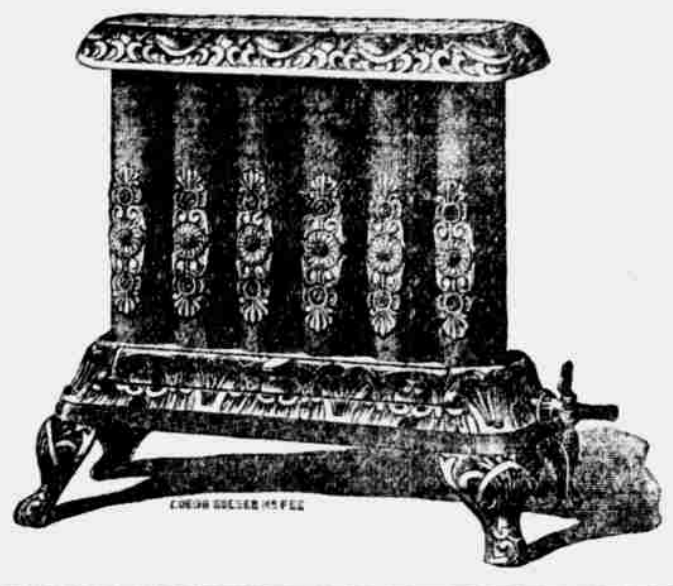


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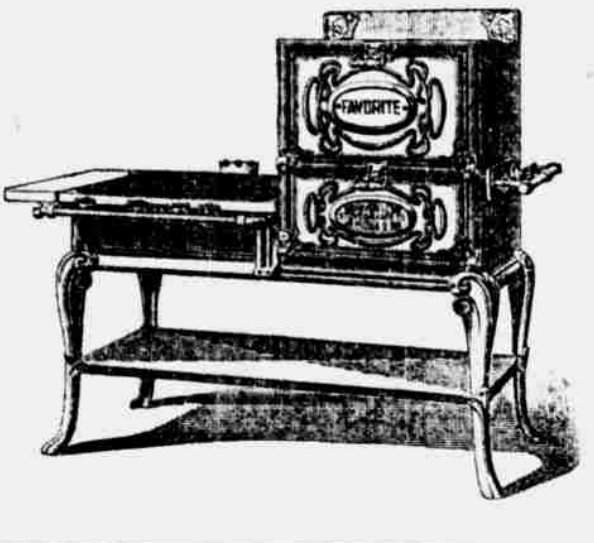
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SOCIETY NEWS

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Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ware informally entertained about sixty friends in a most pleasing and entertaining manner, Thursday evening, at their home at Earlham college. The entire evening was spent socially. The ladies were in masquerade. Each gentleman with his partner marched backward to music to the dining room where a banquet had been prepared. This lasted over an hour. Each gentleman was compelled to make a speech if he could not answer the conundrum given him on the back of his menu card. The dining room was festooned in holly, and red tapers were used. Among those present were Prof. and Mrs. E. P. Trueblood, Prof. and Mrs. Coffin, Miss Laura Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Mendenhall, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hadley, Miss Mary Johnson, Mr. Will Jenkins, Miss Helen Titworth, Mr. Isaac Wilson, Miss Anna Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Charles, Misses Anna and Jennie Moffitt, Mr. and Mrs. Hiser, Mr. and Mrs. William Bond, Prof. Hole, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Atwood Jenkins, Miss Mary Jay, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wilson, Mr. Oscar Fulghum, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jay, Mr. and Mrs. Pitts, Mr. and Mrs. John Doone.

On January 14 a bridge whist party will be given at the Country club, for the members only. The affair will be in charge of the committee on entertainment and it will be the fourth of a series of social events that have been planned for the season at the

club.

Several of the literary and social clubs will meet this week, for the first meetings of the new year. All of the members of the various clubs believe that club life in the year 1908 will be most successful.

MUSIC.

The retirement of Miss Laura Gaston as organist at Reid Memorial church, which took place the first of the year, will be universally regretted both by the members of that congregation and by the musical public at large. Ever since the erection of that beautiful edifice, Miss Gaston has presided at the magnificent organ in a most acceptable manner. Her superiority as an organist as well as a pianist has been unquestionably established. Miss Gaston's numerous recitals, which have been given from time to time, have displayed to great advantage the infinite powers of the great instrument at the Reid Memorial church. No other organ in the city can be compared with it for excellence of construction and surpassing tone quality; and but few churches or cathedrals in the country can boast of its equal. Under the magic touch of Miss Gaston this organ has swayed hundreds of people and as the instrument is skillfully manipulated from the pedals of the great manual to the faintest melodies of the organ, beautiful orchestral effects are produced. Miss Gaston's programs have been of a universally classical nature, yet the selections have always been wise-

ly chosen and of a diversified character.

As a successor to Miss Gaston, the administrative board of the church has selected Miss Constance Foster, of this city, who has for some time been pursuing a special organ course under Prof. Donnelly, of Indianapolis, the designer of the Reid Memorial organ. Miss Foster assumes the work of organist highly recommended by Prof. Donnelly. She received a certificate of special merit from him, and a letter of recommendation for the position. Miss Foster was a student in Germany for two years perfecting her musical education. She is a member of the church and a niece of Daniel G. Reid, donor of the church.

Mr. Otto Krone, who has been tenor soloist at the First Presbyterian church for several years, has temporarily given up singing in order to take throat treatment.

The choir of First Methodist Episcopal church, under the direction of Prof. J. L. Harris, will repeat Handel's "Messiah" in a few weeks.

The approaching marriage of Miss Bertha Irene Chapman, daughter of Rev. Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, is of interest to local vocalists as Miss Chapman is an accomplished singer, having been an exhaustive student of the art in this country and abroad. She has been heard from time to time in Richmond and as a sacred soloist has acquired quite a reputation. Miss Chapman will wed the Rev. C. F. Goodson, pastor of Kinsleigh Presbyterian church, St. Louis.

Miss Carolyn Karl will assist in a recital to be given at the Presbyterian church at Eaton, O. Monday evening. She will assist the Messes Lindsay and Eikenberry, residents of that place, who recently, with the assistance of

Miss Karl, and Miss Marie Kaufman, gave a recital at the Christian church in this city. Miss Lindsay, pianist, and Miss Eikenberry, violinist, are students at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, Oberlin, O.

Local musicians will be interested in an innovation that has been adopted by Theodore Thomas orchestra at Chicago at a series of concerts which are being given there this winter, and it is possible that a similar plan, if adopted here in connection with a May Festival, would meet with the same success it is receiving there. The unique plan has been adopted to illustrate all of the musical numbers being played by the orchestra by means of pantomimes and tableaux. These effects, with appropriate costumes and colored lights have proven very popular. Nearly 100 of the most prominent society people of the city participated and it was a great social and financial success. The selection being used by the orchestra were "Anitra's Dance," from Grieg's "Peer Gynt" suite, Bizet's "L'Arlesienne," and other selections.

THE CITY IN BRIEF

Butterick's patterns, Morris & Co's. G. R. Gause for moss wreaths. Tomorrow is Enrollment Day at the Richmond Business College. Don't fail to hear the Robertson-Elton series of travel lectures at Earlham beginning January 15, only 15 tickets each if you buy your tickets now.

Hear Robertson and see the new Panama Canal in South America. Tickets on sale for Robertson-Elton lectures at Ross Drug Store, Nicholson's, and Starr Piano Co.

PALLADIUM WANT ADS PAY.

DRAWN FROM MURAL DENS RODENTS CAUSE STAMPEDE AMONG GIRLS

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Six mice raised pandemonium in the main exchange of the Chicago Telephone company, Washington and Franklin streets, yesterday. The tiny rodents, drawn from their mural lairs by a tempting smell of luncheon cheese, stampeded 100 hello girls and sent them flying pell-mell to perches of safety on stools and switchboards.

The Sabbath peace which wrapped the exchange suddenly was broken by a wild feminine shriek. "Mice!" Instantly scream after scream ran down the long line. Terrified girls threw "receiving caps" from their heads, dashed down their "plugs" and rushed for refuge from the sudden danger. Some sought safety on the tops of stools. Some climbed to the high central ridge of the switchboard. Others sprang upon desks, window sills and chairs and drew their skirts about them.

ing, it is alleged, through his fingers—the superintendent groped his way to the broom in the corner. Armed with this weapon he charged the mice. The battle was short and furious. Five mice were sent scampering back to their holes, leaving one of their number dead upon the field. Victorious, but still blushing, the conqueror turned his back upon the girls and cried out that all was safe. So 100 prettily draped statues of "Fright" climbed down from their eyries and aerial coigns and became "hello girls" again. The incident explains why for twenty minutes in the afternoon patrons of the telephone company all over the city talked volubly into lifeless wires, being unable to get connection through the main exchange.

SUIT FOR DIVORCE.

Clarence Nelson has filed suit for divorce from Edna Nelson. The plaintiff accuses Mrs. Nelson of cruel and inhuman treatment. This is the first suit for divorce filed this year.

NEW BATTLESHIP TO BE A MONSTER

"North Dakota" of 20,000 Tons Displacement.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—The new battleship North Dakota, will be of 20,000 tons displacement, and will be 510 feet long. It is already figured out that the launching will take place next October. The North Dakota is regarded as nearly 8 per cent. finished. Long before the keel blocks were placed in position the ship was completely laid down in the mold loft, and more than 50 per cent. of all the plans of construction were developed and approved. The North Dakota is a sister ship of the Delaware, building at Newport News.

"Now, boys," said the teacher of the juvenile class, "can any of you give a proof of your own that the earth is not flat?" "I can," replied the bright chap at the foot of the bunch. "If it was flat, you could see the north pole with a telescope."

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