

A PARSON IN PRISON.

The Good Work He is Doing Among His Wicked Fellow Inmates.

A LONG TERM IN JAIL IN PROSPECT

The Dunbar Mine Widows Remembered With Christmas Gifts.

MURDERER WILSON STILL MISSING

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

WILKESBARRE, Dec. 25.—A queer case is that of Rev. Peter Roberts, now in jail, who has every reason to fear that he will be kept in jail after his term expires. Five weeks ago, the gentleman named, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church of this place, went to the Lackawanna county jail in default of \$3,000 damages awarded to Miss Husaboe for breach of promise.

While a student at Yale, Roberts made love to her and promised marriage. He then secured the pastorate at Hyde Park, where he married another. He has the money to pay, but hesitating upon the advice of his congregation, who believed him innocent, he refused to pay it, as they thought it would be tantamount to a confession of guilt. He is daily visited by the young women and mothers of his church, who bring him fruit and flowers. He does not wear the prison garb, and has access to all courtyards.

He is two months yet to serve. The warden says he thinks the Lord sent Mr. Roberts to jail to convert sinners there, and that he had made a paradise of the place. Preacher Roberts' great theory or cure-all is patience. The first thing in the morning he will pray in private. Then he will eat a dainty breakfast, after which he will be religiously constant to the other prisoners. One older sinner who had not prayed for 45 years, now prays daily. He has also given up the use of tobacco and profanity. In fact, every one is on his good behavior.

There is a cloud in the sky, however, and the preacher fears that he will be kept in jail even after his term expires. Miss Husaboe's counsel said that three months in jail will by no means liquidate a fine of \$3,000, and that he will be kept there as long as he can secure sentence. Miss Husaboe herself is quite broken-hearted, and says she will keep the minister in jail as long as she can.

In addition to his jail as a Christian missionary in jail, Rev. Mr. Roberts finds time to edit the Blade, a weekly paper. Twice a week the office boy comes for copy.

A FISH CAUGHT BY HAND.

Comment Lake is so Full of Black Bass That They are Crowded.

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MEADVILLE, Dec. 25.—As an evidence that Comment lake is so full of black bass that they must be crowding each other for room, it is said that a young man named Van Sicken captured a big one with his hands yesterday. The young man was skating near the shore, and the ice was so thin and clear that he could plainly see the bass as they swam beneath his feet towards the shore.

Following the streak, the unique fisherman discovered the fish wedged so close to the ice, and in some weeks, that he could not withdraw. It was then an easy matter to stamp a hole in the ice, and seize the fish by the tail and pull him to the shore. The fish proved to be a handsome 55-pound black bass—a large fish for even these pond waters.

ANOTHER FATAL FALL OF SLATE.

The Accident Costs the Life of a Hungarian Coal Miner.

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JOHNSTOWN, Dec. 25.—A fall of slate in the mine of the Ingelside Coal Company, on the Somerset and Cambria branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, cost the life of a Hungarian, A. E. Slater, a Superintendent of the mines, was in town yesterday and made arrangements for a decent burial of the foreigner.

KID MITCHELL'S BOLD EXPLOITS.

He is the Man Who Unsuccessfully Attempted to Break Jail.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Dec. 25.—Patrick Mitchell, who scaled the walls at the Columbus Penitentiary and was captured on the outside, was sent from here last December on a two years' sentence.

DISMISSED FROM A PASTORATE.

An Ohio Parson Was Too Outspoken on the Subject of Opiate.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Dec. 25.—The Mahoning Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relations between Rev. J. S. Boyd and the Presbyterian Church at Zoland. The trouble grew out of Rev. Boyd calling some of the young ladies of the church to task for dressing in a manner which was claimed by some of the members that his pastoral visits were not as frequent as they desired.

MANY MEN OUT OF WORK.

Several Large Furnaces and Mines Shut Down at Bedford.

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BEDFORD, Dec. 25.—The Riddlesburg furnace and mines have closed, throwing 400 men out of work. The Saxton furnace closed several weeks ago, which threw the same number out of employment. The Everett furnace, according to General Manager Throp's statement, is getting ready to bank their fire, owing to the over-production of iron. This will leave 500 men without work, making in all 1,300 who have been thrown out of work in the middle of winter.

FOR GAS, OIL OR COAL.

A Natural Gas Success Stimulates Prospecting at Newton.

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NEWTON, Dec. 25.—The natural gas success here has so stimulated operators that a company has been organized to bore for gas, oil or coal, in Farmington township, adjoining this place. A sufficient amount of money has been subscribed, and operations will soon begin.

A VICTIM OF DEPENDENCY.

A Young Single Man Commits Suicide by Shooting Himself.

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CANTON, Dec. 25.—William Smith, aged 23 years, committed suicide at Minerva last night by shooting. The bullet entered the center of the back of his head.

HILL MINE WIDOWS REMEMBERED.

A Pleasant Christmas Event at Dunbar Rehearses Their Loss.

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SCOTTSDALE, Dec. 25.—Conspicuous among the many events in the coke region to-day was an event at Dunbar. The United Mine Workers presented the widows of the victims of the Hill Farm mine disaster with \$400 as a Christmas present.

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A GOOD STRIKE OF GAS.

A Well is Plugged for Fear an Explosion Would Result.

RIVER AND RAILROAD MINERS.

Their Respective Scales to be Settled at Monongahela City.

EMPLOYING HIS OPPONENT'S TACTICS.

How Congressman-Elect Stewart Will Defend His Seat.

TRAMPING ON A WAGER.

Gentleman Thomas Undertakes to Beat His Way Across the Continent.

A FATAL MINING ACCIDENT.

A Miner in Vienna, O., is Crushed by a Heavy Fall of Slate.

A DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S FUNERAL.

A Sad Ceremony Marks the Observance of Christmas at Greensburg.

CAUSES OF SCROFULA.

First of all, Scrofula is inherited. The large majority of people suffer more or less from impure blood given them by their parents.

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