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LENT OBSERVANCE IN ST. LUKE'S PARISH

Rev. Rogers Israel Outlines the Season's Duties to His People. "WHAT MEAN YE BY THIS SERVICE?"

Is Reverted in the Practical Teachings of Bishop Hall, of Vermont. Questions of Retirement, Prayer, Fasting, Repentance and Alms-Giving Fully Discussed—Formality, Aimlessness and Gloominess Must Give Way to Reality and Joy.

At the regular morning service in St. Luke's Episcopal church yesterday Rev. Rogers Israel, the rector, instead of the usual sermon, brought to his people's attention the following practical teachings of Bishop Hall, of Vermont, on the "dear feast of Lent," as George Herbert expressed it. The text was, "What mean ye by this service?" Exodus, xii, 26.

GOOD RULE FOR LENT. It would be well to make a rule not to go during Lent to any place of public amusement, and, as far as possible, to keep from social entertainments. Try to be sometimes alone. "Commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and use it still," this is our great rule for Lent. Secure time, and freedom of mind, for prayer, for the study of God's Word, for self-examination, and the works of repentance, and for gaining instruction in religious matters.

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ST. LUKE'S LENTEN SERVICES.

Noon Service Each Work Day and at Least Three Services Daily. During Lent there will be a noon service of fifteen minutes on each work day at St. Luke's church. The service is especially designed for the working classes and their families, but it is expected, will be attended by business men and parishioners generally.

THERE ARE MANY EMPTY LIVES.

So Said Rev. Mr. Bacon in Green Ridge Presbyterian Church. The pulpit of the Green Ridge Presbyterian church was filled at both the morning and evening services yesterday by Rev. Albert S. Bacon, of the First Presbyterian church of Niagara Falls, N. Y.



REV. ALBERT S. BACON.

Falls, N. Y. Mr. Bacon is a young man of marked abilities and presents the gospel in an interesting and effective manner.

His sermon in the evening was based on the text found in St. Mark, xiv, 14: "The Master said, where is the truest chamber, where I shall eat the Passover with My disciples?"

"If in a city," he said, "there are row after row of houses, on which the sign, to rent, appears, it is a sight that does not inspire much confidence in the business man who may be passing through the place. Alas! it is too true that there are not only empty houses but there are empty lives; men living simply for self and excluding the bright and peaceful rays of the love of God. It is well that the guest chamber of the home should be filled often, for does not each visitor leave behind something that is more valuable than the mere memory of their presence?"

SABBATH NEWS NOTES.

The penitential psalms are the 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 139, 143.

Mrs. Thiele, soprano soloist, sang at both services at the First Presbyterian church.

Rev. Dr. S. C. Logan preached in the evening at the Sumner Avenue Presbyterian church.

The ordinance of baptism was administered in the evening at the Penn Avenue Baptist church.

The farewell sermon of Rev. J. G. Whitmore, pastor of Trinity United Evangelical church, was preached in the evening.

At the Howard Place African Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. Dr. I. W. Newell, of the Philadelphia conference, preached in the evening.

Miss Lowry, secretary of the Young Women's Christian association of the central city, conducted the Epworth league service last evening at 6:30 o'clock at the Hampton Street Methodist Episcopal church.

At St. Peter's cathedral yesterday it was announced that every Wednesday evening during Lent there will be a sermon and benediction and on Friday evenings there will be stations of the cross and benediction. Each Sunday evening a sermon for men will be delivered.

One or more of the following books may be read with profit during Lent: "Helps to a Holy Lent," Bishop Huntington; "Ready and Desirous," Bishop Lay; "Thoughts on Personal Religion," Dean Goulburn; "The Pursuit of Holiness," Dean Goulburn; "How to Behave in the Parish," Rev. B. W. Lewis; "The Historic Episcopate," Rev. J. H. Barbour; "Our Mother Church," Mrs. Mercier; "The Catholic Religion," Rev. Vernon Staley; "Church Doctrine, Ethics, Truth," M. F. Sadler; "The Church Idea," Bishop Huntington; "Imitation of Christ," Thomas a Kempis; "Lent with Jesus," Anthony Bathe; "Lives of the Apostles," Caulfield; "Jesus, the Messiah," Edersheim; "The Christian Year," Keble; "The Lord's Prayer," Bishop Hall.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The signature of J. C. Hitchcock is on every wrapper.

CITY 1897 ESTIMATES AT LAST COMPLETED

Appropriation Ordinance Ready to Be Presented to Councils.

THE COMMITTEE'S FINAL MEETING

Additions Made to Fire and Police Department, but the Streets, Parks and Incidental Funds Had to Suffer. Fire Department the Chief Bone of Contention—Chief Hickey Gets a Clerk and So Does Chief Robling. To Repair Old Station House.

The municipal appropriation ordinance for the fiscal year 1897 was finally completed Saturday afternoon. In practically three meetings the joint estimates committee of councils has wretchedly done needful and visionary demands of the many city departments until they correspond in total to the \$285,000 estimated by the city controller as the total for all purposes.

When the committee began its Saturday session the estimates had at the two previous meetings been shaved \$1,600 below the expected revenue. That

furnished a fairly good home. The latter was granted. The claim of the West Side was presented by Mr. Williams. His section should have a chemical engine, but would compromise on a combination chemical and hose wagon which would cost only \$1,300. The North End contingent said an award of a new apparatus to one section would be discriminating. Captain Moir came to the aid of the West Siders and the amount asked was appropriated.

SALARIES OF DISTRICT CHIEFS. A proposition to expunge the \$600 for the six district fire chiefs was avoided by reducing the following fire department items: Parade and inspection, from \$400 to \$300; purchase of hydrants, from \$200 to \$300; repairing and erecting hydrants, from \$200 to \$300. For an alarm box at the corner of Washburn street and Sherman avenue, \$125 was appropriated.

Mr. Manly opposed Captain Moir's proposition to reduce the Navy Ave park estimate from \$5,000 to \$4,000. After Captain Moir had promised to introduce a special appropriation ordinance providing for \$40,000 for the park the reduction was made as proposed.

To provide \$1,000 for the extension of Price street, Simon Thomas made a motion to reduce the fund for incidental and judgments from \$15,000 to \$14,000.

The committee would not approve Selectman Coyne's request for three new electric lights in the Twentieth ward. For a clerk for Chief of Police Robling, \$600 was provided; although only \$500 was asked, by deducting the former sum from the item for cleaning asphalt pavement. From the same source \$200 was obtained to provide a clerk for Chief Hickey, of the fire department.

The ordinance was adopted and will be presented to councils in its present shape.

TOWNSHIP TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Interesting Meeting Held Saturday Morning at Moosic.

The local teachers' institute of Lackawanna township held Saturday morning in Moosic. Addresses were made by County Superintendent J. C. Taylor, Professor Theron G. Osborne, Professor Thomas Coyne, Miss Hannah Thomas, Miss Jennie Loughney and Miss Annie Fitzhery.

William Jennings, a young rector, whose home is in Moosic, entertained the institute with a number of selections.

REPAIRS OF OLD STATION HOUSE.

There was no opposition to appropriating \$2,000 for the repairing and reconstruction of the old police station in Center street. Mr. Lansing's suggestion that the number of city telephones be reduced from 20 to 15 was approved and made a cut of \$100.

The matter of adding to the apparatus of the fire department created a debate between the North End and West Side members, each section finally getting an increase. Mr. Gordon began it by asking for \$2,000 for a new building for Cumberland hose company in the Third ward and calling attention to the bad condition of the present quarters. Mr. Ross remarks that the Cumberland's demands were a little ahead of time and caused Mr. Moore, who is chairman of the fire department committee of the common branch, to insist that the present quarters of the Cumberland's were hardly fit for dogs and cats to live in. If \$2,000 could not be obtained, then for \$1,000 the company could be

COLLINS TRIED TO KILL HIMSELF

Sent a Bullet Into His Body, a Little Above the Heart.

HIS RECOVERY IS DOUBTFUL

Was Employed as an Engineer at the Hillside Colliery, Avoca—For Some Reason Was Despondent and Drove—Shot Himself at the Door of Neighbor Curley's House. Alive at a Late Hour Last Night.

At about 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning John Collins, a respected resident of Avoca, attempted to commit suicide while despondent. He is about 28 years of age and with his wife and three small children, live in a neatly furnished home. He has had steady employment about the Hillside colliery at Avoca, where he is employed as locomotive engineer.

On Saturday evening he was about the neighborhood and returned home rather late in the evening, when he then went to the residence of John Curley and knocked for admission. Mr. Curley noticed his strange manner and advised him to return home, which he did, only to return in a few hours and again knock for admission.

Before the door could be opened Mr. Curley heard a shot, and an instant after was horrified to find Collins lying in an unconscious condition on the porch, with the smoking revolver still clutched in his hand. He was picked up and removed to his home, where Drs. Doherty and Pier extracted the bullet, which had entered the lungs just a little above the heart.

At a late hour last evening Collins was still alive, it is believed that he can survive but a few hours. No reason for committing the rash act can be assigned.

REXFORD'S.

The following is a list of display cards kept in stock at this office and for sale at ten cents each: Rooms for rent. For sale. Property for sale. Furnished rooms. House for rent. House to let, etc.

THIS GROWING STORE

Had a remarkably busy February, but March shall do more. Greater values shall be the principal lever. Never before have we bought to better advantage, and as the goods are placed on sale the prices will prove it. Here and there on the first floor some things will have to go. A coming Special Sale wants elbow room.

Silver Plated Ware.

Left over from the Wright stock are several dozen odd pieces, such as Cake Baskets, Fruit Dishes, Pickle Dishes, Teapots, Creams and Sugars and other articles. Most of it staple goods, made by Pairpoint, Rogers and Tufts, Quadruple plate, and will wear years. Wright's prices were \$2, \$3, and \$4. Today the quick selling price is 98c.

High Grade Pocket Knives.

Good bye cutlery. Our growing leather goods department must have more room, so we have deeded over the cutlery space to it. Several hundred fine pocket knives at hurry out prices. All hand-forged blades and made for jewelry trade. Pearl, stag, and other handles, speck of rust, \$2, and along down to 15c.

Solid Gold Rings.

Fifty dozen solid gold rings go on sale today at prices new to Scranton. Lovely 1897 designs and good honest weights.

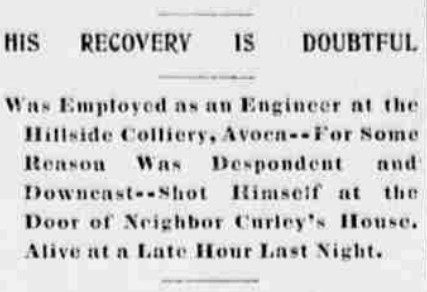
Pocket Book Selling

Has been a store wonder. In spite of all this "hard times" talk, the 3,070 pocket books are half gone, seems there are plenty of people wanting money holders. Some of the best bargains are not yet gone, and what are left of the 60c. lot gets tumbled into the 48c. bin today.

The Rexford Co., 303 Lacka. Ave.

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They are the very latest line of VASES, shapes, decorations, rose, green, yellow. The prices are also attractive, 40c. up. They are samples of new goods for next fall.



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