so he got behind the curtain without a single note of applause for his presence. In that secluded nook he held a quiet reception for a quarter of an hour, a number of the prominent men in the local posts being called back to meet him.

Ex-Sheriff Gray, Major Max Klein, Major A. P. Burchfield, H. H. Bengough, and others shook hands with the General. When the latter stepped out upon the stage he was received with generous applause. Having removed his heavy overcoat, he revealed himself dressed in a new, neat uniform of deep blue, with shining golden buttons, and on his left breast the bright badge of the Grand Army. He bowed slightly to the applause, and sat down.

Seated with him on the stage were: Vice Commander Lovett, Department Commander Stewart, Assistant Adjutant General McCormick, Assistant Quartermaster General Williams, Judges Collier, Slagle and Over, John A. Logan, Jr., Captain William McClelland, William D. Patterson, John McGowan, Thomas G. Jones and W. J. Paul.

PATTERSON'S PLEASANT WORDS.

Captain McClelland was chosen Chairman of the meeting. William D. Patterson, of Post No. 158, delivered the address of welcome very briefly to General Alger. He said: "The fact that Captain McClelland, a zealous and life-long Democrat, presides over this meeting to welcome an equally zealous Republican, the Commander in Chief of the Grand Army, is evidence to my mind that there is no politics in our organization." That sentiment was heartily applauded.

General Alger was greeted with a long clapping of hands. He said:

"As I came into this hall to-night, I turned back the scale of time more than 25 years, and remembered with the deepest gratitude that can come over any heart, the hospitality that I, with others, my comrades, received in Pittsburg and in this historic old hall. [Applause.] You cannot find a soldier of the West who passed through this goodly town during the dark days of the war who will not say that he received his warmest welcome in Pittsburg. [Applause.] Two or three times during the war we stopped here, every time we were marched to this hall, and here were fed like princes in a royal household. The fair women who ministered to our wants seemed to some of us as if they were the last angels we should ever see.

PITTSBURG DURING THE WAR.

"I remember about the middle of July, 1863, coming through this city wounded, arriving in the morning. We had no sleeping accommodations except the ordinary day cars, and I was suffering very much. A lady from Pittsburg happened to come aboard that train. She was quite tall, a blonde, a beautiful woman. She had two little children with her, and on the way as far as Cleveland she had made for me a couch of a couple of seats. When we arrived at Cleveland she went from the train to the boat with me. I remember receiving her card and bidding her good-by with as much gratitude as I ever said good-by to any person on earth. I lost the card, forgot the name, and I have never been able to ascertain who that lady was. I would be glad to learn.

"Comrades, we meet at these camp-fires to renew acquaintances and talk over old battles that we fought or think we fought. The fiction is often as pleasing as the fact."

General Alger then recounted the glowing description which a friend in New York had given of the manner in which Alger's brigade had saved the day at Cedar Creek. The story was very pretty, he said, but the trouble was that neither Alger nor his brigade were at Cedar Creek. He continued:

PAST GLORIES RECOUNTED.

"What you did do was, when the country needed your services you left home, father, mother, wife, sister and all, and for a pittance, for it was the patriotism that called you, you placed yourselves between the enemy of your country and your all, and there you stood. There your comrade fell: there you underwent every privation and danger possible for the human frame to endure; there you fought those mighty battles and there you won the victory.

"People wonder what tie binds old soldiers together, and I am often asked the objects of the Grand Army.

"In the first place, comprised as it is of men of all parties and of all creeds, to say that it has anything political about it is simply an insult to it. [Applause.] The man who would presume to use the Grand Army of the Republic for political purposes, if he were able to do so, would go down, as he ought to, despised by everybody. [Applause.] The Grand Army of the Republic is above politics.

A BOND OF STRONG CHARACTER.

"We are bound together for mutal protection and for social purposes, and also bound together by a tie that was cemented in the field, and is so strong that it can never be severed. We who know what this flag cost are bound together and swear by the Eternal that as long as we live it shall never again be insulted. [Great applause.]

"I have recently made some statements about a law we are having framed and hope to have passed by this Congress concerning the procuring of a history of the rank and file, every man who served in the army, in connection with the present census. I find that my statements have been criticised somewhat. This was shown me in a paper to-day:

"CLEVELAND, O., December 5.—The latest scheme evolved by General Alger in the alleged interest of the G. A. R., as stated by himself in this city on Wednesday, is in brief as follows: That Congress be asked to pass a law this winter authorizing the Census Department to make a list of the living soldiers, and put down their history, wounds, service, etc. Each one shall make a statement, on oath, of his own record, and it shall be taken as evidence by the Pension Bureau. 'It would be a fine thing historically, and, while it would not be absolutely correct, it would be a great thing for the soldiers, and save much trouble and suffering,' said General Alger. 'It would be a valuable thing on which to found legislation on the pension question.'"

DID NOT EXPRESS HIS VIEWS.

"That is about as fair a statement of what I said as I would expect any person to make who felt that it was his duty to oppose everything suggested for the benefit of the G. A. R. I will tell you what I did say, and do say now.

"We are asking Congress to pass a law directing the Census Department to circulate a sheet upon which shall be written a history of every living soldier who served in the War of the Rebellion in the Union army. We ask that this sheet have substantially this upon it. It shall tell the name, age, company and regiment. Of course, that is a matter of record and could be found now, but we are going to have a blank on which we ask that this shall be given, and on which shall be given the full history, as far as practicable, of every man. The official record of the private soldier shows only when he was mustered in, when he was mustered for pay and when he was mustered out. The tally sheets made have often been lost. They do not show the battles, the wounds, the prison service. The reason I said the history could not be accurate was because many of us cannot remember things exactly. But we can remember the battles and skirmishes in which we took part. These records are to be compared with the official records as far as they appear, and as they are to make up a history to be handed down to all time, every old soldier will use his best endeavors to get that history correct. We are also going to ask the present physical condition of the man, his financial condition, the number of his family and the ages of his children.

TO KNOW HIS CONDITION.

"With that record we can tell very accurately the condition of that old soldier. I said that, should any law pass Congress which will give to this man and his class a pension, instead of requiring him to get the evidence of a comrade who is distant or dead, or the affidavit of his commanding officer, the best record that could be obtained will be found in these records, and with them all a man would have to do would be to prove his identity. We would then get along without pension agents and without waiting till a man had served out his natural life before his papers are examined. [Applause.]

"We are trying to help the men in Washington who are so anxious to help us. [Applause.] We are all on the down-grade of life, brakes off. We know that we saved to these people forever the best and greatest Government that God, in His infinite wisdom, ever framed for man. The man who served in the ranks seldom appears in history, but in this country, where each man is a sovereign, his record should be kept.

"It seems to me, since I have been in this office, as though I stand under a funnel into which are poured the wails of thousands of old soldiers and their widows, asking for help. Some of the letters I receive, verified by official records, would melt hearts of steel. We must help each other.

NO FAITH IN SOLDIERS' HOMES.

General Alger said that he had recently lost faith in soldiers' homes. The occupants, he learned, would be much happier if given the money spent for their care and allowed to care for themselves, among relatives, in a place which they could really call their own home. He closed by urging the members of the G. A. R. to endeavor to get into the membership every living soldier of the Union.

A short, humorous and congratulatory speech was made by Vice Commander Lovett, of New Jersey, and John A. Logan, Jr., was then presented by Captain McClelland as the son of the ideal volunteer soldier. Mr. Logan was greeted with great applause. He is a handsome, erect young man, with very black hair, eyes and mustache. He said:

THE SON OF BLACK JACK.

I can hardly find words to thank you for this kind reception, appreciating, as I do, that it is not for anything I have done or might do. It is in recognition of the gallant services of my dead father. I cannot speak to you as I would like to. That was on of his gifts which I did not inherit. I cannot speak to you as a comrade. Most of the fighting was done before I was born.

"There is one thing I may speak about. The Grand Army of the Republic, while gaining numbers at present, is losing many of its members. Year by year it will lose more and more, and the order will gradually die out. The younger generation, to which I belong, remembers little or nothing, from experience, of the times from 1861 to 1865. You would be surprised to know the great numbers who seem to care little about informing themselves as to the great events of those days. I think one of the great works before the Grand Army of the Republic at present is to educate my generation to revere the memories and the gallant deeds of the men who wore the blue, to teach the young generation to respect the old soldier.

A SENSIBLE STATEMENT.

"There are many men of your day who did no fighting in the last war, and the younger men are increasing year by year. Somebody in the future must take care of the old soldier. If the young men do not appreciate that they owe the salvation of this country to the men who compose the Grand Army of the Republic, who is going to take care of the soldiers after the majority of you have passed away? I ask you to consider this. We will have the old soldier with us only once. We must honor him now, revere his memory always, and in his old age protect and care for him."

Brief, and in the main humorous, speeches were made by Assistant Adjutant General McCormick, Assistant Quartermaster General Williams, Colonel Chill W. Hazzard and Department Commander Stewart. The latter two kept the audience in almost continuous laughter while they were up.

The speech making ended at 9:45 o'clock, and General Alger then held a reception. He stood in front of the platform, on the floor, and shook hands with every man and woman in the hall. The process occupied about half an hour, and, after it was over, General Alger proceeded in a carriage to the Hotel Duquesne.

LAST NIGHT'S BANQUET.

The banquet at the Hotel Duquesne was a fitting finale to the day. A wealth of flowers, bright lights and touching sentiment, all added their particular charms to the occasion. Caterer Menjou surpassed himself, and to quote John A. Logan, Jr., it was the finest banquet ever set before the company.

After the good things had been disposed of, the speech-making commenced. A. P. Burchfield, as toast master, responded to "Our Guests."

This last toast and its response was greeted with long and continued applause, but the toast, "The Women of '61 to '65," which was responded to by Chill W. Hazzard, fairly took the company by storm.

The last toast on the programme "The Soldier and Civilian," was stood for by Judge Over, and after the applause had subsided, several impromptu toasts were made.

The toast to "The Grand Army of the Republic" was responded to by the guest of the evening, General R. A. Alger, in fitting terms. The next toast was the "Department of Pennsylvania," responded to by Department Commander Thomas J. Stewart. The "Working Comrade," by Major J. F. Denniston, and the "Fraternity of the G. A. R.," responded to by Judge Collier elicited great applause. "The Volunteer Soldier" was responded to by Judge J. F. Slagle, was followed by "Our Sons of Veterans," answered by John A. Logan, Jr.

General Russell A. Alger left for his home at Detroit, Mich., on the 12:40 train this morning.

The Scott-Siddons Reading.

The sale of reserved seats for Mrs. Scott-Siddons, who appears at Lafayette Hall next Friday evening, December 13, will open on Monday morning at R. S. Davis & Co.'s bookstore.

MILLIONS IN BEER.

Brewers Expending $1,235,000 in Extensive Improvements.

SOME POINTERS FOR JUDGE WHITE.

Cutting Down the Number of Saloons Boomed the Keg Trade.

KNOCKING FOREIGN BEER SKY HIGH

For many years past the brewers of Pittsburg and Allegheny have not been able to supply the demand of the beer drinking public. The result has been that large importations from foreign countries, amounting to $1,000,000 in this State, became necessary. None of the local brewers had the facilities to brew enough beer to fill their orders, and while the prohibition crusade was hanging fire no brewer would risk his money in enlargement and improvement. The moment after the prohibition movement had been settled the brewers set to work to increase their capacity for turning out beer.

In Pittsburg and vicinity there are extensions in progress and enlargements contemplated in the various breweries, which will necessitate an outlay of $1,235,000. This money will give employment to more than 2,000 men, and the work will be distributed in different trades. Among the breweries which are to be enlarged is Herman Straub & Co.'s, Liberty avenue. They have started to tear down the old buildings, which have been in existence for the past 50 years. The firm has bought some additional ground adjoining their property. They intend to build an immense structure, where they will be able to brew at least 150 barrels of beer per day. The grain rooms will be situated in the upper story of the new brewery so that the process of drying may be accomplished more quickly. The grain drying rooms in most breweries are in the basement. In connection with the brewery will be malt houses, fermenting rooms, which will contain long rows of vats holding 1,000 barrels of beer each. They will have storage room for 60,000 barrels of beer. Three ice machines will be put into the storage room which will cost $90,000. The new brewery is to be a Gothic structure, and it will be a handsome addition to the properties of the neighborhood.

INCREASING CAPACITY.

Bauerlein's, at Bennet station, intend to build an addition to their property, which will increase their capacity to 100 barrels per day. The cost of the improvements it is estimated will exceed $40,000. This company is building an entirely new brewery. They are still keeping their old brewery intact. They spent several thousand dollars on the old building a year ago, which is in good repair.

F. L. Ober & Brothers, Vinial street, Allegheny, are increasing their capacity from 15 barrels to 50 barrels per day. The cost of Ober Brothers improvement will reach $75,000.

Hippeley & Son, Allegheny, who have hitherto only been able to brew 10,000 barrels in the year, are building a new annex whereby they will be able to brew just three times their present capacity. They also intend to refit their brewery with a new outfit of vats, surface coolers, rest fermenting tubs, boilers, engines and ice machines. The building improvements, together with the machinery, will cost Hippeley & Son over $100,000.

Lutz & Son have completed their new brewery. They have expended on the building about $175,000.

Pier & Dannals, Forbes and Stevenson street, have bought a tract of land on Forbes street, and on this land they will spend $100,000 in bricks and mortar alone. The new building will be larger than the present one occupied by the firm. When the pile is finished the plant of Pier & Dannals will cover a square. The firm will furnish the new brewery with fixtures to the tune of $100,000.

THEIR BIG IMPROVEMENTS.

Winter Brothers are enlarging their place, and putting in new machinery costing over $75,000. The Keystone Brewing Company has made arrangements to begin alterations the first of the year. They expect to be able to brew 150,000 barrels a year. The alterations will cost $125,000.

These improvements on local breweries, with what has already been enumerated in THE DISPATCH from time to time recently, will cost the companies named over $1,235,000.

Mr. J. J. O'Reilly said to a DISPATCH reporter yesterday: "When the brewers have completed the additions they will be able to supply Allegheny county with as much beer as it can drink. We import foreign beer in this State, which foots up $1,000,000 annually. This amount, instead of going across the water, will go to the State brewers. All over Pennsylvania improvements and enlargements in breweries are taking place. The fact that $1,000,000 can be snatched from foreign competitors and transferred to Pennsylvania brewers will give work to 600 men.

"There has been more beer brewed and sold here in the past year than ever before. The refusal of Judge White to grant the legitimate number of licenses boomed the brewing trade. Before a reduction of licenses was made two years ago, the brewers sold their beer in one-half casks and one-quarter casks. The first year the saloons were cut down the brewers could not cope with the trade which it produced. Consumers instead of patronizing the saloons, ordered it from the breweries in eights. The result was the beer trade fell off a little last year. Brewers were unable to meet the demands of consumers, because they were required to deliver their beer in smaller packages.

ORDERS FOR SMALL KEGS.

At the last court, however, we prepared ourselves for an emergency, and when the license list was published, which revealed another slaughter, I telegraphed to Cincinnati for 15,000 small kegs. Besides the kegs the Pittsburg coopers made, I bought for the brewers in three months 40,000.

"This year will be memorable in brewing circles. We can safely say that more beer has been sold in Allegheny county than was ever known before. More improvements have taken place in brewing properties, which surpasses anything accomplished before, and the prohibition amendment has been defeated. To give you an adequat- idea of the amount of beer sold in small kegs, let me quote some figures. A brewer in Pittsburg sold 4,000 eighths of beer last Saturday from his wagons. Another one sold 3,400, again another 2,200, and an Allegheny brewer sold 3,000 small kegs.

"I think Judge White will see the sense next Court of granting more licenses. In Allegheny county there are 1,200 speak-easies. If Judge White would grant 1,000 licenses in the county we would not have one speak-easy. However, that is to be seen. Through the limited number of licenses, beer has been consumed in houses where before no beer ever entered. The policy of reducing licenses has not been successful. It has merely changed the sale of the beer from the saloon keeper to the brewer, practically making a brewer a saloon keeper.

DR. B. M. HANNA. Eye, ear, nose and throat diseases exclusively. Office, 718 Penn street, Pittsburg, Pa. s&su

Substantial Holiday Presents.

Seal plush sacques, plush and cloth jackets, newmarkets and children's wraps. Large and carefully selected stock and lowest prices at H. J. Lynch's, 438 and 440 Market st.

W. CLARK RUSSELL, the well-known author of popular sea stories, gives the readers of to-morrow's DISPATCH a few plums from a sailor's duff.

FOR CONSOLIDATION.

The Jr. O. U. A. M. and the O. U. A. M. Discuss Unification—A Lively Meeting, but the Proposition Was Held Over.

A meeting of representatives of the Senior and Junior orders of United American Mechanics was held in the hall of Colonel Samuel Black Council, at Hazelwood, yesterday, to discuss the proposed consolidation of both orders.

There was a misunderstanding as to the place of meeting. The meeting had been called by members of the McKeesport Council, and the location of the hall was not stated in the call. As a result more than 50 representatives were skirmishing all around the city, looking for the meeting.

There were probably 100 delegates present, representing Clearfield, Center, Armstrong, Westmoreland, Fayette, Beaver, Clarion, Jefferson and Allegheny counties. The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock by a member of the Senior Order from Connellsville, who was elected chairman. A Committee on Resolutions was appointed and a recess was taken until 1 o'clock.

The afternoon session was a lively one. The committee reported a preamble and resolution containing a recommendation that it was the sense of the meeting that the two orders should be consolidated, and a platform setting forth the objects of the proposed new organization. When the resolutions were read, a dozen or so of Juniors who are opposed to the consolidation scheme were on their feet. They contended that the meeting was merely called to discuss the advisability of a consolidation, and it was not the time to discuss platforms or objects. An effort was made to have the resolutions adopted, and a discussion lasting nearly three hours followed.

Another objection was raised to the platform on the grounds that it was too radical. There were clauses in it that would be an injury to the organization if adopted, and the more conservative members of both orders did not desire to see them approved.

The matter was finally referred back to the committee with instructions to report at some future meeting, after which the meeting adjourned.

The proposed amalgamation of the two orders is not likely to be consummated. The scheme was proposed by the Seniors, who are by far the weaker in point of numbers. The Juniors claim that if the Seniors want consolidation they should be willing to accept the Juniors' mode of work and not try to dictate terms to them.

State Vice Councilor Stephen Collins, of the Juniors, said last night: "It is not practical to consolidate the two orders. Although it would be a good thing for the country districts that are only able to support one council. I believe the orders should work together in harmony, being organized for practically the same objects and purposes, but I believe in them remaining as they are—independent organizations, and I do not believe that the Juniors will submit to a consolidation."

MOORE WAS THERE TO KICK.

He Threatens to Indict Allegheny for Maintaining a Nuisance.

The meeting of the Committee on Roads of Allegheny, last night, was enlivened somewhat by the presence of W. D. Moore, Esq. Mr. Moore was present for the purpose of protesting against the condition of South avenue.

This he did in most vigorous language, and threatened to indict the city of Allegheny for maintaining a nuisance. The hostile language of Mr. Moore had a telling effect, as a sub-committee was immediately appointed, whose duty it will be to visit South avenue and try to afford immediate relief.

The two committees, representing the Eastern and Western districts, were instructed to put down new board walks wherever they were properly petitioned for.

WITH MILITARY HONORS.

Captain James Chalfant Will be Buried by the Washington Infantry.

The following order has just been promulgated from the headquarters of the Washington Infantry: "The members of this company are hereby ordered to assemble in their armory, in full dress uniform, at 1 o'clock P. M., sharp, on Sunday, December 8, to attend the funeral of our late comrade, Captain James Chalfant. Uniforms must be in first-class order."

Captain James Chalfant served during the Mexican war, also during the civil war in the One Hundred and First Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was an old member of the Washington Infantry and almost his last request before he died was to have the infantry bury him. His record as a soldier was beyond reproach. The captain, for many years, was a member of the police force of this city.

SEWER PIPES THIS TIME.

Indications That All the Factories in the Country Will Combine.

Combines are the order of the day. The sewer pipe and terra cotta manufacturers were yesterday reported to have held preliminary meetings with a view to ascertaining how an amalgamation of the various concerns would work. A committee has been appointed to ascertain the views of each manufacturer, and obtain valuations. Mr. Garrison, of Garrison, Williams & Co., says there is a prospect of the scheme materializing. The plan is in line with that of the Union Glass Company, which runs its factories from one general office, bringing in the owners as share holders.

HUMAN BONES FOUND.

Jack's Run Smells a Mystery and Revels in Excitement.

Jack's Run, which is located down the Ft. Wayne road, was stirred up with excitement on Thursday last. The cause of this excitement was that some workmen, who are engaged in laying a new track, discovered the bones of a human being in a place known as Watson's quarry. The bones were placed in a pile and allowed to remain in the quarry, and the good people of that quiet place think that there is a deep mystery connected with the bones.

Desirable Office For Rent

On second floor Penn Building. Rent low. Inquire at 204 Penn Building. ws

OUR NEXT.

The Marquise Ring.

This quaint old French style of ring has been revived and now reigns supreme as the fashionable ring. Our collection contains the opal, ruby, sapphire, turquoise and diamond, at Hardy & Hayes, Jewelers, Silversmiths and Art Dealers, 529 Smithfield street, new building.

Read This.

Square Pianos, 7½ oct., $80, $100, $125, $150.

Upright Pianos, 7½ oct., $160, $175, $225, $300.

Parlor Organs, 5 oct., $20, $30, $44, $60, $100.

Parlor Organs, 6 oct., $45, $70, $90, $110, $115.

This list includes such pianos as Weber, Ablstrom, Haines Bros., Mason & Hamlin, Bush & Girts, Wing & Son, Jewett, Schultz & Co., and Mason & Hamlin, Taber, Waterloo, Keystone and new Paris Organs. Please call and get first choice, as these goods must be sold regardless of price and on terms to suit. Store open nights until 9 o'clock.

ECHOLS, MCMURRAY & CO.
123 Sandusky street,
Allegheny City, Pa.

Handkerchiefs

In fancy boxes for Christmas presents, 25c a box (of 6) to highest prices.

JOS. HORNE & CO.'S

A VERY NOVEL DEBUT.

How a Young Amateur Actress Was to be Brought Out in This City.

HER HUSBAND IS BEHIND THE BARS

The Newsies Will Probably Not Get Any Winter Clothes Now.

THE PLAN WAS TRIED ONCE BEFORE

A pair of smart young men who had a novel and original way of "bringing out" an amateur actress were arrested in this city last night and are now ruminating over their future prospects in the Central station.

One of them was snatched from the arms of a bride of three weeks, who is the aforesaid actress. She is at the Hamilton Hotel, sobbing for her husband, who will be called upon to explain several things this morning.

In yesterday's DISPATCH was an account of a proposed performance to be given in Lafayette Hall, December 27, for the benefit of the Newsboys' and Bootblacks' Home. The matter was brought to the attention of Superintendent Druitt, of the Newsboys' Home. He investigated it and found it to be a "fake." He succeeded in locating the men who were behind the scheme at the Hotel Hamilton, and last night they were arrested by Detectives Fitzgerald and Dimmel.

The two men are brothers, and hail from the West. Their names are Byron F. and John Gilkenson. When arrested they had about 100 tickets for the entertainment. The tickets read "Help save the newsboys. First annual benefit by the Pittsburg Elite Dramatic and Musical Club, Lafayette Hall, Friday evening, December 27, etc., etc."

A PLAUSIBLE PLAN.

The tickets had the names of Dr. C. Angell, Secretary, and Miss Alice White, Treasurer, printed on the bottom. On the left hand side of the card was a notice that no talent derives any benefit from the proceeds of the entertainment, as the entire receipts were to be used in purchasing winter clothing for the newsboys and bootblacks.

One of the men attempted to sell a ticket to Captain A. J. Logan. The man did not know that Captain Logan was a director in the Newsboys' Home. The purchaser of the ticket turned it over to Superintendent Druitt, who ran across the man who sold it, B. F. Gilkenson. The latter said he visited Captain Logan for the purpose of effecting an amalgamation with his scheme and the Newsboys' Home. This Captain Logan denies. Mr. Gilkenson told a number of conflicting statements about the identity of Dr. Angell and Miss White. He said the latter lived in Allegheny, at No. 225 Montgomery avenue. When Mr. Druitt went to the place he found no such number on the street. He then located Gilkenson at the Hamilton Hotel. The latter upon being threatened with prosecution said they had sold $25 or $30 worth of tickets and offered to make a compromise with Mr. Druitt. He said they had not hired the hall, but intended to do so as soon as they could raise the money. They did not even have the customary fee of $10, but said after they raised the amount they would change the date and give the entertainment later.

WANTED HER TO ACT OUT.

The object of the scheme, he said, was to introduce his wife to the public. He stated she was an amateur actress, and in an entertainment for the newsboys the public would take some interest in the scheme.

Mr. Druitt promised to fix the matter up, which he did by reporting it to Inspector McAleese. The latter sent Detectives Fitzgerald and Dimmel to the hotel last night and arrested the men. A large number of unpaid board bills, etc., were found among their effects with the tickets.

In regard to the arrest, Inspector McAleese said: "These men have been working this scheme all over the country. The idea is a good one to raise money, and they have been fairly successful in this city. The scheme is to get the tickets printed, and after selling a large number of them, skip out without giving the entertainment."

The young actress spoken of has been married to B. F. Gilkenson about three weeks. When the detectives took him away there was a sad parting. The man wept the greater part of the night over his misfortune.

THE PLAN TRIED LAST YEAR.

The incident recalls the fact that one Curtis, who passed in Pittsburg by the name of "Harry Venn" and who worked in a transitory way upon an afternoon paper, went around and worked up a benefit for the same object about a year ago. He secured the Penn avenue rink, got the Y. M. C. A. young men to volunteer a gymnastic entertainment, promised a speech on newsboys by Dr. Talmage and got plans perfected for a grand musical adjunct. Tickets were on sale all over the city and things looked roseate, when one fine day Curtis, alias Harry Venn, went around and collected the money from tickets for "incidental expenses" and made himself scarce on an Eastward train. Never heard of since, he is gone, but not forgotten.

A Seasonable Hint.

As Christmas draws near, it is pleasant to contemplate how many indulgent husbands and loving parents are anticipating the gleeful surprise they are about to perpetrate upon their treasured ones, doubtless, in the presentation of a piano or organ. In such cases, one word of counsel. As in the case of purchasing a horse, watch or jewelry, persons not thoroughly competent to judge their purchase are largely subject to the integrity and judgment of the dealer. Hence the desirability, when wishing a piano or organ, to consult such an old established and reputable firm as Mellor & Hoene, of 77 Fifth avenue. Theirs is one of the most competent and reliable business houses in the city. Experience has led them to handle only the best instruments in the market, such as the Hardman, Krakauer Kimball and Harrington piano-fortes, and the Chase, Palace and Chicago Cottage organs, each alike the best value to be met with. Indeed, you are just as safe in ordering an instrument by mail from them as to make a personal selection. They give the lowest prices and the easiest terms found in the trade, and gladly mail catalogues promptly upon application. Write at once to 77 Fifth avenue.

THE NEW CABINET BEAUTY.

The Latest Thing Out.

One of the most gorgeous improvements is the new cabinet opera. It has been specially designed by a celebrated New York artist for the holiday season, and it is beautiful beyond description. The elegant case alone is worth the money asked, while its music captivates every ear. Truly, a Christmas present such as this beautiful cabinet opera would set the entire family circle wild with delight. Call at H. Kleber & Bros.'s, 506 Wood street, and see it.

Christmas Mandolins and Guitars.

H. Kleber & Bro. have received a large and select assortment of the celebrated Washburn mandolins and guitars, specially adapted for Xmas gifts. This make is conceded by the best players throughout the country to be without an equal, while the prices are not above those of inferior makes. A more desirable and beautiful present than one of these instruments cannot be found. Klebers' also have a full line of the Arion and Conservatory guitars and mandolins, warranted, and which are sold at $8 and upward. H. KLEBER & BRO., No. 506 Wood street.

WE recommend the use of Angostura Bitters to our friends who suffer with dyspepsia.

IS MARRIAGE ESSENTIAL? Mrs. Frank Leslie, in to-morrow's issue, discourses on the marital state and its happiness.

THE WIER GIRLS WILL STAY.

The Columbus Abbess Brings a Letter Expressing Contentment.

The Mother Superioress Gertrude, of the Home of the Good Shepherd, at Columbus, O., and one of the sisters located there are in the city. They visited the Southside yesterday and had a prolonged conversation with Alderman Hartman and Father Bernard, of St. Michael's congregation.

It is stated that the subject of discussion was the case of Stella and Mattie Wier, the two girls who were taken to the Columbus institution some time ago, and in whom so much interest was manifested by the people on that side of the river. A letter was delivered to Alderman Hartman from Stella Wier, in which the girl reiterated her former statement, that she was perfectly satisfied with the treatment she is receiving, and that she does not desire to return to Pittsburg.

KNIGHTS OF LABOR IN IRELAND.

Formation of a Branch at Belfast—Talk of a Federation of Labor.

Efforts at organizing the K. of L. in Ireland have so far not been attended with conspicuous success. Michael Davitt, when in this country two years ago, had a conversation with Mr. Powderly on the subject, but he now is unable to take an active part in the work of promulgating the doctrines of the Knights through lack of time. A branch has been just formed at Belfast and others are expected to follow. There is much talk in Great Britain at present about the formation of a federation of labor.

Selling Out to Quit.

Our entire stock of dress goods, trimmings, underwear, wraps, jackets, hosiery, gloves, etc., without regard to cost.

ARTHUR, SCHONDELMYER & CO.,
TTS 68 and 70 Ohio st., Allegheny.

$3 00. $3 00. $3 00.

Cold weather shoes for tender feet. Ask for the "California" shoe at $3 00.

CAIN & VERNER, Fifth ave. & Market st.

Music Boxes.

Special fine variety from 50 cents to $200. Also finest stock and variety of all kinds of strings. HAMILTON'S, 91 and 93 Fifth avenue.

Slippers, Slippers, Slippers,

For Xmas at Cain & Verner's, Fifth avenue and Market street.

B. & B.

Great lines of holiday umbrellas for ladies and gentlemen. BOGGS & BUHL, Allegheny.

Cold Feet

Made comfortable by wearing our feet slippers—for young and old—at low prices.

CAIN & VERNER, Fifth and Market st.

YOU won't believe it until you try it, how much you can save by purchasing your Christmas gifts at Harrison's Toy Store, 123 Federal street, Allegheny. TTS

$2 00. $2 00. $2 00.

The sales are increasing daily in our gents' $2 morocco, patent-leather, trimmed chamois-lined slippers. They make very acceptable Xmas presents. CAIN & VERNER, Fifth ave. and Market st.

New, Sweet, Delicious.

Marvin's royal bread possesses all these properties. If you haven't tried it do so at once, if you want to renew your youth and be happy. D

ALL the best dealers keep F. & V.'s Pittsburg beer. Try it. You will like it.

SILK umbrellas for holiday presents. JAMES H. AIKEN & CO., 100 Fifth ave.

DECEMBER, 1889.

NOTABLE REDUCTIONS

—IN—

EVERY DEPARTMENT.

A FEW SPECIAL BARGAINS:

Extra grade White Country Blanket, $4.
12-4 White Country Blanket, extra value, $5.
Good, full-size Bed Comforts, $1, $1 25.
Special low prices on Eiderdown Quilts.

Two extra fine grades:
English Suitings, in All-Wool Checks and Stripes, 50-inch wide, reduced to $1 and $1 25.
36-inch Silk and Wool Plaid and Stripe Suitings at 37½c, worth 50c.
50-inch Wool Stripe Suitings at 50c, worth 75c.
50-inch Wool Plaid Suitings at 75c, worth $1.

Special value in Black Henrietta:
Jet Black and Blue Black Shades 40-inch Silk Warp Henrietta, in extra fine grade, reduced to $1, worth $1 37½.

FURS! FURS! FURS!

Ladies' and Children's Furs in Mink, Astrachan, Persian, Beaver and Seal at very close figures.

FINE SILK UMBRELLAS,

With durable cover and novel handle. See our Solid Silver Mountings on Natural Bulb Stick. Just the umbrella to please a gentleman or lady for Xmas.

JACKETS AND WRAPS.

An immense display of Newest Fabrics, Newest Shapes, and, of great importance to you, Newest prices.

The season is somewhat advanced, and we are enabled to close out lots at great reduction. We give you the benefit.

BIBER & EASTON,

505 and 507 MARKET STREET.

de7-TTSSu

CIGAR CABINETS—FOR CHRISTMAS gifts, hermetically sealed, so as to preserve the cigars fresh and moist from heat of natural gas. For sale by JOHN A. RENSHAW & CO., Fancy Grocers, cor. Liberty and Ninth streets. de4-ws

A.—

Never fail to cure.

SODEN MINERAL PASTILLES,
SODEN MINERAL PASTILLES,
SODEN MINERAL PASTILLES,

the great European remedy against all

CATARRHAL AFFECTIONS

and

COUGHS AND HOARSENESS.

Sold by all Druggists.

Small boxes, 25c; large boxes, 50c.

oc26-40-ws

GEMS

-FOR-

CHRISTMAS.

For the holiday season of 1889, we exhibit the most superb collection of Diamonds and precious stones we have ever shown, mounted in all the latest designs.

Our Diamonds are all of finest quality, and being purchased before the recent advance in prices enables us to offer special inducements to Christmas buyers.

AN INSPECTION INVITED.

E. P. ROBERTS & SONS,

de6-62-TTS Cor. Fifth ave. and Market st.

THE CHINA STORE,
-FOR-
CHRISTMAS GIFTS.
Inspect the stock of
FRENCH, KENDRICK & CO.
de2-TTS 516 SMITHFIELD ST.

TOUGH ON M'TIGHE.

He Says He Wasn't Able to Sling Burton, but He Was Arrested.

P. McTighe, a well-known market huckster, was arrested yesterday afternoon for an assault and battery when he was really so crippled with rheumatism that he could not raise his hand to his head. The trouble started in a saloon on Diamond street, near the market house. A number of men were in the place and got quarreling. One of them struck a man named Burton in the face, cutting a gash over his eye. Then all but McTighe left the place, and Burton ran for an officer. When he returned with Officer Fowler, Burton accused McTighe of being the man who assaulted him, and ordered his arrest on a charge of assault and battery. McTighe claimed he was not the man who struck the blow, as he was unable to have done so. He was arrested nevertheless, and gave bail for a hearing before Magistrate McKenna.

THE BATTLE OF FREDERICKSBURG.

Its Anniversary to be Handsomely Celebrated in Allegheny.

A meeting of the survivors of the One Hundred and Twenty-third Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, was held last night in Common Council Chamber, Allegheny. The various committees having in charge the arrangements for the entertainment on Friday night next, to commemorate the battle of Fredericksburg, reported everything in grand shape.

The entertainment promises to be a grand success. It will be held in Union Rink.

Rich Cut Glass.

Our stock now complete with every requisite for the table or buffet in all new and artistic effects. Our prices and depth of cuttings are the very lowest.

REIZENSTEIN,
152, 154, 156 Federal st., Allegheny.
TTSSu