

Religious News

OF the 300 delegates to the Y. W. C. A. conference at Northfield, there were 42 from Pennsylvania and 12 from this city.

The afternoon meeting tomorrow at the Young Women's Christian association will be led by Miss Mary Rind, subject "Prayer."

The Wyoming camp meeting will open next Wednesday evening. It is expected that this will be an unusually interesting season.

Mrs. Alice Goodwin, representing the Training school for incorrigible children in local at present in this city and hopes to interest philanthropic people in the work she has in hand.

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On Sunday the services of Grace Lutheran church will be resumed. The pastor has returned from his vacation and the enlargement is completed.

Much interest has been aroused by the announcement that Rev. John H. Davis, D. D., of the Fourth Avenue Presbyterian church, will occupy Dr. McLeod's pulpit tomorrow in the First church.

The Volunteers of America are having very interesting meetings in their rooms at 12 o'clock every evening.

Penn Avenue Baptist church—Rev. Joseph K. Dixon, D. D., pastor. Services at 10.30 and 7.30 o'clock.

Grace Lutheran church, corner Madison Avenue and Mulberry street—Rev. Foster U. Gift, pastor. Services will be resumed on Sunday at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.

South Side Mission, 511 Pittston Avenue—Praise and prayer service at 8.30 o'clock p. m. Services each evening at 7.45 o'clock.

The People's Protestant, Rev. Dr. Bird, pastor—There will be regular preaching service on Sabbath in the Carter block, No. 68 Linden street at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.

St. Mark's Lutheran church—Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph. D., pastor. Eighth Sunday after Trinity. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.

St. Peter's Lutheran church—Rev. J. W. Randolph, pastor. Eighth Sunday after Trinity. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.

Christ Lutheran church—Rev. L. J. Liden, pastor. Eighth Sunday after Trinity. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.

Simpson Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. John B. Sweet, pastor. Sunday morning prayer service at 9.30. At the morning service, commencing at 10.30, there will be baptism and reception of members.

St. Paul's church, Brooklyn, N. Y., son of Rev. Dr. Eckman, presiding elder, of the Wyoming district.

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Social and Personal

THE YUKON RIVER: Do you recall that winter night when a clever river fisherman, with our very bones frozen tight, Our stiff, indeed, to shiver.

We always did exult before, A night of it in making, But when it lasted months and more, 'Twere good to see dawn breaking.

'Twere good to hear a rising bell, Or any old gong humming— We used to hark at passing well, The herald of dawn coming.

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Our Golfers. Golf has languished the past week as far as the lady players are concerned, as few remain in town.

An enthusiast in an exchange says: "The golfing interest down east is increasing in intensity daily, through the medium of the competitions which are now becoming so popular at many of the fashionable resorts."

Dr. N. Y. Leet was one of those seen in a practice game last week. With a hand as expert as his and nerves so sure and steady, he should make a good golfer.

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Saucy Bess' Comment.

The board of health is probably the receipt of more family secrets than even the clergyman, family physician or lawyer. There is a difference, however in these confidences. They are like the expression of the small boy, who with his brother, had been in mischief. "I couldn't stand it any longer, Jimmie," explained this conscientious youngster, "I just went to father and confessed. 'You did' exclaimed the brother visibly interested. 'What did you get?' 'Didn't get nothing,' was the reply. 'You see I didn't confess on myself; confessed on you, and father wants to see you now out in the woodshed.'"

The confidences committed to the board of health are chiefly of the same sort, since they "confess" on the neighbor or neighbor's neighbor, and a glimpse of the "complaint book" it would be somewhat generally believed that this is not a free country after all, but that we are living under a close and all-seeing eye, and that the neighbors whose searchlight even our hidden thoughts are blazed abroad. It would also be imagined that a marvellous private detective system must be in active operation in this city, which it will be useless to attempt to dodge.

Many of the complaints made to the board of health are never entered upon the books. Unless they can be construed to have a bad odor attached it is of little use to offer complaints, for in most cases at least an affront no relief. For instance, the woman who wanted something done because her neighbor's baby kept her awake nights was unable to secure a promise that the nuisance would be abated, neither could she be assured that the chickens next door would be promptly dispatched because they awakened her at 4 a. m. with their cheerful crowing. If she could allege that the chicken yard was in a violently unsanitary condition there would be some hope that her cry might be heard.

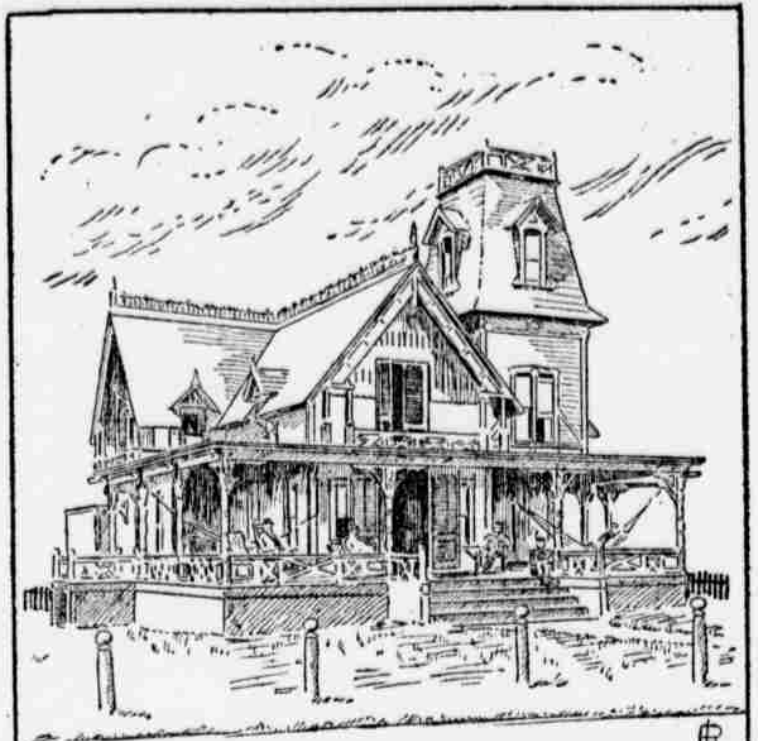
The complaint book is a very evil-smelling volume, indeed. One cannot read a page without having one's nose go up in the air. It is full of dead dogs, dead cats, pigs, goats, chickens, butcher yards, unclean premises, gas leaks, garbage and houses declared to be in an unsanitary condition. One of the frequent causes of lamentation in certain parts of the city is that some of the residents insist upon keeping horses, cows, goats, or ducks in the cellar, which really must be a disaster to the neighbors, but inasmuch as one would think as to the owners themselves.

One woman complains bitterly because her neighbor has a liking for sauer kraut and storing it in the article of diet in the basement of a double house the year round. The health officer admits that this may be objectionable, as sauer kraut certainly smells worse than it tastes, but he doesn't see what can be done about it. Another objection is the storing of the next door will eat onions every day for dinner, and again Captain Burke looks disconsolate and declares himself to be powerless.

One of the complaints recently offered was that a neighbor persisted in feeding his cats and dogs in the most unexpected manner. One woman asked him to "scare Johnny out of cigarette smoking," while another coyly wanted to know whether or not he could keep an eye on her husband, who, she feared, was paying too much attention to a young woman in his employ.

But the women are not the only ones whose ideas seem to be twisted unaccountably. A man demanded one day that the health officer should immediately suppress the piano-playing daughter of a neighbor. Still another cranky individual seriously inquired if something could not be done to make his neighbors retire earlier at night. Another man—oddly enough—complained because the man next door had been instructed by one of the fair residents in that vicinity to be sure to water her plants while she was away for the summer, suggesting that he would find a ditcher hidden under the vines near faucet. Another asked her to watch a neighbor's front veranda during her absence, so that on her return he could tell her the progress made in the courtship of the daughter. What a blessed thing it is for both men and women when they are too busy to be disturbed by trivial matters, too busy to mind other people's business.

SAUCY BESS.



HON. ALFRED HAND'S SUMMER HOME AT COTTAGE CITY, MASS.

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Advertisement for Good Ribbons Cheap, Saturday, listing various ribbon types and prices.

Advertisement for MEARS & HAGEN, featuring the text 'MEARS & HAGEN' and 'SAUCY BESS'.