

## STATE ASSOCIATION OF FIREMEN TO MEET AT MORRIS, ILL.

Highland Park sends John H. Sheahan as representative to the above event whose portrait we present here, and also his brother James Sheahan. The meeting opens on Friday Jan. 14th, and



will last through three full days. The Banquet will be given on Tuesday evening, January 14th and a grand ball on Wednesday the 15th.

The beautiful little city of Morris will be full of life for the occasion and the citizens are preparing to do honor to their visitors.

### DRAMATIC NOTES.

At McVicker's, Denis O'Sullivan, the new Irish star, has made a sensation, using a new romantic Irish comedy called "Peggy Machree." Mr. O'Sullivan brings to his task of entertaining the public a delightful personality; abundance of magnetism; a handsome face, and a superb voice. He had long experience as a singer in the best English Grand Opera Company—that of Carl Rosa in England—and he has studied for years under the finest singing teachers of Europe.

In "Peggy Machree" he sings Chas. Lever's "The Widow Malone," Tom Moore's "Believe me," Needham's "The Donovan," "The Birds Fly South," "The Wearing of the Green," and other of the songs dear to the hearts of all Irishmen, and a pleasure to listeners of every nationality. Mr. O'Sullivan's singing of these ballads and folk songs is considered the very highest form of the art of songs. The newspapers both in America and in Europe have praised his art in the most enthusiastic terms.

Mr. O'Sullivan will remain in McVicker's until Saturday Jan. 18th.

On Jan. 19th, Wm. A. Brady's Production of "Way Down East" will begin a two week's term.

Under the auspices of the directors of the Royal Music academy, the Royal opera and the Svenska theater a bronze memorial tablet will be put up on the house in which Jenny Lind was born at 40 Master Samuelsen's in this city.

### AT THE GARRICK

The announcement of Mrs. Patrick Campbell's engagement at the Garrick Theater, Chicago, on Jan. 6th has created more interest than any other dramatic announcement in the past two seasons. The announcement of her coming has once more served to bring out the crowds and mail orders from out of town theatergoers for the limited engagement have been pouring in. There will be 20 Sunday night or Wednesday matinee performances. Mrs. Campbell's acting is so natural, and so carefully graded that one does not think it is acting. Her voice is silver and golden, tones that once heard are never forgotten. Mrs. Patrick Campbell finds in the four different roles in which she appears during this engagement, opportunity

to declare the absolute originality of her art and to differentiate her acting from that of other great emotional actresses.

"Madame Nazimova came to America in the spring of 1905 with a company of Russian players, who met with such scant appreciation here that they almost starved before they were sent back to Russia by public subscription," says Anne Peacock in the Woman's Home Companion. "A New York manager offered to place the leading woman on Broadway if she could learn English in a year. She learned it in six months well enough to appear in Ibsen's 'Hedda Gabler' at a series of matinee performances in November, 1906, and literally took the town by storm. During the winter she produced another Ibsen play, 'A Doll's House,' and a comedy from the Italian, 'Comtesse Coquette,' both of which she

interviewed and photographed and praised more than any other actress of the day; but her great success has left her as unspoiled as when she and her company were struggling in a dingy little theater on the Bowery, scarcely knowing where their next meal was coming from—if it came at all.

### IN A JAPANESE THEATER.

The theater has always been a favorite form of recreation among the Japanese, and especially beloved of the Japanese woman, for it is her only amusement, and the only public place where she may accompany her husband. The play begins at 10 o'clock in the morning and lasts until 4 in the afternoon. Then another set of actors take the boards and play until 11 in the evening. There are no actresses, all parts being assumed by men. One particular actor is so conscientious that, in order to retain the atmosphere of his impersonations, while at home he dresses, talks, acts and generally comports himself as a woman would.

Danjiro, the most famous impersonator of women in Japan, is reported to have made up so perfectly as a girl of 17, when he was 65 years old, that when he went to his own house and asked to see Danjiro, his wife did not know him, and in a fit of jealous anger, berated him for a shameless girl, coming there to see her husband.

The entire lower floor of the theater is divided into little boxes, about four feet square, by partitions not more than four or five inches high. About five yen are paid for these boxes, and they hold four people, who kneel on matting rugs. In each box is a little fire-box, rented from the theater. They are about six inches square, and ten or twelve high, with a little fire of charcoal smoldering in them. These are to warm the hands by, and also for lighting pipes. Both men and women are smoking the Japanese pipe, which has a ridiculous little bowl, about as large as a fair-sized marrowfat pea, that is good for about three puffs, and then has to be refilled and lighted again. Mild tobacco is used, that smells and looks like burning red hair.

### THIRD ANNUAL ELECTRICAL SHOW

A cordial invitation is extended by the North Shore Electric Company to its many customers and friends to make themselves at home in the North Shore booth, during the period of the show.

Remember the date and place; Jan. 13th to the 25th, 1908, at the Coliseum, Chicago.

### NEW CHILDREN'S HOME.

The new Receiving Home of the Illinois Children's Home and Aid Society at Evanston, will be dedicated to its beneficent mission today, Saturday. The proceedings will last from 3 o'clock to 9 p. m. The special program of exercises beginning at 4 p. m.

Highland Park ladies are interesting themselves in this institution. A special social event with that in view is announced for Wednesday, January 15th, at the home of Mrs. W. J. Louderback 311 Moraine Road, with a committee consisting of James Lane Allen, Mrs. W. J. Louderback, Mrs. J. W. Prindiville, Mrs. G. H. Campbell and Mrs. Earl W. Spencer.

### BETTER DAYS FOR POST-OFFICE EMPLOYEES.

First Assistant Postmaster General Frank Hitchcock, makes a strong plea for all the employes in the postoffice department in his annual report, which is

provide that all employes of the department shall have thirty days leave annually, instead of fifteen which is now the law. Mr. Hitchcock believes that carriers and clerks are as much entitled to thirty days' vacation as employes of other departments of the government. Postmaster General Meyer approves the recommendation.

### OLD HICKORY CHIPS.

Tough meat, says one doctor, is just as nourishing as the tender. Quite likely, doc., but it unfits a jaw for talking purposes.

A magazine writer says Bernard Shaw talks equally well on subjects that he knows a good deal about and subjects that he knows nothing about. Surely nature equipped that man for a political career.

"Be kind," admonishes the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Yes, by all means, be kind! but not the easy kind.

Editors who are knocking Oklahoma's chaplain for praying that Mr. Bryan may be elected President seem to forget that they, too, have prayed for things that were slow coming.

New Year's resolutions are easier to forget when you don't put them in writings.

A well known scientist says "the time will come when water in this world of ours will be more precious than gold." About that time it may be possible to buy unwatered milk.

Three hundred million tin cans have been ordered by the Cal. Fruit Canners' association. That looks suspiciously like rushing the can manufacturers.

In effect Gov. Cummins, of Iowa, admits having promised not to covet Senator Allison's seat, but falls back on his inalienable right to change his mind occasionally.

The Los Angeles Times advocates placing Thanksgiving and Christmas closer together hereafter. Our esteemed contemporary seems to forget that for at least two weeks on each side of Christmas few people are in a thankful mood.

A statistician says 20 per cent of the men in the United States are smooth shaven. And of the other 80 per cent a good many are smooth citizens.

The dear old populist referendum must have been surprised when Senator Foraker walked up and embraced it.

If Grover Cleveland should come out for Bryan the thing would be practically unanimous.

Gov. Comer says he would not enjoy living in the White House. So it seems that we shall have to be satisfied with Mr. Bryan.

Indiana sings the song to Fairbanks, "We are engaged in a sort of a way, but could learn to love another."

Senator Beveridge is generally in the list of "also spokes."

A German count who married an American girl has renounced his title. Miss Gladys Vanderbilt should put her count under bond not to indulge in any such foolishness as that.

"A Philadelphia man recently gave his daughter a \$100,000 coming out party." Few papas can afford to play in a game like that.

"Colorado wind blew a train off the track," says the Nashville American. What is there so strange about that? One windbag sometimes is railway system.

"Young Rockefeller says money is not good for poor people," says the Atlanta Georgian. The average poor man is stopped from answering this sage remark; lack of experience render him an incompetent judge.

"London has a 'You Be Quiet Club,'" says the Denver Post. Why can't Boston organize one of those things and elect Tom Lawson president for life?

The Japs are said to have made a map of Portland, Oregon. It would have been cheaper to buy a guide book.

About the first of next June several Republicans will realize that their Presidential booms only make work for the clerks who look after the press clippings.

On Saturday a Baltimore man committed suicide, by hanging himself on a bill board. Perhaps he believed in that kind of advertising.

"One hundred brand new \$10 gold pieces! Can you imagine a prettier sight?" asks the Atlanta Georgian. Sure! One hundred brand new 20 gold pieces.

"The crookedest railroad in the world is being built in Cal.," says the Los Angeles Express. Is this Mr. Harriman's undertaking or that of some ambitious rival?

"A word to the wise is sufficient," and this, thinks the Cleveland Leader, is why the lawyer thinks it necessary to "fire about 40,000 words at the average jury." And why Mr. Roosevelt thinks it is necessary to fire about 35,000 words at Congress.

King Alfonso eats nine meals a day. Perhaps there is no monarch in the world the average hobo envies.

Is Mr. Carnegie getting to be a "tightwad?" His charity for a year amounts to a paltry \$8,000,000 while that of Mr. Rockefeller amounts up to \$42,000,000.

John and Pat were two friendly workmen who were constantly kidding, each one trying to outwit the other. "Are you good at measurement?" asked John. "I am that," said Pat, quickly. "Then could you tell me how many shirts I could get out of a yard?" asked John? "Sure," said Pat, "it depends on whose yard you get into."

A generous old German once said: "I likes to gif villingly. Ven I gifs villingly it enjoys me so much that I gifs again."