

EVENTS OF DAY IN WEST SCRANTON

GREAT FIELD FOR MISSION WORK IN THE FAR WEST.

Indicated by Rev. W. L. De Groff, of Topeka, Kansas—He is Superintendent of a Sunday School Union Out There—Tells Something About the Mormons—Funeral of Enoch Harris—Church News, Lively Debate—St. Paul's Corps Looking Up New Members.

[The West Side office of the Tribune is at Jenkins' drug store, corner Main and Jackson, and is in charge of W. H. Hughes. News and advertisements received at this office.]

Rev. W. L. DeGroff, superintendent of the American Sunday School union, of Topeka, Kan., addressed the congregation of the Washburn Street Presbyterian church last evening on "The Rocky Mountain District." In his opening remarks he quoted passages from the Gospel of St. Mark, and from the second chapter of Philippians, and used that sentence "Look not every man on his own things, but on the things of others," as the basis of his remarks.

During his address the speaker said he had spoken at the Washburn Street church five years ago, and has labored nearly fifteen years in his present field of work, his work being in the interest of the Sunday school and the children. The territory in what is known as the Rocky Mountain district is seven hundred and eighty times the area of all New England, having at least half a million children out of the folds of the Sunday school, and uncared for from a religious standpoint.

When the society was organized there was 3,000,000 children out of the folds, and now there are 11,000,000 uncared for, so far as the Gospel is concerned. Instead of being a missionary from China, as he was thought to be by a small boy whom he spoke to once, he is working right among the children of the United States.

Referring to the children of Utah, the speaker said they are subject to Mormon teaching. He read a song which he obtained in a Sunday school in Utah, and the title of the song was "I Want to Be a Mormon," which they teach the little ones, and the closing lines are as follows:

"I'll be a little Mormon And follow Brigham Young."

He said "There the church places the book of Mormon above the Bible, and the only safeguard against such teachings is to liberally teach and circulate the word of God. The Mormons teach that Mary and Martha were the wives of Jesus, and that He had many wives." Referring to his associate in the work there he said the latter had been through a country district and found a town where nothing but Mormonism was taught.

They visited camps in Wyoming where 4,000 and 5,000 souls were lo-

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cated without a preacher, and it was fifty-one miles to the nearest church. They found the natives working on Sunday the same as other days in the week.

The American Sunday School union has an abundant field to work in at home, and intends to send the Sunday school missionary in an undenominational manner to work among these districts. The union finds its best field among the rural districts. The country in the Rocky Mountain district possesses the most energetic class of people to be found in the United States, and those residing west of the Ohio river have developed a remarkable energy, which was undoubtedly inherited from their forefathers.

In Utah the larger portion of the inhabitants are Scandinavians, but in his district there are hundreds of Indians who have never had the privilege of reading the word of God. DeGroff expressed the wish that his talk would be the means of bringing to mind the needs of the people in the district he represents, and believes the children there are appealing to the people of the East for their sympathetic and financial aid, which is necessary to carry on the work. He closed by inviting contributions which may be sent to his address, or left with Rev. J. P. Moffat here.

S. PAUL'S PIONEER CORPS.

St. Paul's Pioneer corps held a meeting in Masonic hall on North Main avenue yesterday afternoon and decided to make an effort to increase their membership. A contest was arranged with First Lieutenant John Larkin leading one side and Second Lieutenant Frank Carroll on the other side. The contest will continue until the regular meeting for installation of officers on July 1, when it will be decided, and the losing side will provide a banquet for the winners.

The annual ball of the corps, which was postponed on Feb. 10 on account of the blizzard will be held on the evening of April 10.

It is expected that the ranks will be greatly strengthened by the proposed contest and the members on both sides intend working diligently to out do each other.

The weekly drills held by the corps in St. David's hall are well attended and Captain Walter McNichols is

pleased at the interest manifested in the work.

FUNERAL OF ENOCH HARRIS.

The funeral of Enoch Harris was held Saturday afternoon from his late home, 64 South Main avenue, and was attended by a large concourse of relatives and friends. Brief services were held at the residence, after which the cortege moved to the First Welsh Congregational church, where public services were conducted by Rev. David Jones, pastor of the church. His text was taken from Exodus, xv:23, "And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter; therefore the name of it was called Marah."

In the course of his remarks he spoke of how deceased had been blessed by God in having reared a large family, who today are able to fight the battle of life for themselves. He also spoke comforting words to the members of the family and relatives. At the conclusion the assemblage was permitted to view the remains.

One noticeable feature of the procession was the large number of old residents who were in attendance, many of whom had known deceased for forty-five years or more as a West Side resident. Although nearly 68 years of age, Mr. Harris died young in years in comparison with the ages at death of members of the same family who have preceded him to the grave, the majority of whom having exceeded eighty years. It was Mr. Harris' delight to relate how in 1835 he had the pleasure of viewing his grandmother being baptized in a well-known river of Wales at the age of 155 years.

Beautiful floral tributes were strewn upon and about the casket, among them being a broken wheel, presented by members of the family, and basket bouquets by Miss Jennie and Robert Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Job Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Connell, Mrs. Thomas Phillips, Mrs. Meluwareing and Miss Kate Williams.

Out of town relatives in attendance were: Mrs. David Hill, Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, Mrs. Isaac Sticker, Lansford; Mrs. John Richards, Mary Evans and Hannah Richards, Kingston; Mrs. Samuel Williams and son, of Lattimer; Mrs. Max Morelo, New York city; Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Thomas, Lackawanna; Mrs. T. C. Evans, Nanticoke.

The pall-bearers were selected from members of B'nai B'rith lodge of Old Fellows, which society attended the funeral services at the residence. Interment was made in Washburn street cemetery.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. L. R. Foster, M. A., pastor of the North Church Avenue Presbyterian church, occupied the pulpit and both services yesterday. At the evening service Mrs. Foster sang with perfect effect a solo entitled "Nearer the Shade of Thy Wing," accompanied by the church organist, Miss Mae Evans.

Rev. Foster took evening text from Matthew III, second verse, "Repent ye for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand." It was a very eloquent sermon.

This evening the Women's Foreign Missionary society will meet; Tuesday evening the Young People's society of Christian Endeavor; Wednesday evening the Ladies' Aid society; Thursday evening prayer services will be held, and on Friday evening the church choir will perform.

Next Sunday Rev. L. M. Hughes, of Waterbury, Conn., will occupy the pulpit at both morning and evening services.

The church choir is preparing an Easter programme of quartets, duets and anthems.

AN INTERESTING DEBATE.

At the conclusion of the usual business of Bible Division, No. 45, Sons of Temperance, at the meeting Saturday evening a debate was entered into on the question "Is the United States Justified in the Expansion Policy?" The affirmative side was upheld by Thomas H. Davis and David Hopkins and the negative side by John D. Lewis and William H. Harris.

The points on which the speakers argued intelligently and after some consideration the judges, Luther Lewis and John M. Edwards, decided in favor of the negative side. W. D. Bateman recited "Is Marriage a Failure?" while the judges were deliberating. The meeting was well attended by members and friends and was closed with the singing of "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

SATURDAY'S FUNERALS.

The remains of the late Mr. Charles H. Shoemaker on Saturday afternoon. The services were held at the residence, 209 North Hyde Park avenue, at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. J. P. Moffat, pastor of the Washburn Street Presbyterian church, officiated at the funeral. The deceased's life and improved his associates with his sympathetic words. The remains were privately interred in the Dunmore cemetery.

TWO RECENT WEDDINGS.

The announcement is here made for the first time that David Prosser, of Olyphant, and Miss Elsie Powell, of Herlick Centre, Pa., were united in marriage at the parsonage of the Washburn Street Presbyterian church by the pastor, Rev. J. P. Moffat, on Jan. 19.

Edward Stephens and Miss Charlotte Thomas, both of this city, were married at the parsonage by Rev. Moffat on Feb. 18. Both couples were unattended.

MINOR NEWS NOTES.

The first session of the Methodist Ministerial association will open in the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Gounod's mass to St. Cecilia will soon be sung by the choir of St. Patrick's church with orchestral accompaniment.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Henry C. Sharp will be held this afternoon. Services will be conducted at the residence of Dr. L. H. Gibbs and interment will be made in the Forest Hill cemetery.

The three-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. William White, of Lafayette

died on Saturday and will be buried this afternoon. Interment will be made in Cathedral cemetery.

MRS. LUCY GOODWIN.

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DUNMORE DATA.

Miss Maud Savage and Erasmus Ames Announce Their Marriage.

Ceremony Performed at Binghamton Saturday.

Friends were made aware yesterday of the marriage of Miss Maud Savage to Erasmus Ames, which took place Saturday morning. The ceremony was performed, so it is said, at the parsonage of the Presbyterian church in Binghamton and Rev. Kill, assistant to Rev. Nichols, officiated. The announcement comes as a great surprise to all, with a few exceptions, of their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ames are staying at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Savage, of Green Ridge street. The young lady is well and favorably known. Mr. Ames is a clerk in the main office of the Erie and Wyoming Valley railroad here.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

The following letters remain unclaimed at the postoffice for the period ending Feb. 27, 1899. Persons calling for these letters will please advise in Scranton: Mrs. Anna Dowd, Mrs. Elm Street; Miss Mary Flanagan, Mrs. Martha Higgins, Mill street; Thomas V. Jones, Adams avenue; James P. Judge, Potter street; Mrs. M. Madhoo, Magie Reddy, Willow street; M. J. Rudy, corner of Grove and Elm avenues; Louis Zolnowski, Giovanni Gastagna, Janos Zolnowski.

TWO ACCIDENTS.

John Tierney, of Elm street, fell upon the ice while returning from work Saturday and striking his head inflicted a severe wound in the scalp. He will be unable to leave the house for several days.

Michael McDonnell, of Willow street, who is employed as a bartender in the hotel of Mr. J. Langan at Park Place, was brought home yesterday suffering from a sprained ankle.

SHORTER PARAGRAPHS.

William Wicks, of Deane street, aged 28 years, died at his home Saturday after a few months' illness with pneumonia. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence. The Forsters and Sons of St. George's lodges will attend in a body. Interment will be made in Forest Hill cemetery.

The funeral of Patrick Murray, of Spencer street, took place from his residence Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock and was largely attended. Interment was made in St. Mary's cemetery.

The executive committee of the Twentieth Century dancing class are requesting the members of the club to meet at the residence of William G. Brower, on West Drinker street this evening at 7:45 o'clock. Business of importance is to be transacted and every member is requested to be present.

There will be a meeting of the members of the Curfew club at their rooms on West Drinker street this evening. All members will please be present accordingly. Meeting to start at 8 o'clock sharp.

Miss Ida Diecker, of Old Forge, is being entertained by Miss Jessie Medway, of Waterbury.

Mrs. Jacob Pletcher, of Harper street, has been called to West Point, N. Y., owing to the serious illness of her sister, Miss Nellie Williams, of Hollister, N. Y., and Katherine, of Pittston, were the guests of her sister, Miss Beattie, on South Blakely street, Sunday.

The happy home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kelly will be made still happier by the appearance of a young daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Cole, of Honesdale, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cole, of Brook street.

Theophilus Pinkney and Wesley French, of Ashley, spent Sunday with their parents, Thomas Kerr, of Scranton, spent the day with Edward Milroy, of Harper street.

The election of a chief of the Dunmore fire department for one year will take place tonight in the borough building. So far the present chief, James O'Hara, is the only applicant. Charles Harper, of the Neptune company, not being a candidate, as announced.

The annual meeting of the Independent Order of Foresters, of Scranton, will be held in the company's rooms Wednesday evening. All members are urgently requested to attend.

All members of the lodges of the Ancient Order of Foresters and Sons of St. George are requested to meet in their respective rooms at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon to attend the funeral of their deceased brother, William Wicks, of Deane street.

MINOOKA.

Professor J. B. Hawker, of Scranton, entertained a good sized audience at the Greenwood Presbyterian church Saturday evening with an illustrated lecture on "The Rise and Fall of the Spanish Kingdom."

John Burke circulated among friends in Forest City Sunday.

M. J. McGree, the bustling Minooka representative of the Times, has been added to the reportorial staff of that paper.

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LETTER HAD A GOOD RIDE

Travelled Thousands of Miles in the Wake of the Raleigh—Uncle Sam Does Not Spare Trouble or Expense.

A letter that is very much of a curiosity came into the Scranton postoffice Saturday. It had traveled completely around the world, and from the multitude of markings on the front and back of the envelope it must have passed through about every civilized country on the globe.

It was mailed at Scranton at 6:30 p. m., December 2, 1897, and addressed to "Thomas P. Roach, U. S. S. Raleigh, Navy Department, Washington, D. C." It also bore directions that if not delivered within five days it was to be returned to a certain lock box in Scranton.

It got to Washington December 2, 1897. From Washington it went to London in care of B. P. Stevens, esq., Trafalgar square, United States dispatch agent, from which point it was sent to British, P. O., Smyrna, Turkey, where it received a postmark dated December 22, 1897.

On February 7, 1898, it turned up in Nagasaki, Japan, but evidently too late to catch the Raleigh, for its next stopping place was San Francisco, where it arrived May 16, 1898. From San Francisco it was sent to Hong Kong, China, and thence to Manila, where the Raleigh just about that time, had a pressing engagement.

In due time Uncle Sam succeeded in earning his two cents by delivering the letter on the Raleigh, but it was a long time before it was returned to the sender in this city.

The letter went from Scranton to Washington, to London, to Turkey, back by way of New York and San Francisco to China, from China to the Philippines, from the Philippines back to Washington and from Washington to Scranton. If it had travelled in a direct line over this route it covered fully 50,000 miles. As it, of course, did not go as the crow flies, it probably did not much out of the way to say that the letter traveled 60,000 miles.

Some country or other, likely England, stamped the "eight pence" on the front of the envelope. As the letter was delivered to the addressee party England will have to whistle for its eight pence.

ASSAULTED A PEDDLER.

Moosic Man Committed to Jail by Alderman Burke to Await Trial.

Patrick Horke, of Moosic, was committed to the county jail by Alderman Howe on Saturday in default of \$300 bail. Defendant was charged with committing an assault on Louis Heishenkoltz, a peddler, of Market street, North Scranton.

It is alleged that while the latter was exhibiting his wares in Horke's house last Thursday he was assaulted and robbed and afterwards thrown into the street. Heishenkoltz returned to the house and recovered some of his goods, but claims Horke had stolen several articles.

JUST ESCAPED DEATH.

Laborer Caught Beneath a Fall of Rock at Jonhson's.

John Lowiski, employed as a laborer in the Johnson colliery at Priceburg, was caught beneath a fall of rock while at work in his chamber Saturday morning. When removed from under the debris he was unconscious and bleeding freely from four ugly scalp wounds.

The injured man was brought to the Lackawanna hospital, where it was discovered that his right thigh was fractured. He is also suffering from contused wounds on his body. Late last night he was in a precarious condition.

NEW CARBONDALE MAIL.

Sunday Service Established on the Delaware and Hudson.

Beginning yesterday, a Sunday mail was put on between this city and Carbondale.

It closes at the Scranton postoffice at 11 o'clock a. m., and opens at 8 o'clock p. m.

REMEDY FOR THE GRIPPE.

A remedy recommended for patients afflicted with the Grippe is Kamp's Balsam, which is especially adapted to discharges of the throat and lungs. Do not wait for the first symptoms of the disease, but get a bottle today and keep it on hand for use the moment it is needed. If neglected the grippe may be fatal, leading to pneumonia. The Balsam prevents this by keeping the cough loose. All druggists sell the Balsam.

GATHERED IN SOUTH SCRANTON

FOUR LADS COME TO GRIEF BY STEALING PIGEONS.

Were Arrested and Given a Hearing Before Alderman Lentes—First Denied the Allegation, Then Confessed Their Guilt—Each Given \$500 Bail—Sub-Committee for This Side Make Great Headway in Their Preparations for the Firemen's Fair—Memorial Sermon.

An overbearing desire to own a flock of fine bred pigeons, which were the property of another, has brought four young lads to grief. The envied man is Joseph Heen, of Cedar avenue, who owns a large number of pigeons and values them highly. Recently he missed several of them and Constable Joseph Woolkers was put on the case to run down the supposed thieves. He succeeded and Mr. Heen went before Alderman Lentes Saturday and gave information for the arrest of Casper Snyder and Charles Reilly, of Moose street, Charles Everhart, of Prospect avenue, and James Cawley, of Hemlock street, on the charge of larceny.

Heen advised that the boys were guilty of stealing his pigeons and he rained for a hearing the lads stoutly maintained they were innocent, but after much questioning by Constable Woolkers, Everhart confessed his guilt. His companions thereupon also confessed their complicity. The alderman held the young defendants in \$500 bail each. Mr. Heen is willing to settle the case, providing that his loss is made good.

SUB-COMMITTEE'S WORK.

The sub-committee of the general committee of local firemen, who have in charge the arrangements for the proposed firemen's fair to be held to defray the expenses of the annual state convention of firemen in this city next October, met in the Neptune engine house yesterday afternoon.

The sub-committee is composed of the four permanent members of the companies of this side, and the delegates from the hose companies to the general committee. Peter Robling, Jr., presided at yesterday's session and Sterling Simrell was secretary. At a meeting held last Sunday, two committees were appointed to canvass the various business men of this side and the central city. The committee, comprising Permanent man Kneller, of the Century; William Pickus, permanent man of the Neptunes, and Fred Boyer, also of the latter company, made a lengthy report.

Over \$100 in money was donated by prominent people to the committee during the week. The merchants contributed largely, giving fancy and useful articles to be used in the booths at the fair. Sterling Simrell and Thomas Donlan, of the Williams Company, hose company, who comprised the other committee of solicitors, reported that they were out but one day and secured \$25 in money and many articles.

The committees will renew their efforts this week. The next meeting will be held Sunday afternoon next at the same place.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The evening service at the Hickory Street Presbyterian church last night was held in honor of the memory of the immortal Washington, Rev. W. A. Nord, pastor of the congregation, preached an able and eloquent sermon, touching on the grand life and brilliant achievements of "the father of his country."

The members of the Junger Mannerchor attended the service in a body. They sang several musical selections, accompanied by the church orchestra. The edifice was filled to its utmost despite the inclement weather.

DR. ROBERTSON'S ADDRESS.

Rev. John Robertson, of Glasgow, Scotland, officiated at the gospel services of the Young Women's Christian association yesterday afternoon and to accommodate the immense number present the holding of services was transferred to the German Methodist Episcopal church on Prospect avenue.

Rev. Dr. Robinson gave a practical talk to the young women, urging them to carry on with vigor the noble and inimitable work in which they are engaged. A splendid programme of music was given.

NUSS OF NEWS.

The Electric Social and Athletic club met in regular session yesterday afternoon. The committee in charge of the recent ball of the club made a report, stating that the net result of the undertaking was over \$50.

Miss Mame Coyne, of Genet street, has returned from East Stroudsburg, where she visited her sister, Miss Kate Coyne, and Miss Gertrude Moore, students at the State Normal school.

Michael Rafter, the South Scranton representative of the Times, will become a member of the local staff of that paper today. Michael McCrea, of Minooka, will succeed Mr. Rafter in the South Scranton department.

Miss Mame Owens, of Carbondale, is the guest of the Misses Cunningham, of Hemlock street.

DR. ROBERTSON'S SERMON.

Told About Obadiah's Wife and the Crucifixion of Christ.

Rev. John Robertson, D. D., preached two great sermons yesterday at the Penn Avenue Baptist church to large congregations. His morning's address was on the story of "Obadiah's Wife and the Crucifixion of Christ." The speaker emphasized the thought that to the query what she had, the woman said nothing, and that it is to the nothingness which the Lord wishes us to have and then to depend on him for the future supply.

The beautiful simplicity of the famous speaker's illustrations, his directness of application and intense earnestness are having a marked effect on those who hear him.

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