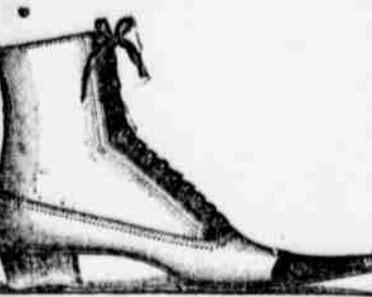


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CITY NOTES.

Pay your gas bills today and save the discount. The banks of the city will be closed on Tuesday, Washington's birthday.

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The ladies' auxiliary committee will give an entertainment at the Railroad Department, Young Men's Christian association, Monday evening, Feb. 21, at 8 o'clock.

Erza Fern accepts the challenge of E. N. Snyder to skate for the championship of Pennsylvania and names Friday evening, February 25, as the date.

The Scranton Gun club will conduct a tournament at Spencer range, Dunmore, tomorrow. Shooting will begin promptly at 9 o'clock and there will be two events.

Last week's exchanges through the Scranton clearing house were reported as follows by Manager H. J. Anderson: Feb. 14, \$172,684; Feb. 15, a holiday; Feb. 16, \$1,316,301; Feb. 17, \$1,816,253; Feb. 18, \$2,423,389; Feb. 19, \$2,917,551; Feb. 20, \$3,423,389.

The Italian Society Giuseppe Mazzini will hold its twelfth annual ball in Music hall this evening. Dancing will begin at 8 o'clock.

The social that was to have been held by the Washington Memorial association on the 22d inst. has been indefinitely postponed.

No ingredients with a cocoa taste, but genuine cocoa—Scharf's. At the Food Show.

TURKEYS, CHICKENS, today at THE SCRANTON CASH STORE.

WASHINGTON'S LIFE AND CHARACTER

Lasting Power and Influence Wrought by a Godly Life.

CONSIDERED IN MR. GIFT'S SERMON

He Preached Last Evening Upon "A Divine Consolation," and in His Discourse Held Up the Noble Example of the Father of the Nation.

The Evil Are Punished, but the Good, Though Dead, Still Speak by Their Godly Lives.

Special reference was made to Washington and his noble character and life in a sermon last night by Rev. Foster U. Gift in Grace English Lutheran church.

Mr. Gift's topic was "The Undying Power and Influence of a Godly Life, or, a Divine Consolation." His remarks were from Hebrews, xiv. 4, "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain."

The sacrifices offered to God by the two brothers, Cain and Abel, is one of the most far-reaching narratives in Holy Scripture. The reason for the rejection of Cain and his offering, the acceptance of Abel and his offering, the fratricide of Cain, and the offering of the flock of the other should be pleasing to Him, when both are Scriptural ordinances, is mysterious to the eye.

While Cain's name is a reproach among men Abel's name is glorified and held in the list of heroes of faith. By it, though dead he still speaks. Men speak well of him to this very day. Though he was faith's first martyr his reward was the crown of righteousness. He lives in the hearts of men, honored and exalted for when he worshipped God, sacrificing to Him, he brought also his heart. He was sincere, true and devout. Commentators differ whether the word "faith" is temporal or logical, but for our purpose it is immaterial for whichever view we take of it, it is yet a consolation to the believer, teaching the influence of a godly true life. Let the muse sing then this divine consolation to the discouraged.

Abel lives though he is dead, that to this day the world speaks highly of him in its heart, a testimony of the pre-eminence of the life he lived and certainly it was a Godly life for it was the life of faith.

He not desisted. "This odd, unbelieved world, though it will not accept a Godly life yet acknowledges its superiority for where you have found a man who praiseth 'Cain or defileth his conduct? Where is the man who does not now praise Abel? Why should ungodly parents wish to have Godly children? They do! There is in this our world a consideration that the world will not so freely praise a Godly man until after his death. How death does silence the tongue of malice! How death transforms the voice of censure into the voice of eulogy! How it transforms enemies into friends! How ones' good qualities are then enumerated with scarcely a mention of our faults and imperfections. Behold the world hastening to place a few flowers upon the bier of the Godly dead whom during life it persecuted and hated.

This is marked in the life of him whose birth we commemorate this week—his more pathetic than his death. He was whose public career was presidential; he who was, I do believe, a man raised up of God for the great work he performed. That he lived a Godly life, that he trusted in God, that he was a Christian, and would hardly pray with tear-stained eyes in secret. The hypocrite never prays in secret. A Godless man cannot speak through religious sentiments of Washington.

Bishop Meade is quoted as saying: "I never knew so constant an attendant in church as Washington and his behavior in the house of God was ever so deeply reverential that it produced the happiest effect on the congregation." A Godless death does silence the tongue of malice! How death transforms the voice of censure into the voice of eulogy! How it transforms enemies into friends! How ones' good qualities are then enumerated with scarcely a mention of our faults and imperfections. Behold the world hastening to place a few flowers upon the bier of the Godly dead whom during life it persecuted and hated.

PRE-EMINENCE ALLIED TO GOD. So let the weary, the disheartened, the sinful, those troubled by doubts, learn that the poor and miserable and learned that this world will be rich and happy ones up yonder—that only that life which trusts in God's is pre-eminence.

These words are a divine consolation because they teach the real and the undying influence of a Godly life. A Godly life lives forever! By the very deed with which Cain hoped to perpetuate his own name and consign to oblivion the name of his brother, he placed his own in the catalogue of the disgraced and assailed in perpetuating the noble life he lived. The treacherous hand of blood is lifted hoping to make his own work permanent and end another's work, ended his and made the other's permanent and abiding. The life fullest of promise went out in darkness, while the life with least promise of permanency proved to be of undying power—the example of the triumphant faith—lives forever. The life which was shortest on earth lives yet in the hearts of men and in heaven. The life which was longest on earth now lives only as the memory of the tragedy.

WASHINGTON AND ARNOLD. The name and work of George Washington are becoming brighter and more marked as years pass on, while the name of Arnold, the traitor, is despised even in England, into which nation he offered to betray his native land. Long ago the influence of those who conspired against him whom we love to call the "Father of His Country," while he was praying for the success of the cause of independence at Valley Forge, while he was sacrificing the comforts of a Mount Vernon mansion for the hardships of war, is dead, he lives and will live forever in the hearts of all who love integrity and true worth. His work will never die as will the work of every Godly life endure and

UNIVERSALISTS IN TWO-DAY SESSION

February Meeting of the Susquehanna Young People's Union.

WAS HELD AT ALL SOULS' CHURCH

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Considerable time was devoted to a discussion of the interests of the "Susquehanna Universalist," a paper published by the union once in three months, the third number of which is now out, and which is edited by Rev. R. E. Horn.

An interesting report was given by the district missionary, Miss Nellie G. Loomis, which showed encouraging things from most of the unions, and also the wisdom of the district missionary plan.

Another feature was the adopting of a Susquehanna union call; this to be the letters of the union plan, "Y. P. C. U. of U. C.," sung on the tonic chord.

Attention was given, too, to the Junior union, short addresses being given by Miss Gertrude Walldie, Mrs. F. E. Adams and Mr. J. L. Tiffany. The concluding address of the afternoon was given by Mrs. F. E. Adams on the topic "Why Have We Organized as Young People's Societies?"

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Mrs. Lillian F. Boyea, wife of E. M. Boyea, died yesterday at their residence on Monroe avenue, Green Ridge. She is survived by her husband and infant son. Mrs. Boyea was born Dec. 29, 1856, and before her marriage to Mr. Boyea on Nov. 25, 1891, was Miss Lillian F. Deau. Mr. Boyea is land agent for the Pennsylvania Coal company and will take place Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and will be private. Interment in Dunmore cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Howard, widow of the late George Howard, died Saturday at 10.30 a. m. at the home of Mrs. John Allen, of East Drinker street. The deceased was 79 years of age. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Services will be conducted at the home by Rev. W. F. Gibbons, pastor of the Dunmore Presbyterian church. Interment will be made in the Dunmore cemetery.

Reorganization of Board of Control. The board of control will meet for re-organization and transact its final business for the fiscal year 1897 tomorrow evening.

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PRICEBURG MINERS ORGANIZE. Attach Themselves to the American Federation of Labor.

Miners of Priceburg and vicinity organized a branch of the American Federation of Labor Saturday evening in Padden's hall, Priceburg. The organization was effected by P. J. Thomas, of Scranton, organizer for the Federation in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Thomas made an address as did Martin Phlatery, P. J. Moran, M. McDonald and Mr. Donohoe. Nearly 200 members were enrolled.

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One of Them Displayed a Badly Marked Face.

For drawing a knife and threatening to kill two women and striking one of them, James McDavitt was arraigned before Alderman Miller Saturday and committed to jail in default of \$500 bail.

The complainant was a Miss Whitney, of the household of Mrs. E. J. Smith, at 107 Lackawanna avenue. It was against the two women that McDavitt is said to have made his threats. The Whitney woman showed a badly marked face in the alderman's office.

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Menu of dinner served this day: Soup, Scotch Broth, Prime Ribs of Roast Beef, Baked Chicken Pie, Family Style, Creamed Potatoes, String Beans, Apple Pie, Ham, Lemon Mering Pie, Raisin Pie, Tapioca Pudding, French Drip Coffee, Tea, Milk.

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