

long, soft, womanly locks, and a beard which fell down to his knees...

"Poor wretch," the banker thought, "he sleeps, and no doubt, dreams of the millions he will possess to-morrow..."

The banker took the wall arranged manuscript from the table and read as follows: "To-morrow at noon the time of my voluntary imprisonment expires, and I shall be free to go and communicate with the outside world..."

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which the poor prisoner had left on the table when he had escaped. The banker took out his keys, and was proceeding to his private room, when one of the servants entered and said: "See your garden, sir, but there is a gentleman in the hall who wishes to speak to you."

"Excuse yourself to his guests and went out. In the anti-chamber he was met by a pale but handsome man, of decent appearance, who seized both his hands and exclaimed with agitation: 'Pardon, sir, pardon!'

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PASTOR AND PEOPLE.

The Increasing Popularity of the Christmas Festival.

IN SPITE OF ALL THE OPPOSITION The Advent of Christ Has Won Its Way to the Popular Heart.

GLEANINGS FROM CHURCH FIELDS The attitude of the Protestant churches toward the Christmas festival has wonderfully changed in the past generation in this section of the United States...

The most rigid sticklers for the good old ways have been forced to surrender to the reign of Santa Claus, Jew and Gentile alike, in honor of the brightest and best of the sons of the morning.

Never before in the history of our city was the Christmas festival more generally observed by churches and people than this year.

A few old-fashioned people still taboo this festival, but it is only a question of time when the whole of the river valley popular festival day of all lands where Christian civilization holds sway.

At union preachers' meeting next Monday it was all agreed that the following Rev. C. E. Locke will read a paper on "Christianity and the Social Evil."

Sunday Services in Pittsburgh Churches. At 10:30 A. M. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. At 10:30 A. M. St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

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THE LAND RESCUED.

Continued from Ninth Page. amount of destruction done within the last 30 years by reason of the changes in the channel of the Mississippi river.

Some of these maps show that the channel is now several miles from the point it occupied in 1810, and has washed its way through miles of good farms.

The total destruction wrought is almost incalculable, and the threat of destruction destroys the value of what the river spares, while the height of the river relative to the land it should drain prevents

make them safe in their lives and in their possessions. They raise the products which are necessary to the people of the more Northern States.

We must have their rice, cotton, sugar, tobacco and other sub-tropical products; and we must not threaten to end their lives by drowning; to make them miserable by miasmatic diseases, or to destroy their property by inundations.

It is the duty of the whole country, in justice to these people, to improve that river which is the common drain of more than half of the United States.

As men and brothers, our duty to these people is plain. Our duty as citizens and wardens of the wealth of this great nation is equally plain—to regulate the floods, to provide good drainage, create a system of free navigable waterways, extending from the Gulf to the headwaters of each and every tributary of the Mississippi—and so to bless the land which has been so long and so inevitably to make the people secure in their possessions, where now to-morrow threatens rain, and to extend to our people, in the largest sense, that freedom of development and incentive to labor which will inevitably come with cheap transportation, and the opening to each producer of the best market for his produce, however distant it may be.

A FORTUNE TELLER STARVING. She Can Reveal Life's Mysteries, but is Unable to Buy Bread.

Mrs. Starr, of Stanton avenue, called at the office of the Anti-Cruelty Society yesterday and asked that Mr. and Mrs. Syler, who live on Stanton avenue, near Butler street, be given aid. The wife is over 60 and unable to work, and the husband is in the eighties. They are in destitute circumstances.

For some years Mrs. Syler managed to provide for herself and husband by telling fortunes. Last fall, however, she was arrested, and that source of revenue cut off by the police. She still occasionally unravels the scroll of the future, but the interference of the police has frightened almost everybody away, and now she cannot make enough as a beggar to buy her daily bread. She can do nothing else and an attempt will be made to place the old couple in one of the charitable homes.

SPECIAL CABLES covering all the news of Europe are a special feature of to-morrow's 24-page DISPATCH.

SENATOR QUAY AND HIS SON, Accompanied by Congressman Townsend, Pass Through Pittsburgh to Beaver.

Senator Quay, his son Richard and Congressman Townsend were on a delayed train yesterday. The latter hurried to the depot refreshment room for some hot coffee, while the Senator promenade the platform with a small grip in his hand. He looked rather tired, but appeared to be in good health and, indeed, said that he was when the question was asked of him.

Mr. Quay had no intelligence to impart. Everything was quiet in Washington, he said, and he knew of nothing pending that was of much interest. When reference was made to political subjects he had no opinions to express. He remarked that he was on his way home, where he would remain for some time. The party left at about 5:30 o'clock for Beaver.

It is best to break up a catarrhal cold in its early stages, by using Dr. D. Jayne's Expecto-rant, and thereby save yourself much risk and misery.

SHILOH'S CURE will immediately relieve cough, whooping cough and bronchitis. Sold by Jos. Fleming & Son, 412 Market st.

THE HOME can be made brighter these long winter evenings by adding to it a copy of THE DISPATCH. Get to-morrow's 24-page issue.

ALLEGHENY CHURCHES. SECOND U. P. CHURCH, Rev. W. H. McMillan, D. D., pastor—Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 10:30 A. M.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Arch street, Rev. David Kennedy, pastor—Morning service at 10:30 A. M. Sunday school at 10:30 A. M.

BRENA VISTA STREET M. E. CHURCH, Rev. J. H. Miller, pastor—Subject at 10:30 A. M., "Re-

vision." At 7:30 P. M., "The Power of the Holy Spirit." At 10:30 A. M., "The Power of the Holy Spirit."

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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1,600 PAIRS FINE LEATHER SLIPPERS at 75c, \$1, \$1 25, \$1 50, \$2, \$2 50. Black and Tan Goat, Dongola Kid, Patent Leather.

1,200 PAIRS ALLIGATOR SLIPPERS at \$1 25, \$1 50, \$2, \$2 50 and \$3. Ooze Calif, Russian Calif.

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