

RELIGIOUS

These will be special anniversary services Sunday evening at St. Paul's Lutheran church...

The annual outline of the Five County Christian Endeavor union of Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wyoming, Wayne and Susquehanna counties will be held Thursday, Aug. 4, at Farview park...

Religious News Notes.

Licentiate Lee will speak at the regular morning service tomorrow at the Summer Avenue Presbyterian church...

Tomorrow's Services.

Methodist. Elm Park church—Prayer and praise service at 9:30; preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 2 and 4 p. m. Epworth league at 6:30 p. m.

church—F. P. Doty, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. sermons by the pastor; junior league at 3 p. m.; Epworth league, 6:30 p. m.; Sunday school at noon. A cordial welcome to all.

Episcopal. St. Luke's Parish—Rev. Rogers Israel, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Lutheran. The Evangelical Lutheran. Eighth Sunday after Trinity. Gospel, Matt. xlii, 15-23; Epistle, Rom. viii, 12-17; vestment color, green.

Presbyterian. Second Presbyterian Church—Union services of the First and Second Presbyterian churches. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Baptist. Penn Avenue Baptist Church—Prayer and praise service at 9:30; preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 2 and 4 p. m. Epworth league at 6:30 p. m.

Sunday School Lesson for July 31.

Naboth's Vineyard.

1 Kings XXI: 4-16.

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INTRODUCTION.—Probably six years intervened between the visit of Elijah to Mount Horeb and the events of today's lesson. During that time Elijah had become a follower and disciple of God.

DEJECTION.—Our lesson opens with a strange scene—the king is in bed, his face turned away, his hands clasped, his heavy hearted, offended. (Verse 4.)

INQUIRY.—In a short time Jezebel appeared in the king's chamber to learn the cause of his sudden dejection of spirit. (Verse 5.)

CONTEMPT.—A mad-spirited woman makes her husband weak-minded, compels him to serve her, and then despises him on every exhibition of weakness. This is the story of Naboth's Vineyard.

surprise felt by Jezebel on entering the king's chamber was soon turned to disgust and indignation as she heard his words and considered his unmanly conduct. Naboth's words were so unbecomingly bold and so defiantly defiant.

ORDERS.—Jezebel was true to her promise. In the depths of her wicked heart she conceived a diabolical plot and proceeded to execute it. To avoid popular indignation she determined to use the patron of righteousness. To the elders and nobles dwelling in the city she wrote letters, using Jezebel's name.

RESPONSE.—The elders and nobles must have been surprised when they received those letters. Naboth, their neighbor, had maintained a good name among them. He was a man of high character, and they might have protected him, as was their duty to do in case of his innocence.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE. [Under this heading short letters of interest will be published, if they are sent to the editor, and if they are of such a nature as to be of interest to the readers of the Tribune.]

righteousness was involved. (Verses 11 and 12.) TRIAL.—The elders made their announcement, in a great measure, had been committed, and that the people must fast and pray to deliver themselves from judgment. Naboth was brought forth as a culprit and seated in the prisoner's box in the gate.

POSSESSION.—Those who had been charged with this heinous business returned toward Jezebel, and she had ordered it. (Verse 14.) With that information she sought out her husband, the pitiful wretch, and directed him to take the possession which he was unable to purchase, because its owner had died as a blasphemer, and because the property now belonged to the throne. (Verse 15.)

REFLECTIONS.—This lesson shows how necessary righteousness is to the security and enjoyment of earthly goods. Naboth's vineyard was dear to him. Of his fruit he expected to partake, as his ancestors had done, until the close of life, and at death he purposed to leave it to his children.

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Miscellaneous.

Grace Reformed Episcopal Church—Worshiping evening, below Mulberry street. Prayer and praise service, 8:30 a. m.; divine worship, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

United Evangelical Church—Capoue avenue. Rev. C. D. Moore, pastor. Sabbath school, 9:45 a. m. Preaching, 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Bible reading by Rev. W. H. Williams, 2 p. m.

TERMS OF PEACE.

The American people will welcome peace. The war has hardly produced a perceptible effect on conditions in this country, but this is naturally a peace-loving nation, and the government will doubtless take immediate steps to meet Spain, for the restoration of Cuba.

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Electricity Used as the Power to Run the Machines for Clipping. From the Boston Post.

At Great Falls, Me., which has become the largest wool shipping point of the northwest, great difficulty has been experienced in disposing within a given time of the shearing of large shipments of sheep. This difficulty has now been happily met by the use of electricity.

Village Style. From the Cincinnati Enquirer. "I see," said the visitor, "that you have two churches in the village. What are their denominations?"

Against Him. Spats—There is one king who is not on the side of King Alfonso. Bloodsucker—What king is that? Spats—Old King Clog—Judge.