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OF A PERSONAL NATURE.

The address delivered at Music Hall last night by Mark Edgar, Mayor Connell's private secretary, was instructive and exceedingly well received. Mr. Edgar has the graces of a natural orator, a rare command of language and the faculty of investing his subject with an interest that commands the attention of his audience. His subject last night was "Music," and the beauty of the thought and language it contained is shown by the following excerpt: "The spirit of harmony is and always will remain one of the master passions which lift men from the ordinary moods of life and influences them to thoughts and deeds of the most sublime conception and the loftiest heroism. The influences which the spirit of music exercises over the inclinations and passions of men are as varied in their results as the deeds themselves, which the same spirit has incited. As the Grecian shepherd beguiled the house listening to the low strains of his lute and dreaming of perpetual youth and love and idleness, so, influenced by the same spirit of song and music, the rude Germanic peoples of the north rushed from their fastnesses in the Black forest, shouting their thunderous war songs which struck terror to the hearts of the Roman legionaries and inspired themselves to acts of the greatest daring. This same music of song has been responsible for some of the grandest achievements recorded in history and for some of the noblest expressions of sentiment and emotion. It was under the spell of the national airs of France that the soldiers of Bonaparte were stirred to attempt the memorable passage of the Alps, and no work, possibly, ever penned by the hand of man has so often moved the emotions as John Howard Payne's 'Home, Sweet Home.'"

A DOUBLE LIFE.

Will Be Seen at the Academy of Music Tonight. "Michael Strogoff" was produced before a large audience at the Academy of Music last night by the Bubbe Comedy company. It was given a fine presentation. This afternoon "Uncle Tom's Cabin" will be produced, and tonight the strongest piece in the company's repertoire, "A Double Life," will be the attraction. It is a comedy-drama of absorbing interest and is given in an exceptionally fine manner.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

(Under this heading short letters of interest will be published when accompanied, for publication, by the writer's name. The Tribune will not be responsible for opinions here expressed.)

Is Silver Demonetized?

Editor of The Tribune: Sir: I am surprised that so learned a man as C. H. Clark should make the following statement in his address: "I had down ten silver dollars, and the raw bullion will buy as much wheat or cotton or petroleum as it ever would. The relative values have not changed." Every schoolboy of 12 ought to know better. Those ten silver dollars circulate as money because of the government stamp, and because the people have agreed to use them as a medium of exchange. Deface those coins and they are not worth their face value, but as raw bullion they have no direct purchasing power. The bullion may be sold to some manufacturer of silverware for 60 cents an ounce, more or less, and down a gold eagle and it no longer represents ten dollars, and ceases to be a circulating medium, and becomes a commodity or simply a precious metal. If silver has been demonetized by an act of congress, the sooner the act is repealed the better. But from existing facts one can hardly believe that such an act has been adopted. The government buys silver, coins it and issues it as money and all the people accept it as such. In what way then, is silver demonetized? Will some one explain? Respectfully, Scranton, May 1, H. B. Van Benthusen.

FIVE DIVORCES GRANTED

In Each Case the Applicant was a Woman.

COMPLAINTS THAT THEY MADE

Cases Heard in Argument Court—Three Actions in Assumpsit Begun—Carp Was Called a Perjuror and Wants Damages—Other Actions.

Five of the weaker sex whose marital troubles found solace in the divorce court were yesterday sundered from the husbands in some cases deserting and in others cruelly abused their wives. Carrie Sherer was married to Ward Sherer in the Salem parsonage, Wayne county, on May 24, 1888. On July 7, 1891, after supper Ward put on his hat and went out, never returning, and from that time she has been forced to work out to support herself. She was granted a divorce.

Edith M. Sprout and Frederick D. Carpenter were married on March 19, 1888, at the Methodist Episcopal church at Columbia, N. J., by the pastor, Rev. Amos M. Smith. Edith had two children, she depoes, on May 18, 1892, because for a period of six months prior he was in the habit of loading up to the top guage every night with alcoholic beverages before going home to begin abusing her. They lived in Danmore. Both can again marry.

Elizabeth and Ira G. Loomis were wedded twenty-two years ago at Peckville, and lived together eighteen years. She deserted her. For a period of four years she has not had the pleasure of gazing upon him, nor does she know where to go to look for him. He said, neither does she care. They were separated.

Elizabeth and Thomas Riefnyder were married on July 14, 1887, at Olyphant. He became so demonstrative that he often threatened to send her spirit on a journey beyond the stars and she not being ready for such an excursion laid his bed and board on Oct. 25, 1890.

The last of the quintette granted divorces was Mary Cowles, who on Dec. 6, 1888, at her uncle's house in the North End was joined in marriage to Raymond J. Cowles by Rev. Z. W. Shepherd, then pastor of the Christian church. She used to wear short dresses around the house and Raymond got very jealous and used to abuse her. His abuse became unbearable and she left him on Sept. 18, 1892.

ELKS' SOCIAL SESSION.

Given to Entertain a Number of Visiting Brethren from Syracuse.

Jollity and good humor reigned supreme at the magnificent rooms of the Scranton lodge of the Elks last night upon the occasion of celebrating their sixth anniversary. At 7 o'clock 200 guests sat down to a sumptuous banquet, and after the members had sat some time at the well spread tables and dined themselves on the innumerable dainties with which they were loaded, the members withdrew and seated themselves on the capacious lounges, when Dr. Gunster, the exalted ruler, proclaimed the session open and introduced Past Exalted Ruler John Morrissey, of the Syracuse lodge, and Past Exalted Ruler Frank J. Fitzmaurice, both of whom would act as toastmasters.

Past Exalted Ruler Morrissey fined the members without the slightest compunction. If any gentleman proved ditatory in his remarks, he was fined five cents or a dollar before he could grasp the situation. By these means the discipline of the evening was exemplary.

Christopher G. Boland's Effort.

Speeches innumerable were delivered during the evening and many sparkling with rare wit and humor. In particular, Christopher G. Boland's address of welcome to the visiting brethren was declared to be a gem of oratory. He referred to the Syracuse brethren as "the salt of the earth."

By unanimous consent the music rendered during the evening was accorded to be the best heard in the rooms. Bauer's orchestra played the most exquisite pieces of standard music and were accorded rapturous applause, which they undoubtedly merited. The Elks Glee club rendered various selections of tasteful music in which the finest shading was done, and the excellent combination of harmony of voices won the admiration of all. Many instrumental selections were also given with faultless taste by the Liederkranz Zither club.

During the evening Herman Dosecher, Eastern league umpire, was introduced to the assembly by W. H. Jones, the chairman for the irregular playing of the previous day.

Names of the Visitors.

Among the visitors present were the following from the Syracuse lodge: Exalted Ruler L. P. Hyde, Past Exalted Ruler D. D. John, Secretary, Estemmed Lecture Knight Alderman John Murray, Inside Guard John Markes, Stephen McLeod, Oscar W. Balzhauser, John Granger, Herman Single and John Kent. John E. Poore, of Philadelphia, George W. Humpal, of Syracuse, and Captain Thomas C. Parker, of Wilkes-Barre, were also present.

All the evening's arrangements were admirably carried out by David Pritchard, E. J. Fish, J. R. Cohen and Charles Weichel.

PROCEEDINGS IN A SLANDER SUIT.

Proceedings in a slander suit were begun yesterday in court by Attorney Benedict for Morrissey, Corp against Nathan Wales. The former complains that all his neighbors and acquaintances have lost the good opinion they had of his veracity in consequence of defamatory language uttered against his reputation by Wales.

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Quite a novel tresspass suit was begun yesterday in court by Attorney James Mahon for Mrs. Caroline M. Reed against Charles Tropp, John J. Pahoy, Frank E. Tyler and William J. Craig. The amount of damages alleged is \$20,000.

Mrs. Reed kept a Grocery Store on Wyoming Avenue, at No. 245, and on July 12, 1894, she was sold out by the sheriff. She claims that the sale was done unlawfully and as a result she suffered to the amount stated in her declaration. The entire stock of groceries and provisions that were seized and sold by the sheriff are itemized and valued in the praecipe and declaration.

Hensley's Divorce Suit.

Philip Hensley, who went to jail for marrying Gussie Regalili, of Dunmore, while another, Alice Robinson, whom he married in Binghamton, was still alive, is applying for a divorce from the latter and yesterday a rule was granted to bring the matter up for argument at the next term of argument court.

SUCCESSFUL CONCERT.

Given Under the Auspices of Evangelical Lutheran Christ Church. An interesting and enjoyable evening was spent at the Music Hall last night, when a concert was held under the auspices of the Organ society of the Evangelical Lutheran church. Tallie Morgan and party rendered several excellent choruses and instrumental selections and were given by the Liederkranz

Zither club, R. W. Neubauser, Berg-hausser's orchestra and Victor Wenzel.

Major Connell was announced to deliver an address, but Mark Edgar, his private secretary, attended and apologized for his absence owing to indisposition. Mr. Edgar delivered an address on "Music" that was received with marked favor by the audience.

SELECTION OF OFFICERS.

That Was One of the Important Actions Taken by the Primitive Methodist Conference at Avoca.

Delegates to the Primitive Methodist conference, now in session at Avoca, assembled punctually at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, when the third day's routine business was opened in the organization of the conference. The first and most important item was the election of conference president for which office the following parties were nominated: Rev. J. Proud, Taylor; Rev. G. J. Jeffries, Rev. T. Bateman and Rev. D. Savage, Green Ridge. A ballot was cast with the following result: Proud, 18 votes; Jeffries, 6; Bateman, 4; and Savage, 2. Mr. Proud was thereupon declared elected.

For the office of vice president, the following were nominated: Revs. T. C. Bache, of Nanticoke; G. J. Jeffries and M. H. Acornley. On the final vote Mr. Bache was declared elected. Rev. S. T. Nicholls was elected general recording secretary and Rev. M. Harvey, T. Bateman, G. J. Jeffries, J. B. Tyler and M. F. Barker were appointed the committee on nominations.

After some discussion a motion was successfully presented by which the morning session will open at 9 o'clock and close at 12 noon, and the afternoon session open at 1:30 o'clock and adjourn at 5 o'clock.

President Proud Returns Thanks.

At this juncture Rev. J. Proud was inducted into the presidential chair by the retiring president, Rev. C. Prosser, and returned his thanks for the honor conferred upon him, and the confidence they had displayed in his ability to discharge the onerous duties of the office. He announced his intention of devoting himself to perform the duties of the office to the best of his ability, and asked their co-operation during the term of his office.

Rev. T. C. Bache, vice-president, also made a felicitous speech, in which he thanked his brethren for the trust reposed in him. A resolution, presented by Rev. F. Bateman, with reference to the old hymn book, was, on the motion of Rev. M. Hovey, laid on the table.

At the afternoon session the following stationing committee was elected: Revs. J. Bath, G. J. Jeffries and J. Moore, and Laymen, J. Baker, D. Harris and S. Townsend. The application of the Homestead church to be relieved of its financial obligations for the past year was refused, the conference being of opinion that its circumstances were not parallel with those of the Homestead church that the conference sanction the purchase of a site more centrally located was not entertained. The report of the committee on denominational hymnal was received, but it was decided that no action be taken.

Interesting Evening Session.

In the evening a meeting of unusual interest was held, when the ex-pastors occupied the main floor and the congregation had an opportunity to greet the former pastors of the church. As each one rose to speak he was greeted with hearty applause. They were introduced to the meeting in the following order: Revs. J. Bath, J. B. Harris, J. H. Russell, J. H. Russell, one of the pioneers who came to preach the Gospel to a few settlers who assembled at that time in an old school house, was the first speaker. He paid a glowing tribute to the enterprise of the residents of Avoca and congratulated them upon the flourishing condition of the town, and followed by reading an interesting manner, his progress during the past twenty years.

After an anthem was rendered by the choir, Rev. J. B. Tyler, who is an old war veteran, purchased a tract of land in appearance, made some remarks which were witty and to the point. During his address the congregation showed signs of evident emotion and were much affected by the manner in which he related his reminiscences.

Notes of the Conference.

Rev. Mr. Atkinson, a former Primitive Methodist pastor, was introduced to the members of the conference yesterday morning and was accorded a hearty welcome.

Rev. T. C. Bache, a successful and prosperous merchant of Nanticoke, formerly of the ministry, was present at the ex-pastors meeting last night. Mr. Bache was one of the pioneer ministers of Avoca and is now the distinguished vice-president of the conference.

This morning conference will sit in secret session for the examination of ministerial candidates and for the transaction of other important business. The afternoon session will be open to the public. This evening at 7:30 a great temperance rally will be held under the presidency of Rev. G. Lee, Cooper, S. F. Nicholls and W. H. Acornley.

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Interstate Telephone Company Measure Passes Common Council.

COMPANY MUST GIVE BONDS

An Important Amendment Compels the Company to Establish Its Business Within Six Months—Business Transacted in the Select Branch.

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That within six months after being granted the franchise the company shall have its plant and lines built and be prepared to furnish service to at least 300 subscribers; that not more than two telephones shall be attached to each line; that the maximum rate of rental shall be \$30, and that a bond of \$10,000 by two approved sureties shall be filed to bind the company to comply with the provisions of the franchise.

Mr. Oliver moved that the report be adopted and Mr. Oliver moved to postpone action one week, the latter motion being lost by a vote of 10 and 8.

Had Another Amendment.

Mr. Gilroy then wanted to introduce an amendment obliging the Interstate company to furnish city officers and police and fire departments with service and to establish a maximum rate of \$30 for residence service and \$38 for business service. The offer was recognized, and the original motion to adopt the company to comply with the provisions of the franchise.

A resolution was adopted in each branch directing the city solicitor to settle the Jackson Merryweather claim against the city. Decisions against the city have been made in three separate trials in court.

An ordinance, introduced by Mr. Zeidler and prohibiting the sale of goods by auctioneers without license, was referred to committee.

Mr. Keller introduced an ordinance for the grading of Webster avenue, between Mulberry and Vine streets.

Mr. Morris introduced a duplicate tender ordinance. The original was not reported by committee.

The Penn avenue paving ordinance passed third and final reading.

In the Select Branch.

Mr. Lauer introduced a resolution which was adopted and which is substantially as follows: Whereas, the newspapers have charged the ex-controller with the sinking fund committee of \$17,000 of 4 per cent. city bonds for \$17,000 of 6 per cent.; and whereas it is the duty of councils to keep advised of such transactions, it is resolved that the city controller is directed to submit to council a statement showing the details of the bond exchange.

Members Roche, Chittenden and Williams were appointed a special committee to investigate the account of Richard Thomas, delinquent tax collector for the years 1878, 1879 and 1880. A report of the taxes committee indicated that according to the books of the controller's department Mr. Thomas is several hundred dollars indebted to the city, while Mr. Thomas has receipts to the amount of about \$900 more than he is credited with on the books of the treasurer's department. It was upon Mr. Roche's suggestion that the special committee was appointed.

Appointments by the Mayor. The following appointments by the mayor were announced: J. Evans to be inspector of sewer contract work in the Fifth district; W. J. Shiffer to be inspector of the Franklin avenue paving contract. Appointments were referred to committee as follows: Thomas H. Phillips to be superintendent and Patrick McElahan to be policeman of Nay Aug park; T. H. Jones to be inspector of sewer contract work in Section B of the Thirteenth district.

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