

GRAND HOUSE OPENING.

Municipal Officials Preparing to Celebrate the Completion of the New City Hall.

A movement is on foot to hold a grand house opening as soon as the new city hall is provided with electric lights. The latter condition is of a sort of Kathleen Mavourneen character, in that it may be for weeks and it may be for months that the hall will be without electric lights, and the officials of the building would scorn to make a spread with the dim, uncertain light of common gas. The servants of the people prefer to disport themselves in the garish glare of full electric rays, and will patiently bide their time against the day, or rather night, when the grounded wire shall have been discovered and other necessary features of the lighting of the hall shall have been arranged.

But when it has been all arranged look out for a big time. In anticipation of that eventful occasion the preparations are being already made. Superintendent of Buildings Guinotte is at the head of the movement, and he is for an informal, but rousing, celebration of the discovery of the grounded wire and the remedying of the short circuit which an investigation of the slipshod manner in which some of the work has been done has been brought to light.

The hall will be thrown open to the people that they may see where their hard earned dollars have gone. The Third Regiment band will be invited to furnish music for the occasion, and the people will promenade through the spacious and unused corners of the great structure. There are many of these corners which are fit for nothing but a promenade, and the most will be made of the opportunity of getting some good out of them. The mayor will make a speech, and the president of the upper house and the speaker of the lower ditto will deliver architectural dissertations on the solemnity and auspiciousness of the occasion. Other features which yet slumber in the fertile brains of the originators of the project will be provided, and if the hall is ever lighted the celebration of the event will not be less enjoyable because so long delayed.

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