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CITY NOTES

MISSIONARY CONVENTION.—The members of the several Women's Foreign Missionary societies in the Wyoming district will convene at Kingston Wednesday, Sept. 28.

SEIDL CHORUS.—The first rehearsal of the Seidl chorus under Professor Whiting will take place at the Scranton Conservatory this evening. Members of the chorus are requested to be present at a quarter before eight o'clock.

YALE MISSIONARIES.—Five Yale men of the class of '98, known as the Yale Missionary band, will next Sunday begin a series of non-denominational meetings. The purpose is to awaken young people's societies to a new interest in missionary work.

NEW DISPATCHER.—H. C. Dubois has resigned his position as night car dispatcher for the Scranton Clearing House company, and Alex McTaggart has been appointed to the position. The latter was a motorman on the Washburn street-Laurel Hill lines.

BANK EXCHANGES.—Last week's bank exchanges are reported as follows by the Scranton Clearing House association: Sept. 19, \$131,956.20; Sept. 20, \$138,521.88; Sept. 21, \$177,239.45; Sept. 22, \$184,556.81; Sept. 23, \$184,809.65; Sept. 24, \$129,291.93. Total, \$925,835.72.

MEETING OF MINISTERS.—The Methodist Ministers' association of Scranton will meet in Elm Park church today at 10.30 o'clock. F. W. Pearsall, of the Railroad Young Men's Christian association, will speak on "The Chaplain vs. the Canteen in the Army."

QUINCY AVENUE CONTRACT.—The resolution awarding to the Barber company the contract for laying an asphalt pavement on Quincy avenue, between Pine and Gibson streets is in the possession of the mayor and awaits his signature, it having been approved in common council Thursday night.

ENGINEERS' CLUB.—The first meeting this season of the Scranton Engineers' club was held Friday evening at the home of A. D. Blackinton, Elm street, Dunmore. Among those present were: Preston Robinson, L. R. Gough, Morgan Davis, F. W. Gereke, H. W. Rowley, George Thomas, Henry Webber, George Smith, Frank Platt, Ed Connors, Wilkes-Barre; Wesley Sanderson, David M. Barton, Wesley Roberts, A. H. Storr, A. J. Lee, Fred Tracy, Robert Hurley, A. B. Dunning, Fred Platt, C. S. Farar, W. H. Evans, Edward Whitmore, Frank Pratt, J. Gardner, Mr. Smith, Mr. Throp, Mr. Sanderson, Mr. Marjie.

YALE MISSIONARY BAND. Will Conduct a Series of Meetings Here Next Week. The pastors and workers of the churches and Young People's societies of the city have been for some time lamenting the lack of interest shown in foreign missionary work. What little interest there exists, is very spasmodic. There are many missionary organizations in the city that are missionary in name only, and in order to get the work in better condition the Yale Missionary Band will visit the city next week.

Arthur Williams, of this city, is one of the band. It will be possible to hold five meetings each night in different parts of the city for three days. These are not to be mass meetings but simply meetings of members of the missionary committees and of the societies. Every society of young people, regardless of denomination, that would like to have their work reorganized and have these workers meet with them can do so by addressing George T. Harvey, 1113 Vine street.

The Yale Missionary band will begin its work next Sunday, morning and evening at the Second Presbyterian church.

Milton Fair. The fourth annual fair of the Milton Driving Park and Fair association will be held at Milton, Pa., October 4, 5, 6 and 7, 1898. The outlook indicates the most successful fair in the history of the association. The trolley road running by the grounds affords the best facilities for handling crowds. Both electric and steam roads issue special rates and special service. The premium list has been revised, offering great inducements to owners of fast horses, stock raisers, farmers and manufacturers generally. Trials of speed in harness, under saddle and bicycle each day will be witnessed.

Applied to the Poor Board. A Mrs. Rogers, 70 years of age, sent here by the Binghamton poor authorities en route to New York city, is at the Florence mission. She applied at the poor board rooms Saturday for transportation to New York, but nothing could be done for her owing to the absence from town of Poor Director Fuller, of the town of city district. She was sent to the mission to await a disposition of her case today.

OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S DAY

GOOD REASON FOR OPENING READING ROOMS, ETC.

Rev. F. W. Whipple Considered the Matter of Sabbath Observance in a Common Sense Way in a Sermon Delivered in All Souls' Church Yesterday Morning—He Made a Number of Radical Statements That Are Likely to Call Forth Some Criticism.

"There is good reason for opening reading rooms, art galleries and museums on Sunday," said Rev. F. W. Whipple yesterday morning in All Souls' church during a sermon on "Sabbath Keeping." Other striking thoughts were:

"Idleness does not refresh; it furnishes soil for evil growth."

"We use Sunday best when in some of its hours we strive to put in practice the Master's lessons. This may take us to manual labor."

"We use the day best when on it we go forth on missions of humanity."

Rev. Mr. Whipple's sermon was listened to with the closest attention by his congregation. He took for his text the words from Mark, II, 27, as follows: "The Sabbath was made for man."

During the course of his discourse, which is likely to call forth some criticism, he said in part:

"To the question, How shall we use the first day of the week? the text supplies the key. Theology in our age is being reinforced by common sense. It is so in reference to the keeping of Sunday. Other reasons besides the Mosaic law are now considered for this keeping."

NATURE'S DEMAND. Stress is laid upon the value of the day. Sunday should be kept, men insist because human nature demands such a day. Thus much is made of the thought of rest; of the need of respite. Men may have rest, but rest is more than respite. Rest and idleness are by no means synonymous. We do not come to the Sunday as a rule in sheer exhaustion. Rest is best thought of as change in activities. We shall not then devote Sunday to idleness. On the physical side this is true. Those over-religious and those indifferent to religion sometimes agree in making Sunday, physically speaking, a day of idleness.

"In the one case exertion is thought to be a sin. In the other general idleness is taken as the day's real privilege. It is refreshing in view of these mistakes to think of Jesus on the Sabbath walking through the corn field. We are called to a reasonable amount of Sunday exercise. In this respect the greatest difficulty is with the young. The Sunday of Christianity which is 'glad tidings of great joy' ought not to be a gloomy day even to children. If it is something wrong. To the boy and girl Sunday should be known as something more than a time for leaving playthings. There should be something to do."

"The earth is the Lord's, and we are using some Sunday hours wisely when on them in field and wood we introduce our children to nature's beauties. Sunday is not a play day. Abstinence is necessary in order that attention may be given to the highest concerns. Sunday is an opportunity for us to give our thoughts freedom in regions denied us through the week. The first Sunday schools in England were devoted to the study of the Bible. In such instruction some of the Sunday hours might profitably be used now. Men and women hungering for knowledge keep Sunday in the spirit by devoting long hours of it to books."

GOOD REASON. "There is good reason for opening reading rooms, art galleries and museums on Sunday. Idleness does not refresh and it furnishes soil for evil growth. However, nothing must supersede the meeting for worship. The Sunday is the church day, because the church concerns itself with the highest interests of our life. It should be the law of our life to attend church on Sunday. If it is true that men work too hard and are confined too much on week days to go to church on Sunday, then most grievously must our system of work and trade and political economy answer for it. For it means that men and women are being so sapped by the things of this world that they have no vitality for religion."

"It is not so to any marked extent. In many cases when men lounge at home they would be more refreshed by a bath and clean clothes, a walk to church and a hearty participation in worship. But it must be admitted that engaging in formal worship is not the whole of Sunday keeping."

"Religion is intensely practical. We are the seat or the starting point of many maladies, all of them serious, all more or less painful, and all of them tending, unless cured, to a fatal end. No organs of the body are more delicate or more sensitive than the kidneys. When symptoms of disease appear in them not a moment is to be lost if health is to be restored. The best way to treat the kidneys is through the blood, cleansing it from the poisonous matter which is usually at the bottom of kidney complaints. For this purpose there is no remedy equal to

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use Sunday best when in some of its hours we strive to put in practice the Master's lessons. This may take us to manual labor. Then we should be wiser when on it we go forth on missions of humanity. Far from being a day of inactivity, this one day which we mark off from the other six and call the Lord's Day, should be the most active of them all. Then we should be wiser to be alive with something of the Lord's life, then we should be awake to our privileges and duties; then the real interests should be uppermost in our thoughts."

EVENING DISCOURSE. Dr. McLeod Preaches on the Parable of the Vineyard.

Rev. Dr. James McLeod at the First Presbyterian church last night delivered a brief address on the parable of the householder, his vineyard and the laborers. The sermon was well received and full of instruction and interest.

Dr. McLeod said that the spirit and motive of service to God has more to do with its worth than has anything else. This thought is the theme of the parable according to the text.

It is claimed that all in the parable is subordinate to the apostle's repeated claim that the first shall be last and the last first. Those whose ingenuity has excelled their wisdom have gone into too much detail in attempting to particularize the meaning of all that the story contains. It is sufficient to know that Christ means to convey the information that the faithful will be rewarded, that their reward will not be according to what they do so much as by the spirit of their labor.

The household is Jesus Christ, the vineyard his church, and the laborers his disciples. In that parable the one class "the first" bargained for their hire, while the latter class, more humble, trusted in the fairness of their employer. Bearing in mind this difference we will better understand the argument of why labor for reward is comparatively less valuable than labor for love.

It is not said that "all," but "many" of the first shall be last. The disciples were not prompted by any worldly or selfish motives, so we understand why it was promised "verily that they shall receive their reward." They loved the vineyard, the people of the vineyard, their fellowmen. Clothed with humility they labored and trusted.

Still many of the last will remain last because of their living spirit and lack of true devotion. There have been too much comfort taken by some who have interpreted the meaning of the reward given those who began to labor at the eleventh hour. It was only meant to show that Christ could save the tardy and not to indicate that any sinner is warranted in postponing his salvation and work for Christ until the eleventh hour. It does not appear in the parable that any of the laborers delayed in responding at once to the invitation to begin work.

All outside Christ's vineyard is idleness. A life filled with business is idle if without Godliness. Those who keenly feel the vanity of life, full labor to escape the delusion of this world, should not hesitate to respond when the Saviour asks "why stand ye here idle all the day?" Why should they delay in beginning a work that the Saviour left heaven to begin? We may well ask ourselves what work we are to occupy, what position to fill? True religion never was nor never can be a fruitful source of idleness though it can be of happiness. Taggart in O'Shevedlocke

COAL COMPANY WINS IN SPRINGER CASE

JURY DECIDED IN FAVOR OF THE PAPER TITLE.

The Land in Dispute Was Virtually Valueless, But as the Title to the Coal Beneath It Hinged on the Outcome, the Case Was of Much Importance—Second Trial of the Ehrgood Suit Results in a Reduced Verdict for the Plaintiff—Judge Would Not Discharge the Jury.

In the conflict between the paper title and the squatter sovereignty claim in the ejectment case of the Lacoe & Shiffer Coal company against W. M. Springer, the jury Saturday afternoon returned a verdict in favor of the former.

The suit was for the surface of a fourteen-acre piece of a one hundred and twenty acre plot known as the Springer tract and located in the borough of Moosic, near the Luzerne county line.

The land itself is practically worthless, but parts of it are underlaid with coal beds of unusual richness, the value of the coal in the tract in question being at the smallest estimate \$50,000. Shiffer claims the land and coal by right of squatter sovereignty, claiming to have held adverse possession of it for the last thirty years. The company's title was based on deeds tracing unbroken possession back to the time of the commonwealth grant to the Susquehanna company in 1788.

DISPOSSES OF COAL. This verdict, if it stands, also disposes of the claim to the underlying coal. Springer has a suit pending to recover from the company the value of the coal that has been taken from beneath the disputed tract, but as it is now decided that he does not own the land his claim to the coal will be of little weight. The importance of the litigation may be understood when it is known that court informed Mr. Springer that a half million dollar bond would be required before he would be allowed to institute injunction proceedings to restrain the company from mining the coal.

Major Everett Warren, James H. Torrey and Frank Wheaton, of Wilkes-Barre, are the company's attorneys. I. H. Burns and M. J. Martin represent Mr. Springer.

After being out since noon Thursday, the jury in the case of E. J. Ehrgood against the Moscow Water company returned a verdict Saturday morning in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of \$600. At the opening of court the jury was composed of at this time it would have to be tried again, entailing additional expenses to the county and the litigants. He also advised them that if a few of the jurors were holding out against the others, it was their duty to reconcile their views to those of the majority, if they could conscientiously do so. The jury retired and in half an hour came back with a verdict.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES. It was a suit to recover for damages done to the plaintiff by reason of the water company diminishing the flow of Roaring Brook to such an extent as to interfere with the operations of his grist mill. At the former trial of the case a verdict of \$600 in favor of the plaintiff was rendered. E. C. Newcomb represented Mr. Ehrgood and O'Brien & Kelly the water company.

In the suit of C. P. Jadin against R. E. Huppel to recover on commissions on a real estate sale the jury decided in favor of the plaintiff for the full amount of his claim, \$298.82. The verdict is subject, however, to Judge Love's decision on the reserved law question as to whether or not Mr. Jadin's broker license, issued by the city treasurer, is valid. The defense contended that the county treasurer is the proper party to issue broker's licenses.

"All services at St. Luke's continued through the summer as through the rest of the year. While away we saw complaints in the papers respecting the neglected condition of some of Scranton's churches. At St. Luke's the curators were on hand and rendered most efficient service at all times to all sorts and conditions of men."—St. Luke's Churchman.

FIREMEN PAY THEIR RESPECTS. Large Delegation View the Remains of Enoch Page. Two hundred firemen, representing all the city companies and many from adjacent towns, assembled at the Nay and Engine rooms yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and then proceeded in a body to the home of the late Enoch Page to view the remains of the veteran fireman. They passed by the bier in single file, headed by Chief Hickey, and gazed for the first time on the face that was so familiar to the old-time volunteers.

The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock this afternoon and will be private. Services will be held at the house, corner of Milburn avenue and Page court, and interment will be made in Forest Hill cemetery.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES. Classes in the gymnasium will open Oct. 1. Beginners' classes will be organized for new pupils. Advanced work will be given those who have done the work before. There are classes for children, misses, young ladies and older women. Registration days, Sept. 25, 26 and 27. Educational talks, Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31. An interesting program has been prepared and all girls intending to join any of the classes are invited to come to the gymnasium on Thursday. The classes will open Oct. 2. The year's work will consist of two terms of twelve weeks each. Examinations will be held and certificates given at the close of the year. The subjects tonight include classes in the elementary branches, reading, writing, grammar, spelling and arithmetic. There will also be a class in history and Bible classes, and a class in embroidery and fancy drawn work. Other classes will be arranged for and announced later.

MARRIED. ANDERSON-BARTON.—In Scranton, Pa., Sept. 23, 1898, at 40 Brook street, by Rev. F. P. Doty, pastor of the Cedar avenue Methodist Episcopal church, Joseph W. Anderson and Miss Maggie Barton, both of Scranton.

WILCE-MITCHELL.—In Scranton, Pa., Sept. 21, 1898, by Rev. Richard Humes, at his home, 222 Gibson street, Evan V. Wilce and Miss Helen Mitchell, both of Carbondale.

DIED. PRICE.—In West Scranton, Sept. 21, 1898. Mrs. John Price, 48 years of age, at the residence, 215 North Sumner avenue.

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DR. BURNETT'S ILLNESS

Condition of the Physician is Not Very Encouraging.

There was little if any chance for the better yesterday in the condition of Dr. John Burnett. He became worse Saturday night, but rallied again yesterday afternoon. The improvement was only slight. His recovery is not expected.

SOME WAR TAX OPINIONS Have Been Received by Internal Revenue Collector Penman from Washington—Matters That Are Passed Upon.

Among the new war tax opinions received Saturday by Internal Revenue Collector Penman of this city, were the following:

"First weekly premiums received in various collection districts by local agents of life insurance companies may be included in the monthly returns rendered to the collector of the district in which such companies are located."

"In reference to returns to be made under the revenue act of June, 1898, of first weekly premiums in case of life insurance companies issuing policies on the industrial or weekly payment plan, and having agents in several collection districts, you are informed that whose premiums collected by or charged to such agents can be determined and reported by the home company during the month in which the same are so collected or charged, all such premiums may be included in the return filed with the collector of the district in which the principal office of the company is located."

"An association which has a place of business where promissory notes are received for discount or sale must pay a special tax as a banker."

"A railroad company which has a park to promote excursions, although no admittance is charged, and no charge is made for reserve seats, must pay a special tax as an exhibition or show for money."

"A contract for deed used in selling real estate is not subject to stamp tax unless the laws of the state in which the contract is made require that the party executing said contract shall acknowledge his signature before an officer with a seal in order to make it legal and binding, then such a certificate would require a 10-cent stamp as required by law."

"The declaration in writing required monthly from manufacturers of articles taxable under schedule B, act June 13, 1898, does not require an oath."

"When a fire insurance policy is assigned or transferred it is subject to tax in proportion to the unearned premium."

"When a lease is transferred to a new lessee it is subject to taxation for the unexpired term of the lease and should be stamped accordingly."

"Transfers of stock from a guardian to the ward is subject to taxation, and that it is such a change of ownership as requires the importation of a tax."

PREPARING FOR CAMPAIGN. Portion of Republican County Committee is Selected.

The Republican executive committee met in the room of the Central Republican club Saturday afternoon and selected a portion of the men who will make up the county committee. At a meeting of the executive committee to be held next Saturday it is expected that the county committee will be completed.

After that the work of the campaign will be energetically entered upon. This is a good Republican year and a good year for securing record-breaking pluralities in Lackawanna county.

Before election day some of the leading political orators of the state will be heard in this county. Colonel W. A. Stone, Republican candidate for governor, is expected to make several addresses.

FLYNN'S SUDDEN DEATH. Scranton Man Drops Dead in the Streets of Lebanon.

Dennis Flynn, one of the Scranton bricklayers whom Foreman Patrick Egan took to work on the L. E. and S. company's furnaces at Lebanon, dropped dead in the street Saturday afternoon.

He had just come out of his hotel, the American House, after having dinner and was about to proceed down the street, when he suddenly staggered and fell to the sidewalk. He was

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