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The present week was socially the most brilliant and active of the season, every day having one or more demands for recognition, each being of more than ordinary pretension. From the Alice Lincoln Dean concert, the Oliver T. Rhodes progressive euchre, the Twentieth Century Girls entertainment, the Whitaker-Cecil reception, the O'Brien reception, the senior Cotillon inaugural, the Philharmonic Club concert, the Y. M. C. A. supper, the Married Ladies' Euchre Club meeting, the Debutante party, the Rabbin's Foot Club entertainment, the issuing of the Haase-Balley wedding invitations, to the beginning of the Charity Ball tickets sale. The coming week holds the Nelson E. Whitaker reception, the Twentieth Century Girls entertainment, the Birney Kennard-Meichen reception at Maples Croft, Pleasant Valley, the second Whitaker-Cecil reception at Cecil Place, the William B. McMeichen dinner, the Married Ladies' Euchre Club reception, already slated for society with incidental entertainments for visiting house guests to be anticipated.

Mrs. Oliver T. Rhodes gave the second of her charming progressive euchre parties last Tuesday evening and again proved her right to be classed among Wheeling's perfect entertainers. Every appointment was beautifully conceived and the large house made a fitting surrounding to the brilliant assemblage. The hours, from 8 to 12, were delightfully passed. The prizes were won by Mrs. Kate Caldwell, of Ennis, Texas, the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Kenard McMeichen, Pleasant Valley, Mrs. M. Nelson Cecil, Miss Martha Ott, Lieut. B. C. Dent and Mr. William L. Glessner.

Mrs. Harry Cecil Whitaker beautifully entertained the Twentieth Century Girls at her home, Echo Point, Wednesday afternoon. The prize winners were Miss Smith, the house guest of Miss Grace Hoge, and Miss Emma Forbes. The next entertainment will be Wednesday afternoon, December 13, by Miss Mabel Brown, of Cecil Place.

The Married Ladies' Euchre Club had a delightful meeting yesterday afternoon at the Stamm House, with Mrs. Frank C. Hoffman, Mrs. W. W. Irwin and Mrs. R. C. Dent as hostesses. The prize winners were Miss Alice McCabe, Mrs. Harry E. Glensner, Mrs. George William L. Glessner and Mrs. George Vandy. The next reception of the club will be held next Friday afternoon, December 15th, at the Harry Cecil Whitaker home, Echo Point.

Miss Fannie Bonney, of Baltimore, is the house guest of Miss Lydia Good, of Fourteenth street.

The supper given by the Woman's auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian Association, in the Y. M. C. A. building, Thursday evening, was a complete success. Every dish was daintily served and the tables were beautifully and invitingly dressed. The ladies in charge were assisted by many others, all interested in the carrying on of one of the most beneficial institutions of the city.

The entertainment committee of the City Hospital has now completed every detail in connection with the coming great holiday week event, the Charity Ball. The programme of dances is now in the hands of Prof. E. W. Spell, conductor of the Opera House Orchestra, which has been engaged for the evening, and the newest and most entrancing music from the best writers is now being rehearsed. The large ball room of the McLure, with its magnificent lighting capabilities, adds an inviting charm to the anticipation which has been wheeling society already on the qui vive, and the promise of many out of town guests insures the largest, as well as the most brilliant out-pouring for charity's sake witnessed in this city in recent years. The catering of the evening will be in keeping with the other first class planning for every feature connected with the function. The tickets are now ready for sale, and any of the following ladies are for further particulars at the disposal of their friends and all friends of the institution: Mrs. J. F. Merriman, Mrs. Julius Pollock, Mrs. Margaret Dalzell, Mrs. Joseph Spieldel, Mrs. Howard Hazlett, Mrs. T. C. Moffat, Mrs. Lewis Franzell, Mrs. Louis Killmyer, Mrs. Jacob W. Grubb, Mrs. George Wise, Mrs. Walker B. Peterson and Mrs. Charles Howard Simpson.

The Cecil-Whitaker first "at home" was given last Thursday afternoon and evening in the Cecil cottage, Cecil Place, under most flattering conditions. The assistants to the hostesses were Mrs. J. J. Holloway, Miss Sara Cecil, Miss Mabel Brown, Mrs. Elizabeth Hosack, Mrs. Charles F. Dickinson and Mrs. J. Cecil Robinson. The occasion was the first of the series in which Mr. Nelson Price Whitaker and Mr. Morgan Nelson Cecil are presenting their wives, both out-of-town young ladies, to Wheeling society, in which they themselves have always held prominent positions. The second presentation will occur next Thursday, December 14.

Mr. Birney Kennard McMeichen and his mother, Mrs. George K. McMeichen, will formally introduce into Wheeling society Mrs. Birney Kennard McMeichen, nee Miss Ruth Bailey, of Pittsburgh, at Maples Croft, the McMeichen Pleasant Valley home, next Thursday, December 14. This will be followed by a second reception, Thursday, December 21.

Mr. and Mrs. William B. McMeichen, of North Chapline street, will give a progressive dinner at their home next Saturday evening, December 14, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Birney Kennard McMeichen.

Musical Wheeling is delighted to again have Mr. Joseph L. Rhees in its midst. As one of the inaugural sponsors of the Philharmonic Club, this city's highest musical organization, it is hoped that he will again bring to the enjoyment of lovers of chamber music that treat.

HERE AND THERE. I know of one Good Citizen, I know him very well. Whose heart is pure as violets that bank the mountain side. In all his days unto this time, broke he no city law. In fact, he couldn't, because— Reformers might well dote on him, so good he is and real; Aply could they classify and rank him Held up to any standard he's minus any laws; He couldn't be else, because— For sermonizing up-to-date, he stands the model theme; The acme of perfection, a true Utopian dream; He gambles not, he gambles not, he hems not nor haws; He's straight away, all day, because— His presence fills the home life with music all day long; He's a ray of summer sunshine, a ribbon wreathed in song; Of Good Citizens the cream, devoid of model theme; He poses as the peer, because— Well, he's only two years old. J. W.

As Christmas draweth nigh the pencil of fancy delights in reveries of that sweetest of all seasons. To young and old it is replete with delightful anticipations, and in glancing over the year that are down there is delight none the less in the retrospect; for truly did the poet speak in his lines—"Christmas comes but once a year, and when it comes it brings good cheer." Age cannot wither nor custom stale its variety. The tinsel and toys of the gayly decorated store windows to the simple sprigs of evergreen in the butcher shops are reminders of the gladness Yule tide that send pleasing thrills through the silver-haired old gentleman picking his way nervously over the slippery pavement; to him they are tokens of joy as they certainly are to the big, staring eyes of the irrepressible small boy. The hurrying crowds of shoppers, their arms bursting with the gifts that feel too light a burden, the voices waiting tones of happiness on the frosty air—all speak in pleasing intimation of the hearts to be made light, of the cares to be smoothed away, of the forgetfulness to follow, even though sadly brief, of the stings and arrows of a busy, rushing world, in which men are grappling with the sternest of realities and with atoms that torture and oppress. Ah, sweet the respite of the Christmas tide! Beautiful the custom of gifts at this time. Beautiful and strangely sweet in all its complements. And how strange and striking that it all reverts to a lowly crib in a Bethlehem manger!

Viewed through the lens of levity there are other pre-Christmas reflections. It is about this time of year when certain young swains of the masculine gender begin to ponder on the absence of a bank account and the presence of attractive girls. The soliloquies determine the extent of some jeweler's sales. If sufficiently magnetic, to the feminine heart the Christmas bells will ring out one extra peal of joy. But sad to relate, this intervening period is characteristic of that process known to the initiated as "trying to shake her." That fellow must be cruel that will "rush" a girl all summer and then find causes for a quarrel about the time Santa Claus is harnessing up his reindeer; but there be optimists and other mental dyspeptics that tell us that this is a cruel world. In palliation for the offense, or rather in justice to some offenders, it might be stated that their unpleasant course is thrust on them by a treasury depleted through inroads of ice cream stands and other institutions patronized by pleasure-loving youth. As Mayor Sweeney said to the ministerial delegation, there are two sides to every question.

The church has in it now in all the fulness of its pristine glory, and for the candidates and other approachable individuals there cometh mental lamentations. If the susceptible exercised foresight they would select this season for their annual vacations.

It was a crowd in which Christmas sales and "bargain day" were combined with the inducement of "remnants" on the side. It was a crowd to try men's souls. Massed and packed in front of the long counters in the big department store were women buyers, with flushed faces and "frustrated" nerves, tired almost to the point of exhaustion, yet happy. Scores of clerks, cool and with some traces of fatigue, were hurrying to satisfy the eager, excited demands for their services in several places at one and the same time. Overhead the tiny "cash" trolleys whizzed and whirled on double turn. Confusion and deafening noise reigned supreme. In the midst of it all a trio of young men stood back of the mob in the rear of the store, wondering how they could reach the street. Twice they had attempted to proceed in single file, only to run against a Chinese wall in the struggling, closely jammed expanse of fair shoppers. The young fellows were getting desperate. "I've got to make the 5 motor," said the taller of the group. "What's the matter with trying the center?" was a solution offered, "good," he smiled; "line up." There was a hurried run over the signals, "A-B-X-Y-10-20-30-40." Then the trio of foot ball stars, closely hunched, dived into the crowd, heading for the door. There was a shriek from the women, and many of them fainted, but the "guards back" ploughed through, and this famous play was successful in landing the laughing youths at the store entrance. The proprietor telephoned for the police for the sake of effect, and he was glad the police failed to land them. For he once played on his college eleven.

Down in Clay county everything seems up to the standard. Says the Star: "Those who wish to subscribe for this paper, or who are already subscribers and wish to settle their subscription accounts, may settle the same with corn, potatoes, dried apples, cane molasses, chickens, butter, eggs, ginseng, leech skins, sheep's wool or any kind of country produce usually handled at the store. P. B.—We also have a farm just out of town, where anyone who wishes will be given an opportunity to exchange labor by the day for credit on his subscription account. This places the Star in reach of all. A serious case of disturbing religious worship occurred on Twist-about a few

days ago. 5 or 6 shots were fired with revolvers during the services, but no one was hurt. Con. Housh seems to be the ladies' man in town. Ezra Miller says he is on the hunt of a wife.

AMUSEMENTS. "The Turtle," a farcical comedy, will be seen on Thursday, December 14, at the Opera House, by what gives every indication of being the largest audience of the season. "The Turtle" is brisk and airy, but unlike many farces of French origin, it does not touch upon the theme of marital infidelity. "The Turtle," in short, is a dainty, suggestive dish, so delicately served that it is palatable to the most refined tastes. There is perhaps nothing funnier in the whole range of modern comedy than the entanglements of the last act. They follow each other with a constant uproar of mirth. The cast selected includes such players as Alice Sylvia Lynden, Frances Brooks, Ada Zell, Jessie Lanning, Ada Morton, John Terrie, Wm. McCready, J. E. Macgregor, Clement St. Martin and Harry Gibbs. "The Turtle" has been staged with a lavishness that is almost prodigal. The artistic quality predominates in everything—in the adaptation, its interpretation and its scenic embellishment.

"In Atlantic City." A merry company of comedians, dancers and singers in the successful farce comedy, "In Atlantic City," will be the magnet at the Grand the first half of next week. "In Atlantic City" is a merry melange of satirical nonsense of the day that affords a reasonable excuse for the introduction of numerous situations, clean-cut, unique characters, plethora of music, singing and dancing and a vast amount of new stage business. It creates ripples of merriment and roars of laughter. The songs, dances and specialties are "catchy" and up-to-date, and a bevy of pretty girls form a fascinating feature. Absurd and amusing situations are the life of the piece.

"Other People's Money." In that funny comedy, "Other People's Money," which comes to the Opera House Monday, December 11, will be found one of the strongest supporting companies Hennessy Leroye has ever had, headed by Miss May Sargent, who for three seasons was Madam Modjeska's leading support; Mr. Addison Pitt, fresh from his many successes with the Frohman attractions, and dainty little Miss Helen Young, of the late Augustin Daly forces. Those who have seen Mr. Leroye's production will know that with this strong support it will be an entertainment well worth a second visit.

Robert Mantell Coming. The eminent romantic actor, Mr. Robert Mantell, will be at the Opera House next Friday evening, December 15. An especially impressive feature of Mr. Mantell's fine performance as the Italian artist, Roubillac, in his new romantic play, "The Dagger and the Cross," is the symbolic illustration of the title of the play in one of the many memorable scenes. It is where the actor impersonating the heroic but anguished artist uplifts a dagger, holding it aloft with the hilt uppermost, when the weapon takes on the semblance of an upraised cross. The effect of this situation is said to be electrical, the audience being seemingly spellbound with the same superstitious awe that sways the characters in the drama. Manager M. W. Hanley, who never fails to observe this thrilling episode from the "front," avers that the traditional drooping that made audible the dropping of a pin, was a pandemonium compared to the stillness that comes upon Mr. Mantell's admirers when the dagger becomes the cross.

Closes To-Day. The very successful week's engagement of the DeYonde stock company at the Grand Opera House will close with matinee and night performance to-day. The company will present two of the strongest plays in its high-class repertoire, "Ten Ten Door," the scenic success at the matinee, and the thrilling melodrama, "Shadows of the Scaffold," at night. Last night another crowded house witnessed a repetition of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS IN MEDICAL HISTORY DURING THE NINETEENTH CENTURY. THE TRUE VALUE OF EACH NEW DISCOVERY AS A PREVENTIVE OF DISEASE.

- 1846 DISCOVERY OF ETHER AS AN ANAESTHETIC.
1860 DISCOVERY OF COCAINE.
1879 DISCOVERY OF THE BACILLUS OF TYPHOID FEVER.
1889 DISCOVERY OF THE BACILLUS OF CONSUMPTION.
1888 DISCOVERY OF THE BACILLUS OF DIPHTHERIA.
1892 BEHRING'S DISCOVERY OF ANTITOXINE OF DIPHTHERIA.
1895 DISCOVERY OF HYOMEL.
1896 FIRST CASE OF CONSUMPTION CURED BY HYOMEL.

The discovery of the first two, ether and cocaine, was of value to the medical profession only in surgery, and has been of no benefit, whatever, in preventing and curing diseases.

THE DISCOVERY OF THE BACILLUS OF TYPHOID FEVER. However, was one of the greatest importance, for it proved conclusively that this was a germ disease and enabled the physicians to treat it as such. As a result of such treatment the death rate from typhoid fever has been reduced from 40 to 4% during the past twenty years.

THE DISCOVERY OF THE BACILLUS OF DIPHTHERIA was another valuable one, but as this bacillus could only be reached through the blood, none of the germicides known could be used with effect. It was not until 1892 when Behring discovered the antitoxine of diphtheria that any progress whatever was made in successfully treating this dread disease, since that time the injection of antitoxins directly into the blood has had a marked effect upon the death rate from diphtheria, and its universal use will undoubtedly in time stamp out this disease.

THE DISCOVERY OF THE BACILLUS OF CONSUMPTION was the most important of all, for it completely changed the whole ideas of the medical profession regarding this disease. Heretofore consumption had always been considered hereditary; now it is known to be infectious. The proof that consumption was a germ disease necessitated an entire change in the method of treatment. It was found that these germs lodged in the air passages and could only be reached through the air we breathe. As soon as this became known, efforts were made to force some of the liquid germicides into these air passages; but Nature had erected at the entrance of the bronchial tubes an impassable barrier to moisture of any kind. Sprays and vapors in every form were tried; but as in diphtheria, there was only one way of reaching the disease germs, through the air we breathe, and no dry germicide was to be found. This state of affairs existed for twelve long years, the death rate increasing from 88,000 to 200,000 yearly. In 1895 Behring discovered "Hyomel," the first and only dry air germicide ever found. Later in the year he introduced it to the profession, and in 1896 the first case of

CONSUMPTION WAS CURED. Mrs. E. A. Smith, of Holyoke, Mass., being advised by her physician to test it after she had been given up by all the noted physicians in the country. She was brought to Boston and placed in a room where only Hyomel could be inhaled in the air; at the end of two weeks she returned to Holyoke, but continued to use the inhaler for five months. This was three years ago; she is now in robust health and has had no return of the disease. No trace of consumptive bacillus could be found after the first month's treatment. This was the first case of genuine consumption ever known to have been cured; since that time hundreds have been saved. To-day there is not a city in the United States where Hyomel has been used that will not show a decrease of, at least, 34% in the death rate from consumption in the past two years, yet it is not the

NUMBER OF CONSUMPTIVES CURED which shows the great value of the new discovery, but rather in its prevention of the disease. Eight out of every ten cases of consumption are found to originate from catarrh, bronchitis and pneumonia, the air passages become inflamed and the bacillus of consumption inhaled in the air we breathe finds lodging there; they increase by the thousands and soon invade the lungs, where it has always been found impossible to reach them until Hyomel was discovered. Catarrh, Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Cough cannot exist where Hyomel is used; thus it is within the power of anyone to prevent consumption. Of course there have been hundreds of imitations of Hyomel; but their life was short. To prevent further mistakes it is only

NECESSARY TO REMEMBER that there is but one dry air germicide, just as there is but one antitoxine for diphtheria. It is known as "Hyomel." This is the only treatment for these diseases ever guaranteed to cure.

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