

**THE M'ELROY RESIDENCE.**

A Passing Glance at One of the Handsome Homes of Kansas City.

A Particular Charm of the Interior Is Its Cabinet Collections, Which Include Many Valuable Specimens of the Arts of the Past and Present.

So much is said and written of the energy and enterprise of business life in the Missouri valley that the stranger within our gates is prone to ask if existence here is exclusively commercial—if we are a migratory people, registered at hotels, and subsisting at restaurants. Mrs. Laura Coates Reed in her "West and East" gives the world at large the first published glimpse of the social status and intellectual institutions of

the men and women whose permanent homes are in this city. The justice of her statements was particularly impressed upon me a few days since when Mrs. Hugh L. McElroy, of 1508 East Eighth street, opened her spacious and elegant home for the reception of guests. The residence is massive and imposing, suggesting substantiality. Its color is colonial yellow with brown trimmings. It has broad and long verandahs, and stands in the midst of a lawn dotted with rare specimens of cacti. The approach from the south is up broad and wide stone steps. The entrance into the reception hall brings one at once into a scene of extended beauty and grandeur. The width and length of the hall are expanded on the east and west by the music and drawing rooms, and a view of the grand stairway under the glazing rays of light from a canopy of art glass three stories above.

The hall is in maple and black walnut, with panels and frieze of wild roses and sweet-briar on pearl-colored walls. Full length mirrors are set between double arches on either side. Here and in every other apartment the floors are strewn with rare Turkish and Persian rugs collected in foreign lands. Near the vestibule is a hand carved olive wood griffin from Venice. A bronze bust of a Circassian girl is supported

ers and urns, four small tables made from bits of marble picked up from ruins of Rome and teak tables and stools inlaid with ivory and pearl.

The library is in light terra cotta and gold. A German walnut combined cabinet and desk is richly carved and paneled with scenes of German home-life. It is a rare old piece from Munich, in the center of book cases on either side which are filled with volumes of classic and modern lore.

The music room, in addition to its grand piano, has a music box from Geneva and a mandolin from Japan. Here, too, is an ebony cabinet, a source of entertainment in itself. It contains a flat old blue and white Persian vase; another from the pottery works of Lausanne; a hand mirror 100 years old, set in sandalwood; a decorated tapot from Melrose abbey; a perfume bottle in its wicker cover from the old monastery in the suburbs of Florence, famed for the manufacture of its chautreux and benedictine, and the distillation of perfumes. The secret of these monks, or their modes of manufacturing and distilling, dies with the last one of the few now residing there, and the monastery, which has been confiscated, reverts to the crown. Here is a strand of Venetian beads; a rosary blist by the pope while Mrs. McElroy was in Rome; another, rosary of sea-beans from the Mediterranean; an urn of Benares brass from the Ganges.

I have specified only a few of the many interesting articles which delight the fancy and appeal to the cultivated taste. I find that I have made no mention of the beautiful pictures which adorn the walls of the various apartments. A partial list would include Betoni's Madonna from the original in Pitti palace, Raphael's Madonna of the chair from Florence, an oil painting of Savonarola purchased in his cell in Florence from the original left there at his death; two panel pictures of Fra Angelico angels, painted on gold, from the first academy of fine arts in Florence; a Sistine Madonna on porcelain, from Munich; a series of photographs in bas-relief of the burnt remains of a chapel which contains the finest specimens in marble representing scenes in the life of Christ, framed as a transverse panel picture. There are gold plaques with exquisite heads and court scenes in the reign of Louis XIV.; rare paintings on tapestry, etchings, steel engravings and water colors; a framed French fan is painted in Watteau figures, its ivory sticks are yellow with age. Another fan forms a background for a painting of the Coliseum at Rome as it now appears. And yet I have made no mention of the chairs, divans and settees, which are as diverse and unique as they are restful; or of the dining room, which is all that its name implies to those who know Mr. and



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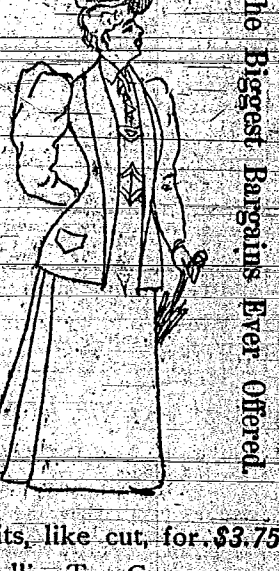
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**GREAT FIRE**

A Michigan City

Started by a Span...

SAWINAW, MICH., a strong southwest and 7 o'clock, result in that time the destroyed, and the a mass of smoldering. The fire is said to be of Briggs & Co. The Middle ground, swept down and for mill plant of 3 am which there were a Here I found rich an eye the single spring mass of flames with a fury that no. The Bristol street portion of it was destroyed to the east a and north of the large number of bu No. 4, J. E. Winkler dences on Tilden Washington avenue were quickly locked. Then the sparks way into the present Lumber Company, in the yard and a like snow. Next a Manufacturing Company's old soap wiped out. Here street and in an ho dences in the city. The flames mad Emerson street, ward, southward, the city limits. It Howard, Sherman other streets great home succumbed all removed to plac. The patients were hospital, which w time, but was ried the sparks long the fire had reached and lumber yard of destroyed, as well as in that section of the. The scenes witne hours of wind and of the pen to adequ ment was at fever house caught here the occupants were danger, and dozens nothing. The fire necessary to check. It is impossible an estimate of the loss will reach nearly \$1,000,000 in factories burned, employment and financial loss, as about 300 bu. The heaviest loss Ryan, lumber, \$3,000; Winkler, ice house, \$8,000; Judge barns, \$12,000; \$4,000; Mrs. H. 7,000; George I. \$41,000; Altington & pany \$160,000; E. G. and 12,000,000 feet Ketcham, house, \$10,000; Kirby furniture, \$3,500; \$5,000; E. Skinner, Johnson, residence \$20,000; Sings \$12,000; Charles \$2,000; A. B. \$1,000; John Clark, of Owsip; Several other missing.

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**OF WEDDINGS.**

**Means to the Parents of Brides.**  
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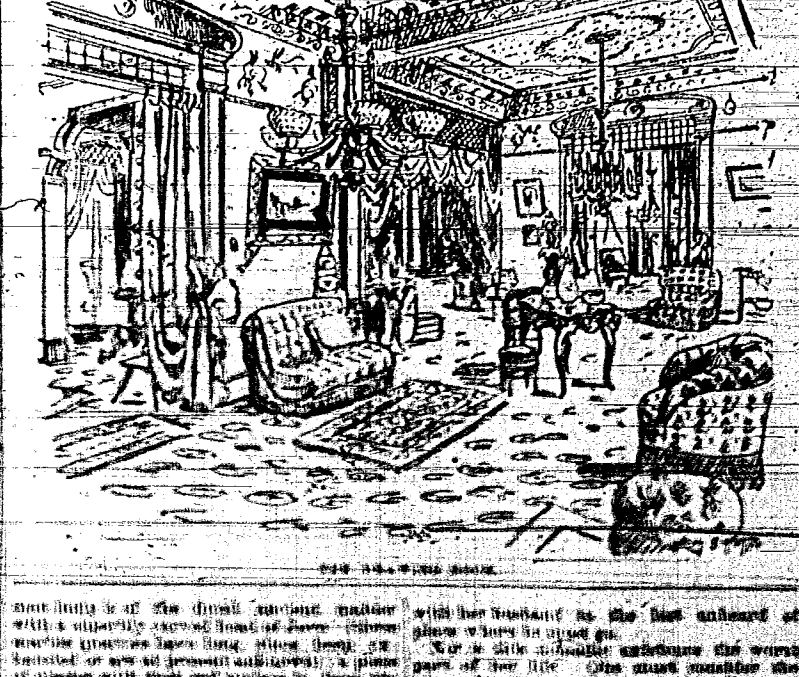
weddings, such as the and those of the homo ed the nuptials of Mr. Wilson, formerly Miss e calculated, as they usual bride does not wedding, such as the no de banker or broker are about on the fol- are a member of a y given free, but the respect ample com- tribute they go to in Usually the bride's son \$25, the first cost- ed \$5.  
means \$25 there, and equal amount, and tem- equal amount to be. About \$300 is the sum amount. Though it would come up, the bride had to cover when needed and the money are of details.  
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Here is a little old sketch of the prison of Chillon, at Montreaux, Switzerland, bought within its walls; an ivory hand carved couple of Swiss peasants from the same region, a Russian cup in lattice work holder and saucer, shells from the banks of the Mediterranean, a little tear bottle and its time colored stopper from the catacombs, a Roman lamp of pottery with the face of Bacchus, found by Mr. McElroy in a new excavation in the baths of Cusacalla, Rome, which were begun A. D. 212. Another Ro-

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Whereas it happens upon uncommon occasions that the good and tidy housekeeper of the civilized world finds herself beset by untoward conditions, it is the ordinary state of the army woman to be thus hampered. There is no time during the active service of her husband in which she may erect her household goods in the pleasing consciousness that they are there to stay.  
Four years is an unusual length of time in which to tarry at one place; and even within the limits of a single garrison it is no extraordinary thing for a household to move from one set of quarters to another upon the curtest notice. The army woman is a nomad, says Godley's Magazine. She has no abiding place. She is here to-day and there to-morrow, and not, in common, where she listeth.  
The wise and paternal government has speed of her husband's services in Mainz one month, and possibly in Texas the next. He obeys his orders without question, promptly; and she, if she be a true wife and an altogether adorable army woman, will not return to the house of her father to dwell in undisturbed serenity; but packs herself off



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and finally it is the first common measure with a generally accepted form of law. The legislator's power here, where there is consisted of what is now an individual, a piece of power with their own will, is the only will of a house of lords, a body of citizens, as the law is a law of the state.

with her husband to the best advantage of those who are to be. For a little of the worst part of her life. The state member she please to wear her state member. They are not different in the substance. Some are the same, and some are different. Some are the same, and some are different.

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At 8 o'clock the party assembled in parlor 8, where, after business matters pertaining to the commandery had been discussed, an informal levee was held.  
At 9:30 o'clock a retreat was sounded, and the veteran officers fell back on the main dining hall, where elaborate preparations had been made for their entertainment. The hall was one waving mass of palms and other tropical plants, through which was afforded a vista of the table, adorned in profusion with the choicest of flowers and pot plants.  
The vaults of glory bestowed but one glance upon the decorations, then made a feigning charge upon the dainty viands offered in the elaborate menu. The contest waged hotly for nearly two hours, resulting in a complete rout of the Midland's chef.  
After the discussion of the repast had been completed the real enjoyment of the evening began. Impromptu toasts were responded to and ballad songs were sung, which brought back vivid reminiscences of the battlefield, and the compare thirty years ago. Immortal creations were shouldered and it was shown how fields were won.  
One could close his eyes and feel that he looked upon a city of tents, with its gleaming campfires, and hear in imagination the challenge of the sentinel, while in required no stretch of imagination to listen to the veterans and hear the boom of cannons and the rattle of musketry and the clash of bayonets. Billings' veterans war smothered its wrinkles from many times before the banquet closed, and the only real conquest of the evening was that of good fellowship and merry cheer.  
A piano had been placed in the banquet hall and in harmony with its notes the "Singing Skule" quartette, composed of St. Louis officers, sang several well appreciated selections. The G. H. quartette, of the city, also entertained the party and was heartily cheered.  
Commander Lloyd G. Harris, of "Vive la France" in admirable style and Captain W. B. Hodges made a hit with an original song entitled "Thaddy O'Brien." A recitation of David and Goliath in military parlance created much amusement, and in fact nearly everyone present contributed in some manner to the pleasure of the affair.  
Among those who participated in the banquet were: Commander Nelson Cole, of St. Louis; vice commander of the order; General S. H. Young, United States army, St. Louis; Commander Lloyd G. Harris, St. Louis; Captain W. B. Hodges, St. Louis; Captain J. Raymond, Levensworth; O. H. Glasgow, Captain John Becken, Captain J. S. Nichols, St. Louis; Major William Warner, Major Rosa Gubel, Colonel M. Farr, St. Louis; Colonel C. W. Whitcomb, Captain U. S. Scott, Colonel John Conroy, Colonel T. S. Chase and Major D. E. Owsen of Kansas City; Captain Bureau; Captain W. L. Harrison, Levensworth; and Captain G. B. Harrison, Levensworth.

The party of about thirty persons was the best such a gathering in this city since the late summer of 1862, when the veterans of the Loyal Legion met at the Midland hotel in St. Louis for a similar purpose. The party was composed of officers and ex-officers of the army who served the country with distinction in the war of the rebellion. There were present at the banquet last night about seventy officers from all portions of the state, with some invited guests from Fort Leavenworth.

**MINOR**

William Kirby, former "sports" of this city, lodging house in Denver. J. H. Miller, of this Columbus Co., three weeks ago. His wife who told him she had no trace of him. At 3:40 a. m. yesterday at No. 710 Main street, tents were damaged by the fire. The origin of the fire was not known.  
The meeting of the Midland hotel last night. Rev. George C. Bates, Mary's church, in this city. Recently received a call to occupy the pulpit of the church.  
Messrs. J. T. Bird and the firm of Bunnell, last night with a party. Days fishing and outing about 200 miles from the city.  
A union meeting of the club of Christian Endeavor at the First Christian church, Locust street, this evening. The program has been arranged.  
A. D. Beedle sold for Harris the property at the Midland hotel for \$2,000. The Union Hotel for J. H. J. Harris, Jr. of lot No. 9, Kingsburg street.  
Mr. J. C. Greenham, grand marshal of the parade, thinks that the parade will be a success and encourages Professor Buchanan, mented last night that much exercise would be given to the application of last year's application to the number of tickets having not been.  
Cora Henry, who was in the criminal court charged yesterday by Henry, a young man, lower arrested for stealing laundry in the Erlingburg and stolen it.  
City Councilman, who has a brief in the case which is before the court. The defense has proved with which the extent has been paid, and the arrested necessitates the brief.  
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