NEWS OF THE STAGE.

The Old Story of Alleged Attempt to Blackmail Edwin Booth.

STEELE MACKAYE TALKS ABOUT IT.

Unpleasant Notoriety Into Which Henry Lee Has Gotten Himself.

NOTES ABOUT LOCAL AMUSEMENTS

[BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.]

LONDON, Aug. 1.—Much interest is felt in London in the story published in the New York *Herald* about an alleged attempt to blackmail Edwin Booth by "a disreputable newspaper man" and "a person connected with the stage." An article in the New York *Dramatic News* gives the names of Steel Mackaye, obviously as "the person connected with the stage," and that of Frank A. Burr, as "the disreputable man." Your correspondent showed these articles to-day to Mr. Mackaye, who is at present in London. Mr. Mackaye's rage knew no bounds.

"Nobody who knows me," he said, "will ever believe anything of that nature about me. But the attempt to connect my name with such an outrage is an infamy. The fact is that I have been for four years the means of keeping that story from being published and have used my utmost efforts to effect this purpose, and it is a dastardly thing that anyone should dare to try to connect me with a conspiracy to injure a noble fellow professional like Mr. Booth who, even if these letters were genuine, which I do not believe, is entirely innocent in the matter."

There will be some explanations made when Mr. Mackaye returns to New York, and it is probable that somebody will suffer.

Henry Lee, who has just conducted "Monte Cristo" and "The Henrietta" to failure at the Avenue Theater, is still in London. His principal exploit this week has been to imprison his wife, whom he married the day after the theater was opened, and all of whose money and jewels were lost in the venture, in the room of a friend, and threatened her with various and dire results if she refused to return to live with him. Mrs. Lee has discovered that under the beneficent laws of England she has no redress for the loss of her jewelry, though her husband pawned a diamond necklace that he told her he had placed in a safe deposit vault four days before they were married. The English law does provide, however, that no man can molest or annoy his wife, even if she does refuse to live with him, and Lee will probably get into trouble if he continues to molest the woman whom he has brought to penury.

Local Theatrical News.

THE Bijou Theatre redecorated, recarpeted and newly painted will open its doors to the public next Saturday evening, August 8. The initial attraction will be the popular Irish comedian, Bobby Gaylor, in an entirely new farcical creation called "Sport McAllister, One of the Four Hundred." Bobby Gaylor has always been a welcome card at the Bijou. He is an Irish comedian entirely different from anyone now on the stage, and as the late Dion Boucicault once said, "He is the most natural stage Irishman before the public." In "Sport McAllister," Gaylor is said to have a part that will fit him to perfection, and that will allow him chance to produce the many specialties which have already made him famous. William A. Brady, his manager, has been at work on this comedy for the last eight months, and no expense will be spared in placing it upon the road. Many new specialties will be introduced throughout the piece, including gems from all the latest operatic successes both in this country and abroad. The company aiding Mr. Gaylor is of the best, including among its number Georgie Parker, the well-known soubrette; Pearl Ardine, the California dancing wonder; never before seen in the East; C. W. Young, an eccentric comedian, for many years with Murray and Murphy; Miss Myrtle Tressider, a young lady with a phenomenal contralto voice; J. F. Carroll, a very clever Irish comedian, who will play the opposite part to Mr. Gaylor. The Olympic Quartet, who well know have long been with Evansand Hoey for the past eight years in their Parlor Match Company, and many others. A bevy of pretty young girls will be seen in several bright and clean specialties. The costuming of the play has been placed in the hands of one of the best costumers in the country, and beautiful gowns for the ladies may be looked for. The sale of seats for the opening performance will begin at the theater box office Thursday morning, August 6, at 9 o'clock.

TOMORROW night the Garrow Opera Company will begin its second week at the Duquesne Theater in a production of that ever-welcome opera, "The Bohemian Girl," in which the full strength of the above organization will be seen. So far the opera season has been most successful, the house having been crowded at each performance. The people of Pittsburg appreciate a good thing, and now that they know that they can see a good organization in standard opera at a moderate price, they are turning out nobly. The cool air apparatus works admirably, keeping the auditorium of the theater at a delightfully cool temperature. The "Bohemian Girl" first appearance should be a good one, as all the members of the company have played in it before. Mr. John E. Brand will be the *Count Arnheim*, Miss Augusta Roche the *Gipsy Queen*, Mr. Henry Hallam, the *Thaddeus*, Miss Lillian Swain, the *Budda*; Mr. Eugene Avery, (a new tenor), the *Florestan*, and Miss Laura Clement, the *Arline*. Several new features will be introduced in the "Bohemian Girl." Among them will be a Russian "Czaradash" dance in the first act, by four premiers engaged especially for this opera, and a grand march of the Gypsies in the third act. The "Bohemian Girl" is probably one of the most popular operas of its class ever written. Many of its numbers, namely, "A Heart Bowed Down," "Then You'll Remember Me," "The Fair Land of Poland," "I Dreamed I Dwelt in Marble Halls," and others are familiar to every lover of music in Pittsburg. Manager Garrow states that so far the business has gone beyond the highest expectations and promises that every opera to be given during his stay in Pittsburg will be produced in the same excellent manner that characterized the production of Girofle-Grofla.

BARNUM'S show will appear at Exposition Park Monday and Tuesday afternoon and evening. This year the Barnum & Bailey menagerie is the best that has ever been shown by anybody, bar none. For this reason: Last winter the old menagerie was destroyed by fire. Nothing was saved but the elephants and one lonely bird. All the rest of the rare and valuable animals were roasted. This year all the animals shown are newly captured, and besides this a special effort was made when collecting to get specimens that had never before been exhibited. Then there is the hippodrome. This year the management has returned to the system of giving cash prizes to the winners of the various events, with the result of having from day to day a series of the most exciting contests. The horses used are all blooded racers and the riders anti drivers are experts. Passing over the hundreds of other attractions, it would be an injustice to the person who intends to visit the show were nothing said about that greatest of all features, the spectacle of "Nero, or the Fall of Rome." This is presented in the same tent with the other performances and for the one price of admission. It will be remembered that as it used to be there were seats all around the interior of the big tent and that the performances took place in the center. Now all one side of the tent is taken up with the stage for the spectacle, and the people sit on the other three sides. The spectacle is put on with a magnificence that is simply astounning. The number of people employed in its production is over 4,000.

POXPEU is to be overwhelmed by Vesuvius several times this week in Recreation Park, Allegheny. On Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday the "Last Days of Pompeii" will be presented with pyrotechnic magnificence. On Tuesday the occasion will be made notable by the presence of Major McKinley, candidate for Governor of Ohio, who will be present under the escort of Christopher L. Magee, in a private box. A picture of Major McKinley will be given in fireworks on this occasion. The spectacle has now reached a perfect stage, and, provided the weather is fine, a very beautiful sight is insured. On Thursday evening children will be admitted at a reduced price, and several remarkable features will be introduced to please the juveniles.

THE following is the route of the Barnum show on Monday: South avenue to Allegheny avenue, to Western avenue, to Irwin avenue, to North avenue, to Federal street, across bridge to Liberty street, to Seventh avenue, to Smithfield street, to Water street, to Wood street, to Third avenue, to Market street, to Sixth street, to Robinson street, to Anderson street, to Church avenue, to Union avenue, to Ohio street, to Federal street, to Lacock street, to Exposition Park.

MR. CHARLES L. DAVIS, who has been in New York, arranging for the opening of the new Alvin Theater, September 21, will arrive here this morning. The work on the theater is progressing rapidly and Mr. Davis guarantees that it is to be the handsomest theater in America. One of the features which Mr. Davis recently decided on is a white Mexican onyx wainscoting throughout. This alone will cost about $25,000.

"SPORT MCALLISTER," the new farce comedy that Bobby Gaylor is to appear in, was written by Charles J. Vincent, author of "The Editor," "The Grass Widow," "Lady Tom" and Patti Rosa's new play, "Dolly Varden."

MR. H. W. SLACK, who is a native of Allegheny, and has been instrumental in bringing Mr. Davis to Pittsburg, will be on the managerial staff of the new Alvin Theater in the capacity of assistant treasurer.

NELLIE ROSEBUD, the clever little soubrette of "Aunt Bridget's Baby," has just returned from Europe, and brought over with her some stunning dresses, which she will wear in that highly amusing skit.

GEORGE CLARE is now the business manager of the Garrow Opera Company, replacing Berrie Jarrett, who resigned to take the business management of Bobby Gaylor in "Sport McAllister."

JAMES J. BRADY will manage Hallen and Hart the coming season. They will present "Later On" with an entirely new company, with the exception of Joe Sullivan and John McWade.

MR. CHARLES GORDON, of Brooklyn, who has been with Mr. Charles L. Davis for a number of years, has been selected by him as treasurer of the new Alvin Theater.

"THE LIMITED MAIL" will follow Bobby Gaylor at the Bijou. It is said to be a highly sensational comedy drama full of realistic railroad effects.

JAMES RILEY commences his season tomorrow night at the Whitney Grand Opera House, Detroit. He is due here the latter part of August.

THE opera to follow the "Bohemian Girl" at the Duquesne will be "Erminie," with Charles H. Drew in his old part of *Cadaretz*.

ISABELLA MORRISON will be the star in "The Danger Signal," a new play that will be seen early in the season here.

MISS LOTTIE HOWE, a very pretty girl with an excellent figure, will lead the march in the "Bohemian Girl."

MANAGER GARROW is highly elated over the success of his opera company at the Duquesne.

MISS AUGUSTA ROCHE will be the Gypsy Queen in the "Bohemian Girl."

WOULD USE THE STILLETO.

Lorenzo Banny Tries to Compel a Girl to Marry Him.

Lorenzo Banny, an Italian fruit dealer at 817½ Carson street, endeavored to compel the girl he loved to marry him by threatening to kill her father. The young woman is Angina Piazza, a native of Naples. She has only been in this country about six weeks. Banny and Piazza, the father of the girl, are partners, and were getting along very well, when it was decided to send for Piazza's daughter to attend to the store. After her arrival young Banny spent a great deal of his time in the store, talking to the girl, and neglecting his business.

On Friday Banny entered the store about 4 o'clock, and after talking to the girl for some time, asked her to marry him, which she refused. He said if she would not he would kill her father, at the same time displayed a stilleto. The girl went home, and when her father arrived she told him the story. They then went to Alderman Means, and Miss Piazza entered suit charging Banny with surety of the peace. The accused was arrested and will be given a hearing.

THAT COIN EXPORT DUTY.

Guatemala Simply Imposed It Through Considerations of Economy.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—Considerable indignation has been expressed by newspapers in the State of Chiapas, in Southern Mexico, over a decree issued by the Government of Guatemala imposing a duty of 10 per cent on the coined money exported from the latter country. The Chiapas papers have assumed that this decree was especially aimed at the Mexican State of Chiapas, between which and Guatemala there is a sharp rivalry.

A Guatemalan newspaper explains the significance of the decree, and denies that it was directed against Chiapas. "Some time ago," it says, "Guatemala decreed a duty on the money which is exported—not to Chiapas, but to the Spanish-American republics—and this decree was inspired solely by economic considerations."

DIED AT A MANHOLE.

An Oil City Man Killed by Escaping Gas at Lima, Ohio.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

LIMA, Aug. 1.—C. G. Phillips, aged 26 years, employed at the standard refinery, was sent to one of the tanks to obtain a sample of distillate, and soon after was found dead, having been overcome by escaping gas.

When found he was lying with his mouth over the manhole, through which gas was still escaping. Phillips' home was in Oil City, where he has a wife living. Coroner Herman held an inquest and found no one to blame.

MEETINGS.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING—THE ANNUAL meeting of the stockholders of the Mutual Savings Fund and Loan Association, of Pittsburg, Pa., will be held at the office of the corporation, No. 83 Diamond street, MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 1891, at 8 P. M., to elect nine directors, to hear reports of officers and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. J. G. CONNELL, Secretary. jy31-64-rsu

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City Residences.

COLWELL ST., NEAR MILLER ST.—BIG BARGAIN, $4,250, new brick dwelling of six rooms, attic, hall, dry cellar; nicely papered, sewered; water up and down stairs, etc.; size of lot 20x90 ft. to Our alley, paved. R. G. BAILEY, 164 Fourth av. au1-24-TuSSu*

DWELLING—MUST BE SOLD BY AUGUST 51 a big bargain to a quick buyer; Center av., near Erin st.; good brick dwelling of eight rooms, hall, bath, range, h. and c. water, w. c. and every modern convenience; good brick stable, etc.; lot 40 feet front. W. C. BERINGER & CO., 156 Fourth avenue. au2-69*

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AT BELLEFIELD, ADJOINING SCHENLEY Park, four-room house (new); price $1,500; terms reasonable. C. H. LOVE, 93 Fourth av. jy31-43-FSu*

BOQUET ST.—OAKLAND SQUARE—TWO admirably arranged and commodious new houses are now finished and ready for inspection on Boquet st., adjoining Oakland Square; asphalt pavement just completed and houses ready for occupancy; the lots are within 300 feet of the prettiest part of Schenley Park, a full view of which is commanded from these houses; grounds sewered, streets paved and the houses the best and most conveniently arranged in the market at the price; $6,000, on terms to suit purchaser. Apply to SAMUEL W. BLACK & CO., 99 Fourth av., city. je28-52*

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AT BELLEFIELD, ADJOINING SCHENLEY Park, two frame dwellings with large lot; price $3,500; also, several houses in the same neighborhood varying in price from $1,500 upward; this is growing locality and sure to increase in value. C. H. LOVE, 93 Fourth av. jy31-43-FSu*

AT BELLEFIELD, ON LINE OF DUQUESNE electric road, a good eight-room brick house; a good location for a physician. C. H. LOVE, 93 Fourth av. jy31-43-FSu*

BOQUET ST.—IF YOU ARE THINKING OF having a house of your own take a look when you go to Schenley Park at the two elegant and commodious stone front residences on Boquet st., adjoining Oakland Square; these are all that now remain undisposed of of the seven which were finished last winter; rooms commodious and convenient, distance to Schenley Park but two minutes. Price, $10,000; terms to suit purchaser. Apply to BLACK & BAIRD, Fourth av. je28-53*

CRAFT AV.—ONE OF THE BEST PROPERTIES in Oakland; three minutes' walk from Forbes st. electric cars; 10-room frame house; bathroom, front and side porches, fruit and shade trees, streets and sewers, and all modern improvements; 180 feet on Craft av. by 128 on Niagara st.; perfectly level; can be sold cheap to a quick buyer. P. WALSH, Real Estate and Insurance Agent, Albert st., near Craft av., Oakland. au2-80*

IN BELLEFIELD, NEAR DUQUESNE CAR house, house and lot with vacant lot; a good location for restaurant or boarding house. C. H. LOVE, 93 Fourth av. jy31-43-FSu*

NORTH OAKLAND SQUARE—WHY PAY rent is a question which may well be asked when such neat, commodious and attractive houses can be had for $5,750 and on terms as easy as those just finished and now offered on North Oakland square; this is admittedly one of the prettiest places in the county; it is divided only by a ravine from the most beautiful part of Schenley Park, of which it commands a superb view; the street cars pass within a few hundred feet; the houses will be appreciated at once upon examination, having excellent arrangement of rooms, bay windows, wide porches, handsome stairway, tile hearths and electric arrangements all through; in short, all modern improvements; only $1,000 cash, balance upon long time as may be required to suit purchaser; streets paved with asphalt and sewered; time from postoffice by Pittsburg Traction or Duquesne cars or B. & O. Railroad less than 20 minutes. Apply to SAMUEL W. BLACK & CO., 99 Fourth av. jy26-39*

SHADYSIDE—ONLY TWO MINUTES FROM S Roup station and Duquesne electric cars; a very handsome new frame dwelling containing ten rooms, reception hall with stained glass windows, electric light, both gases, bath, inside w. c., hard wood mantels and tile hearths with tile facings, buttery, cupboards and china closet; house sits back from street and has front and back porches, with a 30-foot lot running through to a 20-foot alley; terms to suit. M. F. HIPPLE & CO., 96 Fourth av. au2-17-TTSu*

$2,600—NEW FRAME HOUSE IN THE EAST End, 6 large rooms, attic, hall, vest, 2 porches, nice pantry, all neatly papered, sewered complete, slate roof, slate mantels; $400 cash; balance to suit; one or two good loans to the East End will be taken in exchange. DENNISTON, ELDERKIN & CO., Lim., 6222 Penn av. Tel. 5327. jy26-12-MWFSu*

$2,000—NEW 5-ROOM DWELLING HOUSE; hall, slate roof, porches, in his Eureka plan, Oakland; streets graded and sidewalks; magnificent view; natural drainage; 7 minutes' walk to Fifth av. cable road; 3c fare; ready for occupancy; easy terms. GEO. SCHMIDT, 167 Fourth av. jy25-53*

Allegheny Residences.

OR EXCHANGE FOR GOOD GROCERY STAND —Adams st., Allegheny, good brick dwelling of six rooms; both gases, good cellar, etc.; also, two-story frame house of four rooms and storeroom; a corner property and a first-class investment; lot 20x100. W. C. BERINGER, 156 Fourth avenue. au2-68-TTSu*

$7,500—ON A GOOD PAVED STREET, ALLEGHENY; three new frame houses; six rooms, attic, hall, vestibule, both gases, inside w. c., bathroom, slate mantels, newly papered; a 25 per cent investment; clear of all taxes. A. V. BYERS & CO., 93 Federal st. jy31-24*

$7,500 — MONTEREY ST., ONE-HALF square above parks, two-story brick house, six rooms, hall, bath and attic; gas and water, slate mantels; all newly painted and papered; lot 20x110 to an alley. See JOHN K. EWING & CO., 107 Federal st. au2-116-wsu

$4,500—FREMONT ST., S