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### CITY NOTES.

"The Chimes of Normandy" chorus will meet at Music hall this evening at 8 o'clock for rehearsal.

John Condon, of Lackawanna, was badly hurt yesterday at the Lawrence colliery by a fall of rock.

"The Ladies' Guild of St. Luke's church will hold a cake sale at the rectory this afternoon from 2 to 6 o'clock.

"Tim, the Tinker," an Irish comedy drama, was played by John E. Brennan and company at the Frothingham last evening.

Mrs. Frances Comfort, widow of the Italian who was murdered at Dunmore on the 11th inst., gave birth to a son on Wednesday.

Charles Hartley, the ventriloquist, and a company of clever specialty artists, delighted a large audience at the Academy last evening.

The football team from St. Thomas' college defeated the School of the Lackawanna yesterday afternoon at the baseball park by a score of 15 to 0.

The annual meeting of the New England society will be held at the board of trade rooms this evening at 7:30 o'clock, when arrangements for holding the annual banquet will be made.

Sir Arthur Sullivan's oratorio, "The Prodigal Son," will be performed at the end of January by the Catholic Choral Union. The rehearsals are held Wednesday evenings.

Dr. G. John Berlinghoff, residing at 1408 Caspene avenue, and a graduate of Hahemann Medical college, registered in the office of Prothonotary Pryor yesterday. He practiced for the past year in Pittsburg.

The attorneys acting for Thomas P. Davies and James G. Bailey, defeated candidates for treasurer and sheriff, respectively, are engaged upon the necessary contest papers which must be filed before Dec. 6.

Jasper Silvius was yesterday bound over in the sum of \$200 to appear at court upon a charge of obtaining \$50 by false pretense from H. H. Hoffner, of Parkville. The warrant was issued by Justice A. C. Nichols.

Hattie, the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Craig, of Lackawanna, was severely burned yesterday. The child, with others, had lighted a fire from leaves in the woods from which her clothes caught fire.

H. H. Reed, a traveling picture dealer, was arrested yesterday by Officer Dyer at 709 Adams avenue, at the instance of O. B. Groff, of Lancaster, Pa., upon the charge of obtaining board and lodging by fraudulent means.

The sale of seats for the Thanksgiving matinee and night performances by the Joseph Jefferson company commences Monday, 9 a. m. at the Frothingham box office. "Rip Van Winkle" will be played at both performances.

Flag-raising exercises will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the public school, corner of Wyoming avenue and Green Ridge street. Professor H. L. Furblek has prepared an excellent programme which will be performed by the children.

The Hallstead mine which has not been worked since Sept. 23 was reopened for work early this week. Although the force of the water has considerably abated, a great volume is still rushing into the No. 1 vein, in which work cannot be resumed.

Special low prices will be adopted at the Frothingham for the accommodation of families, ladies and children at "The Country Circus" matinee tomorrow at 2 o'clock, viz.: Orchestra and orchestra circle, 50 cents; balcony, 35 cents; gallery, 25 cents.

The ladies of the Mrs. W. H. Hallstead lodge, division 52, of the General Independent auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, will hold a turkey supper at the Railroad Young Men's Christian association rooms on Thanksgiving night.

At a meeting of the Keystone club held last night it was decided to hold a special meeting on Dec. 4, when a debate will be held on the subject, "The Republican Par-

## CASE OF THE MATTESONS

Are They Guilty as Charged by the Abington Baptist Conference.

### REV. T. A. MATTESON'S DEFENSE

He Writes a Letter Denying the Accusations Against Him, but the Baptist Clergy of Scranton Unanimously Reterrate Them.

One week ago Tuesday The Tribune published in its report of the Abington Baptist conference of pastors, which met in the Penn Avenue Baptist church the day prior, an account of the expulsion of F. A. Matteson, and also his son, from the conference. Mr. Matteson, sr., subsequently called at this office, and, claiming that he was sick and in bed when this action was taken, asked permission to give his side of the story. This being accorded, Mr. Matteson wrote for publication the following letter:

"It was said that I was compelled to resign my pastorate at the Elmhurst Baptist church and that a majority of the members were determined to discontinue my services. This is absolutely false. I had a call from the church where I had lived from childhood and where I had been baptized into the Baptist church. I did resign as pastor of the Elmhurst Baptist church to accept the call, but the petition herewith attached is conclusive evidence of the falsehood of the charge that I was expelled. A majority of the church members petitioned me to reconsider my resignation and remain, as no one before had drawn as large an audience, filling the house, or doing as honest, hard, Christian-like work as we had. Finally, after prayerful consideration, I decided to stay under certain conditions, which were afterward violated by a certain few, whose aim is to rule or ruin.

**Resulted in a Split.**

"Then many of the church members solemnly declared they never would enter the church or claim fellowship with those who abused their trust, but would unite with the other churches of this place. And to save the Baptist church of Elmhurst I organized an independent regular Baptist church, taking with me a large majority of the active members of the old church. Our audience is large and still increasing. Prayer meetings are well attended and spiritual. The Sabbath school is quite large; preaching is held morning and evening. God's spirit pervades in the audience, and last Sabbath some eight publicly requested prayers and wished to become Christians. Notwithstanding the statement in the item mentioned that our closeness was not heard longer in the Elmhurst Baptist church, we would say that we claim no eloquence, but a forgiving, Christ-like spirit. After we had organized the new church, by a unanimous vote, I was requested to notify in writing the clerk of the old church, also the deacons, to drop all the names of those who had withdrawn to organize the new church, as they were too indignant over the abuse of a certain few toward themselves and their pastor to ask for letters. I am informed that six members of the old church met and preferred charges against us, and that one week later four met and expelled us. I was sick and confined to my bed at the time. What a wonderful expulsion, according to the Baptist manual and church polity. I wish to state here that I was confined in my room under the doctor's care at the time the meeting of the Pastors' conference convened in Scranton, as mentioned in said item. In regard to the trouble of my son that is being settled in the court now, by an affidavit made by Mrs. Hugo Burnmaster before Duiley Bauman, notary public. He also says he has letters of recommendation and commendation from Rev. Eneas McLean, pastor of the Presbyterian church, of Elmhurst, and S. C. Simpkins, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of the same place, besides others. The petition follows: "We, the undersigned members and sympathizers of the First Baptist church, of Elmhurst, hearing with regret of the resignation of our pastor, the Rev. F. A. Matteson, would respectfully ask him to reconsider said resignation, as we deem his services necessary for the welfare of our church.

"Names—Hugo Burnmaster, Marie Burnmaster, Charles Koch, Mrs. C. Koch, John Smyth, Marshal E. Frace, David Knickerbocker, Horace Finn, John Warren, George Miller, sr., D. Shoemaker, Mrs. D. Shoemaker, Jay Knickerbocker, Mrs. E. F. Butterfield, Mrs. A. M. Frace, E. Frace, Daniel Frace, I. M. Frace, W. O. Swartz, Dea. J. H. Snyder, Mrs. L. E. Snyder, B. L. Swartz, A. Griffin, Henry Bronson, Mrs. P. Larue, Mrs. George Deterick, Estella Bird, Mrs. Byron Buckingham, Mrs. Lanna Bronson, Mrs. W. H. Evans, W. H. Evans, W. B. Edwards, J. Rhodimer, Mrs. F. E. Finch, Charles F. Koch, Jr., R. A. Griffin, A. Nagley, August Hahn, Mrs. August Hahn, Charles Whitney, H. G. Thayer, Mrs. A. E. Dunning, Jennie Dunning, George Miller, jr., William B. Robinson, L. W. Partridge, Alva Aten, Pauline Aten."

**The Conference's Action.**

The Baptist pastors of Scranton who participated in the expulsion of the Mattesons are a unit in condemning them as unfit to occupy a pulpit. They say they have investigated the case thoroughly and impartially and are in the possession of affidavits in abundance proving the Mattesons what the conference committee of inquiry reported at them to be. Ample advance notice of the conference inquiry was given to the defendants; and if they remained away from the conference the Baptist pastors of Scranton say it was because the father feigned sickness, or did not choose to face the tribunal of inquiry. This is the report upon which the Mattesons were expelled.

"To the Scranton Baptist Pastors' Conference:

"Dear Brethren:—We, the committee on the Mattesons, would make the following report. After making a thorough examination of the evidence we find Rev. F. A. Matteson guilty of the following charges: (1) untruthfulness; (2) dishonesty; (3) being a false and an impostor; (4) twice excluded from

## JOHN MAHON STEPS DOWN

William F. McLean Elected as His Successor Last Night.

### NEW COMMON COUNCIL CLERK

Committee Appointed to Draught Suitable Resolutions as a Testimonial to Mr. Mahon—Otherwise, an Unimportant Meeting.

Clerk John P. Mahon, of the common council, at last night's meeting of that body read his brief letter of resignation containing the added suggestion that it take effect forthwith.

Mr. Battle, of the Twentieth ward, seconded a motion made by Mr. Hekeley, of the Nineteenth, that Mr. Mahon's resignation be accepted, and the motion prevailed.

Members Battle, Robathan and Mohr and President Nealis eulogized the faithful incumbency of Mr. Mahon, his ever-ready courtesy and aptitude for the peculiar duties of his late position. Reference was made to the pressure of outside business as the cause of Mr. Mahon's retirement.

It was unanimously carried that a committee of three be appointed to draught suitable resolutions setting forth the esteem in which Mr. Mahon was held by members of the council. On that committee the chair appointed Messrs. Battle, Robathan and Mohr.

On motion of Mr. Sweeney, William F. McLean was elected unanimously as the new clerk of the council. He is conversant with the duties of the office having been Mr. Mahon's assistant for several years. He is also a clerk in the street commissioner's office. Mr. Mahon has served as clerk for six years.

**Council Takes Another Nap.**

When the resolution passed by select council was read, which provided that city warrants be drawn for owners of land on Sweetland street, at the approaches of the Linden street bridge, there was a lively exchange of opinion concerning its adoption. A motion to refer it to committee was carried. Mr. Robathan said that the newspapers condemned the members of council for the delay caused in building the bridge and he favored going ahead with the work instead of retarding it. His arguments were lost on the majority of the members, as the motion to refer was carried 9 to 8.

A resolution of select council was passed providing that the mayor be authorized to execute the agreement between the city and the Central railroad of New Jersey, the Wilkes-Barre and Scranton Railway company, and the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company, relative to the construction of the Linden street bridge.

A resolution was introduced directing the chief engineer of the fire department and the chief of police to investigate the cause of the recent fire in the factory of the Scranton Knitting factory.

An adjournment was made to meet in regular session Dec. 6.

## JOHN H. FELLOWS MARRIED.

The Bride Was Miss Laura Gray, of Lackawanna.

John H. Fellows, ex-mayor of Scranton, and Miss Laura Gray, of Lackawanna, were married at the bride's home yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. Mr. Fellows left the city on Tuesday for Lackawanna. He was accompanied by his daughters, Lois and Nellie Fellows. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Fellows left for Philadelphia. On their return they will reside on Tenth street.

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