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BEFORE BREAKFAST.

Miss Sadie Kaiser, who has been filling engagements in New York city and vicinity for some weeks, is meeting with great success. A short time ago she visited Prof. Innes, the leader of the famous Innes band. Although there were a dozen applicants waiting, he gave her a hearing at once, and after she had sang, engaged her on the spot for a concert a few nights later, at the Manhattan theatre. She sang there before a large audience, and although she had never sang with the band before, received an enthusiastic recall, and a fine bouquet. She could not respond, however, as she had no more money to pay for the band. Even the band applauded her and she had to appear several times and bow her acknowledgments. Miss Kaiser will return Wednesday or Thursday, as she is to sing at the concert in the armory April 1, in which Egbert, the famous violinist, will appear.—Wilkes-Barre Record.

A woman who is evidently very much opposed to the Scranton Railway company's present coal-carrying device, writes as follows:

Although questions of such great importance as agitating the country, do not us, in our interest in them, forget the needs of our own city. I have just returned from a visit in a distant town of some two or three months, and, of course, noticed many changes on coming back, but what struck me most forcibly was seeing a car filled with coal coupled up to an electric car. I could not at first believe that my eyes saw aright, for it seemed incredible to me that the people of Scranton should have been made to suffer such an outrage. Several people have spoken to me since then, and many have been the complaints heard on all sides. The noise is something fearful, and I know of one sick woman whose nervous system suffered agonies whenever the car went by. Horses are all afraid of it. One of our well-known citizens nearly met with a bad accident the other day from the terror of his horses on seeing it. In summer the dust from the loaded cars will be dreadful, and Scranton public now as it was the gift of Mr. William T. Smith, who today sadly welcomed back to his home after his last journey, by a multitude who loved and honored him and who are deeply shocked at his sudden death. Mr. Smith induced Mr. Allbright to set for the portrait to Chitran, who at that time was in America.

All members of the Otis Whist club organized last year are requested to meet at the Nash this afternoon when the future of the club will be discussed, after which a compass game will be enjoyed.

There is no sort of doubt that the patrons of the street railway are safer in riding in company with prisoners in handcuffs or in charge of officers than with lots of individuals not thus guarded who patronize the trolley cars and who are not labelled as dangerous but after all the ideas of being thus closely brought into contact with criminals is not pleasant. Another disagreeable feature which seems not to have been touched upon is that the children should not be subjected to such associations. Near-gone but after all the ideas of being thus closely brought into contact with criminals is not pleasant. Another disagreeable feature which seems not to have been touched upon is that the children should not be subjected to such associations. Near-gone but after all the ideas of being thus closely brought into contact with criminals is not pleasant. Another disagreeable feature which seems not to have been touched upon is that the children should not be subjected to such associations.

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PERSONAL.

James Shea, of Clarke Brothers, is in New York city on business.

Mrs. E. Evans, of Price street, is visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss May Jones, of Washburn street, is the guest of friends at Kingston.

Attorney George Horn left today for New York city on a business trip.

Miss Anna Lewis, of West Locust street, is the guest of friends at Wyoming.

Miss Viola Evans, of South Main avenue, is visiting Miss Agnes Evans, of Poekville.

Mrs. A. C. Dersheimer, of Eynon street, has as her guest Mrs. M. Shupp, of Lake Winola.

Miss Laura Hughes, of North Lincoln avenue, is home from Bloomsburg State Normal school for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Crown, of South Main avenue, are entertaining their son, Rev. Albert Crown, of Philadelphia.

Fred Welsch, assistant secretary of the Railroad Young Men's Christian association, at Hoboken, spent last week with relatives here.

Miss Edna Evans, a student at Bloomsburg State Normal school, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Evans, of South Main avenue.

Night Dispatcher H. C. DuBois, of the Scranton Railway company, returned yesterday from a two weeks' visit in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Ex-City Engineer E. P. Blewitt, who is superintending a large sewer contract in Guadalajara, Mexico, returned here Saturday on a brief visit. When he goes back to Mexico he will be accompanied by Mrs. Blewitt.

Herbert Taylor, W. R. Lewis, M. J. McAndrew, John H. Williams, T. J. Jennings, John J. Durkin, Joseph Taylor, and Fred W. Warnke are among the excursionists going on the Washington excursion today.

DIED.

MURPHY—Maud, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murphy, 538 Third street, age 4 years. Funeral Monday afternoon 10 o'clock.

SMITH—At St. Louis, Mo., Friday, March 25, William Tallman Smith, in his sixty-fourth year. Funeral services Tuesday, March 29, at 3 p. m., at St. Luke's church.

MORNING SERMON BY REV. C. C. SPIEKER

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LESSON FROM THE CRUCIFIXION

The Repentance of the Thief and His Words to the Savior an Example for Later-Day Sinners.—The Old Story Presented in an Instructive and Attractive Light by the Pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in One of His Discourses Yesterday.

At Holy Trinity Lutheran church yesterday morning Rev. Charles Spieker, the pastor, preached from St. Luke, xlii: 43, "And one of the malefactors which were hanged raised up unto him, saying—If thou be Christ save myself and us. But the other answering rebuked him saying: Dost thou not fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? and we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing amiss, and he said unto Jesus: Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in Paradise." He said:

Of Christ it had been foretold, by the prophet, that He should be counted among the evil doers. And so it was fulfilled, for no sinner had Jesus begun with. His public exercise of His office than the Jews spoke of Him, as He himself tells us. John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say He hath a devil. The son of man came eating and drinking, and they said, behold a man gluttonous and a wine bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. Again the Pharisees mockingly said of Him, this man receives sinners and eateth with them. By which they would have the impression go forth that Christ was no better than those whom He associated. They called Him a Samaritan. They denounced Him as a traitor, and said He blasphemed. They handed Him over to Pilate as one who had conspired against the government, a rebel. He was not only classed with the evil doers in general, but He was reckoned among the criminals, the very outcasts of humanity.

PROPHECY OF ISAAH.

The prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled. Jesus was crucified in a place where the common criminals were executed, and two malefactors were crucified with Him. The one on His right, the other on His left. Jesus in the middle, as though He had been the worst of the criminals. But not only on earth was He reckoned among the transgressors, but also in heaven, for He was accounted the transgressor of all transgressors. On His way to Calvary, as He had taken upon Himself the sin of the world, according to Divine justice, He died as a result of their crime. They died justly, having deserved it by their acts. Although they both were common criminals, they differed vastly. The one was a hardened sinner, a murderer, who, when he heard the rabble around the cross mocking Jesus, also railed and mocked Him. Facing death he yet called upon Jesus, and went down to his destruction without repentance and the fear of God. But although belonging to the same class and no doubt having been a hardened sinner, the other is filled with higher thoughts. His heart is moved. He opens his lips and reproves the mocker, reminding him of the facts that now in the last hour it is time to let mockery alone and think of God and His judgment to which both will so soon have to appear.

What a contrast we have. Whilst the one was hardened and stubborn in his wickedness, this one was repentant. He was filled with remorse. Terror overcame him at the thought of the coming judgment, and Luke in his gospel tells us how in all sincerity he turns upon the reviler and says, "Dost thou not fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? and we indeed justly, for we received the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing amiss." Turning to Jesus, he said, "Remember me when thou comest into Thy kingdom." And here we have an example of a truly penitent and believing sinner. In him we have the truest and the most complete confession and faith.

PROMPTED BY SORROW. This confession was clearly prompted by sorrow for his sins. Because he had offended against God, therefore he was willing and ready to bear the consequences of his sins. He was not only forgiven and removed from the sight of God, but he also defends the innocence of Jesus. He has done nothing amiss. Nowhere in the whole passion history do we hear such a testimony as this thief gave. Hanging on the cross, forsaken by all, and grided by the Roman soldiers, mocked by the wealthiest of the Jews—in the midst of all that grief gathering there was but one man who lifted up his voice in defense of Jesus. It was this malefactor.

The thief had true faith, as the wonderful prayer indicates. "Lord remember me when thou comest into Thy kingdom." Reviled and slandered, called a blasphemer by the scribes and Pharisees, hanging on the cross, bleeding and about to die—yet the thief recognizes in Him a King and he humbly asks the Lord to remember him in His kingdom. No, he had no reference to an earthly kingdom, for of what good would that be to him. He was about to leave this world, he saw in Christ a heavenly king, having a spiritual kingdom; he recognized that Jesus was to establish a heavenly kingdom and that He was to be the Saviour of the soul from death and sin and from hell. He also knew that the Lord would not establish His kingdom by force of arms, but by suffering, for in prayer in His kingdom he regarded Jesus as just entering into His kingdom. He knew who and what Christ is and therefore is not offending with his lowliness, but openly confesses Him before that crowd of murderers.

That which was hid from the wise and prudent, unknown to the priest and Levites, was manifest to this poor, miserable culprit—the saving knowledge of Christ Jesus. And so the Lord at all times preserves unto Himself a church, a little flock of such as know Him as King, who are not ashamed to confess Him before men even in the very face of death. If the great and wise will not confess Him, confessors will be found among the sinners of earth, yes, even among the criminals.

Jesus had been called the friend of publicans and sinners, and though they meant it as a slander, yet the utterance of the greatest truths the world ever heard. In all His work and life Jesus showed Himself the friend of the forlorn and penitent sinner, who by doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil "Peter." He came to preach good truths to the meek, to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, to open the prison to them that were bound and to comfort all them that mourn. Day and night He was intent on performing His mission, and such a friend He remained even when hanging on the cross.

The position of the thief was soon another. As soon as he turned to the Lord in true repentance, he received the assurance that he should have part in the kingdom of the Lord. He cried and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all

his troubles. As David wrote in his thirty-fourth Psalm the Lord heard him and told him that very same day he should be with Him in Paradise. In paradise-like soul was not to go first to purgatory—not to a place of probation, but into the presence of the Lord. He came into the presence of the Lord, and had nothing to gain by promising a portion in His kingdom to that thief. There on the cross it could only bring Him greater humiliation, for it had saved the poor, self-righteous scribe and Pharisee a new occasion to sneer at Him. But His great work was to save souls, no matter what the sneering multitudes might say.

In the sight of God we are no better than the thief. Before the civil law we may indeed be reckoned good, law-abiding citizens, but before God we are outlaws. We have transgressed His law, violated His commandments, and we are no better than the outlaw in our text. We have deserved Christ as the due reward for our sins, but as this outlaw obtained mercy so also we can rest assured of obtaining the same if we only turn to Him. There are those who rise up and try to justify themselves, saying they have lived moral lives, having done no wrong to any man. They say, "I am no thief." Indeed here it is dealing with an almighty and eternal infinite righteous Jesus before who all who have transgressed even in the least are guilty of death, outlaws.

By His law we are all sinners for we have transgressed His holy and righteous law. One has perhaps violated it oftener or committed greater sins than another, but in His sight there is no difference. We all have sinned, and if we hope to be saved like this thief we must appeal, not to our own keeping of the law, but alone to the mercy of God and the merits of Christ Jesus. Look at the thief; hear him claiming no reward for himself; he tries not to shift his guilt or to excuse himself on the plea that because of this or that one's treatment, or what another has said or done to him, he was where he was. On the contrary he acknowledges himself guilty of death, he looks alone to Christ and appeals to His mercy. And there is no other way for us to be saved. We may perhaps be able to justify ourselves in the sight of men, but if we desire to be saved we must repent of our sins, confess our sins, and we must acknowledge, and that unreservedly, that we are sinners who are put out by the law and sentenced to eternal torment. But Jesus has come to save us from the curse of the law; He became a curse for us, and by His blessing of Abraham comes upon us. Beloved, let every one turn to him who is like the thief on the cross, and say unto Him, even as did the thief on the cross, "Lord, remember me. A poor sinner create, and grant me a portion of Thy kingdom." The text, as He heard shall we, for so the Lord has promised it shall be.

SABBATH NEWS NOTES.

Rev. Foster U. Gift addressed the afternoon meeting of the Young Men's Christian association.

Owing to renovations of the structure there was no evening service in the Providence Presbyterian church.

Mrs. J. W. Browning, a former secretary, led the afternoon meeting of the Young Men's Christian association.

The blind evangelist, Rev. Thomas Houston, addressed the afternoon meeting of the Railroad Young Men's Christian association.

"Pulpit Hypocrisy, for Gospel and Grace in the Pews, but for Injustice and Whisky at the Ballot Box," was the evening sermon told by Rev. Levi Bird, of the People's Proliferation church.

Rev. Peter Roberts, of Olyphant, preached at both the morning and evening services at the Plymouth Congregational church yesterday. He is a former pastor of this church and he always has large audiences whenever he returns to preach here.

Yesterday was the last missionary Sunday for the conference year of the Simpson Methodist Sabbath school and in addition to the regular exercises a short program was carried out by Misses Essie Sloze recited, Miss Lillian Shively sang and Miss Barker played a violin solo.

Rev. Thomas Houston, the blind evangelist, occupied the pulpit of the Washburn Street Presbyterian church and led the services yesterday. This noted divine is assisting the church's pastor, Rev. J. P. Moffat, in the conduct of the special evening services which will be held during the week at the church.

MR. CONNELL'S VIEW.

Interview With Him Appears in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Congressman William Connell, of this city, is quoted on the Cuban question as follows in yesterday's Philadelphia Inquirer among a number of other interviews with representatives:

"I don't see that we can avoid feeding these starving Cubans, and that means intervention. I have no doubt that Spain will resent our taking care of her people, for while we will not furnish them with arms and ammunition, we will supply them with food, which will give them strength and the life necessary to continue the insurrection."

"If Spain should object to our humane intervention and make it an excuse for war, there will be nothing left for us to do but fight. I am not in favor of war if we can honorably avoid it and if it does come Spain must be the aggressor."

Attention.—To the members of Globe Lodge, 958, I. O. O. F. You are requested to meet at the lodge rooms on Monday, March 28, at 1 o'clock p. m., to attend the funeral of Brother Philip W. Coons, from his late residence, 1127 Division street, at 2 o'clock p. m. Interment at Washburn street cemetery. F. W. Wells, N. G. E. H. Call, assistant secretary.

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ARGUMENTS IN FORD DAMAGE SUIT

They Were Made by Ex-Judge Jessup and Joseph O'Brien.

THE CLOSING TESTIMONY HEARD

Some of It Was of a Conflicting Nature -- Trainmen Declare That the Train That Injured Ford Was Made Up Exclusively of Box Cars. Judge Buffington Will Submit the Case to the Jury Today for Consideration.

The Ford damage suit against the Delaware and Hudson Canal company occupied all of Saturday in United States Circuit court and will likely take up the greater part of this morning.

Ex-Judge Jessup made the opening for the defense soon after the convening of court, Saturday morning. It is, in outline, that the Ford boy was not injured while in the act of climbing across a train that blocked the street crossing, but while stealing a ride at a point between crossings.

Eugene Haydn, John Sullivan and George Kellow, engineer, fireman and conductor, respectively, of the train in question, told that when the train was standing on a switch one hundred feet south of Spring street, two boys were seen playing about the engine and later one of them was picked up at the Spring street crossing with his legs crushed. All three maintained that the train was made up exclusively of box cars, contradicting the statement of the plaintiff that there were "gondolas" in the train.

Thomas Hughes, another of the train hands, testified that when the train started up the two boys who had been playing about the engine were sitting near the head of the train between the tracks. T. J. Avery testified that the engine was standing one hundred feet south of Spring street, and was heading north, showing that the crossing was not blocked as alleged.

The arguments of the jury were made by ex-Judge Jessup for the defense and Mr. O'Brien for the plaintiff. It was 5:30 o'clock when they concluded and adjournment was made this morning, when Judge Buffington will submit the case to the jury.

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