

Society.

The gates have at last been closed on society's whirl, and after an unusually gay season, the devotees are resting. A backward glance shows a more liberal extension of hospitality, and always on a more elaborate scale, during the season of '99-'00, than for many years.

The event of the week will be the concert given by the New York Ladies' Trio, at the Carroll street auditorium, Tuesday evening.

The Misses Caldwell, daughters of General and Mrs. Alfred Caldwell, will entertain the North Main Street Euchre Club at the Caldwell home, next Thursday afternoon.

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Miss Carlsmith, the prima donna with the New York Ladies' Trio Company, who is appearing at the Carroll Club hall, March 16, will wear a gown imported by Martin, of New York, from Paris.

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sonage at 6:30 o'clock last evening. The club is composed of boys over twelve years of age and has a membership of twenty-six, who have been meeting every week, studying and receiving instruction at the hands of Dr. Sooy. The dinner was a very enjoyable affair, and after the cloth had been removed, Mr. Leon White Sprague acting as toastmaster, the following toasts were responded to:

"The B. K. - Its Past," Joseph Bodley Brown. "The B. K. - Its Future," Earle Mo Adams Ossey. "The New Secular," William Thompson Bur.

"Our Sisters and Other Boys' Sisters," William Serford Travis. "The West Virginia Hills," Albert Nelson Rogers. "Inventor," Harry Loughman Porter. "The Club Prophecy," Benjamin Stanton.

A delightful recital was given in the music hall at Mt. de Chantal on Thursday evening, by Miss Nellie Culler, soprano, and Miss Pauline Culler, contralto, assisted by Miss Rose Ellen McNevin, reader, all of whom are teachers at the Mount. The following program was rendered:

Vocal duet, "La Dove Prende Amor," from "The Magic Flute," Mozart. Aria, "Die Tanti Palpit," from "Tancredi," Rossini. Vocal solo, "L'Alcanton," Lucantonio. Reading, "The Dinner," from "Jane Eyre," Mrs. Gaskell. Piano solo, "No. 1," from "The No. 1," Noskowski.

A meeting of the Wheeling Golf Club will be held next Monday evening, at the chamber of commerce. The organization starts off with a membership of forty-five devotees of a royal Scottish pastime. The Woods property of thirty acres, near the B. Walker Peterson homestead at Wooddale, has been purchased.

The programs will be made up of trios (violin, piano and cello); quartets (voice, violin, piano and cello); and solos by each member. Tickets of admission are now on sale at Baumer's or can be procured Tuesday evening at the Carroll Club hall.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Magnates Complete Last Reduction of the Circuit to Eight Clubs—Double Umpire System Abolished. NEW YORK, March 8.—The National League magnates wound up their three day session to-night. The last day was marked by a six hours session. For the first time in almost three years the president of the New York club attended a meeting. He made a speech, in which he asked that the league make good the annual rental of Manhattan Field. This was accepted by the other members of the circuit reduction agreement to-night the other members of the meeting refused to discuss. It is a matter of formality merely, however, for both personally and through his representative, Mr. M. Knowles, he has agreed to the adoption of the report of the circuit committee which calls for an eight-club league.

The playing schedule for the coming season was not made public to-night. A rough draft of the schedule was prepared by the meeting by President Young and was approved. Mr. Young was instructed to perfect the schedule. It is expected to be ready for publication within two weeks. The schedule will call for 140 games, each club playing twenty with its opponents. The season will open on April 12. The meeting also passed resolutions instructing President Young to make out the umpire assignments for the entire season and to publish the same prior to the opening of the season. The assignments are to be adhered to strictly.

John B. Day was elected supervisor of umpires and players, at a salary of \$2,500. Instead of leaving the selection of the umpires to President Young the meeting elected the start for the year, as follows: Robert Emslie, C. Edward Swartz, Thomas H. Connelly, Henry O'Day and Tim Hurst. The double umpire system has been done away with, and for the coming season there will be but one "master of the field."

The home plate in the future be turned so that the square edge instead of the corner will face the pitcher. This will do away with the uncertainty whether a pitched ball that cuts the corner is a ball or a strike.

The last clause of section 27 was stricken out, and now league clubs will be able to play exhibition games with outside clubs on open dates in the playing season.

The report of the circuit committee was unanimously adopted. This is a lengthy affair, and specifies the manner of payment for the four franchises bought by the league. By the terms of the report, Washington sells its entire plant to the league for \$25,000. The league takes all of the Washington players except those who were sold prior to the adoption of the report. The Baltimore club will receive \$30,000 for its franchise, but the franchise will remain in control of the Robinsons. For the Cleveland property of this amount \$10,000 will be for the franchise, the league assumes possession of the plant of the club and its grounds, for which it agrees to pay the club \$15,000 within three years. Louisville will receive \$10,000 for its franchise. To provide for the indebtedness thus assumed the agreement provides for the adoption of a sinking fund. This will be done by setting aside five per cent. of the gross receipts of each game played by each club.

A resolution was adopted providing that the league shall reimburse the Baltimore management to the extent of \$2,500 for legal and incidental expenses incurred in fighting the American association in its attempt to secure Union park.

On motion of Colonel Rogers, of Philadelphia, President Young was instructed to notify President Johnson, of the American league, that the location of a club in Chicago would be a violation of the national agreement, and that the offender would be subject to the prescribed penalties.

At the conclusion of the meeting President Young announced that Mercer, the Washington pitcher, had been turned over to New York. Colonel John

Stampede



It's hard to manage cattle when in a wild stampede. The time to turn them is when they first go wrong. Of course you can stop them now, but it's no easy job. The time to stop your cough is when it first comes. If you have had it some time, you can't stop it so easily, but it can be done.

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Opera House, Friday Evening, March 10. WILLIAM GILLETTE'S GREAT COMEDY TRIUMPH, BECAUSE SHE

LOVED HIM SO. Light, Wholesome and Full of Laughter. The Little Minister of Farce—Boston Transcript. Prices—25, 50, 75 cents and \$1.00. Reserved sale opens Thursday morning at the Opera House box office.

OVERWHELMING

Was the Victory Achieved by Wheeling Over the Bellaire Team at Checkers Last Evening. The second series of the two-men match between the Wheeling and Bellaire teams at checkers was played in an night at Bellaire, and resulted in an overwhelming victory for the Wheeling.

The opening series last week each team had won five and drawn six games. Last night the locals won nine, drew five and lost but two, giving them the victory on a good margin, their percentage victories being .667. Last night's score was as follows:

Table with columns: Wheeling, Pine, Workman, Total. Rows: Mitchell, Kaiser, Totals.

The score for the complete match is as follows, showing Kaiser in the lead, with a percentage of .750, and Mitchell, his team mate, second, with .615. Pine led for Bellaire, with a percentage of .500. Workman "balked" last night, and comes last with .182.

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Last night the Wheelings won three straight games from the Kissing Bugs with the greatest ease. Score:

Table with columns: Kissing Bugs, Totals. Rows: Kissing Bugs, Miller, Stein, Patterson, Earp, Totals.

THE RIVER. YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES. Pittsburgh, VIRGINIA, 11 a. m. Parkersburg, H. K. BEDFORD, 11 a. m. Martinsburg, ELOISE, 11 a. m. Sistersville, RUTH, 11 a. m. Clarksburg, LEBERT, 11 a. m. Stouboville, T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY. Charleston, GREENWOOD, 6:30 a. m. Parkersburg, H. K. BEDFORD, 11 a. m. Martinsburg, ELOISE, 11 a. m. Sistersville, RUTH, 11 a. m. Clarksburg, LEBERT, 11 a. m. Stouboville, T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW. Cincinnati, KEystone STATE, 6 a. m. Zanesville, JOSENA, 2 a. m. Pittsburgh, BEN HUR, 4 a. m. Pittsburgh, KANAWHA, 5 a. m. Sistersville, LEROY, 7 a. m.

Barge in the Channel. Sometime during Thursday night or early yesterday morning an unknown towhat ran into the Terminal bridge and damaged a barge of coal to such an extent that it filled rapidly and sank in the channel just above the suspension bridge, where it will be a bad obstacle to navigation on a six-foot stage. The barge will doubtless be derailed out of existence by the government officials when the river recedes.

Along the Landing. The Coal City passed down with a coal tow at 7 a. m. Friday, showed the marks at 6 p. m. Friday, showed 15 feet and falling. Weather, cloudy and warmer.

River Telegrams. OIL CITY—River 4 feet and stationary. Weather, cloudy and mild. WARREN—River 3 feet. Weather, clear and mild. GREENSBORO—River 10 feet and falling. Adam Jacobs and Dewey down Saturday. Woodward up. MORGANTOWN—River 9 feet 6 inches and stationary. Weather, clear and warm.