

A COLLOQUIAL TEA

Held by Four Bachelors at the McLure House Last Night.

A FIERCE PHILIPPIC LAUNCHED

At the Younger Society Circles on the Decadence of Social Customs—A Philosophic Cellar with Dynamic Force Blows the Gauged Logic to Pieces.

Last night, just as the old year was in a moribund condition, four bachelors sat in a cozy corner of the McLure House lobby exchanging confidences and indulging in some very entertaining retrospections.

When the writer broke in upon their confidences one of the decadents was inveighing against the supineness of the younger element of society of today.

"I tell you," said he, with a faint dash of the energy of other days, "they don't do things as we used to. There is no dash and form like there was when—well, when I was younger than I confessedly am now."

"Where did you get it?" interrupted one of his less pessimistic companions. "Get what?"

"That is what might be described lucidly as a heated projectile," smirked the cynic.

After a few seconds of noisy silence, the interrupted speaker gathering up the frayed threads of his plaint called attention to the decadence of the custom of New Year's calls.

"Morrison's 'Faust' To-day. Morrison's superb production of 'Faust' will be the attraction at the Opera House on New Year's matinee and night."

"According to your reasoning my 'wretched bachelors' resumed the monologue, 'if you were to expire tomorrow the world would stand still, so, don't shake your head, it's a corollary to your proposition.'"

"On a trolley car," was the electrical response of the irrepressible cynic. "I do not think it is very difficult to discover why we are all bachelors tonight. That same old society that you sigh for, my friend, was wise beyond its generation. We are often prone to neglect its frailties, its duplicity and selfishness, yet with all its faults it has behaved itself with wonderful propriety."

VIRGINIA LEAVES

Cincinnati with a Brilliant Passenger List and Big Manifesto.

PROBABLY REACH WHEELING

Early Thursday Morning—Give a Warm Reception by the West Virginia Tonnage, Who Take Pride in Her on Account of Her Name—A Description of Her Magnificent Cabin—A Veritable Floating Palace—Accident to Clerk Oliver at the Wharftoat—General River News and Levee Gossip.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 30.—The magnificent new steamer Virginia, the latest addition to the fleet of the Pittsburgh and Cincinnati packet line, left here this afternoon at 5 o'clock for Wheeling and Pittsburgh, with a brilliant passenger list and enough freight to make Captain Calhoun think of the palmy days of the river.

"Well, if any of this company can't see a reflection of himself after that without the aid of a mirror he is not endowed with the intellect of the plumbire or the conception of the tumble bug," was the oracular interjection of the cynic.

Bracing himself with some effort, the philosopher agreed to agree on one point, and that was the decadence of the custom of New Year's calls, when everybody visited everybody.

"The West Virginians who have come aboard at Cincinnati feel that their state has been indeed honored in the naming of the new boat."

An Ovation at Huntington.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 31.—No stambot for years was ever given a grander reception than the new Virginia, which reached here to-night late.

JAMES G. BLAINE SINES

In the Monongahela at Hatfield's Landing—She May Be Raised.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 31.—Capt. Z. W. Carmack, agent for the Pittsburgh, Brownsville and Morgantown packet line, received a dispatch from Capt. L. S. Graham, of Brownsville, general manager of the line, stating that the James G. Blaine had sunk ten feet below the water.

NOTES ON NAVIGATION.

Stage of Water and Movements of Boats.

The River Interests.

YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES.

CINCINNATI.—KEYSTONE STATE, 2 p. m.

PITTSBURGH.—H. K. BEDFORD, 8 a. m.

MATAMORAS.—LEXINGTON, 11 a. m.

EARLY.—JEWEL, 2:30 p. m.

CLARINGTON.—JEWEL, 3:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY.

CHARLESTON.—RUTH, 6 a. m.

PITTSBURGH.—BEN HUR, 8 a. m.

CLARINGTON.—JEWEL, 2:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW.

PITTSBURGH.—H. K. BEDFORD, 8 a. m.

PARKERSBURG.—LIBERTY, 10:30 a. m.

CLARINGTON.—JEWEL, 2:30 p. m.

The marks at the levee last night showed 15 feet of water in the channel and falling.

The Keystone State did not reach this port until 2 p. m. yesterday, being detained by fog and heavy head winds.

The Mark Winnett that passed here at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, sunk a cargo of coal at Heatherington's, just below Beahar.

Although Monday's rains were calculated to swell the river, the sudden cold snap that set in yesterday will retard it somewhat.

The following towboats passed down yesterday: Acorn, 8 a. m.; Bennett and M. Winnett, 1 p. m.; Harry Brown, 4 p. m.; The George Shiras passed up at 11 a. m.

The coal boat which was grounded on the shore at Brunot's Island early Monday morning, when the Harry Brown lost part of her low and killed one of her crew, was put afloat about 7 a. m., and the Jim Brown took it down the river with five barrels.

Charlie Oliver, the affable clerk at the wharftoat, sustained a severe strain of the back while pushing a loaded truck yesterday afternoon. The injury was so severe that he had to be taken to his home on North Market street in a cab. Charlie's numerous friends on the levee hope that his injuries will succumb to treatment in a few days.

From the special correspondence from Cincinnati, printed above, the writer intimates that the new Virginia will reach Pittsburgh Thursday morning. This calculation cannot be correct, as it would make her due here some time Wednesday night, which is too fast traveling for a boat on her maiden trip. River men here do not expect to get a sight of her before Thursday morning.

The towboat Rescue stuck three coal boats at Morgantown Monday afternoon, and at a time it looked as though another disaster would be added to the already long list of accidents to the coal fleet. After working for several hours, the Rescue managed to get the grounded boats afloat, and proceeded on down the river. The boats were slightly damaged, but were repaired sufficiently to allow them to be taken south.

Capt. Andrew J. Marshall died yesterday morning at Merrey hospital, where he had undergone an operation the day before. There were but few better known or more highly respected steamboatmen than Capt. Marshall. He had been an invalid for several months, but it was not until the knife of the surgeon was applied to the real cause of his trouble, developed in the stomach. Deceased had been actively engaged on the river as captain and pilot the greater part of his life, and while standing high in his profession, was highly esteemed as a

man. He leaves a wife and grown-up daughter to mourn his loss.—Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette.

Capt. "Sammy" Reed, says the Pittsburgh Commercial-Gazette, thinks of applying for a patent in the shape of cartridges loaded with dynamite to blow out sunken coal craft. The idea of Capt. Reed is to have those made to order, and as soon as the boat or barge is in a sinking condition to blow them to pieces, instead of permitting them to go to the bottom of the river and blocking the channel, as was the case last week at Merriman.

Pittsburgh—River 5 feet four-tenths and stationary. Weather clear and cold.

Oil City—River 5 feet and stationary. Weather clear and cold.

Morgantown—River 7 feet 8 inches and stationary. Weather, hard rain last night, followed by snow and cold today.

Warren—River 4 feet 4 inches and stationary. Weather clear and cold.

Greensboro—River 5 feet 1 inch and rising. Weather fair and cooler.

Steubenville—River 12 feet 10 inches and falling. Weather cloudy and cold.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and About the City.

Matinees at both theatres to-day. Opera House this evening—"Faust."

The Grand this evening—"The City Sports."

The board of equalization and appeals will meet at the city building on Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

The annual election of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association will occur this afternoon at the Association hall.

All the offices in the public building will observe New Year's by remaining closed except police headquarters, which is always open and hospitable.

George Washington, colored, was arraigned before Squire Phillips yesterday on a charge of jumping a board bill, and was sent to jail to await a hearing.

The Heabout club will give another of their hops this evening at their club rooms in the East End, on Woods street. Music will be furnished by Johnnie Long.

The drawing for the pretty Sheldahl cloth to be given away by the Hub clothing store will take place at the Grand Opera House this afternoon during the matinee of the City Sports company.

Charles Height, who was accused of stealing a chicken from L. G. Davis, was given a hearing by Squire Phillips yesterday and was fined \$10 and costs. In default of the cash he went to jail for thirty days.

George Woods, colored, was arrested last night on a warrant issued by Squire Gillespie, charged with assault and battery on Effie Wilson, also colored. He was committed to jail by the squire, in default of bond, for a hearing on Thursday.

The concert and dramatic recital at the Opera House by the Anita Cluss company Thursday evening bids fair to draw a large audience. The performance is said to be meritorious, and the company has won much praise everywhere it has appeared.

MRS. SARAH REID DEAD.

A Noble Christian Woman Whose Loss Many Will Mour.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

STUBENVILLE, O., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Sarah, wife of Dr. A. M. Reid, died here to-day at 11 a. m., at the residence, adjoining the seminary, aged sixty-seven years, after a lingering illness extending over ten years, the last year of which she spent at Markleton, Pa., sanitarium, coming home in November, three children survive her. For a quarter of a century she was associated with her husband as principal of the seminary, being a woman of noble Christian character whose refined influences molded the lives of others. Many of the former pupils of the seminary live in Wheeling and vicinity and will be mourned by those who attended the seminary, whose graduates the sun never sets on, it is said, as many of them are missionaries of the cross.

Steering clear of the shoals of ill health and the rocks of disease is easy enough if only the digestion be kept in good order. It isn't often any one is sick unless they have indigestion. The commonest way in which indigestion shows itself is in constipation. Nine people in ten are troubled more or less in this way.

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