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District Attorney and Mrs. John R. Jones and family returned home Saturday from a month's stay at Lake George. Mr, and Mrs. E. L. Fronk and Miss Clara Beecher, who have been visiting the fami-ly of Rev. Richard Hiorns, returned to their home in Schenectady, N. Y., Satur-

Mrs. Machette, Miss Conley and Ruth Machette returned Friday from Atlantic

Thomas Prosser spent yesterday with friends in Wilkes-Barre. Charles Bowman and Frank Murphy, of

### ASPHALT REPAIR WORK.

#### Plan Atoot to Have It Done by City Employes.

There is a movement among city officials to provide a plan whereby the supplied to provide a plan whereby the asphalt pavements may be repaired by city employes. At present all repair work is done by the asphalt paving companies. They are paid \$2.65 per square yard for the work, after has been passed a certain period during the coverage of the control of the work after has been passed a certain period during the coverages. been passed a certain period during which they keep the pavements in repair without pay. The city is now pay-

ing about \$5,000 per year for the work The Trinidad Asphalt Paving company, which laid the Washington avenue pave, will at the next meeting of select council ask to be relieved of its recair obligation on that piece of work and receive its bond, the free-repair period having repaired. This stretch of asphalt alone is over a mile in length and to pay syndicate prices for repairpany, which laid the Washington aveand to pay syndicate prices for repairing it will incur a big addition to the present annual expense.

### SCRANTON BUSINESS COLLEGE.

Reception Given Saturday Night for

Faculty and Pupils, A reception was given at he Scranton Business College Saturday night by the proprietors, Professors Buck and Whitmore, to the former and new pupils and their friends and the faculty. The event was for the purpose of giving the pupils and faculty an opportunity to become acquainted preparatory to the opening of the college tomorrow. Music was furnished by the Lawrence orchestra.

The school rooms have been thoroughly renovated and much new furniture has been provided. Everything possible has been done that will bring comfort and convenience to the scholors. Today will be enrollment day.

#### A New Firm.

The Great Eastern Sults and Pants company, of New York and Philadelphia, will open their fourteenth branch of fine tailoring at 427 Lackawanna ave nue on Sept. 5. Low prices prevailing They have branches throughout this and neighboring states, and have met with great success. Mr. D. Loconistin. a member of the firm, is very much pleased with this city and its people, will take charge of the business. As a custom of the establishment Mr. Locoinstin has arraigned for a concert from 8 to 10 p. m. on their opening day by Professor Bauer's orchestra.

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### PRAYER OF SIN "LET US ALONE"

Theme of a Discourse at the Scranton Street Baptist Church.

MR. MATHEWS' STIRRING SERMON

He Shows That a Soul Can Be So Completely Possessed of Evil That It Will Resent Any Effort to Better It's Condition -- Sin Is Conscious of Its Condition, but Is Prone to Laziness--it Pleads but Never Prays.

The only prayer which the Bible accredits t Satan, was the theme of a sermon by Rev. J. F. Mathews at the Scranton Street Baptist church yesteray morning. The text was "Let Us Alone," taken from Mark 1-24. Mr.

Matthews said: "The Scriptures nowhere better pre-sent the great and abundant wealth of the resources of infinite power in the help and salvation of man than in the marvelous history of the acts and doings of the divine character that we oriefly call by the name of Jesus. The new testament is specially devoted to briefly call by the name of Jesus. The literature in our very midst, yea everynew testament is specially devoted to this revelation of the richness of divine help as it is extended to man from the linimite Hand—and it gives us in detail the minutias of the events that cluster the minutias of the events that cluster that the statement of the statement in all of its brazen nakedness even in the house of Christians in around the central facts-giving it character, breadth and individuality, haracter, breadth and and God's as incidents of God's mercy and God's succor coming to man in moments of great exigency and great need—and coming with irresistible power to aid

the very utmost.
"The wondrous depths of God's zeal The wondrous depths of God's zeal as man's helper is sometimes shown (though but rarely), when Jesus saves, even when the soul is so locked up in satanie possession as to lose its power of self-assertion and self-consciousness of the need of help, or to cry out for deliverance from the evil that is slowly but surely destroying it. It is on such rare occasions that the splendor of the power of God and its absoluteness is startlingly revealed. For when He wills, even the almost all-powerful evil is compelled to abandon its prey and to yield its grisly hold upon its depraved victim and to fly from the awful presence of God, who for the present of time, only suffers evil to do its workbefore that great and unutterable hour when death, hell and sin shall all alike be swallowed up in the fearful debe swallowed up in the fearful de-struction of the second death, that awaits them all as the sublime retrioution of the eternal equity.

ONE PECULIARITY. "It is well to mark one peculiarity that stands facing us with great and singular import as we enter upon the analysis of this theme; and that is:

The rarity of this manifestation of divine help, except where the will is divine help, except where the war-exercised in faith. So, generally, does the devine help of Jesus rest upon the faith of the one whom He seeks to aid; faith of the one whom He seeks to aid; that, he leaves places where that faith in Him is not exercised apparently unable to show forth his divine power to succor. But when we begin to limit that power as we read of Him then, as in this case, He absolutely shows that He is Master of all circumstances. And then we understand the principle that He is Master of all characterists and then we understand the principle upon which He works to help always where faith does not exist as the law of salvation, exercising His divine power in exceptional cases to show His own reserved right as sovereign, to do as he pleases, while on earth, and to prove that while He makes faith the

condition, yet it is His own proposition and that He could and can heal as He "In that mighty mission of the three OFFICE HOURS—9 TOI2, 2 TO 5.

PERSONAL.

Dr. E. M. Pennypacker spent yesterday at Maplewood.

District Advances of the three years of His active ministry He met almost every condition of sin and evil in all its varied forms, physical and spiritual and met it to reprove, rebuke and to crush it. Nowhere does He show the least toleration of sin; no-He always and everywhere shows Hiraself in direct and utter antagonism to sin and evil in all its forms.

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"It is equally remarkable that the spirit of evil whenever and wherever it meets Jesus confesses to the same antagonism, thus showing that Christ and evil are at eternal variance, and that one or the other must in the nature of such a contest prevail, and one perish. Which one? It is the whole mission of the Bible to show.

"This text is a singular one or, rather, it reveals a singular fact—that is

er, it reveals a singular fact—that is possible for a person to be absolutely possessed by a spirit of evil and to be possessed by a shift of evil and to be so permeated with its presence that the human soul itself becomes one with the evil, and so identified with it as to speak for it, and to defend it, and to long for the partnership to continue.

LUST AND PLEASURE. "This man, born with a soul, with a spark of God burning within Him as a conscience was yet infatuated with His own devil and so loved His society

lusts and my pleasures, and my
yenoyments; 'Let us alone!'
This man's case was and is a case
easily analyzed and easily understood.
Divine science gives the solution and
the key; it is the effect of sin within the nature to emasculate it, to rob it

weakness. 'Let us alone!'

"Who has not seen this wonderful and startlingly illustrated in the very condition of the ones who have given themselves up to the control of the devil, spirit of intemperance; men, who, with grand native powers, have gone down, down, until they have weakened under the dire possession of that particular devil, until in the gutter they have walled out when the hand of help has come, 'Let us alone!'

"Itse this illustration, but as an illustration of the possession of evil, for all evil acts in the same way and has the same effect to weaken and emasculate the soul. By what name can we call this condition of the soul but a condition of absolute spiritual laziness—a laziness of sensuality springing from sin and moral weakness and it becomes at last the condition of half the race. What a graphic picture of the effect of personal laziness does Solomon give in relation to the want of foresight and exertion in this life for the future. Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep 'so shall thy poverty come as one that traveleth and thy want as an armed man.' What does that mean? The spirit of industry stands before

against thee, oh Jesus of Nazareth, oh,

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"It is wonderful how persistently and yet quietly all evil has that one pleading and that one speech and still more wonderful that there are thousands of so-called smart men and women who are willing to let it alone. So cried that infamous and most satanic evil, slavery, once as it covered with its dark hand half of a continent, and blighted beneath its shadow as lovely a land as the smile of God could rest upon, and yet up from its shadow, and upon, and yet up from its shadow, and out from its ruin, its devil plead for rest and quiet, and there were thousands willing for 'sweet peace' sake to echo the dismal and pathetic cry, and to let it alone!

"And so says now, the murderous

fiend that has almost the whole of this fair land in his tenacious grasp, whose dire and tremendous presence in its ruin and degradation, and power of wrecking is more palpable to human sense than the law that it defies. Yea, even the demon of alcohol can lie in the midst of its corruption and sin and pollution and, with a voice low and polition and, with a voice low and huslay with carousal, wail out. 'Let us alone, please let us alone.' There are millions ready to echo the prayer of sin, millions of thoughtless and un-thinking 'good people' who, in their mistaken sympathy, would stand be-tween a sorely troubled and devil-ridden world and its saving God!

BAD LITERATURE. And so says the devil of pernicious in all of its brazen nakedness even in the homes of Christians in spite of their morality or religion. He is a devil that seeks to ruin that most precious of our public virtues, public modesty; that hangs over bill beards and covers them with what Carlyle calls the 'unspeakable,' and at all points and in all ways, is seeking the ruin and smirch of the soul life and child-life in our very streets. Even

ruin and smirch of the soul life and child-life in our very streets. Even this one, in a soft voice, can cry out in an exigency 'Let us alone!' and find his friends to help him cry.

"And, oh the demons who control the Sunday sacrilege, the ubiquitous gam-bling the easy ontar frients." bling, the easy, quiet frivolty and worldliness in the church and out of the church, and the social impurity that is sapping society in a thousand ways, of its Christian honor and grace and sim-plicity. Oh! as these demons go down into the dust beneath the gaze of pass-ing Codlike secution and ing Godlike scrutiny, and moan out Let us alone" how many, oh, many are willing to moan with them, that prayer of sin?"

#### RELIGIOUS NEWS NOTES.

George Graff, of Dr. Parkhurst's mission in New York city, conducted the meeting at Nay Aug falls yesterday afternoon and the open air meeting in front of the Rescue mission in the evening. A. B. Williams, jr., at the regular evening service, gave a fine talk on "The Prodigal Son." Mr. Graff will speak in the mission

tonight.

A "Holy Convocation" or camp meeting will be held in the Gospel Tabernacle for Scranton and Dunmore to continue for seven days, it will begin on Sept. 1.

Rev. George G. Kunkle, of Berwick, preached morning and evening in St. Paul's Lutheran church, Park Place, Miss Wint, of Mahanay City, capp. 2. Miss Wint, of Mahanoy City, sang at the evening service at the Green Ridge Rev. Dr. Dixon, the new pastor of the

Penn Avenue Baptist church will occupy the Samuel Hines residence on Jefferson A movement is afoot to introduce in

the Pennsylvania legislature a measure providing for the taxation of church prop-Rev. George Knox, of Indianapolis,

Rev. Dr. John R. Davis occupied the pulpit in the Second Presbyterian church, Rev. L. C. Murdoe preached in Elm Park church. Rev. Ransom Harvey, of Germantown, Philadelphia, preached in the Penn Avenue Bagtist church.



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LAZINESS.

"There is a soul laziness that takes a little sleep and a little more slumber and folds its hands together and says: 'Let us alone, me and my evil. Let us alone, me and my evil. Let us alone, me and my evil. Let us alone for just a little while longer; tomorrow it will be more convenient to be saved; tomorrow, I will see the great Physician and get help.' So, in deadly procrassination, there comes ultimately the fate that Solomon predicts, Of all laziness, spiritual or physical, that is the purest and the completest and the most infernal; that wrecks at last the soul.

"There is one startling peculiarity in this one devil of my text. You will observe that he is not an active friend, but a passive one. He, speaking through this dying wretch, says: 'Don't disturb us; we have done nothing the first of the spirit converting the now have done nothing the processing the provided that the spirit removed; the spirit removed; tomorrow, I will see the great Physician and get help.' So, in deadly procrassination, there comes ultimately the fate that Solomon predicts, of all laziness, spiritual or physical, that is the purest and the completest and the most infernal; that wrecks at last the soul.

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### WAS A FIELD DAY IN LOCAL POLITICS

Two Important Meetings and Two District Primaries.

IT ALL OCCURRED ON SATURDAY

Republican Candidates Consult. Democratic County Committee Pixes a Day for Their Convention. The Third and Fourth District Primaries Are Held .- Two Conventions Tuesday and Two for the Tuesday Following.

Saturday was a field day in polities. The Republican candidates met for the purpose of completing the county committee, the long delayed meeting of the Democratic county committee was held, and the pri-maries in the Third and Fourth Legislative districts occurred.

. The meeting of the Republican candidates was, of course, a private one, and nothing was given out further than that the naming of campaign committees was the principal business that brought then together. An executive committee, composed of thirty-two members, two from each of sixten sub-divisions of the county. and a standing committee composed of one representative from each election dis-trict will form this fall's council of war. The names of these committeemen will made known in a few days.

The Democrats owing to the tardiness

of their chairman and the general lack of interest manifested by the party in general are now compelled to do things in a hurry. Saturday night, upon a two days' notice, the county committee, or, rather, a small percentage of that body. met in the St. Charles and decided to hold the primaries next Saturday and the convention on the Tuesday following. The meeting was attended by Chairman Jame meeting was attended by Chairman James J. O'Neill, Secretary John E. Gaffney, M. J. Cadden, T. C. Melvin, Deputy United States Marshal John J. Shea, Attorney Joseph O'Brien, County Treasurer Schadt, Attorney W. W. Baylor, ex-Sheriff John J. Fahey, J. J. O'Boyle, E. F. Biewitt, George Griswold, Michael Hannick, Taylor; D. J. Campbell, Michael J. McAndrew, Archbald; E. J. Lynett, E. J. Ward, Moode, It was decided to hold the convention in It was decided to hold the convention in the morning at Music Hall in order not to conflict with the Third Legislative district event, which is set for the afternoon in the court house. It is possible and quite likely, however, that the convention will run into the afternoon, as an at-tempt will be made to revise the laws regulating the manner of electing delegates to the state convention and this is liable to bring out some dissension. The committee also decided to have the Chi-cago platform swallowed in its entirety. Populistic trimmings and all. The fact that some of the county committeemen themselves have openly repudiated the platform brings the belief that this contemplated move of the committee may meet with some opposition,

"The Democrats of the county will soon hold their convention to nominate congressional and county candidates, but so far nothing definite as regards the head of the ticket has been determined upon. The nomination of Mr. Connell by the Republicans of Lackawanna county has had the effect of making the Democrats look with anything but a longing eye upon the nomination. They realize that Mr. Connell is the strongest man who was ever nominated by the Republicans for congress and that he will undoubtedly sweep the district by a larger majority than was ever accorded a Republican for the same position. "There are many Democrats who hold prominent places in the party who have very seriously considered the advisability of having the Democratic convention endorse the candidacy of Mr. Connell. This plan has found much favor with many Democrats who realize the sterling qualities of the Republican candi-date and who are also of the opinion that he is simply invincible this year so eleverly has he succeeded in harmonlzing the warring factions of his party These men who favor endorsing Mr

Connell, recognize what a difficult mat-ter it would be to do this if there is any Democrat of recognized worth who wants the nomination.
"The contest, if there is any such, for the nomination has practically dwindled down to Colonel F. J. Fitzsimmons, Nathan Vidaver and D. J. Campbell, Of the three, the last named is considered the most formidable candidate, inasmuch as Mr. Fitzsimmons is making no parwants the nomination. later, if you do buy when
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salir. Picsummons is making no purpose
ticular struggle for the nomination, and
Mr. Vidaver has too recently blown across
the prairies to us. People who make a
business of politics say that Mr. Campbell would only enter the fight with the
hope that Bryan may be elected president,
to which event he would have a good in which event he would have a good chance to succeed Postmaster Vandling They admit that he would have no chance of defeating Mr. Connell, who will be backed up by the solid Republican and gold Democratic vote of the county."— Scranton Sunday World.

The primaries in the Third Legislative district were conducted in nearly every instance by the vigilants simply agreeing upon some delegate and giving him cre-dentials. Who the delegates are will not he fully known until they present them-selves at the St. Charles Tuesday after-noon, when the convention takes place. The candidates for the nomination are: M. C. Judge, of Taylor; Attorney John H. Bonner, of Rendham; William Litts, of Clark's Summit; J. A. Gillick and John

In the Fourth district there was a very

spirited fight for the credentials. The candidates are M. F. Fadden, P. J. White, F. J. McCaffrey and T. W. Loftus. The convention will take place in Edmunds' hall, Mayfield, Tuesday afternoon.

The Bryan and Sewall club will meet this evening at 408 Spruce street, Indus-trial hall. On Saturday C. G. Boland, president, and David J. Reedy, secretary, issued an address to voters urging them to enroll as members of the club.

#### IMPROVEMENT FOR M'KINLEY.

The Champion of Protection Rapidly Gaining Ground.

Chicago, Aug. 30.-Letters were sent recently from Republican national headquarters to fifteen or twenty chairmen of state central committees requesting weekly information on the party prospects in their states. Replies were received from Kentucky, Indiana, Montana, Idaho, Wash-

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Japanese vases that will fill an aching vold on your mantel. The assortment is large and the prices cover a wide

is large and the prices cover a wide range.
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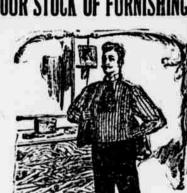
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