REBUKED THE SOPRANO

And the Young Minister Called His Flock Scandal Mongers.

TOPIC OF THE TEA PARTIES

The Members of the Congregation Talked too Freely of the Sudden Conversion of Pretty Miss Seale—Auburn Haired Pastor Hageman Resigns.

By the United Press.

New York, Dec. 2.—According to accounts, church affairs are breezy down at Ozone park, L. I. In fact, there was a full blown ecclesiastical cyclone there. The storm center of it was the Rev. A. Randolph Hageman, rector of the Protestant Episcopal church of the Epiphany, who, according to yesterday's bulletins, was moving at the rate of forty miles an hour toward Philadelphia.

The Rev. A. Randolph Hageman came to serve the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Epiphany last July. He had just been graduated from the General Theological seminary. A year or so before that, when a student, he had for a short time been lay reader for the little church. He made many pleasant acquaintances then, and when he came as rector was received most cordially He is handsome, accomplished and intellectual. His hair is such as Eric had. The young women call it auburn. He was just a little quickly tempered, some persons say, and he is certainly a very determined young man.

The young minister, it is said, was neither married nor engaged. In Ozone Park, famed all over Long Island for its lovely young girls, there were naturally mothers with marriageable daughters. So there were afternoon teas at which the young and reverend Mr. Hageman was the guest of honor, receptions where he was the lion, and parties where fair maidens told him that they were "so pleased to meet him." He was invited to dinners. He was invited to call.

Miss Seale Joins the Church.

Henry Van Wicklen, a prominent citizen, welcomed the young rector to Ozone Park by giving a reception in his cosy hom on Belmont avenue, to which, besides numerous other guests, all the pastors of the other churches were invited.

Miss Florence Searle was there, too. She was glad that the Church of the Epiphany had a resident rector instead of an occasional lay reader. Come to think of it, she used to belong to St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal church in Brooklyn. When her parents moved to Ozone Park, she explained, she yielded to their request and joined the Methodist church, just across the way, of which the Rev. R. F. Norton was the pastor. She sang in the choir there. Did Mr. Hageman propose to have a choir now? She decided then and there to join the Church of the Epiphany.

Over the teacups some of the members of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany said that Miss Seale seemed in a great deal of a hurry to join the church and decided that they would not receive her with sisterly warmth.

They felt much aggrieved, too, when this Miss Seale took great interest in Sunday school work; so much so that she was chosen to gather up the pennies contributed by Ozone Park boys and girls for the support of the missionaries. As treasurer of the Sunday school she had to consult with the Rev. Mr. Hageman quite frequently.

This was observed by the ladies of the sewing circle and the missionary society. They looked into their teacups, replenished with the second and often the third "drawing" and shook their heads. Some of them had daughters and some had not. They all agreed that when they were young such a thing as a feminine Sunday school treasurer never was.

And the Rev. Mr. Hageman found that Miss Seale had an excellent voice. She told him so, the tea drinkers said. He insisted that she should sing in the choir. She sang soprano solos. That was entirely too conspicuous, thought the ladies of the sewing circle and the Band of Hope, so some of them concluded that something ought to be done to repress that young woman.

They Rebuke the Soprano.

A few of them stopped speaking to her and some of them treated her coldly. One afternoon as the young Hyson gave forth its fragrance, somebody remarked that a rector should marry a young woman who had always been an Episcopalian.

Miss Seale noticed that some of her Episcopal sisters were not speaking to her. She thought, too, that some of them were talking about her entirely too much. She went to the Rev. Mr. Hageman and told him about it.

The young rector was indignant. Persons of his temperament sometimes get that way quickly, say what they feel and think afterward.

It is said that the Rev. Mr. Hageman was a little that way. The next day was Sunday. This was six weeks ago. He detained the congregation a few minutes longer than usual and scolded them. He called them gossips and scandal mongers. He said that they had been saying unkind things of one another. They had treated persons coldly whom they ought to welcome. Then the young pastor referred feelingly to one or two parishioners whom he himself had introduced into the church, who had not been received cordially.

Most of the members of that congregation went home to their Sunday dinner very indignant. They said that their pastor was hotheaded and being very impressionable had been influenced by a certain young woman to say things which he had better have left unsaid. A few of them said that they didn't like Miss Seale very well anyway and that they didn't have to speak to her if they didn't want to. If she had remained with the Methodists all this would not have happened. They agreed that the young rector should apologize.

Some of them approached him about the matter of a retraction. He would have none of it. He went about on his bicycle looking as handsome and independent as ever.

Then coldness laid hold upon that congregation. Some didn' think much of a rector who went "trapussing around the country on a runaway wagon wheel."

Some of them concluded that he spent too much time calling upon the young women and not enough in visiting them. Some said they never did like men with red hair anyway.

The Rev. Mr. Hageman thought that the treatment of Miss Seale was very uncalled for. He championed her cause like a knight errant, and thought that certain persons who drank tea ought to apologize to her and to him.

He concluded after a while that there would always be more or less feeling against him. A most timely and convenient call came to him to be the curate of a church at Frankfort, Pa. He accepted it at once, and the first the congregation knew of it was when they read in a local paper that he had resigned.

The Minister Resigns.

The Rev. W. P. Bird, canon of the cathedral at Garden City, went to Ozone Park and tried to heal the breach. His mission was unsuccessful. The Rev. Mr. Hageman left for Philadelphia yesterday on his way to his new field of labor.

Miss Seale has left town. Her family decline to say where she has gone. It is reported that she is on her way to Bermuda. She is greatly pained and shocked over the whole unfortunate affair.

"My advice to young clergymen," said one of Ozone Park's ministers, commenting on the matter, "is never to appear to pay attentions to a young lady who is a member of his congregation or who resides in his parish. Otherwise he may be made the victim of unpleasant gossip."

MUSIC TEACHERS TO MEET.

tate Association to Assemble in Harrisburg Day After Christmas.

By the United Press.

Harrisburg, Dec. 2.—Arrangements for holding the convention of the Pennsylvania State Music Teachers' association in this city for three days, beginning Dec. 26, have been completed. On Wednesday there will be an address of welcome from Governor Pattison and reports of committees to be followed by a song and piano recital and in the evening a grand concert, in which Philadelphia artists and Marie Decca will appear.

Thursday will be devoted to music, reading of essays and discussions in which prominent teachers from all over the state will take part; in the afternoon an instrumental and song recital and in the evening a grand concert. Friday officers will be elected and essays read, and there will be an organ recital. In the evening an orchestral and general concert will be given with a chorus of 250 and an orchestra of fifty with Maurits Leefson and W. W. Gilchrist, of Philadelphia, as conductors.

The meeting is looked forward to as an important event in musical circles of the state.

BURNS SHOOTS A WILD CAT.

The Bob-Tailed Feline Falls Before a Forest City Marksman.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Forest City, Dec. 2.—Friday afternoon two expert marksmen, William Burns and Thomas Kane, of this place, went out in search of game. They were in the vicinity of the "Goodrich" farm when they came across a dead horse which had become fastened in some manner between two small trees, and not being able to extricate himself had starved to death. When the hunters approached three wild cats of good size were found feasting on the remains. A ball from Mr. Burns' rifle dispatched one of the felines. It was sent to Scranton to be mounted by a taxidermist.

A few years ago panthers and other larger game abounded in the locality where this wild cat was shot.

PINGREE IS ECCENTRIC.

He Poisons His Horses Rather Than Feed Them All Winter.

By the United Press.

Detroit, Dec. 2.—"Yes, I had them both killed; 'twas cheaper than feeding them all winter," said Mayor Pingree, in answer to the question as to the truth of the rumor that he had both his handsome carriage horses chloroformed. The killing took place several days ago. Mayor Pingree had the horses chloroformed, he said, because if he sold them he feared they would be ill-treated.

The mayor has issued an address, claiming the bakers had a monopoly, and that he would try to get municipal bakeries started that would give the poor three loaves of bread for a nickel. The ideas of the mayor, with his attempt to settle the Pullman strike last summer, have caused a great deal of talk.

FOUND DEAD AT COXTON.

John Mahoney, a Brakeman, Is Literally Cut to Pieces.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Pittston, Dec. 2.—John Mahoney, aged 33 years, was found dead in the Coxton yards at 2 o'clock this morning. It is supposed he had been run over by a west bound freight train.

He was literally cut to pieces. Mahoney was a brakeman, whose home was in Laceyville.

A Mistake in Terms.

From the Boston Transcript.

"Does your daughter play on the piano?"

Fogg—"No; she works on the piano and plays upon my nerves.

INDUSTRIAL TOPICS.

Reading railroad shops are on eight-hour time again.

Union Pacific receivers wanted $18,000 annual salary apiece. They got $12,000.

President Wilbur holds proxies for 413,240 shares of Lehigh Valley stock and is safe.

The Tresckow washery of the Conlack Coal company is for sale, but not yet sold.

Elmer H. Lawall is generally regarded as Mr. Leisenring's successor in the Lehigh Coal and Navigation presidency.

John King on Friday retired from the presidency of the Erie railroad, because of ill health; and was succeeded by E. B. Thomas, previously first vice president.

The New York, Ontario and Western railroad reports gross earnings for October of $353,766, a decrease of $15,055 as compared with the same month of last year.

For the week ended Nov. 24, anthracite shipments aggregated 1,042,774 tons, an increase over same week last year of 200,755 tons. The Wyoming region's share of this increase was 74,700 tons.

Major Sam Losch, of Schuylkill county, having abandoned politics, is now building a fine breaker on his recenaly-purchased tract of coal lond near Donaldson and getting ready to clip coupons.

The Railroad Coal Operators' association, a bituminous organization modeled after the anthracite individual operators' union, will hold an important meeting in Pittsburg tomorrow. They will, it is thought, demand an equalization of freight rates.

Local coal interests are well pleased at the co-operation of the Lackawanna people in December restriction. It is believed that Presidents Sloan and Olyphant will not be absent from the next conference of coal-carrying railway presidents this week.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

By the United Press.

New York, Dec. 1.—Irregularity marked the course of prices on the Stock exchange in the early trading, but soon afterward the list moved up under the leadership of American Sugar, which rose 2¼. The change of sentiment in this stock was due to a belief that the managers of the company will not enforce the order of Wednesday last which called for a complete suspension of interests. Chicago Gas, after rising ⅝ to 70⅝, sold down to 69¾, the lowest point of the week. Later there was a recovery to 70. The general railway list was decidedly firmer after the opening and advanced ¼ to 1⅝. The strength of the Grangers was due to rumors that the St. Paul for the fourth week of the current month will show an improvement. The coalers were bought by shorts who are looking for important developments in the trade to follow Monday's meeting of the sales agents. In a general way the market was benefited by expectation of a favorable message from President Cleveland on financial questions. Speculation closed strong and ¼ to 1⅝ higher on the day. Sales were 115,700 shares.

The range of today's prices for the active stocks of the New York stock market are given below. The quotations are furnished The Tribune by G. du B. Dimmick, manager for William Linn, Allen & Co., stock brokers, 412 Spruce street, Scranton.

	Op'ning.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.
Am. Sugar Re'g Co.	83½	85¾	83½	85½
Atch., To. & S. Fe	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛
Ches. & Ohio	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾
Chicago Gas	69¾	70⅝	69⅝	69⅞
Chic. & N. W.	98	98⅛	97⅝	98
Chic., B. & Q.	68⅝	69¾	68⅝	69¾
C. C. C. & St. L.	37½	38	37½	38
Chic., Mil. & St. P.	57½	59	57½	59
Chic., R. I. & P.	60⅝	61⅛	60½	61⅛
Delaware & Hud.	126	126¼	125½	125½
D., L. & W.	160	160¾	160	160¾
Dist. & C. F.	8	8	7⅞	8
Gen Electric	34½	34⅞	34½	34¾
Lake Shore	133½	135	133½	135
Louis. & Nash.	54	54⅝	54	54⅝
Manhattan Ele.	105	105⅛	104½	105⅛
Nat. Cordage	8⅛	8⅛	8⅛	8⅛
Nat. Lead	39	39	39	39
N. J. Central	93	93½	93	93½
N. Y. Central	98¾	98¾	98¾	98¾
N. Y. & N. E.	30½	30½	30½	30¾
N. Y., L. E. & W.	11⅜	11¾	11¾	11¾
Nor. Pacific, Pr.	17⅞	18¼	17⅞	18¼
Texas Pacific	9⅝	9⅝	9⅝	9⅝
Union Pacific	11¾	11¾	11¾	11¾
Wabash, Pr.	14	14	14	14
West. Union	86½	87⅛	86¼	87
A. M. T.	90	92	90	92

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE PRICES.

	Op'ning.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.
WHEAT.				
May	60½	60¾	60¼	60⅝
December	55½	55⅝	55¼	55⅝
OATS.				
May	32½	....	....	32½
December	29	....	....	29
CORN.				
May	49⅛	49⅝	49⅛	49¼
December	46⅞	47⅛	46¾	47⅛
LARD.				
January	7.00	7.02	7.00	7.02
May	7.17	7.27	7.17	7.20
PORK.				
January	12.10	12.12	12.02	12.12
May	12.37	12.45	12.35	12.45

New York Produce Market.

By the United Press.

New York, Dec. 1.—Flour—Steady. Wheat—Active, unchanged, firm; No. 2 red store and elevator, 59⅛a59½c.; afloat, 60½a60⅝c.; f. o. b., 60¼a61½c.; No. 1 northern, 58¾a59c.; options closed steady and unchanged; January, 60⅛a60⅝c.; February, 61⅛c.; March, 62½c.; May, 63⅞c.; July, 65c.; December, 59⅝c. Corn—Dull, firm; No. 2, 58½c. elevator; 59c. afloat; No. 1, 51½c.; options closed firm but dull; December, 55½c.; January, 53a53½c.; May, 53⅛c. Oats—Dull, steady; options dull; December, 33⅝c.; January, 34⅝c.; spot prices, No. 2, 33⅝a33¾c.; No. 2 white, 35½c.; No. 2 Chicago, 34⅝a34¾c.; No. 3, 33c.; No. 3 white, 37½c.; mixed western, 34½a35c. Beef—Quiet, steady. Tierced Beef—Inactive. Cut Meats—Quiet, weak. Lard—Quiet, firm; western steam closed $7.35a7.37½; city, 6⅞c.; December, $7.30; January, $7.35; refined, quiet; continent, $7.70; South America, $8.20; compound, 5½a5¾c. Pork—Dull, steady. Butter—Quiet, steady; state dairy, 13a23½c.; do. creamery, 18a25c.; Pennsylvania do., 18a25c.; western dairy, 11a16c.; do. creamery, 15a26c.; do. factory, 10a15c.; Elgins, 26c.; imitation creamer, 15a20c. Cheese—Quiet, firm. Eggs—Firm; state and Pennsylvania, 25a26c.; western fresh, 25c.; do. per case, $3.25 a4; southern, 23a24c.

Buffalo Stock Market.

By the United Press.

Buffalo, Dec. 1.—Cattle—Receipts, 745 head; on sale, 40 head; market closed steady; the outlook fair for good stock. Hogs—Receipts—12,500 head; on sale, 7,500 head; market steady; good Yorkers, $4.50a4.55; mixed packers, $4.55a4.60; mediums, $4.60a4.67½; good heavy, $4.70; roughs, $3.75a4.10. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 8,000 head; on sale, 14,000 head; market dull; choice native lambs, $3.40a3.60; fair to good, $3a3.25; culls and common, $2.25a2.85; good mixed sheep, $2.15a2.40; fair to good, $1.75a2; Canada lambs, fair to good, $3.70a3.85; extra heavy, $4.

Philadelphia Tallow Market.

By the United Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 1.—Tallow is firm and higher. We quote: City prime in hhds, 4⅝c.; country, prime, in bbls, 4⅝c.; country, dark, in bbls, 4¼a4½c.; cakes, 5c.; grease, 4c.

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