

THE TRAMP'S LYCEUM.

Gazewell Perret Takes It Upon Himself to Entertain the Society With a Bit of Biography.

He Tells of Spartacus, the Gladiator of Capua, and Dilates on His Sterling Qualities.

Refers to the Days When the Watch-Dog Used to Chew Him For the Benefit of His Associates.

And Tragically Tells How He Took His First Chew of Tobacco and of Its Effects.

The program at the Tramp's Debating society last Wednesday evening was unusually interesting, inasmuch as President Perret took it upon himself to entertain the audience with the relation of a few incidents in the life of Spartacus, the gladiator.

Leading well over the barrel, Gazewell remarked:



I HAVE TAKEN IT UPON MYSELF TO SPEAK of a man who never got tired of telling how many men he had used to mop up the ground with and beddered from other men of the same disposition, by being able to prove that what he said was true.

Spartacus was a gladiator about one hundred years before the time of Christ. A gladiator, you know, was a tough man. He was noted for the pronounced manner in which his muscles overbore his brain.

In consequence of his abnormal development of gall, when Spartacus was a slave he was looked upon by the other slaves as a sort of a leader, and whenever they discovered a prospective peach orchard, occupied by a foxglove tree, they invariably called upon Spartacus to lead them to the dog while he had not the fruit.



A SWEET MORSEL FINISHED HIS TONGUE while his coat was shimmered up the trees and formed a joint stock company with the fruit unmoored.

Secretary Manning's youngest daughter, who spent part of the early summer here with her parents, may visit them this winter, although she is yet in school. She is a pretty blonde.

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WASHINGTON CHIT-CHAT. "The first meeting of the Happy Go-Lucky club was held on Thursday evening at the residence of ex-Congressman Shellabarger, on Seventh street.

THE NATIONAL BILLIES HAVE MADE ALL THE necessary arrangements for the social gayeties of the present season. They intend giving a dance every Saturday evening, while three regular at-home will be held during the winter.

THE NEW BRAZILIAN MINISTER IS at the Arlington hotel. His wife was noted, even in Parisian society, in which she has mingled much, for her exquisite taste in dress, great social tact and varied accomplishments.

IT IS STATED THAT EX-SENATOR TABOR OF Colorado is rapidly disposing of his interests in his mines and will in the near future take up his residence in this city. He intends erecting here one of the handsomest residences in America, the cost of which will not be less than \$1,000,000.

MINISTER JARVIS WRITES FROM RIO JANEIRO to an old friend that the ocean voyage and change of climate has greatly improved Mrs. Jarvis' health, and will, however, leave Indianapolis now.

SENATOR ENSTIS AND FAMILY HAVE LEASED for the season a house on Massachusetts avenue, near Scott circle.

SENATOR JACKSON AND FAMILY ARE SETTLED for the season in their house, 1016 Vermont avenue.

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BETTER HOURS WILL PREVAIL. There is quite a flutter in society over the announcement that the president and some of those near him are going to ask so early to inaugurate earlier hours.

OTHER CHANGES AT THE WHITE HOUSE. Not only is the hour for the evening receptions at the White house to be changed to an earlier one, but there will be other changes in the general program.

CATERERS' SECRETS. A caterer here who supplies many society people with the dinner feature of their entertainments has been giving one of the local papers some interesting "points" about the ways of those people.

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CURIOSITIES. Here are a couple of paragraphs from the columns of a society paper here, which show that Washington people are much like those of other places.

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