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FAVORING CHURCH UNION.

CONCLUDING SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF REFORMED CHURCHES.

Papers on the Obstacles to and the Advantages of Union—Resolutions Favoring Conciliation of the Dutch and the German Branches Adopted.

The conference of union between the two Reformed churches of the country held its second and final day's sessions on Wednesday in the Second ("Dutch") church, Seventh street, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Dr. B. Bauman, of Reading, presided at the morning session. Papers on "The Obstacles to Union and Methods of Overcoming Them" were read by the Rev. Prof. W. V. Mabon, D. D., of New Brunswick, N. J., and the Rev. Prof. G. W. Willard, D. D., of Triffin, Ohio.

Dr. Mabon considered the possible obstacles of race, language, customs, polity, culture, church property, church boards and doctrinal standards, but none of which he considered insuperable.

Dr. Willard also heartily supported the idea of union, and could see no obstacles that could not be overcome. He said that the only wonder was that during the separation of the churches greater differences and difficulties had not arisen.

On the motion of the Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Apple, a committee was appointed to prepare resolutions expressing the sense of the conference.

The Rev. David D. Demarest, D. D., presided at the afternoon session. Papers were read on "The Advantages of Union" by the Rev. Conrad Clever, of Baltimore, and the Rev. Peter Meyerdyke, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

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A DOUBLE FUNERAL.

Rev. Mumma and Conrad, Who Were Killed at Reading, Buried at Stetson's.

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THEIR FIRST MEETING.

THE NEW CITY COUNCIL GETTING READY FOR THE YEAR'S WORK.

Petitions Presented for the Repair and Macadamizing of Streets—A New Fire Engine to Be Bought—A Special Meeting on Next Tuesday Evening.

The first regular meeting of the new city council was held on Wednesday evening, in select council there were present Messrs. Berger, Haines, Long, Ramsey, Riddie, Schum, Stormfeltz, Wise and Ryan, president.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The following petitions were received and referred to the street committee. By Mr. Schum, for the repair of Vine street between South Queen and Beaver.

By Mr. Long, for macadamizing West Walnut street between North Queen and Mulberry. By Mr. Berger, for macadamizing North street between Christian and Strawberry. Adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL. Common council was called to order at 7:30 o'clock, and the following members were present: Messrs. Atzer, Bare, Baumgardner, Bertfeld, Bittner, Diller, Eby, Eberman, Everts, Frantz, Fresh, Groff, Herr, Mayer, McElroy, Miley, Shertzer, Sing, Strickler, Sturges and Zook.

In the absence of President Beard, Mr. Baumgardner was elected president pro tem. The minutes of the organization were read and approved. Mr. McElroy, who was not present at Monday's meeting, took the oath of office and his seat as a member.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS. Dr. Herr, for the macadamizing of North Market street between West King and Chestnut streets. By Mr. Brinton, for traps to the city inclosed at Beaver and Andrew streets and on Beaver street opposite No. 322; for new crossings at Vine and Prince.

By Mr. Sing, for the macadamizing of Chestnut street between South Queen and Water streets; for the macadamizing of South Prince street between German and Conestoga. By Mr. Bittner, for the macadamizing of West Lemon street between Water and Mulberry streets, and for a gasoline lamp at the corner of Mary street and Harrisburg street.

By Mr. McElroy, for the repair of Seymour street between Prince street and Love lane. By Mr. Bertfeld, for crossings at the corner of Lemon and Pine streets; for the grading and paving of Pine street between Walnut and James streets; for macadamizing of North Mary street between Walnut and Lemon streets; for crossings at Lancaster avenue and Lemon street; for the macadamizing of West Lemon street between Mary and Pine streets.

By Mr. Eby, for a crossing at Chestnut and Water streets. By Mr. Eby, for a sewer on North Duke street, from James street to connect with the Clay street sewer. By Mr. Baumgardner, for a crossing on North Queen street between Chestnut street and Pennsylvania railroad freight depot.

All the above petitions were referred to their appropriate committees. A NEW FIRE ENGINE. By Mr. Bartholomew, for a new fire engine to take the place of engine No. 2. The petition was referred to the fire committee with instructions to advertise for proposals.

Mr. Brinton did not think it necessary to ask for bids again for an engine. Bids had been asked for and it looked to him like trifling with bidders. Mr. Eby said the trifling the gentleman spoke of saved the city a great deal of money and he could not see why the next time there would be lower than last time.

Mr. Frantz argued that it was necessary to ask for bids, as the unfinished business of the old council did. Mr. Eby moved as an amendment that the bids be asked for that bidders will be required to take the old engine as part pay. The amendment was adopted and select council adjourned.

Mr. Sing offered a resolution instructing the fire committee to contract with Clapp & Jones company, the lowest bidder, for a second-class engine at \$4,000. There was no motion offered to the resolution that Mr. Sing withdrew it. Mr. Sing offered a resolution providing that \$4,000 be transferred from the contingent fund to that of the fire department general pay for a new engine to take the place of engine No. 2. This resolution was also withdrawn without any action being taken.

THE CITY FINANCES. Mr. Baumgardner presented the following report of the treasurer for the month of March: Last month's receipts \$4,873.08. Last month's payments 39,067.72. Balance in treasury \$7,274.73. Following are the balances in the several appropriations: Interest on loans, including sinking fund, \$4,794.00. Prince's appropriation, \$1,000.00. State tax on loans, \$1,992.14. Street damages, \$500.00. Repairs on streets, \$1,000.00. Repairs of streets, \$6,028.99. Repairs of streets, \$1,111.44. Belgians and Appah's books, \$19,644.95. Laying rail and crusher, \$6,000.00. Water works general, \$3,121.20. Laying water pipes, \$3,607.70. Water works general, \$3,121.20. Police and turnkey, \$12,018.91. Salaries for fire department, \$1,000.00. Fire department general, \$4,819.24. Abatement on city tax, \$2,700.00. Abatement on water rent, \$1,500.00. Lighting city, \$2,728.59. Contingencies, \$20,795.13. Sewer and drainage, \$2,700.00. By Mr. Baumgardner presented the report of the finance committee for the month of March. The only item of interest it contained was the day of appeal from the city taxation. The date fixed is April 20.

THE CITY AND COUNTY DOCTORS.

The Business Transacted at Their April Meeting—Delagates Elected.

The April meeting of the Lancaster City and County Medical Society was held in their new meeting rooms, Grand Army hall, on East King street, on Wednesday afternoon with the following members present: Drs. Berntheim, Buckius, Black, Boardman, Blackwood, Donny, Long, Craig, Davis, M. L., Dunlap, J. F., Deaver, Diller, Ehler, Franklin, Herr, A. J., Horst, Hance, Livingston, Lesman, J. R., Muser, J. H., Miller, Mowery, H. A., Markle, Newpher, Reamsnyder, Roland, Kingwalt, Reed, Shank, J. H., Showalter, Summy, Siegler, Shertzer, Traber, Weichman, Weaver, D. B., and Zell.

The reports of all sections of the county showed that there was but little sickness and no epidemics prevailing. Dr. H. A. Mowery read a paper on pneumonia, which was discussed by the members.

The following were elected delegates to the American Medical association meeting in Cincinnati in May: Drs. Lesman, J. R., Herr, M. L., Miller, Mowery, H. A., Berntheim, Craig, Deaver, Dunlap, Zell and Compton.

Following are the delegates to the meeting of the Medical Society in Philadelphia, on June 5: Doctors Hance, Franklin, Showalter, Markle, Newpher, Siegler, Horst, Diller, Mentzer, Roland, Buckius, Herr, A. J., Boardman, Reamsnyder, E. G., Shertzer, Traber, Kingwalt, Zell, Muser, J. H. and Weaver, D. B.

Resolved, That on the death of Dr. A. K. Rohrer were passed and they will be given in another column. After the meeting the surgical instruments of the late Dr. S. B. Foreman were sold at auction and purchased by the members present.

NEARLY NINETY YEARS OF AGE. Death of Mrs. Edward McGovern, on Her Farm Near Overton, Bradford County. Mrs. Edward McGovern, one of the best known and most highly esteemed old ladies of Bradford county, died on her farm near Overton, Pa., this morning, in the ninetieth year of her age. She was a native of the County of Cavan, Ireland, and came to this country about fifty-six years ago. Her husband, who was a well-known railroad contractor in the early days of railroad building, died several years ago. She lives with her mother, Edward McGovern is a grandson and Mrs. Alice McGovern, of this city, is a grandchild of the deceased.

Despite her extreme age, Mrs. McGovern was a woman of remarkable physical preservation, and up to her recent illness was able to tend aid in the household management. Her husband was a well-known railroad contractor in the early days of railroad building, died several years ago. She lives with her mother, Edward McGovern is a grandson and Mrs. Alice McGovern, of this city, is a grandchild of the deceased.

A HORSE CASE. Alderman McCoomy this morning heard the case of Joseph Minnich against Mrs. Lizzie Rohrer, for the recovery of the face value of two colts, sold by Minnich to Mrs. Rohrer. The signature to the note was admitted to be genuine, but Mrs. Rohrer testified that instead of the animals sold to her being "colts" they were six-year-old mares, and that she had never seen them. The case was adjourned for the defendant.

A GRADUATE OF JEFFERSON COLLEGE. Among the students of medicine who were graduated at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Wednesday, was Norman Jerome Bittner, of the city. Dr. William Marshall Dickson, of Pennsylvania, is a bright young man, and has many friends in this city. He read medicine with his father for some time, and for two years past has studied at Jefferson college. He will remain on duty some weeks in the hospital of Philadelphia, before he returns to Lancaster.

AN F. & M. MAN ONE OF THE OTHERS. Among the colleges represented at the Grand Arch Council of the Phi Kappa Psi in Washington on Wednesday were Washington and Jefferson, Albany, Franklin and Marshall, Dickinson, Pennsylvania, and Cornell. The officers were: President, F. H. Hodder, Cornell University; vice president, F. W. Biecker, Franklin and Marshall college; recording secretary, G. F. Manning, University of the Pacific; corresponding secretary, M. W. Bierling, University of Pennsylvania; Robert Lowery, University of Lewisburg.

UNIFORMS FOR THE POLICE. Myers & Rathvon have been awarded the contract for making the uniforms for the patrolmen of the police force. The contract provides that the uniforms will be different from the patrolmen in the make of the coat. There will be a double row of buttons on the coats of these officials. The chief's coat will be of the style of a captain in the army. Samples of summer helmets have been sent for and are expected in a few days. The uniforms of the men will be finished in the early part of next week.

A BOY WINS THE FLOOR. George S. Rain, son of James Swain, held ticket No. 1,095 which drew the barrel of flour offered by Rod Rose commandery, K. of M. C., at its recent fair. Mr. McDonnell turned in 500 votes on the ticket for the flour, instead of 500 as first reported.

EXECUTIONS ISSUED. Executions were issued on Wednesday against B. K. Landis, of East Lancaster, for a large number of fancies, and against the executors thereof. The aggregate of the executions thus far issued is \$5,227.05. The sheriff has issued a levy.

RETURNED TO COURT. Abraham H. Grand, prosecuted for larceny last morning in \$300 bail for trial at court. The subject matter of the larceny is grain, and Tobias Dinsinger appeared as the prosecutor. These same parties appeared in a similar suit before the same Alderman ten days ago in which Grand was the prosecutor and Dinsinger the defendant.

VIEWERS APPOINTED. The viewers appointed to assess damages caused by the proposed opening of Rose street from one end of the city to the other met this morning and went over part of the route of the proposed street. They adjourned until the evening of this day, when they will view the value of the property taken, not being able to go over the whole route on account of the weather.

A DISASTROUS FIRE.

PROPERTY TO THE VALUE OF \$10,000 DESTROYED WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

The Machine Shop of the Champion Blower and Machine Shop Occupied With Its Contents—The Flames Started by an Incendiary—Insurance Hail the Loss.

One of the largest and most destructive fires that has taken place in this city for some time was the one of last night. The large machine shop of the Champion Blower and Forge company, at the junction of Charlotte street, Harrisburg avenue and the Pennsylvania railroad, was burned. The building was formerly known as Conley's tobacco warehouse. The fire was discovered shortly after 11 o'clock and one of the flat men to see it was a watchman of the Pennsylvania railroad company. An alarm was struck from box 15, at West James street and Harrisburg avenue, at 11:30, and it brought engines No. 4, 4 and 1 to the scene of the conflagration. They went in service at once and No. 4 was at work up to 8 o'clock this morning. The fire had made considerable headway when it was discovered and it spread very rapidly. The building was almost totally destroyed, nothing being left but the brick walls. The firemen worked hard and succeeded in saving the large brick building, which is situated some distance to the south from the machine shop, and is used as a foundry. The cupola was badly blistered. The engine house, which stood against the machine shop, was of frame, but it was saved and the engine was but slightly damaged.

The building burned was of brick and in size 130x50 feet. It was erected by the late Frederick W. Conoley, about 25 years ago. For many years it was used by different firms as a tobacco packing warehouse. After the fire it was purchased by Edwin Eberman, who owns it at present. The Champion Blower and Forge company is a chartered organization, with Harry H. Kelper as president and manager and James C. Leman secretary. When they decided to move to this point they rented the building for the use of one year, and took possession last January. They made many great changes and improvements in the interior to accommodate their large business, in the manufacture of forges, blowers, &c.

MACHINERY, ETC., DESTROYED. The company has met with a very serious loss, as the building contained machinery, such as lathes, drills, boring machines, centering machines, bolt and nut tappers, grinders, presses, &c., together with their stock in progress of manufacture, was almost totally destroyed. Among the valuable machinery was a radial drill, which was being run by the company. It was a power blower. It was put in but last week at a cost of \$500. The loss on patterns alone will be \$7,000. The burned building had a basement and two floors, all of which were in use. In the basement the castings were kept, and in the second floor was used for the finishing of the work. The third floor was used for storing supplies, erecting, &c.

There is little doubt that the fire was the work of an incendiary, and this was the second time within a week that the torch has been applied. The first fire was discovered on last Wednesday by Isaac W. Groff, secretary of the company, who was on duty at the building. Soon after getting inside, on the first floor, he heard a sort of cracking noise, which he at first supposed was made by the machinery. He stepped back around the building to show that it had been broken open. It was at first believed that a spark from the cars, which pass very near to the building, had found its way into the second floor. The fire which Mr. Groff extinguished was in the northwest part of the building. Mr. Leman, secretary of the company, was among the first to arrive at the burning building last night. He noticed that the fire had been started in the second story again, near to the centre of room. The only fire in the building was in a stove in the office, which was in the western end of the building. 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