# Religious....

THE DIOCESAN RECORD, which is the official organ of the Episcopal church, contains the following with reference to the division of the Central Pennsylvania diocese:

Division. This is the word that for years has been on the lips of the people of the diocese. It has intruded itself upon the proceedings of many conventions and has been the subject of much thought and argument, and it is now written from east to west, all the way across the diocese. Does it mean what it implies?

Yes, it begins to look as though the diocese would be divided. The bishop has signified his consent; the line has been drawn; the vote has been taken, and the necessary preparations for division have been made. The one thing now needed is the increase of the endowment fund, and a committee has been appointed to raise the required amount, and we have no doubt that within the time remaining this work will be done. The consent of the general convention must be secured but we have been assured by our bishop that this will be given, if we can raise the necessary amount for the endowment fund.

But what about the line of division that has been adopted? It was not our choice, but the majority favoring it was so large that it might have been made unanimous. The vote was 112 against 56. There never was a doubt in our mind from the moment the resolution of adoption was submitted, that it would be carried. Every one of the proposed lines was put before the convention as amendments to the first resolution. Very little argument was produced upon any line, and the large vote shows that it is the choice of the people. Of course there remains the possibility of changing the line at the next convention, but with so large a majority and with the canvass for the endowment fund being made upon the line adopted, there is no probability that a change could be made. Putting all things together it is safe to conclude that the diocese will be divided, and that the line of division has been made.

But is division necessary now? This was one of the points of argument at the convention. A rector of a large and important parish took the position that division was not a necessity at the present time. He claimed that we have a bishop who is strong and able to do his work, and in addition to help another bishop and time to take a long vacation. We think that this rector stands almost alone in his opinion. It is true that our bishop is able to do his own work, and has time to help another, and a time to rest, but how long will he be able to do this? How long will he be able to bear the burden? In justice to him we have no right to ask him to do so much work, and in justice to himself and to his family he ought to refuse to do it. We are glad that the sentiment of the convention was so unanimous for division."

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The Kindergarten school in Olyphant, instituted by the executive committee of the Lackawanna Presbytery, had its closing exercises at their pleasant building on Wednesday morning last. The school is one of the most successful among a number of similar schools of the Presbytery, and is in charge of its very capable instructor, Miss Nettie Knapp, assisted by Miss Lillian Matthews. In the circle were included about sixty children, under the age of six years, who gave a very gratifying exhibition of their progress. Among the visitors on Wednesday were Edward Jones, of Blakely; Rev. Dr. Guild, of Scranton; Mrs. Dr. Belheimer, Mrs. and Miss Matthews, Rev. Hornbrusskey, of Peckville, and a goodly number of friends of the children of the school.

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Rev. W. F. Gibbons will occupy his pulpit tomorrow, both morning and evening, at the Memorial Baptist church. Bible school at 2 p. m.; superintendent, Mr. Albert Simons. After the evening sermon the church will partake of Communion. Young people's meeting, Tuesday evening.

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Rev. O. R. Beardsley, pastor of the Universalist church, will present next Sunday evening some more "Gems Plucked by the Wayside."

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Gospel meeting at the West Scranton branch of the Young Women's Christian association at 3.45 p. m. Girls specially invited.

## Tomorrow's Services

### Episcopal.

Saint Luke's Parish—Rev. Rogers Israel, D. D., rector; Rev. E. J. Haughton, senior curate; Rev. M. B. Nash, junior curate. Third Sunday after Trinity.

St. Luke's Church—7.30 a. m., Holy Communion; 9.45 a. m., morning prayer; 10.30, sermon and Holy Communion; 3.30 p. m., evening prayer; 9.15 a. m., Sunday school and Bible classes.

St. Mark's, Dunmore—8 a. m., Holy Communion; 10.30 a. m., morning prayer and sermon; 7.30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon; 3 p. m., Sunday school and Bible classes.

East End Mission, Prescott avenue—3 p. m., Sunday school and Bible classes; 7.30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon.

South Side Mission, Fig street—2.30 p. m., Sunday school and Bible classes.

St. George's, Olyphant—2.30 p. m., Sunday school and Bible classes; 3.30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon.

St. David's Parish—Rev. Edward James McHenry, rector; celebrations of Holy Eucharist, 7.30 and 10.30. Sunday school, 9 a. m. Evensong, 7.30.

Church of the Good Shepherd, corner of Green Ridge street and Monsey avenue. Rev. Francis R. Bateman, rector. Third Sunday after Trinity. Holy Communion at 7.30 a. m. Sermon and Holy Communion at 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school at 2.30 p. m.; evening prayer and sermon at 7.30 p. m. All welcome.

Christ's church, corner of Washington and Park avenues—Rev. F. S. Ballentine, rector. Services, 10.30 a. m., 2.30 p. m., 7.30 p. m. All seats free. All welcome.

Grace Reformed Episcopal church, Wyoming avenue, below Mulberry street—Rev. George L. Alrich, pastor. Prayer and praise service at 9.30 a. m.; divine worship at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; preaching by the pastor, a. m., "A Helpful Communion," I Cor. 11-27; p. m., he Cleansing Fountain," Zach 13; Sabbath school at 12 m.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6.30 p. m. Seats are free. Strangers cordially invited. Union Bible class for lesson study on Thursday evening at 7.15 o'clock, followed by the regular prayer meeting at 8 o'clock. All are welcome.

### Evangelical Lutheran.

Third Sunday after Trinity. Gospel, Luke 15: 1-10. Epistle, I Pet. 5: 6-11.

St. Mark's, Washburn and Fourteenth streets—Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph. D., pastor. Services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Luther league, 6.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.

Holy Trinity, Adams avenue and Mulberry street, Rev. C. G. Spieker, pastor. Services 10.30 a. m., 7.30 p. m.; Luther league, 6.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.

St. Paul's Short avenue—Rev. W. C. L. Lauer, pastor. Services, 10.30 a. m., 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 2.30 p. m.

Zion's, Mifflin avenue—Rev. P. F. Zisleman, pastor. Services 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m.

Christ church, Cedar avenue and Birch street—Rev. James Witke, pastor. Services, 10.30 a. m., 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m.

St. Peter's Prescott avenue—Rev. John Randolph, pastor. Services 10.30 a. m., 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of the General Synod, corner Madison avenue and Mulberry street—Rev. Luther Hess Waring, pastor. 9.30 a. m., Sunday school; D. L. Fickes, esq., pastor. 10.30 a. m., divine service, sermon and administration of the Holy Communion. 7 p. m., Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. 7.45 p. m., divine service. The pastor will speak on the Chinese problem.

### Methodist Episcopal.

Elm Park Church—Prayer and praise service at 9.30. The Lord's Supper and reception of members at 10.30 a. m. At 12 m., half-hour Bible study in Sunday school room. Sunday school at 2, and Epworth League at 6.30 p. m. At 7.30, the third sermon in the course; topic, "That Conflict Over Rulership."

Simpson Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. John B. Sweet, pastor. Morning prayers at 9.30; preaching service at 10.30; sermon by the pastor, Text, Acts 8.30, subject, "Your Responsibility"; Sunday school at 12 m.; Junior Epworth league at 2.30 p. m.; Young Men's meeting at 4 p. m.; Epworth league, C. W. Lull, leader, at 6.30 p. m.; evening preaching service at 7.30, sermon by the pastor, brief enough to be consistent and consistent enough to be helpful. Come and prove this. All seats free. A welcome to all.

Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church—Corner Monsey avenue and Delaware street. Rev. W. G. Simpson, D. D., pastor. Devotional meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Paul at 9.30 a. m. Preaching at 10.30 a. m. Sunday school at 2.30 p. m. Senior Epworth league meeting at 6.30 p. m. Evening service at 7.30 o'clock. Sermon by the pastor. Garfield council, No. 554, Order United American Mechanics, will attend in a body. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7.30 p. m. Business meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Paul on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p. m. Seats free. Everybody welcome.

Providence Methodist Episcopal church—Preaching at 10.30 a. m., topic, "The Message of Our Coming Holiday, July 4." Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Epworth League, at 6.45 p. m., topic, "When is a Nation Safe?" Fred Hartzell, leader. The evening service at 7.30, opens with fifteen minutes singing. Old hymns only will be sung. Sermon on "The Old Paths."

Cedar Avenue Methodist church—Rev. F. P. Doty, pastor. Brotherhood of St. Paul meeting, 9.45 a. m.; preaching services, 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 11.45 a. m.; Junior league, 3.30 p. m.; Epworth league, 6.30 p. m.; evening services, 7.30 p. m.

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Ash Street Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. J. R. Austin, pastor. Sunday school at 9.30 a. m.; E. W. Stone, superintendent; church service at 10.30 a. m.; subject, "Lessons from the Church of Pentecost;" class meeting at 11.30; J. E. Masters, leader. The Children's Day service, which was to have occurred on last Sabbath, but which was postponed, will be held in the evening, commencing sharply at 7.30 o'clock. Seats free. All welcome.

Hampton Street Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. James Benninger, pastor. Services as follows: Preaching at 10.30; subject, "Isaiah's Conception of What Christ Is to Us." Class meeting at 11.30; Sunday school at 2; Epworth League at 6.30; leader, Kiliiam Parson; evening preaching service at 7.30; subject, "Christ's Eulogy on the Word Failure."

Nay Aug Methodist Episcopal Church—Sunday school at 2.30 p. m.; W. M. Nixon, superintendent; preaching at 3.30 p. m.; prayer and class meeting at 7.30 p. m.; Frank Turner, leader.

Court Street Methodist Episcopal Church—G. C. Lyman, pastor. Class, 7.45 a. m., O. D. DeWitt, leader; preaching, 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 11.45 a. m.; Brotherhood of St. Paul, at 3 p. m.; Epworth League, 6.30 p. m.; preaching, 7.30 p. m. Everybody welcome. Seats free.

### Presbyterian.

The Second Presbyterian church—Union services of the First and Second Presbyterian churches at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 u. m. The Rev. Buell will preach morning and evening. All are welcome.

Green Ridge Presbyterian Church—Rev. I. J. Lansnig, pastor; Rev. L. R. Foster, assistant. 10.30 a. m., the assistant pastor will preach. There will be no evening service. Bible school at 12 m.

Washburn Street Presbyterian Church—Rev. John P. Moffat, D. D., pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Bible school at 12 m.; Young People's Christian Endeavor at 6.30 p. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday, 7.30 p. m. The pastor will preach morning and evening. Special music at each service. Short evening service. All welcome.

Sumner Avenue Presbyterian Church, corner Sumner avenue and Price street—Services as usual. Preaching by Rev. Fraul J. Milman at 10.30 a. m., and 6 p. m. Morning theme, "Good and Evil in Life and Judgment;" evening, "From the Prison to the Throne." Sunday school, 2 p. m.; Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor after evening service; theme, "When Is a Nation Safe?" Deut. xxvi, 1-11. Meetnig of prayer and praise Thursday evening at 7.45 o'clock. All are welcome.

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Adams Avenue Chapel, New York street—The Rev. James Hughes, pastor, will preach morning and evening at 10.30 and 7.30. An athem will be sung at each service; Sunday school at 3 o'clock, Mr. Chandler, superintendent; Christian Endeavor at 6.45 p. m.; On Wednesday evening at 7.45 there will be a missionary concert prayer meeting. Visitors will be cordially welcomed.

### Baptist.

Penn Avenue Baptist church, Penn avenue, between Spruce and Linden streets. Preaching morning at 10.30 and evening at 7.30 by the pastor, Rev. Robert F. Y. Pierce, D. D. Morning prayers in the lower temple at 9.45; topic of morning sermon, "Life's Holy Grail, or the Cup of Blessing"; reception of new members and communion; Sunday school at 12 o'clock, following the services in the auditorium. Sunday school at the Amerman Memorial mission at 3.30 p. m.; Young People's meeting at 6.30; evening, a special service of scripture and song, with a sermon talk on "The Home Land." This is the last Sabbath service before the pastor leaves for a two months vacation in Europe. The mid-week prayer meeting of the church will be held Thursday, instead of Friday evening, this week.

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## Sunday-School Lesson for July 1.

# Jesus Walking on the Sea.

MATT. XIV, 32-33.

BY REV. J. E. GILBERT, D. D. LL.D.,
Secretary of American Society of Religious Education.

THE CONTEXT.—The feeding of the five thousand on the northeast coast of the sea of Galilee, studied in our last lesson for June 17, while it displayed the wonderful benevolence and power of Jesus, involved him in a surprising complication. Those who witnessed His miracle were convinced by it that He was the Messiah, the long expected deliverer of the Jewish nation, and immediately a combination was effected to make Him king, according to the popular conception that Messiah would be a temporal prince (John, vi:15). Thus it occurred that a good deed was well-nigh lost on the multitude that journeyed around the head of the sea to hear the Master whose compassion had been drawn out toward them. The meeting of such an emergency, involving the rejection of kingly honor (what most men would covet), makes another exhibit of the character of Jesus which we shall study today. These are the sidelights upon the matchless life.

THE PRAYER (Verses 22-23).—Under these trying circumstances Jesus sought, first of all, to be alone. He knew that no proper adjustment of the situation was possible while others were with him. Accordingly He dismissed the disciples, sending them by ship to Capernaum, whence they had come. This was an excellent precaution, for their minds might have been easily poisoned by the evil purpose of the crowd. Then He dismissed the people, probably by some word of authority or prayer, possibly withdrawing suddenly from among them, as He might do, as He had done on other occasions (Luke, iv:29). Thus removed from all society Jesus ascended the mountain alone, probably to the very place where he had previously instructed the twelve, and there as the sun went down and the shades of evening gathered about, He engaged in prayer. How long these devotions continued no one can say. It was one out of the few seasons when Jesus sought, what all men need, spiritual refreshment in an hour of perplexity.

THE STORM (verse 24).—Let us now turn for a time to that little band of men, the twelve fishermen apostles, the learners in the school of Christ, destined to be the founders of the church. Sent forth by their Master they had taken ship and steered in a southwesterly direction toward home (John vi:17). The strange deeds of the day must have occupied their minds somewhat and provoked conversation, and they must have wondered what would become of Him whom they had left behind. Gradually the light of day faded, and the darkness came down upon them, so that nothing was visible save the sea and the sky. Then a storm gathered, one of those sudden disturbances of the elements for which that region has ever been noted. The winds, that had been bred in the fastnesses of the mountains, broke forth in their fury, and the heavens grew black with angry clouds. The waters, before tranquil, were lashed into foam, and the little bark, despite the struggles of the stalwart crew, was tossed to and fro by the waves.

THE ALARM (verses 25 and 26).—The mighty Lord, though separated for a time, had not forgotten His followers. It may have been part of His plan to leave them awhile to themselves that they might more fully appreciate and more earnestly desire His presence. In the fourth watch of the night, somewhere between 3 and 6 o'clock, as we reckon time, He went unto them treading the stormy sea as easily as a man might walk upon the smooth pavement (Psalm, lxxvii, 19). Presently His erect form, supposed by some to have been effulgent with Divine glory, appeared to the disciples as they peered out into the gloomy night. In that age of superstition, before scientific investigation had made men know the secrets of nature, such a phenomenon would awaken fear in the stoutest heart. It was then supposed, especially by the ignorant masses, that every event was the result of a supernatural influence, that malevolent spirits caused the misfortunes that overtake men. It was therefore a natural inference for the apostles when they said among themselves that a spirit was on the billow.

THE ASSURANCE (verses 27 and 28).—Consternation and apprehension filled the hearts of the apostles, as from the storm-driven ship they beheld the approaching form. What calamity impended no one could tell. Neither could any point out a way of escape. But over the waves there came a voice which was recognized as the voice of the Master (John, x:4). "Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid," were His assuring words. The three clauses of the sentence stood for three great thoughts, Jesus had come, fear must be dismissed, gladness should take its place. All that meant nothing, unless the speaker had the confidence of the hearers. As in all cases, the value of words depends upon him who utters them. The change in the minds of the apostles was instantaneous and complete. With his usual impulsiveness Peter responded, expressing probably in measure the feelings experienced by all, anxious to test the power of Jesus, and requesting the privilege to go forth to Him upon the water.

THE DANGER (verses 29 and 30).—At the invitation of Jesus Peter clambered over the side of the ship. For awhile, upborne by Divine power, he walked on the water, a splendid exhibition of faith and its reward! If the venture was unwise, contrary to the ordinary conduct of men, one cannot fail to admire the spirit of him who had trusted. Faith is always beautiful in whatsoever way it is displayed. But Peter had not gone far when he turned his thought from Jesus to the storm. Observing that the waves were high and the sea boisterous he lost confidence, became timid, and began to sink. The power that had supported him departed with his faith (Matt. ix:29). That was a critical moment. Shall a man perish in the deep who has relied upon his master. Shall power, once supplied, be suddenly withdrawn in time of peril? Fortunately Peter's faith was not all gone. He still believed in one whom he had followed, whom he delighted to serve. As he felt himself sinking he summoned his remnant of hope and cried "Lord save me."

THE SUCCOR (verse 31).—Never did one in trouble cry in vain unto the Lord (Psalm, xxvii:5). Man's extremity is God's opportunity. Immediately Jesus came to the help of His faint-hearted disciple. He caught him, sustained him and caused him to stand secure. The hand of power, reached forth, overcame the force of gravitation and made the water an unyielding pavement beneath Peter's feet. The touch of Jesus on many occasions wrought wonderful results( Matt., viii:3), but in this instance it was a firm grasp of the hand that was not released, but which carried, beside the force, confidence to the heart. If mystery gathers about that deed the historic statement cannot be rejected. Having thus rendered the needed succor the Master improved the occasion to instruct. This was his usual method—not by direct and orderly, but by incidental utterance, he offered truth for the occasion. There was withal, something of reproof as He asked, "Wherefore didst thou doubt?" The question was also calculated to arouse reflection upon the conditions and sources of faith.

THE WORSHIP (Verses 32 and 33).—Shortly the two, the Master and the rescued apostle, the Saviour and the saved, entered the ship. Then the wind died away, the storm abated, the waves were calmed. Rejoicing over the glad re-union and the marvelous deliverance soon gave place to a feeling of reverential awe as the twelve contemplated Him who stood among them. He who could cross the flood, who could raise one from the deep, who could bring peace to troubled hearts and silence the raging tempest, the same who had fed the hungry thousands in the wilderness, He must be more than man. They broke forth in honest confession, "Thou art the Son of God." This was the earliest declaration of their faith in His divinity. Subsequently Peter uttered it (Matt. xvi: 16), and still later Martha (John xi: 27), but on the deck of the little vessel at night on the sea of Galilee the great truth first entered into the minds of the apostolic band. And they knelt down and offered the homage and worship which were His due.

THE TEACHING.—From this passage we may learn several important lessons. 1. He who has some high moral or religious purpose must flee from the masses who would load Him with worldly honors, and he may best compose and strengthen himself in solitude and prayer (Matt. xi: 6). 2. Many are the storms that overtake men on the great sea of life, but their faith ought not to fail utterly, for one who is able to succor beholds their distress and comes to their relief. 3. The help of Jesus is proportioned to the faith of men. Their doubt rejects his aid. Their confidence assures it. 4. With much gentleness Jesus deals with the weak, reaching out his hand to save, but chiding the unbelief, by both seeking to increase their trust. 5. As on the ship in the night now and everywhere Jesus is worthy to receive the worship of men. Let those whom He has saved first pay their homage at His feet.

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## BANNER TRADE MONTH.

Forty million dollars' worth of manufactures were exported from the United States in the month of May, 1900, and $25,000,000 worth of manufacturers' materials were imported into the United States. This is a higher record, both in exportation of manufactures and importation of manufacturers' materials, than was ever made in any preceding month in the history of our foreign commerce and manufactures. This assures a total exportation of manufactures in the fiscal year 1900 of fully 425 million dollars and an importation of manufacturers' materials of $300,000,000, which will make the record in both exports of manufactures and imports of manufacturers' materials much higher than that of any preceding year. On only four occasions has the importation of manufacturers' materials reached the $200,000,000 line, while in the year just ended it will be, as already indicated, about $300,000,000—an increase of 50 per cent. over the average of the past five years. Exports of manufactures in 1899 were $238,000,000 and will be fully $425,000,000 in 1900—an increase of nearly or quite $90,000,000, while no earlier year ever showed an increase of as much as $50,000,000.

The total importation of manufactures for the year will aggregate about $525,000,000, and as already indicated, the total exports of manufactures will aggregate about $425,000,000. Prior to 1893 imports of manufactures always exceeded exports of manufactures. In 1888 imports of manufactures were two and one-half times the amount of exports of manufactures; in 1893 they were still more than double the amount of the exports; in 1896 they were nearly 50 per cent. greater than the exports, and in 1898 for the first time, the exports of manufactures were greater than the imports of manufactures, the figures for that year being, respectively: Imports of manufactures, $226,000,000; exports of manufactures, $290,000,000. Since that time exports of manufactures have steadily increased, and, as above indicated, will exceed the imports of manufactures by about $100,000,000.

The following table shows the imports of manufacturers' materials and exports of manufactures in May of each year from 1894 to 1900:

| Month of May. | Manufacturers' Materials Imported. | Manufactured Articles Exported. |
|---|---|---|
| 1894 | $12,378,337 | $15,199,402 |
| 1895 | 17,890,905 | 18,144,676 |
| 1896 | 13,144,661 | 22,016,969 |
| 1897 | 23,255,619 | 26,461,546 |
| 1898 | 16,797,399 | 28,031,700 |
| 1899 | 22,056,703 | 30,816,511 |
| 1900 | 25,405,913 | 40,430,367 |

## THE DIVIDING LINE.

From the Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette.

It is the privilege of every American citizen to sympathize with strikers if he sees justice in their cause. He can go further and attempt by persuasive methods to keep men from taking strikers' places and still within his rights. But the moment he resorts to arms and intimidation to fight labor's battles, he becomes a public enemy and a proper candidate for a prison cell.

## "ACCORDIN' HOW WE CHOOSE IT."

It ain't the thing we do so much,
It's more the way we do it;
It ain't the pain we feel so much,
It's more the way we view it;
It ain't the thing we own so much,
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And so our way
Is sad or gay,
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Some splendid values here, that we want you to see today.

$2.49 for Ladies' Trimmed Hats on wire frames, beautifully finished in mull and velvets. Less than half price.

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$1.49 for Ladies' short-back Sailors, trimmed in rosettes and with band of velvet around crown.

98c for Children's Leghorns, beautifully trimmed with flowers and mull. Less than half price.

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***Shirt Waists--Very Cheap.***

In the regular course of events that brings manufacturer's stocks to merchants with cash, we have struck a Shirt Waist snap. A funny season, this, with a supply that was big and a demand that is small. Little wonder that Shirt Waist makers have been discomfited, taking what they could get for their product.

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