

NO OFFER FOR LEHIGH CO.

NO FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS WERE EVEN BEGUN.

Statement by Mr. Mellen Regarding the Merle Statement—Replied Simply to Letter of Suggestion.

President Mellen, of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, yesterday made a statement relative to the story sent out from Philadelphia concerning an alleged deal between the Consolidated railroad and the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company for the purchase of the latter and the statement follows:

"A party came to me unsolicited and asked me to look into the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company property, suggesting that I secure information regarding its value. As a result, and at the request of that party, I wrote the following letter to Mr. Fowler:

"The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company,

"President's Office,

"New Haven, Conn., Nov. 26, 1904.

"Mr. T. P. Fowler, President New York, Ontario and Western Railway, 55 Beaver Street, New York:

"Dear Sir—Mr. Dickinson has talked with me to-day regarding the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company's property. It is a matter that is in a large measure new to me, and I have had no opportunity to confer with my directors regarding the same, but I certainly feel it wise you should proceed with the matter to the extent that you can lay before me, for submission to my people, a definite proposition with your recommendation in the premises. I am not prepared to express an opinion, for I have had no opportunity to discuss the subject, but I certainly believe our people, with their large interest in your company, will be disposed to favor anything that will promote its earnings and prosperity.

"Very truly yours, (Signed) 'O. S. MELLEIN, 'President.'"

"The letter shows for itself and committed me in no way upon the subject, and was purely a request for information and a recommendation. I was informed on Monday last that the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company's stock could be had at a price which was named and I declined to consider the purchase. The matter did not even appeal to me sufficiently to warrant my calling the same to the attention of any of the members of my board of directors. The letter published from Philadelphia was requested of me by long distance telephone on Monday evening by Mr. Riley, of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company, and a copy of the same was cheerfully sent. I am not aware of any difference of opinion between Mr. Fowler and myself in connection with this matter."

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

PLYMOUTH CHURCH.

The pastor, the Rev. Dr. McLane, will preach. The theme of the evening sermon is "The Secret of Joy."

DWIGHT PLACE CHURCH.

The choir will sing appropriate selections at the Dwight Place church Sunday night, the pastor delivering the second discourse in the series, "Striking Sentences in Christ's Greatest Parable." The text Sunday evening is, "He Fell on His Neck and Kissed Him." Service one hour. Everybody welcome.

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

Dr. Phillips will preach in the morning, subject, "The Source of Power." In the evening in Welcome hall, Oak street, Mr. H. F. Holton will speak and the second quartette will sing. Following is the morning music: Prelude, Chant Bohemienne... De Meyer Anthem, "The Lord is Good," Ell... Costa Choir Hymn 600, "O For the Peace" Response, "O Holy Lord" Hawley Offertory, "Consider and Hear Me" Pfleger Postlude, "Be Not Afraid," Elljah... Mendelssohn

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH.

The concluding sermon of the series on immortality will be delivered to-morrow morning at 10:30 o'clock, in the Church of the Messiah, (First Universalist) by the pastor, the Rev. W. F. Dickerman. The subject will be: "Immortality as a Hope." The two preceding discourses were very able ones and awakened much interest and in the one to be delivered to-morrow the speaker will dwell on the prophetic announcements and also the inner demand of the soul. Sunday school and conversation at noon.

Conference meeting under the auspices of the Y. P. C. U. at 6:30 p. m. Seats free and a cordial invitation to all of the services.

THE PEOPLE'S CHURCH.

Meets in the Church of the Messiah on Orange street near Elm street at 7:30 p. m.

Pastor Irvine preaches on the text: "As a bird that wanders from her nest, so is a man that wanders from his place."

The quartette, under the leadership of Mr. Clarke Moore, will sing several selections. At Bushnell hall Mr. Irvine conducts a Bible class at 3 p. m. Children's church meets at same time and place.

MISS BACON LECTURE.

Before Center Church Missionary Society Yesterday.

Those who heard Miss Bacon speak before the Center church missionary society Thursday afternoon came away with the feeling that they know now why Japan needs Christianity. Foreign customs and modes of living Japan does not need, but purity of life and love of one's neighbors as Christ taught Japan does need to enable to fulfill her whole destiny. The lecture was one of deep interest to the large audience present.

THE FINAL TEST.

Dr. William Oeler, who has been appointed to the Regius professorship of medicine at the University of Oxford, has a good-humored way of telling stories that reflect unfavorably on physicians.

At a medical banquet, Dr. Oeler responded to a toast on "Providence." He began: "A merchant, after a long absence, reappeared at church one Sunday morning pale and thin.

"Where have you been?" said a trustee.

"I have been ill," the merchant answered. "I have been very ill. My doctor had a good deal of difficulty in pulling me through."

"That," said the trustee. "Tut, man. It wasn't your doctor that pulled you through. It was Providence."

"Maybe it was," returned the merchant, "but the doctor will charge for it."—Exchange.

A NOTABLE FREE SHOW

AT THE HOWE & STETSON EMPORIUM.

Beginning Next Monday and Continuing Every Afternoon and Evening for Two Weeks.

A free show will be given at Howe & Stetson's, commencing next Monday, December 12, 1904, at 2 p. m., and continuing every afternoon and evening for two weeks. The evening show is from 7:30 to 9. It is a clean, moral and instructive performance entitled the "Girl in the Moon." It is not a side show or a museum, but a work of art, something the audience never tires of looking at and which people will go a number of times to see. The "Girl in the Moon" holds the people in dreamland. The performance opens first by introducing two ladies, and while the audience are looking or watching the two ladies they disappear. No panels or traps are used. Then in their place immediately appears a beautiful crescent and a lady known as the "Girl in the Moon." Then again this girl disappears leaving the crescent. Then in place of the crescent is introduced a chair with a lady seated in the same. Then placing two palm trees, one at each side of the chair, the leaves vanish from the trees, leaving the stalks. Then the lady leaves the chair, and in place appears a beautiful cross with a lady clinging to it. This scene looks like a marble statue, which turns to life immediately. Then the lady disappears, leaving the cross in plain view. Next the cross disappears, leaving a basket of flowers with both ladies seated in the same. These changes are all made without drawing the curtains any time during the performance. All these changes are all made in plain view without the use of looking glasses or mirrors, which makes it a very startling performance to the public. The "Girl in the Moon" is the first illusion of this kind ever shown to the public. It is a pleasing and also very mystifying, and causes a very large amount of talk wherever it is displayed. It is given by Otto Stankye & Co.

MRS. ENSCOE RECOVERING.

Mrs. Enscoe, wife of Michael R. Enscoe, the well known constable, who underwent an operation at Grace hospital a couple of weeks ago, and was successful, is slowly recovering, although still very weak.

"Is then senators?" asked the low-browed and square-jawed individual who surveyed the scene from the gallery at the opening of congress. "Yes," answered the friend. "Well," was the response after some critical examination. "It ain't no wonder every other club in the league beats 'em."—Washington Star.

LATEST FAIR HAVEN NEWS

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES.

First Church's Nominating Committee

—Pilgrim Elects Officials—Prayer Meeting Night Changed—Illustrated Lecture by Rev. Mr. Tullar—Topics in the Pulpit—Live Oak Council—Myrtle Chapter, Etc.

The annual meeting of the Plymouth church was held at that church last evening. The meeting was largely attended. The officers all read their reports and they showed that the church had made splendid advancement during the past year. The reports were all unanimously accepted and placed on file.

It was voted to change the mid-week prayer meeting night from Friday night to Tuesday night, commencing with the new year.

The following officers were all unanimously elected: Deacon, W. A. Hemingway; deaconesses for two years, Mrs. Nelson Linsley, Mrs. Lester Malory and Mrs. Elmer Wade; standing committee, W. P. Niles, George W. Angur, Charles E. Steele and William Kellogg; clerk, C. B. Rowe, and treasurer, George W. Angur, the latter two being re-elected.

"The work of the pastor, the Rev. R. E. Brown, was highly complimented. Under his efficient management the church is carrying on a splendid Christian work.

The annual meeting of the Grand avenue Congregational church was held last evening, the pastor presiding. A nominating committee to bring forward a list of officers was appointed as follows: Deacon Henry Tuttle, Deacon T. S. Coleman and Frank E. Fowler. The meeting then adjourned to December 20, when the officers will be chosen. After the meeting the ladies of the Y. P. C. E. entertained its members with a lunch.

"Corinth, Athens, Ephesus; in the Footsteps of St. Paul," was the subject of the lecture by Rev. E. C. Tullar at the East Pearl Street M. E. church Thursday evening before an audience that nearly filled the church. His previous lecture had brought his hearers to Rome and the second lecture was a continuation in the journey toward the Holy Land. Mr. Tullar's description of the ancient cities and of the modern cities of the same name built near the former sites abounded in interesting details and bits of history, all woven together in an interesting manner. He also gave an introduction to the customs and manners of the people now living in the cities described. Mr. Tullar spoke briefly of other cities, especially Smyrna. These lectures are the results of months of travel and study under the auspices of the Chicago university and in company with Shailer Matthews, Ph. D., dean of the Theological school of that university. The next lecture on "Through the Land of Canaan," will be given Thursday evening, January 12.

At the Grand Avenue Baptist church to-morrow, the pastor, Rev. E. W. Stone will speak in the morning at 10:30 on "What It Is to Worship God." In the evening the topic of his sermon will be, "What is Really Worth While." On January 12 Live Oak council, Royal Arcanum, will install officers as follows: J. Morgan McGuigan, past regent; O. J. Sherwood, regent; Charles Kelsey, vice regent; H. G. Foster, orator; John W. Kessel, secretary; George Oldershaw, collector; George S. Adams, treasurer; William Dognan, chaplain; Frederick Ronald, guide, G. A. Booker, warden; M. C. Eagan, sentinel; F. E. Hull, trustee; J. W. Kessel, representative to grand council; alternate, J. Morgan McGuigan.

At the next meeting of Myrtle chapter, O. E. S., these officers will be installed: Mrs. Grace Simmonds, matron;

assistant, Miss Inez Denison; M. E. Johnson, patron; Mrs. Gertrude Holaday, secretary; Mrs. Jennie Moran, treasurer; Mrs. Anna Scholl, conductress; Mrs. Anna Hesse, assistant.

Captain and Mrs. Horatio Poyd and daughter of Clinton avenue, left yesterday for Jacksonville, Fla.

At the joint sale of the Ladies Aid society and the Farther Lights society of the Grand Avenue Baptist church about \$50 was netted.

At the Grand Avenue Congregational church to-morrow at 10:30 a. m. there will be preaching by the pastor, Dr. Sneath. Theme, "Contents of an Ancient Letter." The evening sermon will be preached by the pastor. A supper will be given by the Ladies Aid society on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Blackstone, Mrs. Adelaide Blackstone and Mr. and Mrs. William J. Valentine left yesterday for St. Petersburg, Fla.

The sum of \$100 was netted at the Grace church bazaar.

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"That Hustly seems like a plucky chap."

"Everybody in this neighborhood."—Detroit Free Press.

A Definition.—LIFE: Clarence—"Pa, what is an optimist?" Mr. Callipers—"An optimist, my son, is a person who doesn't care what happens if it doesn't happen to him."—Pack.

Old Friend—"Is your part very difficult to play?" Barnstormer—"Well, rather. I'm living on one meal a day and playing the role of a man with the gout!"—Detroit Free Press.

Mrs. Goodson—"So you are going to be married? Have you made all arrangements?" Dinah—"No, missy; I ain't dan made all de 'rangements. I only got ter buy de ring, git de furniture, rent de flat, buy me some clothes, git mah husband some things, an' git him a jawb; but dem is only de least important."—Judge.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Church of the Redeemer, Orange street, corner Wall—Watson Lyman Phillips, D. D., pastor; Thomas G. Shepard, organist and choirmaster.—Preaching at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. At Walden Hall, Oak street—Sunday school at 2 p. m. Gospel meeting at 7:30 p. m. G.

First Church of Christ (Scientist), Chamber of Commerce Hall, 753 Chapel street.—Sunday, 11 a. m. Wednesday, 3 p. m. Reading room open week-days, 2:30-5 p. m. Christian Science literature for sale.

Howard Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, corner of Fourth street.—Rev. Dr. H. D. Weston, pastor.—Public worship and sermon at 10:45 and 7:30. Sunday school at 12. General prayer meeting Tuesday evening, 7:45. Epworth League meeting Friday evening, 7:45.

Trinity church.—Third Sunday in advent, 4 p. m. Holy communion, 10:30, morning prayer and sermon by the rector, 7:30, evening prayer and second of the special Sunday evening Advent talks by the rector on "The Gospel of Nature."

Calvary Baptist Church, corner Chapel and York streets.—Rev. George H. Ferris, pastor.—Preaching morning and evening at usual hours. Bible school, 12 m. Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m.; Mission school, 4:45.

First Baptist Church (corner Edwards and Livingston streets)—Rev. Frederick Lent pastor. Morning service at 10:30 a. m. Bible school and men's class 12 m. Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m.; evening service at 7:30. Center Church.—Dr. Newman Smyth,

pastor. Morning service at 10:30. The afternoon devotional service at 4 o'clock.

Grace M. E. church (Cor. Howard avenue and Porters street)—Sermon in the morning by Rev. Arthur J. Smith. Subject, "A Winning Hand." Sermon in the evening by Rev. J. Walter Carpenter.

Dwight Place church—Rev. William W. Leslie, D. D., pastor. 10:30 a. m., preaching by the pastor in connection with public worship; 12 m. Bible school and kindergarten meets at 10:30 a. m.; 4 p. m. Boys' and Girls' Endeavor band; 6:30 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. meeting to which all young people are invited; 7:30 p. m. evening service under the care of the "Brotherhood." Text of pastor's discourse, "He fell on his neck and kissed him." Annual society meeting Monday evening, December 12. Annual church meeting Tuesday evening, December 12.

United church (North church on the Green)—Morning worship at 10:30. Rev. Artemas J. Hayes, pastor, will preach the sermon. There will be no evening service.

Plymouth church—The Rev. Wm. W. McLane, D. D., pastor. Divine worship and a sermon at 10:30 and 7:30. Sunday school at 12. Young people's meeting at 6:30. Boys' league meets, Tuesday evening.

Davenport church (Wooster Square)—Rev. Geo. Foster Prentiss, pastor. Text of morning sermon, John 17, 18. Sunday school at noon. Junior Endeavor at 3 p. m. Senior Endeavor, 6:30 p. m. Boys' league meets, Tuesday evening.

Trinity M. E. church—(Dwight Place and George streets)—W. H. Kidd, pastor. Text of morning sermon, John 17, 18. Kindergarten at the same hour. Sunday school at noon. Epworth league meeting at 6:30. Evening worship at 7:30 with sermon on "Worldliness."

Howard Avenue Methodist Episcopal church—Preaching by Dr. Weston, the pastor. Morning subject, "The Cultivated Vineyard." Evening subject, "Pliable." The second sermon in the series on "The Pilgrim's Progress."

First M. E. church (corner Elm and College streets)—Rev. Henry Baker, D. D., pastor. Preaching at 10:30 by Dr. W. A. Richard, at 7:30 by Rev. W. F. Randolph. Sunday schools at 12 and 2:30. Epworth league at 6:30. Classes Friday night and at No. 3 College street, Sunday morning.

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