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CITY AND SUBURBAN.

The Home for the Friendless.—Card of Thanks.

ALLEGHENY, Sept. 7, 1865.

MAJOR D. L. FAHON—*Dear Sir*: Yours of the 3d inst., informing me of the unanimous action of the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Soldiers' Relief Association, at Washington City, by which they appropriated one hundred and sixty-four $3,200 ($164 38) dollars (being a balance remaining in their hands of funds contributed for the benefit of our noble soldiers,) to the Pittsburgh and Allegheny "Home for the Friendless," was duly received. To yourself and Messrs. J. E. Brady, H. C. Gill, Jas. Gilleland, Chesterfield Bobb, Benjamin Lippincott, Jas. A. Williamson, Daniel McKissinger, Jos. L. Adamson, Dr. Jordon and Ar. M. Kimmell, fellow members of the Executive Committee, I herewith, in the name of our Board of Managers, tender our most grateful acknowledgments.

"Your appropriation came at a time when we were greatly in need of funds. The ladies had just been informed by our Treasurer, that there were debts to be paid, and provisions procured for a family of almost *ninety, and that the Treasury was empty.*

"The object for the Friendless is not an established institution, but is obtained entirely by funds collected by the Ladies of the Board from a benevolent public. Your remembrance coming at this particular juncture, was especially cheering to my heart. I had been through our entire making collections, and whilst from many I received, as I have, a ready and cheerful response, there were some who felt they had given to the full amount of their ability, and, others declined altogether, giving for unknowing the amounts of their previous annual subscription. Whilst we know that He, unto whom belongeth the silver and gold is able to provide for the wants of our numerous family, we sometimes forget His past goodness, and our hearts become discouraged. The voluntary contribution of yourself and the gentlemen associated with you, comes as a smile of God's love to assure us that He who has thus far provided for us, is not limited in His ways or means. May His richly reward you for the labor of love in which you have been engaged in past years, in administering to the noble men who perilled their lives for liberty's sake, as they no doubt will require your aid, for your remembrance of those whose fathers gave their lives for their country.

"Wishing you all that blessing "which maketh rich, and addeth no sorrow therewith."

Yours truly, JOSEPHINE N. DALE,
Matron.

Methodist Protestant Conference.

SECOND DAY.

The President announced the committees returned by the disciplines as follows:

On Itinerancy and Orders—V. Lucas, C. P. Jordan, Alex. Pallon, H. L. Shepherd, William Robinson.

To Examine the Journal for Unfinished Business—J. J. Wood, Ira Cook, and the Secretary.

Boundaries and Necessities—H. Palmer, J. B. Lucas, Peter Board, Jacob Boles, David Jacobs.

On Finance—D. I. E. Rice, E. A. Bradley, David Anderson.

On Fiscal Services—H. H. Butler, R. Stevens, W. J. Troth.

To Prepare Minutes for Publication, and on Obituaries—J. D. Herr, James Robison, E. A. Brindley.

Revs. J. S. Stwechel, of the Presbyterian Church from Baltimore, and J. L. Sample, pastor of the Wesley Chapel Church at Elizabeth, were introduced and invited to honorary seats in the Conference.

The election of officers for the ensuing year, resulted as follows:

PRESIDENT—Rev. Wm. Nesbit, D. D.

STATIONING COMMITTEE—Rev. Wm. Collier, D. D., Rev. Valentine Lucas, B. Fordyce, J. Redman.

CONFERENCE STEWARD—Rev. W. Wallace.

On motion, Rev. A. Mahon, D. D., was invited to deliver an address before the Conference this evening on the subject of Education.

The address on the subject of Education, Rev. A. D. Rees was invited to make, at the conclusion of President Mahan's address, a statement of his operations in the Pittsburgh district, in behalf of the college enterprise. The occasion promises to be one of great interest. The M. P. Church is about entering on a new career in educational matters, having succeeded beyond her highest hopes in securing an endowment fund for a first-class college. As President Mahan and Rev. J. D. Herr have for the last year been actively engaged in this work, and have met with eminent success, the meeting of Saturday evening, to be addressed by them, will be one of the most profitable and pleasant of the session.

The place of holding the next Annual Conference was fixed at Waynesboro, Greene county, Pennsylvania, at the time the first Wednesday in September, 1866.

Rev. G. B. McElroy, A. M., Principal of Sharpsburg Seminary, preached a very forcible and edifying sermon Thursday evening from the words: *"Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel."* Gen. xlix 4.

Latest from the Oil Regions.

[From the Titusville Herald of Thursday.]

A FLOWING WELL AT TIONESTA.

We received yesterday a telegraphic dispatch announcing that a flowing well was struck on the 5th instant at Howville, Tionesta, by the Rochester Company. The oil burst forth and flowed uninterrupted for six hours.

This is the first flowing well struck in Forrest county. It is on the lands of the Rochester Company, of which Mr. F. A. Howe, of Meadville, is General Manager. Several other wells are going down under the same auspices. The surface formation of the territory is very similar to that of Pithole Creek, in the vicinity of the great wells.

THE HOMESTEAD WELL FLOWING AGAIN.

The Homestead well, which stopped last Tuesday, commenced flowing again about half past two o'clock yesterday afternoon, after standing three days. Her yield when the tabernacle left, was at the rate of 250 barrels per day, of oil and water, and increasing. About one quarter was oil, but the proportion of water was rapidly diminishing; and appearances were strong that she would speedily flow as well as formerly. The stoppage was the result of the accumulation of paraphine, and also the choking of the seed-bag against the sides of the well, until it had worn through, and let the water down. The rejoicing at the revival of the "Homestead" was very great on Pithole.

PITHOLE TERRITORY.

The Lake farm, now the property of the Star Petroleum Company, of New York city, is now attracting the attention of speculators, owing to the successful developments in its vicinity. It lies on the road from Plumer to Pithole city, about one mile due west from the United States well, on both sides of West Pithole Creek. The character of a mile up the creek, shown on this farm, near Paxton's, a well was struck on Thursday last, pumping 30 barrels on Saturday, and increasing. Still further up in the Vose farm, where a fine well was struck three or four weeks ago. The Lake farm is two thirds bottom land, and one quarter of fifteen acres timbered land. The Star Company are now putting down three wells, and eight or ten are being put down on leases from the Company. On the adjoining lands, near the mouth of West Pithole Creek, a new well was struck last Friday, pumped about an hour, exhausted the water, and then flowed, bursting the seed-bag, and rendering it necessary to repair.

A Brutal Husband.

George Helton was before the Mayor yesterday, charged by his wife, Caroline, with assault and battery. The parties are residents of Temperanceville, and the facts developed on the hearing of the case were anything but complimentary to the husband, who, it seems, not content with compelling his wife to "plow and strike" for him in his blacksmith shop, has been in the regular habit of abusing her in the most shameful manner. By the united exertions of the two they succeeded in accumulating some property, which the wife alleges her husband is now squandering upon lewd women. The Mayor read him a severe lecture upon his shameless conduct, and concluded by holding him to bail in the sum of five hundred dollars for his appearance at Court.

A Proclamation against Filth.—Mayor Lowry has issued a proclamation, which will be found in to-day's paper, against the maintenance of filthy deposits in front of houses, or impurities or uncleanness on or about any premises, under the penalty of the law. All citizens, knowing of any such nuisances, inimical to the health of the city, are enjoined to make complaint before him, in order that they may be abated and the responsible parties punished. This is a movement in the right direction, and we trust that the city will receive a thorough purgation. Mary Lowry will give the attention to all complaints against parties maintaining any such nuisances.

On Leave of Absence.—Captain Foster, Provost Marshal, left on Wednesday for the east on a two weeks' leave of absence—the first he has had since he was placed on duty here, more than two years ago. In his absence, E. S. Morrow, Esq., Deputy Provost-Marshal, will attend to the duties of the office.

The First Baptist Church, now meeting in "Masonic Hall," will be open again for public worship to-morrow, (Sunday,) Sept. 10th inst., morning and evening. The Rev. Jas. S. Dickerson will preach.

Important Letter from Secretary Harlan —The Position of President Johnson on Negro Suffrage.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 29, 1865.

Hon. George B. Edmonds, Clermont, Iowa:

DEAR SIR—I have just received your letter of the 21st inst., stating, among other things, that the Union State Convention of Iowa has adopted as a plank of its Platform a recommendation in favor of negro suffrage; that the Copperhead Convention has endorsed President Johnson's policy for the reorganization of States, arraigning it to be in opposition to negro suffrage; that this is, in your opinion, the issue joined between the two parties in Iowa; that hereafore the Union party has derived valuable aid from me in support of its principles; that you regret, however, to observe a newspaper report of a special message made by me, which places me, as you think, in antagonism with its present principle and policy, which gives you pain.

In reply, I have to say, that if your opinion was well founded, it would be a cause of greater pain to me than to yourself; but I beg leave respectfully to state that you misapprehend the position of President Johnson, and my own, as well as that of the Union party at large. The real question at issue, as a national policy now, is not whether negroes shall be permitted to vote, but whether they shall derive that authority from the National Government or from the State Governments respectively.

President Johnson maintains, the doctrine, that the Constitution of the United States does not confer on the General Government the right to interfere, primarily with the question of negro suffrage in any State of the Union; that the question may arise and properly be decided by Congress, when Senators and members present themselves for admission to seats in that body, under the clause of the Constitution, which makes each house the exclusive judge of the qualifications and elections of members, and that other clause of the Constitution of the United States, which provides that "the United States shall guarantee to every State in the Union a Republican form of Government." I infer that if any State should adopt a law on the subject of suffrage, which would clearly show the State Government to be other than republican, it would be the duty of Congress to reject applicants for seats, and to adopt whatever legislative remedies would in their judgment be necessary to carry out the guarantee of the Constitution.

That the State of Iowa may take steps to extend the right of suffrage, as it has, is seems to me, in conflict with this policy, and, consequently, those who support the policy of the President on this subject, are not in antagonism with the platform of the Union party of Iowa.

The Union party of that State proposes that the State shall modify its own Constitution, so as to include as electors, persons who have not, under its present provisions, the right to vote. This, as President Johnson maintains, a State may do, but that the National Government would have no right to require Iowa, or any other State, to modify its own Constitution, on this, or any other subject, when not in conflict with the Constitution of the United States.

If I should be in low pain when that question is submitted to the people, it is shall be so submitted by the Legislature, I would vote to extend the right of suffrage to all classes of persons possessing the requisite intelligence and patriotism to be entrusted with a participation in the management of public affairs, State or National, without regard to color, race or nativity, as I do not believe that the liberty of any class of people can be considered safe, who are to be permanently deprived of the exercise of this right.

I do not disguise from myself or others my hope to be in opposition to negro suffrage; but I think before