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TALK ABOUT TOWN.

That "Pigs' Feet" Sociable the Subject of Much Comment.

AN AUSPICIOUS EVENT PROMISED.

But, alas for the Unforeseen Which Too Often Disperses Man's Best Intentions—A "Blow Out the Gas" Incident—Now He Is Sorry That He Kicked.

As announced in THE ARGUS of Thursday, the "pigs' feet" sociable, which was to have been given at Reynolds' hall by "Zee" McMahon, was indefinitely postponed, on account of an unavoidable circumstance. According to one of Simon's nearest friends, and one who was assisting him in the arrangement of the affair, it was to have been a very select and swell event. The guests were to be gentlemen only, and about one hundred invitations had been sent out to tri-city friends. Our informant, who is authorized to speak for Mr. McMahon, states that the sociable will be held in the near future and that those holding invitations will be duly notified. The host feels very sorry for his guests who were thus disappointed and inconvenienced, but promises that they will be doubly repaid for their trouble when the sociable is held. A caterer from Homestead, Iowa, had been engaged to serve the different courses contained in the delicious menu. The hall was decorated with a profusion of flowers, potted plants were stationed in the different corners, and bunting bedecked the ceiling. It was to have been an evening of rare enjoyment. The collation was to have been followed by a delightful entertainment, carefully arranged and of a classical and varied character. On the back of the invitation is given the menu, prepared under the personal supervision of "Zee":

Menu.
 Peanuts on the Half Shell.
 Consomme with Oysters, Invaluable.
 Dog Fish and Chips a la Davenport.
 Pigs' Feet. New Orleans Mousse.
 Hot Liger. "Crisped Potatoes."
 Dry Beans. Corn Juice and Beef.
 Chilled Corn Bread. Warm Pop.
 Frosted Turnips. Cranberry Sauce.
 Yellowstone Sags. Onion Fudding.
 Ices (late crop). Claret Water.
 Dried Apples. Clabber.
 Baked Lemons. Baked Sauce.
 Sliced Cucumbers. Ice Cream. Mustard Pie.
 Toothpicks. Cigarettes.

Those who were selected to serve on the program have kindly consented to respond and deliver their various numbers. The program was made thusly:

Piano solo from "Frottoire" (11 movements).
 A poem. "Recollections of Yellow Stone." "Coming Through Georgia." By all Vocal solo. "Simon McMahon's Declaration." "The Day I Met Fitzsimmons."
 Clarinet and Bass drum duet. "Capt. Thomas Fuller."
 William Johnston and William Ives Vocal selection. "Martin Cavanaugh." Tambourine solo. "John Fenner." Selection from Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." "Charles Pearson and Dan Horne." Poem. "The Beautiful Snow." C. E. Evans Tenor solo. "A Wandering Minstrel." Ed Wilcox.

The closing number was to have been "The Living Picture" act by the brothers Greehy, who had secured seven engine headlights to cast the varied reflections. "Zee" had even gone so far with the details as to think of making application for the use of the two statues in Spencer square, Hebe and Flora, to intensify the effects of the Messrs. Greehy in their celebrated act.

It is understood that Mr. McMahon, who is a great admirer of Ward McAllister, had received a private dispatch apprising him of the serious illness of the distinguished society leader on the day when the sociable was to have occurred. Although "Zee" made no intimation to this effect, his friends are of the belief that this is what caused the postponement.

Blow Out the Gas.
 A repetition of that old, old story—"Found dead in bed; blew out the gas"—was prevented in a leading hostelry the other night. A newly married couple from Galesburg were guests at the hotel. When prepared to retire the manly representative stretched his neck up to the jet and blew out the gas. Fortunately for the young people, a traveling man, who was in the adjoining room was yet awake and had a well trained pair of ears. He heard a couple of loud whiffs, as if some one was trying to extinguish a lamp a block away with his breath. The old story came to the traveling man's mind, and he concluded to investigate. Summoning a bell boy, the two went to the room occupied by the newly married couple and rapped for admittance. The room was already permeated with the deathly atmosphere, and when the commercial man touched a lighted match to the jet a flame as large as a bushel basket burst forth, to the terror of the young lady, gave a piercing scream. After explaining how to properly extinguish the gas, and apprising the horrified groom of his dangerous blunder, the traveling man withdrew. Thus was a double tragedy averted and the young couple's honeymoon prolonged. So recently had the young people been married that the gentleman registered: "Mister and Miss —, Galesburg."

They Kicked High.
 A man residing on Third avenue, who boasts of his excellence in all things, got into an argument the other evening with his wife after returning from the theatre, criticising those of the gentler sex for their inability to perform the art of high kicking as it should be done. Of course, she sided with the women. He argued that the females were not at all graceful; that he could kick higher than any of them, and with much more ease. To convince his

wife of his kicking capacity a pin was placed in the wall four feet from the floor, as he is of a rather diminutive stature. With a grunt he hoisted his right supporter, the left one refusing to remain stationary, and down he came on his elbow, removing a portion of hide about the size of a dollar. He missed the pin about two feet. Then not a word was there spoken, and a reference to the wager since, has been the signal for a family wrangle.

RAILWAY RUMBLINGS.

Rumors as to the Fast Mail—Other Gossamer of the Roads.

Rumors having been going the rounds for some time that the Rock Island is going to extend the run of its fast mail train to Council Bluffs, and possibly to Omaha. In connection with this addition to the run, it is said that the time will be so altered as to bring the train in here an hour earlier. As far as THE ARGUS has been able to learn, the matter has been discussed among the officials, but as the C. & B. & Q., which carries the United States mails to these points, still retains the government contract, there is no probability of the Rock Island extending its fast mail train to Council Bluffs or Omaha, unless it can secure the carriage of Uncle Sam's business to those points.

Through Mail Car Talked Of.
 The R. I. & P. is understood to be arranging for the perfection of its through service to St. Louis by the addition of a mail car which will run through to St. Louis via Jacksonville. If this plan is carried into execution it will probably necessitate the two railway mail clerks now in the service running through to St. Louis, while it will bring to Rock Island four additional mail clerks to reside whose homes are now in Peoria. The official announcement of such an arrangement has not been given out, but it is believed to be under serious consideration.

Engineers Thomas and John Greehy, of the C. & B. & Q., are taking a vacation.

C. & B. & Q. engine, No. 343, John Horne's faithful, is receiving repairs at the shops.

George Trent, the C. & B. & Q. brakeman, is back at his post again, after a 10-days' illness.

Brakeman A. F. Deppé, of the "Q.", won the bicycle given by Inspector King and Kinney Mack.

Andy Soderstrom is running the 322 on the Rock Island, while his engine, No. 337, is receiving repairs.

Charles W. Humphrey, traveling passenger agent for the C. & E. I., was in the city in the interests of his road.

Fireman Harris, of the C. & B. & Q., is laying off, nursing his left arm, which was fractured by a lump of coal falling on it at Barstow a few days ago.

T. S. Nicholson, for the past several months night bill clerk at the C. & B. & Q., has resigned his position. C. O. Nelms, of Taylorville, succeeds him.

Assistant General Superintendent C. C. Gentry, of the Hoosier Tunnel & Wilmington railway, of Reedsboro, Vt., who was summoned to Milan by the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Terry, returns home with his wife tonight.

J. E. Hannegan, who was general passenger and ticket agent of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern railway, with headquarters at Cedar Rapids, has been appointed general passenger and ticket agent of the Indiana, Illinois & Iowa railway.

Firemen Joe Clapper, Tom Mahoney, Frank Duncan, Charles Parkson and "Zee" McMahon, of the Rock Island, are taking a rest. Furnishing food for engines, when they were compelled to plow snow during the recent blizzard, in addition to pulling the usual loads, exhausted their muscular powers.

The C. & B. & Q. has posted a notice saying that the Adams Express company request trainmen not to enter express and baggage cars in which matter is being handled any other way. It is absolutely necessary, and that no other employee or person be permitted to enter these cars. The trainmen are not to enter when strangers are on the platform. The request governs trains in motion, and express messengers are directed to keep a record of the trainmen who enter their cars and the number of times.

Amputation Necessary.
 This morning Drs. Carter, Craig and Bernhardt amputated above the knee the limb which has been causing Miss Mabel Leonard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Leonard, of South Rock Island, so much suffering for the past 10 weeks. Miss Leonard's trouble dates back several years when from causes unknown, the maldy first appeared in the limb in question. She recovered nicely, but three months ago the disease again made its appearance, and while an operation was performed and a portion of the bone removed, the science of surgery was unable to effectually stay the progress of the ailment, and amputation was at last resorted to. The patient, who is 16 years old, withstood the ordeal bravely, and this afternoon was reported as recovering from the shock as nicely as could be expected.

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Hannibal A. Williams, of New York, gave a select recital of Shakespeare's comedy, "The Winter's Tale," to a large and appreciative audience at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium last evening. The reading was artistic, forceful and beautiful. Mr. Williams recites from memory entirely, giving at the beginning a carefully prepared descriptive introduction, and together with running commentaries, including a preceding outline and analysis at the opening of each act. The characters are introduced in a most remarkably unique and comprehensive manner and each is invested with an individual tone of voice, expression and gesture characteristic of a thoroughly defined personality. The intelligence of the hearers is at once appealed to, and even those not wholly familiar with the play cannot fail to appreciate it. Such a form of literary entertainment cannot be otherwise than edifying and profitable in the highest sense. Mr. Williams' interpretations of the creations of the immortal bard of Avon, are so clever, so realistic that the reader appears to give way to the characters themselves. Leontes, king of Sicilia, jealous, uncompromising, tyrannical, unjust and then humiliated and repentant, was given with splendid affect. Then, with equally true portrayal was presented in beautiful contrast the sublimely patient, forbearing, magnanimous and cruelly outraged Queen Hermione. The same may be said of the other characters appearing and developed during the action of the comedy. The literary worth of the production and the elocutionary merit of the reader are interwoven with most fascinating effect, and the listener approached the conclusion with a higher conception of the author while being enraptured with the reader.

His Repertoire.
 Mr. Williams' repertoire of plays consists of "Othello," "The Tempest," "Julius Caesar," "The Winter's Tale," "The Taming of the Shrew," "King Henry IV" and "The Midsummer Night's Dream." A former instructor in elocution, he has since 1882 devoted himself to public reading and has given over 1,500 recitals, which for the most part have been limited strictly to Shakespearean plays.

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