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PERSONAL.

James H. Carlson, of Tunkhannock, spent Sunday among his Scranton friends. Rev. R. H. Harris was taken suddenly ill Saturday night and is again confined to his bed.

THE FATEFUL MINE—'BELL.'

Crushes Out One Man's Life and Injures Another. Anthony Loughney was killed Friday by a fall of roof in the Grassy Island mine, Olyphant. A blast had been fired and a mass of rock, known as a "bell," fell and crushed Loughney beneath it.

Skeptics Turn Believers and Are Cured.

"When I read that Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder could relieve Catarrh in 10 minutes I was far from being convinced. I tried it—a single puff through the blow-off afforded instant relief, stopped pain over the eyes and cleansed the nasal passages. Today I am free from catarrh." E. L. Egan's (Easton, Pa.), experience has been that of thousands of others and may be yours.

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Have trouble finding shoes for your girls? Let us offer you a suggestion. We put on sale today 100 pairs of Misses' Shoes worth \$1.75, at a price to quickly move them.

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SERMON TO THE KNIGHTS OF MALTA

Delivered by Rev. F. P. Doty in the Hampton Street Church Last Night.

ANCIENT ORIGIN OF THE KNIGHTS

Eloquently Referred to by the Speaker Who Also Dwelt Upon the Work They Performed When First Called Into Being and the Work That Confronts Them Today—Dangers That Threaten Country and the Causes.

Anthracite and Electric City communities, Knights of Malta attended divine service in the Hampton Street Methodist Episcopal church last night and a special sermon was preached to them by Rev. F. P. Doty.



REV. F. P. DOTY.

He took for his text the words of Phil. 1:17: "I am set for the defense of the gospel;" and from them drew many interesting and profitable lessons. He said in part:

Paul lived in a decidedly military age, and whenever he spoke or spoke his language abounded with allusions to the military customs. Whenever he went he met a Roman soldier clad in a coat of mail, with helmet and sword, and armed with battle-axe, sword and spear, ready to bid defiance to his foes. A Roman soldier was set of station to defend the honor and prestige of Rome at whatever hazard or danger to himself.

Adding to the parting of a guard for defense, Paul, like a true knight of the cross of Jesus Christ that he was truly armed and equipped for the service of his Master declares: "I am set for the defense of the gospel." How honorably he performed his task his works and history declare. As a worthy example of a true Christian knight, I want to hold up Paul that you may admire and imitate him. The term knight belongs to the age of chivalry and was conferred as a mark of distinction upon a soldier or armed warrior who distinguished himself in some way.

STILL IN THE FIELD.

Now, after 800 years, we find you still in the field engaged in a work which, if conducted with a careful regard to the church and your professed principles, will greatly tend to cement the bonds of brotherhood and assist the church to go forth with a victorious march. You are a brotherhood joined by a solemn compact to practice benevolence toward a brother of your order, visiting him when sick, relieving him when in want and comforting him when bereaved. All this you are taught to do in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I trust that the order of Malta may never forget its origin, and remain steadfast to the church of Christ and assist it in extending the influence of the Protestant religion to the defense of the Gospel. It is true we are living at a time when peace at home and abroad sheds its blessings upon our nation. But it is also true that a fierce conflict is even now being waged which threatens liberty, morality and the Christian religion. If the Gospel of Jesus Christ shall triumph then liberty, morality and the Christian religion are secure. If the Gospel be defeated then infidelity, anarchy, corruption and paganism will curse the land as the supremacy of the wretched Turk has cursed the Orient. The progress and happiness of our country is bound up in the success of the Gospel of Christ.

What is the Gospel of which so much is said?

The word translated, Gospel signifies in the original, good tidings. It is the good news of Salvation for man, conditioned upon the repentance of our sins, faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and regeneration of the new birth through the Holy Ghost. It is the revelation of God made to men through His Son.

But it means more than this. It is the declaration of God's unalterable opposition to sin. He draws the line with great clearness in the Decalogue and professes all with "Thou shalt not." In the New Testament Jesus re-enacted and reformed the law when He said thou shalt have the Lord thy God with all thy heart, etc. Thus the Gospel is a direct, open proclamation of war against all kinds of sin everywhere. It is not one kind of Gospel for the rich and another for the poor. Gambling is gambling, no matter whether you name it progressive euchre or poker.

BENEFITS OF GOSPEL.

The benefits conferred by this Gospel can never be fully estimated. It gave us the Pilgrim fathers, who sought liberty of conscience. With them came a free and open Bible translated into the English language. Nevermore to be chained and withheld from the race to whom God gave it.

Along with the Bible came the Christian Sabbath, one of God's best gifts to man, a day for spiritual exercise and physical rest. Areal Christian Sabbath; not the seventh day Sabbath of the Jews with its dogmatical, legalistic, and dead works, but the Sabbath which commemorates the resurrection of Christ to life and to the activities of Christian work of that day. The Christian Sabbath is indispensable to the success of the Christian religion. The old seventh day will never stand. The seventh day worshipers ought to be convinced by ever diminishing numbers of their faith, that God has set a silent curse on the day. The Christian Sabbath is the shore the men who fought for and gained for our civil and religious liberties. This spirit of liberty and enlightenment has found its way into the institutions of the country and paved the way to power and greatness.

There is a call for defenders of this Gospel and what it has given.

I am not an alarmist, but if you have been inclined to observe the recent past I am sure you will discover the footprints of the foe. The safe man to counsel with is one who, viewing passing events with deep concern, asks and seeks an answer to the question: Where will the future find us and what will our condition be? A careful interest in the future would have a salutary influence on the actions of the present.

land. It is well that we recognize them as enemies and be ready to meet them as such. This is a Christian nation, and whatever of a soldier would make anything else is a foe to the nation. Among the chief foes of the Gospel in the world I name four—Ignorance, Monopoly, Intemperance and Sabbath Desertion. There are others, of those named ignorance has most to offer in its defense.

MONOPOLY HAS NO EXCUSE.

For monopoly there is no excuse but human and Satanic greed. There is no justice in the course which considers the syndicate of men sitting in a little office in Wall street to advance the price of bread and other necessary articles of food just to add other millions to their ill-gotten gains. For the great crime of liquor selling there is only one purpose, and that is to destroy the souls of men in a bottomless pit of eternal woe.

For the deliverance of the Sabbath from those who dedicate it, every true man should rise up. There is one, only one, though different sides of that many-sided thing called sin.

There is nothing wrong in this world but sin. I call upon you all to array yourselves in defense of the Gospel. I am aware that some of you, while Knights of Malta, may be engaged in the service of Christ. Paul speaks as a soldier. How does a man become a soldier? Why, he enlists, i. e., he joins the army. He is mustered in and drilled or practices for service, goes out on parade, obeys orders. The Knight of the Cross must do no thing but obey. When the Russian army was besieging Plevna some Turkish soldiers revealed the plan of Osman Pasha's proposed sortie against the Russians. The Russian general, for the attack and repulsed the Turks. The knight must not desert. Very many there are who join the church and become deserters or loafers.

THE TRUE KNIGHT MUST BE NO COWARD.

In battle the coward is a hindrance, he retreats and gives a bad example to others. The true soldier, however, although five other women and two men were arrested. They were all arraigned before Alderman Millar and fined \$5 each.

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UNITED STATES COURT NEXT WEEK

District and Circuit Judges Will Be on the Bench.

MANY CASES ARE TO BE HEARD

Grand and Petit Jurors Who Will Serve at the Term to Begin in This City One Week from Today—John J. Jermyn, of This City, Is the Only Lackawanna County Man on the List.

One week from today the annual term of the United States district and circuit courts will begin in this city and both Judge Buffington and Judge Acheson are expected to be present as there is a great deal of business to come before the courts.

Hon. Joseph Buffington is judge of the district court and the officers are: Harry Alvan Hall, United States attorney; Samuel H. Griffith, George W. Warrick, S. E. minister, Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland; William T. Lindsey, clerk; A. J. Colburn, jr., deputy; Jacob B. Snyder, clerk. Hon. Marcus W. Acheson is judge of the circuit court; H. D. Gamble, of Pittsburg, is clerk; and A. J. Colburn, jr., of this city, is deputy clerk. The jurors who will serve at the coming term are:

GRAND JURORS.

- Bridge, Henry, merchant tailor, Clearfield, Clearfield; Campell, George W., merchant, Normalville, Fayette; Kimmel, S. E., minister, Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland; Pilon, O. L., lawyer, Erie, Erie; Gulison, Joseph A., lawyer, Pittsburg, Allegheny; Henderson, Robert A., lawyer, Altoona, Blair; Hay, Samuel W., broker, Pittsburg, Allegheny; Keeler, Frank, lawyer, Bloomsburg, Columbia; MacVine, M. P., lawyer, Altoona, Blair; Morgan, John L., broker, Pittsburg, Allegheny; Mates, James B., lawyer, Butler, Butler; McCarty, D. F., merchant, Eldredville, Sullivan; McCormick, E. C., carpenter, Ingram, Allegheny; Pender, Thomas A., tipstaff, Pittsburg, Allegheny; Petty, John M., lawyer, Pittsburg, Allegheny; Painter, John P., bank teller, Kittanning, Armstrong; Rogers, George, minister, Ridgeway, Elk; Randall, Charles E., publisher, Catawissa, Columbia; Strahley, Charles, merchant, Pittsburg, Allegheny; Van Fleet, Solomon, gentleman, Williamsport, Lycoming; Straus, Jacob, merchant, Erie, Erie; Tate, Humphrey D., lawyer, Bedford, Bedford; Wyckoff, R. W., associate judge, Emporium, Cameron.

PETIT JURORS.

- Bradley, Charles D., clerk, Pittsburg, Allegheny; Brown, Aaron, Miller, Tunkhannock, Wyoming; Blackburn, Cyrus W., farmer, Point, Bedford; Bradford, Thomas, insurance agent, New Britain, Beaver; Brandner, Joseph, police magistrate, Pittsburg, Allegheny; Baker, J. W., lawyer, Mercer, Mercer; Belfrage, W. S., insurance agent, New Bethlehem; Cooper, W. J., minister, Butler, Butler; Cullen, John, gentleman, Allegheny, Allegheny; Caskey, W. J., merchant, Pittsburg, Allegheny; Colburn, L. C., lawyer, Somerset, Somerset; Coe, S. W., mayor, Parker, Armstrong; Cargill, M. W., teacher, Great Bend, Susquehanna; Cameron, David, lawyer, Wellsboro, Tioga; Dilliner, E. S., Potter, Greensboro, Green; Farnsworth, George, lumberman, Glycer, Potter; Freeman, A. A., lawyer, Erie, Erie; Fullerton, Hugh, lawyer, Kittanning, Armstrong; Griffith, George P., lawyer, Erie, Erie; Hazzard, Vernon, law student, Monaca, Allegheny; Hall, J. K. P., lawyer, St. Marys, Elk; Henry, W. M., editor, Kittanning, Armstrong; Holloway, W. K., merchant, Danville, Monroe; Howell, George D., lawyer, Uniontown, Fayette; Harwell, Jackson, farmer, Point Marion, Fayette; Jermyn, John J., coal operator, Scranton, Lackawanna; Kerr, W. C., gentleman, Mercer, Mercer; Keiffer, A. R., minister, Bradford, McKean; Lowry, Charles S., liverman, Butler, Butler; Landis, A. S., lawyer, Hollidaysburg, Blair; Moore, Harry L., lawyer, Erie, Erie; Mellon, D., merchant, Freedom, Beaver; Mussina, Henry, merchant, Cowan, Union; McVay, W. J., carpenter, Pittsburg, Allegheny; McNabb, Kirk, merchant, New Castle, Lawrence.

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THREE RAIDS SATURDAY NIGHT.

Twenty-five Persons Taken Into Custody by the Police.

There was quite as much commotion comparatively speaking, in our dark and devious district Saturday night, as there was in New York's "tenderloin" on the occasion of the recent wholesale raid on the notorious Newmarket. Three houses of a shady character were raided between the hours of 10 o'clock p. m. and 2:30 a. m. and twenty-five prisoners as a consequence were compelled to contribute to the city treasury.

The first place pulled was Nelly Bly's in Raymond court on complaint of John Lavin, of Pittston, whose wife was housekeeper at the place. This raid was for the purpose of catching her, but was unsuccessful, although five other women and two men were arrested. They were all arraigned before Alderman Millar and fined \$5 each.

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Major Dean, of Columbus, Ohio, says: I wish to add to the number of certificates as to the benefits derived from the Pyramid Pile Cure. I suffered from piles for forty years and from itching piles for twenty years and two boxes of the Pyramid Pile Cure have effectually cured me.

Most druggists sell Pyramid Pile Cure or will get it for you if you ask them to. It is one dollar per package and is put up only by the Pyramid Drug Co., Albion, Mich.

WILLIAMS WORKED A SCHEME.

Employed at Price's Cash Store, He Embezzles \$1000.

John Williams was committed to the county jail Saturday from the office of Alderman O. B. Wright where he was charged with embezzlement by F. E. Price, manager of the Washington avenue cash store. Williams had a way of his own to make money on the side. He worked in the cash store and had a habit of putting up orders, marking them C. O. D., and then keeping the money when the driver brought it in. The driver squealed and on February 22 Williams was arrested.

He went out to secure bail, so he said, but he never returned until Saturday night when he was arrested. Mr. Price alleges that he lost \$1000, more or less, by Williams' operations.

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