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CITY NOTES.

Today is the last for entering appeals for January court. The Delaware and Hudson company paid Saturday at Conyngham shaft and Baltimore No. 2 shaft at Wilkes-Barre. The Scranton Poultry association's second annual exhibit will be held in the Thirtieth regiment armory the second week in February. The McCall auxiliary will meet the house of Mrs. James A. Lines, 222 Jefferson avenue, Monday afternoon January 9, at 2:30 o'clock. All interested in the work are cordially invited to attend. In Saturday's Tribune, it was erroneously stated that Professor Buck's class of the Penn Avenue Baptist Sunday school held its annual meeting the preceding evening. The item should have read the annual class of the Elm Park Sunday school. The managers of the Florence Crittenton mission, 167 Spruce street, gratefully acknowledge the following donations for December: C. P. Nettleton, \$10; rebate on rent of mission; Mrs. Anna Law and C. R. McKee, medical services; Jenkins & Morris, hats; Farmington club, four useful garments; Elm Park church, fruit, bread; Huntington's bakery, bread and cake frequently; Zedler's bakery, bread frequently; St. Hilda's guild, magazines; a friend, toilet soap; Winnard's Philadelphia clothing store, three coats; Mrs. Malley, toilet soap; Consumers' Ice company, four tons coal; Mrs. Aris Williams, mail card; Mrs. Charles W. Matthews, valuable clothing; Miss Connor, baby's shirt; Lindner's bakery, bread; Miss A. K. Sanderson, turkey; Mrs. John Strang, muslin; Mrs. McClave, Christian Herald for 1922; Mrs. A. B. Dunning, Jr., \$5; Mrs. A. L. Kingsbury, \$5; Mrs. F. B. Dimmick, \$5; Mrs. Joseph Comstock, \$2; Carr's market, meat; Marberger's market, meat; Arambert's market, meat; Cornish's market, meat; Wormer's market, meat; Piezer's market, fish; Mrs. Diehl, meat.

AN INGENUOUS CONTROLLER.

Is Being Tested by the Illuminating, Heat and Power Company. The Scranton Illuminating Heat and Power company is testing an ingenious device for controlling its arc lights from the central power station. It has been the custom to have men to turn the lights at the various lights on or off at will. It was tried for the first time Saturday night and seemed to work satisfactorily. The device is now being tried on the West Side which will enable a man in the central station to turn the current for the various lights on or off at will. It was tried for the first time Saturday night and seemed to work satisfactorily. If it meets the approval of Superintendent Parsh all the arc lines of the company will be supplied with the controller.

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WHY HE IS NOT AN AGNOSTIC

Dr. Giffin Gives a Number of Reasons from His Pulpit in Elm Park Church.

HE RECITES THE TWO CREEDS

During the Course of His Discourse Dr. Giffin Vigorously Combated for God Rather Than Gravitation as the Final Explanation of the Universe and Especially Dwelt Upon the Evil Effects of Indifference as to Our Personality.

"But these fall at whatsoever things they know not," reads the text of Rev. Dr. C. M. Giffin's discourse last night in Elm Park church. His theme was announced as "Why I Am Not An Agnostic." The following is a sketch of his sermon, which was illustrated and expanded after the speaker's usual manner:

These described are often noisy and antagonistic in proportion to their ignorance. No man rails at what is sacred to any heart however foreign to his own faith so freely as he is touched with malice. With wideness of knowledge comes discretion and quietness. Simply described I am an agnostic by invitation in other parts and have in those subjects the ignorance of a non-residence. In that sense all agnostics are infatigable fools. We have dark districts; the other side of the globe we do not see. What we mean in our discussion tonight by an agnostic is one who confesses ignorance to subjects spiritual, such as the being of God, our spiritual outlook, etc. As I shall speak, I must have in mind specimens of self-styled agnostics and judging which I must maintain the wisdom of my refusal to join such ranks. First—I am not an agnostic as it is not the name and wear the misnomer. There are hypocrites in religion, untrue to their label and in proportion to numbers, there are agnostics in religion, untrue to their name. Nearly all take sides, which gives the lie to their profession. Professor Huxley, who did not wish to be known as an atheist or Christian mounted the fence and ticketed himself with this title. When he uncovered himself we find he had an opinion and decided upon it. He doubted no man wearing this name has a right to give a verdict.

MAKES UP HIS MIND. In so far as the term indicates the state of irresolution and inability to decide it is not according to my constitution. I am an agnostic in politics, in philosophy, in science, in art. I must have my mind made up in religion. There are not many who maintain suspense and therefore few who do not utter their views when they assume the role of agnostics.

When I go into this method of questioning and discounting proofs, to be honest I must not halt with some of the guild of know-nothings do. He must go further and ignore the senses as well as the spiritual. The philosophers of Greece were shrewd enough to see that and twenty centuries ago they went clear out to Nessence. Cicero tells us that Apollonius was both sides of most questions as he indicated two know-nothings, not even the fact of our inability to know. I do not care to start when I may not stop until I land in total darkness, in material and moral suicide. As far as agnosticism indicates an unwillingness to do the work of investigation as to be able to solve the question properly I do not care to be placed with that indolent set. When it represents unreadiness to welcome the consequences of knowing it is so unfair that I protest against joining, etc. Second—I am not an agnostic test it make a figure-dogmatic you observe who by their very name they announce there is not evidence enough to settle the matter. If you have heard one of those know-nothings you will be surprised at what he declares to be sure. And he goes so far as to say that those who are paid to preach are not necessarily decided or insane. It is amazing ignorance that has no opinion and yet is loudly insisting those who have are fools.

IT TAKES LESS FAITH. Now it is simple bluff to tell an audience you have come to the limits and over there is No Man's Land, forbidden to human intelligence. If one says I am defeated in that direction it may be true, why shall he say it beyond others and in the state of the discussion at present I make up my mind to know nothing and I prefer to know something or suppose I do when I open my mouth on those topics. In the state of the discussion at present I am inclined to think it takes less faith to believe those who say something has been revealed than to trust those who say nothing. When I am asked I would rather be anything that a dogmatic doubter. Third—I am not an agnostic for fear it might hurt me. I have heard some of that sort. If it retired me to silence and sadness, sighing for an outlook and the shadows deepening, it would be a noble state. When I am asked to inspire leonism it is a revolting spectacle. The apostle of the curtain, who says it is down and no bell can call it up, so strangled at those who say it has been lifted that with all his hate of hell he evidently thinks these should be one for the orthodox saints if he not knowing so infatigable one of those who profess to know I prefer what is not so adulterating and fermenting in its effects. To mock at the form in which truth comes is to sport over a process that always has exhibited infirmities. How do we reach to scientific certainties? By stumbling up stairs, a cold pool-pool all physical information out of the world by laughing over the mistakes of men seeking facts in the material realm. They were sciences, worthies, some men assure you. So those who were the advance guard in spiritual teaching, who despise geology as unreliable because Huxley rather whom he led to the stony documents did not read all aright? The Bible like the earth is to be studied in the new light ever appearing, etc. At any rate I do not like to sail the sea under a neutral flag while playing the pirate, sinking hopes! burning cargoes! drowning souls!

A MECHANICAL THEORY.

Fourth—I do not wish to be an agnostic because of the ground on which he rests his ignorance. He studied the universe with a mechanical theory as the basis of his thought. That omits one whole side, the best side of his nature. Darwin took that view and stretched the nobler part of his faculties. He admits he died to poetry. Shakespeare "nauseated" him. He lost his taste for pictures and music. Scenery did not delight him once. "My mind" he says has become a kind of machine for grinding general propositions out of a large collection of facts. He felt the loss was possibly injurious to his intellect and more certainly to his moral character. If such be the result I would avoid this materialistic suggestion as to myself I do not care to entertain. It implies that there is no evidence I am a son of God, it is only sure I am a son of steel. I like the Bible portrait of my nature. It does not answer all questions while it furnishes the best rest in the problem of existence. I accept it as telling me I am akin to a person rather than to protoplasm. Dr. Giffin referring to barnyard fowls as losing wing and increasing in body as

they get enough to eat near at hand and so are given no longer to migration, suggests that we may by attention to earth lose the use of the blue of heaven. "An agnostic may be a soul domesticated out of its immortality." I do not wish to be so reduced.

Then I like the company I find among the believers, Newton Farraday, Dana, Agassiz, Hall, Gray, Stillman and that chief of our time, Lord Kelvin. That sick scientist tired of nobility of Romanes, who wearied of nothingness and came back to religious feeling and faith to comfort his aching soul. I want to be near a group of giants like these.

THINGS WE MUST ACCEPT.

Dr. Giffin then sketched the ages of faith and declared he did not care to break from that procession of brainy endorers of the doctrinal deposit in the Scriptures. He insisted that three things must be accepted to have our faith properly satisfied—Self, Nature, God—He quoted Herbert Spencer when he wrote that God the unknowable, must be located as the first principle in knowing and being.

He vigorously combated for God rather than gravitation as the final explanation of the universe and especially dwelt upon the evil effects of indifference as to the reality of the Divine personality producing indifference as to our personality. So that to not know God must end in ignorance of self. The whole of fact is washed into a neutral mass while the grave of the infinite is the tomb of self and nature.

His conclusion was a recitation of the Agnostic's creed, and the Apostles' creed, which was read by the church of which he was the happy pastor. Looking at this creed he viewed its suggestions and consolations in contrast with the unlighted territory in which the agnostic uncertainly exists. Among other things he said that the fathers he declared he saw the assurance before him brilliant with assurances of divine attendance and divine approval. "I look on and over all I recognize the First Creed, which holds all in itself and whose holiness is the perfect excellence of which all the best have ever dreamed; a God whose ways are often hid by the very splendor amid which He dwells; whose arms are reached out toward me with a welcome whenever I desire Him; whose smile touches me with the comfort of a great sunlight and shines in the heights above me until I seem under an arch of refreshing magnificence; whose stability is my security and His covenant the solid ground on which I happily rest; whose eternity is the pledge of my immortality. From the earth where I toil and struggle upward I dare look and cry: I believe in that God as my Father forever. Why should I be an Agnostic?"

THE NEW COLLECTOR.

Mr. Penman Is Being Deluged with Congratulations by His Friends—Comments That Comprise District.

Major T. P. Penman, the recently appointed revenue collector, is being deluged with congratulatory messages regarding his appointment and also with applications for positions. The commission of Collector Herring will expire about Jan. 20, at which time the new incumbent will probably take his place, the office, of course, remaining here. It was not until more than two years after Mr. Penman's appointment in 1893 that the office was removed from Wilkes-Barre, where it had been since 1867, to this city. It will be remembered that owing to a wrangle among the Democratic applicants, Mr. Penman held over the four year term for seven months. While there is no stated term fixed for the collector, it is the custom to consider four years as such.

The counties comprised in the Twelfth district are twenty in number, occupying the northeastern section of the state. They are: Bradford, Clinton, Carbon, Centre, Columbia, Lycoming, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Northampton, Northumberland, Pike, Potter, Susquehanna, Sullivan, Tioga, Union, Wayne and Wyoming.

The officials are more than thirty, all of whom, with the exception of perhaps one, will come under the civil service regulations and therefore are not subject to removal. Among these are the cashier, whose office is an important one for the collector; a chief, deputy two record clerks and six division deputies, sometimes known as canvassing deputies, being in charge of the breweries, cigar and tobacco manufacturers, wholesale rectifying establishments, etc. There are also three stamp deputies, stationed at Wilkes-Barre, Easton and Lock Haven. The general storekeeper and gauger is stationed at the distilleries to watch every detail of the manufacture of spirits and keep the keys of the bonded warehouses. There are about twenty distilleries in the district, the only one near here being recently located in Dickson City.

In addition to these there are also gaugers for rectifying houses, located in this city, Wilkes-Barre, Easton and Shamokin. The gaugers are paid per diem. The collector's salary is based on the collection, with a maximum limit. Mr. Herring's commission expires on Jan. 20, but it will probably be a week later before Mr. Penman will take charge. In connection with this appointment it may be stated that since the last session of congress the office of United States marshal is also no longer under the fee system, the salary being fixed at \$4,000.

Organizing at Wilkes-Barre.

Steps were taken Friday night at Wilkes-Barre to organize a council of the Knights of Columbus. T. P. Ryder was chairman of the temporary organization and F. P. McMahon secretary. It is expected that the council will be instituted within a few weeks.

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Hot water washing in cold weather means chapped hands. Lukewarm water and little rubbing is required only if FELS-NAPTHA soap be used, even in cold weather. FELS & CO., Philadelphia.

CONVENTION IN ST. PETER'S HALL

Held by Representatives of Societies of Second District of C. T. A. U.

PRIZE AWARDED FOR ESSAY

It Was Won by Miss Margaret Durkin, of St. John's Society, of the South Side—Miss Maher Makes a Statement with Reference to the Objects of the Keeley League—Next Convention Will Be Held in North Scranton.

Delegates from the several Catholic Total Abstinence societies which comprise the Second district of the Diocese of Scranton, met in quarterly convention at St. Peter's hall, Bellevue, yesterday afternoon. The principal business to be transacted was the selection of a president to fill the unexpired term of the late John McTiernan and the final disposition of the funds still remaining in the hands of the executive committee for the national convention held here in August last. In addition, a prize of \$5 was to be awarded to that person who submitted the best essay upon the subject of "The Power of Woman in Total Abstinence" and a debate was to be held upon "Resolved, That municipal legislation is preferable to the present system of conducting affairs."

The convention was called to order at 2:30 o'clock. Charles Lavine, of Wilkes-Barre, presiding pro tem. Mr. Lavine opened the proceedings with a few remarks upon the deceased president of the district, John McTiernan. R. A. Maloney, of the Father Whitty society of North Scranton, was then unanimously chosen president to fill the term of Mr. McTiernan which expires in July next. A committee on credentials, Hon. J. C. Vaughan, J. C. Gallagher and D. J. Campbell, were appointed to report forthwith. Following this report, the essays, three in number, were submitted to the judges, Hon. J. C. Vaughan, D. J. Campbell and J. C. Gallagher. While they were deciding upon the prize essayist, Treasurer James J. Riley made his report for the past three months. The report showed a good financial condition and was accepted.

SHORT ADDRESSES.

Remarks were made by Hon. J. C. Vaughan, J. C. Gallagher and D. J. Campbell, which were along the line of support for the material benefit of the individual societies and the union in general. Mr. Vaughan spoke particularly upon St. Peter's cadets; Mr. Gallagher, the Union; and Mr. Campbell, upon the Ladies' societies. The remarks of each gentleman were interesting. Miss Kate Maher, of the St. Irene's society, and representing the Women's Keeley league, asked permission to make a statement in reference to the league at this point, which was granted her.

She said she had written the union's president, Charles Lavine, asking why the Total Abstinence societies belonging to the union had not taken a greater interest in the recent league meeting held here at which Mr. Lavine, of St. Louis, Mo., had spoken. They might have at least attended the meeting. Further she added that the movements of both societies were kindred and along similar lines and each ought to aid the other wherever possible in doing the good work. Mr. Lavine, she thought, answered her query in a rather brusque manner, stating as he did that the union was not expected to support the Keeley institute. Mr. Lavine explained that he understood that was the intent of the communication and had so replied on that understanding. Miss Maher then stated that the Keeley institute was a private institution and had no connection with the league whatever. The league's work was the elevating of fallen humanity along the same lines as the societies comprising the union. The discussion ended here.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT.

The committee selected at the last quarterly convention to audit the report of the executive committee of the recent national convention reported that everything was satisfactory with the accounts as submitted by the committee. As voted the balance of cash on hand will be distributed as follows: St. Paul's West Side, \$16.50; Green Ridge, \$17; St. Aloysius, \$50; St. Leo's, \$26; St. Patrick's, \$16; St. John's Pine Brook, \$25; Father Mathew society, \$50; Father Whitty society, \$25; St. Peter's, \$50.

The total amount on hand is \$339.40, and \$305.50 of this will be distributed. The balance of \$33.90 will be turned into the district treasury. The auditing committee comprising John McTiernan, deceased, W. P. Quinn, John R. McLean, James J. Riley and Miss Theresa

M. Gibbons, reported through Mr. Quinn, and were discharged with a vote of thanks.

The judges of the essay contest reported and awarded the prize of \$5 to Miss Margaret Durkin, of the St. Irene's society, of the South Side. The essay was read. A motion was made that the board of directors have the essay submitted either printed in circular form for distribution among the societies or printed in some of the papers.

The president, upon a motion to that effect, appointed Miss Margaret Durkin, Walter McNicholls and John R. McLean, a committee of three, to draw up a set of resolutions about the demise of John McTiernan, president. The resolutions will be submitted at the next quarterly convention.

William Daniels, of the St. Aloysius society, made a motion that a committee of five be appointed to attend the next convention of the union for the purpose of endeavoring to have a clergyman made president of the union, instead of a layman. The motion was laid on the table indefinitely after considerable discussion. Walter McNicholls, of the Father Mathew society, offered several good suggestions towards increasing the membership. Thomas Connors, of St. Leo's Battalion, in behalf of his fellow delegates, extended an invitation to those present to attend the smoker to be given by the Battalion at St. David's hall Tuesday, Jan. 11.

DEBATE POSTPONED. The debate, which was to have been held, was postponed owing to the absence of several debaters.

After a vote of thanks to the newly elected president it was decided to hold the next quarterly convention at the Father Whitty's hall, North Scranton.

SABBATH NEWS NOTES.

The covenant boxes for foreign missions were distributed in St. Mark's (Dunmore) Sunday school.

Rev. E. J. McHenry, rector of St. David's Episcopal church, preached at both services of this evening. The annual pew rental of the church will be tomorrow evening.

The sacraments of baptism and the Lord's supper were administered in connection with the morning service at the First Presbyterian church.

Engineers John Castner and M. O. Ullrich, of the Knights of New York city, were the guests of the Railroad Young Men's Christian association.

The Penn Avenue Baptist Sunday school will hold its annual meeting and election of officers this evening. The annual pew rental of the church will be tomorrow evening.

Mrs. C. D. Simpson had charge of the afternoon meeting of the Young Women's Christian association. Sister Lister directed the music and was assisted by Miss Margaret Clarke, pianist.

Rev. Dr. I. J. Lansing, of the Green River Presbyterian church, in the evening preached the second of a series of sermons especially to young men. His theme was "For Your Intellectual Life." Miss Donavon, of New York city, sang Randsberger's solo, "Save Me O God," at the evening service at the Second Presbyterian church. Miss Donavon is a guest at the home of R. B. Williams, on Jefferson avenue.

Rev. J. H. Sweet, pastor of the Simpson Methodist church, preached a sermon to the Knights of New York city, who were the guests of the church at West Scranton last evening. His subject was "Materialism," and his remarks were intensely listened to by the members of the order. There were about 500 in attendance.

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CRAWFORD COUNTY SYSTEM.

Republican Committee Is Engaged in Adapting It to This County.

At the last Republican county convention the chairman was instructed to appoint a committee from the members of the party in the county at large, to prepare and submit plans for conducting primaries along the lines of the Crawford county system.

The members of the committee are: Attorney F. W. Fleitz, Hon. John R. Farr, Hon. Alex. T. Connell, Hon. E. A. Jones, of Archbald, and Select Councilman C. E. Chittenden. A majority of them met in Mr. Fleitz's office in the Mears' building, Saturday, and organized by naming Mr. Fleitz as chairman and Mr. Farr as secretary.

The work in hand was informally discussed, but no definite action taken. Owing to the fact that Lackawanna's voting population is widely dissimilar in many ways to that of the counties which have adopted the system, many of the details of the plan will have to be specially adapted to this county's needs.

The plan as it is quite generally known does away with nominating conventions and allows the voters to select the candidates direct.

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Semi-Vitrified China, Under-glazé Decorations. Prices range from \$11 to \$16

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Pure white, as good as ivory, worth 5c, our price, 2 pieces for 5c. Laundry, extra large size, worth 8c, our price, 2 for 5c.

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