

NOT SO VERY WICKED.

McKee's Rocks People Object to the Language of a U. P. Minister.
CHARGE OF HEATHENISM DENIED.
Visitors From Other Places Responsible for Disorderly Picnics.

THE VIEWS OF LEADING RESIDENTS

The utterances of Rev. W. E. Paxton at the meeting of the Monongahela Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church on last Tuesday, have stirred up a hornet's nest at McKee's Rocks. It is reported that Mr. Paxton said that there was no need to go to Egypt to look for heathens, as the section in the vicinity of the mouth of Charities creek was worse than Utah; that nine murders had been committed there, and that street brawls were frequent and chicken and dog fights of almost daily occurrence.

John A. McKee said he was sorry that Rev. Mr. Paxton had either knowingly or unknowingly slandered the village. Said Mr. McKee: "I have lived here sixty years and have taken an interest in the place as long as I remember and I don't know a better beloved community, considering the environment in the State.

"No one there is an occasional chicken fight, but the patrons are not any McKee's Rocks people, and besides, many eminent men have been patrons of the sport. As to murders, there have been three in half a century. One was by a man frenzied by liquor, who was in a large degree irresponsible. As to another, there was some doubt in the minds of the community as to whether it was really one, and the third one was an accommodation killing.

"A man asked another to kill him, and he cut the petitioner's throat in pursuance of the request. As to Sunday, I do not know of a quieter place in the suburbs of Pittsburgh. There is more or less drinking in all towns where there are iron works, but this one is exceptionally quiet on Sunday. The churches—Presbyterian, Methodist, Lutheran and Catholic—are all largely attended, and I am glad to know that they are, and I make it a rule to take all with cash when asked, but Rev. Mr. Paxton's language is calculated to close one's ears.

"Not a question of locality. As to the disorderly picnics, we cannot be held responsible for them. I have known them to be fully as turbulent when held in the city where the police were abundant, and it would be well to bear in mind that the grounds are not in the village, and that it does not furnish the crowds that create disorder. I think Rev. Mr. Paxton either talked without proper information, or was not evenly particular in his statements, and his talk is liable to draw responses, directly and self-respecting community great harm and ought to be answered. There was a prize fight on the creek some time ago, but there are many other places in the city.

Books that cannot consistently cast the first stone in reference to the affair, taking the Saviour's ruling as authoritative."

REPORT OF WARDEN McALEESE.

The Expense of Running the Jail During the Previous Year.
Warden McAleese has submitted to the County Controller his annual report concerning the jail for the year 1920. The report shows that the cost of the food for the year, including groceries, bread, meat, bacon, coffee, etc., was \$4,719.21. For 1919 it was \$4,687.01. The supplies, repairs, drygoods and sundries cost \$1,284.83. In 1920 they cost \$1,234.63. Improvements, furniture, etc., cost \$141.75 in 1920 and \$171.73 in 1919. Other expenses were \$1,695 in 1920 and \$2,349 in 1919. The total cost was \$7,873.42 in 1920 and \$8,538.30 in 1919. The total expense for the jail in 1920 was \$22,500 and in 1919 \$22,443, an increase over 1919 of \$557.

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