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CITY NOTES.

The Delaware and Hudson company paid its trainmen south of Scranton Saturday.

Margaret Davis and John Hopkins, both of Scranton, were married Saturday by Alderman Howe.

The annual masquerade of the Scranton Turn Verein will be held in Music hall tomorrow night.

One week from next Sunday a mission will open in St. Peter's cathedral. It will be conducted by the Dominican fathers.

Court on Saturday so modified the injunction in the Collins-Hale company case that the treasurer can pay the employees.

Eleventh ward property owners will be heard by the board of revision and appeal today. Eighteen warders were heard on Saturday.

The booth on Sanderson avenue, between Breaker and East Market streets, has been designated by court as the polling place for the Third district of the Second ward.

William Williams, a 16-year-old boy, was received at the Lackawanna hospital yesterday. The boy was injured while coupling cars at the Ridge mine, Archbald, last Thursday. His right knee was crushed.

The first number of "The American Eagle" made its appearance. It is a three-column four-page paper issued by boys who live on the "Hill" and is a very creditable publication. Joe Brown is editor and Stanley Manness sporting editor.

The union carpenters employed in building a seven-block house in Green Ridge for Dr. F. F. Arnold did not work Saturday. The Peck Lumber company, in charge of the construction of the house, refused to take back the men on the conditions demanded. Several new men were at work on the building Saturday.

Commissioner L. M. Schoch, who is taking the testimony bearing on the Van Horn case and which is to be submitted to Judge Archbald as additional reasons for a new trial, returned to his office Saturday in the shape of the deposition of Minnie Wescott, youngest daughter of the murdered woman, in which she denies that she spoke to Van Horn in the cellar of her mother's home, as alleged by the defense.

The work of changing the Bloeser building at the corner of Spruce street and Penn avenue, into a hotel has been started by the Peck Lumber company. The building was once occupied by The Tribune. The maintenance will be on Spruce street and the office and cafe on the corner. The dining room will be on the first floor. There will be 78 rooms. Electricity will be used for elevator power and lighting. Mr. Bloeser will be the proprietor.

The sixth debate of the Young Men's Institute series will take place tonight in St. Paul's hall, Green Ridge, between representatives of the John Boyle O'Reilly council, of the central city, and the Phil Sheridan council, of Green Ridge. The question is "Resolved: That Ireland should be free." The affirmative will be upheld by the following debaters for Green Ridge: John J. Varley, Christ Fowderly and Dr. William H. Metcovey. The negative following for John Boyle O'Reilly: Messrs. McCreer, Marlon and McDonald. The following programme will also be rendered: Essay, James Niland; declamation, Edward Haynes; musical number, Walker and Niland.

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MORNING SERMONS BY TWO PASTORS

Were Preached to Central City Congregations Yesterday.

BY REVS. ISRAEL AND McLEOD

The Former's Discourse Dealt with Anger and the Meaning of the Bible's Lateral Penalty—Dr. McLeod's Sermon Topic Was "Be Merciful"—He Drew His Inspiration from the Fifth Beatitude.

Two sermons of peculiar interest were preached in central city churches yesterday morning. One was by Rev. Rogers, pastor of St. Luke's Episcopal church, and the other by Rev. Dr. James McLeod, of the First Presbyterian church.

Mr. Israel's text was, "Whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment." Matthew 5: 22. He said, in part:

The Spirit of Christ is the Spirit of love—any infringement of the Spirit of love, therefore, must be sin. In fact, we find the worst of sins (if not all) have their origin in the unloving, selfish spirit. It is not necessary to sin that we should hate but simply not to love. So the text becomes of especial importance as an illustration of what our Lord himself taught upon this subject.

The text, with its context, may be called a troublesome and irritating portion of the scriptures to the majority of people. It is unfortunately, very little understood. What may be taken in this connection reads as follows: "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment. But I say unto you that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment; and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the court; but whosoever shall say, thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire."

To understand these punishments which in proportion to the fault appear strictly commensurate to the sin, we must examine the original of the words which our translators have given us. The judgment here spoken of was the decision rendered by a court composed of twenty-three magistrates sitting for the punishment of capital crimes. Their sentences were confined to death by strangling or beheading. The counsel mentioned here is the great Jewish Sanhedrin, composed of 72 elders of the nation and in this body alone lay the power to decree death by stoning, a most cruel and painful method.

GEHUMA OF FIRE. Hell fire, as our translators have seen best to translate it, is literally "the gehuma of fire," referring to the Valley of Hamone just outside of Jerusalem where the worship of Moloch, the Sun-God, had been carried on. This place Joshua, in the time of his general renovation of the country from idolatry had rolled into every species of idols—here the carcasses of animals were thrown and the dead bodies of malefactors. To consume this mass of offal, constant fires were kept burning, thus preventing pestilence and disease which otherwise the decaying flesh might have occasioned. In the time of our Saviour the name of that valley had become the synonym for the Jewish idea of hell, or the place occupied by the departed spirits of the wicked.

Jesus was teaching in this sermon on the mount from which the text is taken a new and strange doctrine—the doctrine of self-abnegation—of joy in afflictions. The law-abiding Pharisees could not understand how He could teach the liberal views He did and yet not break the law and so He goes on to demonstrate and explain to the people that His teaching will still only be following Christ "near off."

The putting of some persons under restraint is not inconsistent with mercy. Jails and penitentiaries, asylums and reformatories are not necessarily unmerciful institutions. Vagabonds who roam around and who are beggars from choice and not from necessity; idlers, loafers, good-for-nothing men who prey upon the kind-hearted and the credulous; men who are able to work and who have opportunities to work, but who will not work—the mission of mercy and charity to such persons is either to let them die of hunger or else put them in some institution where they will be compelled to work and to earn their daily bread.

EXTENT OF MERCY. The merciful whom Jesus pronounces blessed will deal tenderly with the erring and the fallen, even as God has dealt tenderly with the Jews. But how often are we to be merciful? Shall I show mercy to my brother or my son, or my daughter, or my neighbor, twice or thrice, or perhaps seven times? Yes, seven times—and not only so, but seventy times seven. "If he trespass against thee seven times in a day and seven times in a day turn again to thee saying, I repent, thou shalt forgive him. When the apostles heard these words of Jesus it is no wonder they said unto Him: "Lord, increase unto us our mercies."

The merciful shall obtain mercy. No doubt of it. Even in this life they will receive a goodly share of it. Mercy begets mercy; and he who bestows mercy enriches his possessor. It has a reflex influence. It blesses him who gives as well as him who takes. Mercy never tries to over-ride justice, but it rejoices when justice is satisfied and when its sword is sheathed.

In the person of Jesus Christ, mercy became incarnate. He lived now in a world of sin, and sorrow, and strife, and suffering, and death; far above the sound of war and strife of tongues, we can hear the voice of our Redeemer, as in richest, clearest, sweetest tones He utters afresh those wonderful words: "Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy." May that blessedness be ours.

SABBATH NEWS NOTES. The ordinance of baptism was administered to four candidates at the services last evening of the Scranton Street Baptist church. Rev. S. F. Matthews officiated.

The volunteers of America at 7.30 o'clock in their hall on Lackawanna avenue conducted a special prayer service for a young lady, who had requested it. Rev. J. P. Moffatt, pastor of the Washburn Street Presbyterian church, preached at the 8 o'clock evening service of the Sumner Avenue Presbyterian church yesterday.

Rev. Daniel D. Davies, of Minneapolis, Minn., again occupied the pulpit of the Plymouth Congregational church yesterday at both services. He preached to large congregations. The annual offering for the "Board of Aid for Colleges" was taken yesterday at both services of the Washburn Street Presbyterian church. A substantial amount was collected.

The afternoon gospel meeting of the Young Women's Christian association was conducted by Mrs. Robson. The song service was led by Mrs. Randolph Jones, Miss Alice Peck presiding at the piano. Dr. B. F. Jones, pastor of the Tabernacle Congregational church, preached yesterday at both services of the church. At the evening service his sermon was an eloquent effort in English upon "The Thoughtful Man."

The ordinance of the Lord's supper was administered after the regular evening services at the Jackson Street Baptist church last evening. The pastor, Rev. Thomas de Gruchy, officiated and the right hand of fellowship was extended to the new members.

HANDSOME TOURIST BOOK.

Delaware and Hudson Canal Company to Issue It.

The Delaware and Hudson Railroad company is already making preparations to publish a new edition of its handsome tourist book, "A Summer in Paradise." In order that it may contain a complete list of the hotels and boarding houses in the summer resorts reached by its line, every one who desires to take summer boarders during the coming season is cordially invited to supply the company with full information regarding accommodations, terms, etc., which will be inserted in the book free of all expense. Where a picture of the house is also desired, a charge sufficient to cover the cost of reproducing the illustration will be made.

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For the purpose may be obtained from agents at principal stations, or the information may be forwarded, as early as possible, to Mr. J. W. Burdick, general passenger agent, Delaware and Hudson Canal company, Albany, N. Y.

POLICE COURT CASES. Bill Poole, the pugilist, and four friends, one of whom had a knife in his hand when the police swept down, were having a pleasant little fight in Center street Saturday afternoon. The affair

After this was Levi Kennedy, a man who came from Dalton on a load of apples and disposed of them for a load of apple Jack. He tried to steal out of the city with it but was caught and confiscated.

The food Samaritan must ever remain one of the divinest examples of mercy in action. When the priest and the Levite saw the naked, wounded and half dead traveler, his miserable condition did not draw from him an expression of pity, much less did it induce him to do an act of mercy. They looked at the sufferer, but they passed by on the other side. But when the Samaritan saw the sufferer, he went to him, and bound up his wounds, and took care of him. He showed mercy on him.

FAULTS AND MISFORTUNES. In showing mercy to the unfortunate and to the undeserving, we must not forget the difference between mercy and misfortune, nor the difference between sins of ignorance and sins of intent and design. Some sins in themselves, and by reason of their consequences, are more heinous in the sight of God than others. Mercy must not be excited at the expense of either truth or justice. God requires us to do justice as well as to love mercy. In the work of human redemption, mercy and truth are met together and with the merciful God will show Himself merciful.

The merciful man will not only think and speak mercifully, but when the opportunity offers, he will act mercifully. When he hears the tale of one who is in distress, he will not content himself with using soft words—such as poor things, I pity thee—his mercy will not expend its force in kindly sentiments, but he will be embodied in action, and he will gladly lend a helping hand to raise the fallen and to rescue the perishing and to forgive the guilty who do us wrong.

The opportunities for cultivating and exercising this Christian grace of mercy have always existed, and they always exist. Christians are the salt of the earth, and the light of the world. They are—and they ought to be far more than they are—Christ's ambassadors in the world. His stewards, to distribute His bounties. They are the channel through which mercy should freely flow to the poor, and the sick, and the outcast, and the prodigal, and the lost. The most merciful are the most Christ-like, and when they have done their duty they will still only be following Christ "near off."

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Dollar Pictures. Two Dollar Pictures. Three Dollar Pictures.

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had started in a saloon and was adjourned to the street at the suggestion of the proprietor. Mayor Bailey yesterday morning in police court fined Poole \$5, and in default of \$10 per the three others will today begin a thirty-day spell in the county jail.

A man answering to the name of William Davis-Murray, of Shamokin, was next. The charge on the book said "Drunk and larceny," for Mr. Davis-Murray had been captured on Lackawanna avenue Saturday with an extra coat on his arm and a dinner pail in his hand. "Where did you get that extra coat?" "Explains." "It's a long story, yer honor." "Go ahead, we will listen." "Well, ye see, I'm Shamokin born. My father was Murray and my mother—" "Never mind about your ancestry; how did you get that coat?" Interrupted his honor.

"Well," continued Davis-Murray, "I was in one of yer saloons Saturday an' I met a man I used to work with in Shamokin. I hadn't seen him for a long time so we started drinkin' where we left off and to keep up we drank a lot. An' we went to several saloons. An' in the last place there was a fight an' my friend, bein' a fighter, mixed in. I saw he was gottin' the worst of it, so I grabbed his coat and got out."

"Very like, very like," said his honor, approvingly; "and the dinner pail?" "That was his'n, too," said the man with the hyphenated name.

"An' cowardness," echoed one of Bill Poole's friends. Davis-Murray couldn't pay and today he becomes a member of Sheriff Pryor's assorted family.

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