

Eye Pittsburgh Gazette.

THE BLACKSMITH'S PRETTY DAUGHTER.

Why do the horses come always at noon To be shod at the blacksmith's shop? At noonday time, when the sun is still, When the blacksmith is forced against his will To rest, and his work to stop?

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

We learn from an exchange that the time and place of meeting, of the highest courts of the different Presbyterian bodies, are as follows: General Assembly of the Old School Presbyterian Church, New York, May 20th; New School, same city and date; Southern Presbyterian, Mobile, May 20th; Cumberland Presbyterian, Mobile, May 20th; United Presbyterian, Monmouth, Illinois, May 26th.

There is much beauty and thought in the following gem, which we find in an exchange: Some one has said that we read and hear many scriptural passages with indifference, until some personal experience elicits their meaning.

The Pittsburgh Conference of Evangelical Association (German Albright Methodists) held its annual session not long since in the Salem Church, Mercer county, Pa.

Rev. Sylvester F. Jones, a gifted young minister, formerly pastor of the Liberty street M. E. church, has just been appointed to St. Paul's church, Lowell, Massachusetts.

Within a short time three Congregational churches have been founded in the South. Of these, two have been organized in New Orleans, and have two hundred members each.

The Independent says the amount raised last year by the Methodist Episcopal churches was \$911,921, averaging 723 cents per member. The support of pastors is estimated as costing \$4,991,000, and church erections, repairs, etc., at about \$6,720,000, making an aggregate of \$12,626,000.

A Jewish congregation, in New York City, has lately ceased to use the customary forms of Hebrew worship and adopted the new Hamburg ritual, which adopts the vernacular language.

The first Sunday School in America was established by Bishop Asbury, of the M. E. Church, in 1786, at the house of Thomas Orenshaw, Hanover county, Virginia.

church property, including the parsonage and ground, is valued at twenty-five thousand dollars.

A citizen of Beverly, Massachusetts, offered to give the church society with whom he worships, fifty dollars in addition to his liberal subscription, if they will lock the church doors from the beginning of service to the announcement of the text.

The new edition of the New Testament from the text of the famous Vatican manuscript, long thought to be the oldest in existence and the nearest to the original text, just published at Rome, is not all that critics have a right to ask from the guardians of such a priceless original authority.

The Evangelical Lutherans of Ohio and Indiana, are about to build and endow a first class Female Seminary at Bellefontaine, if the citizens there will give thirty thousand dollars and grounds.

The Trustees of the Green street M. E. Church, Philadelphia, desired the appointment of Rev. G. R. Jocelyn, D. D., but Rev. J. B. McCullough was sent instead, for which they blame Presiding Elders Castle, Mason and Gray.

A special from St. Paul, Minnesota, to the Chicago Times gives full particulars of the murder of his wife and four children by John B. Gray, at Oakdale township, Washington county, Minnesota, on the 7th instant.

Armstrong at once ran to the residence of Gray's father, who lived near at hand, and the two repaired to the house of the murderer. They pushed open the door and found the four children lying upon the floor side by side, covered with a quilt, their throats cut from ear to ear, and faces gashed in a horrible manner.

The atmosphere of Washington ever since the 4th of March has been full of animation. The feeling among politicians and others in favor of the acquisition of new territory appears to grow stronger day by day, and if public opinion on this subject should gather strength in the proportion that it has for the last few weeks, it is probable that there will be a pretty strong annexation party in the United States before the close of the year.

The funeral of Mrs. Gray and her four children took place at Oakdale, Minnesota, on Friday, and was attended by people from the surrounding country in large numbers. Gray is strongly ironed in jail. He has lucid intervals, and when in that condition is terribly born down by his crime.

Upon entering the dwelling a shocking scene met the eye. In the back part of the room were two beds, one on each side; that on the right was occupied by the father, mother and the little girl; the one to the left, directly in front of the door, by the other children. The pillows of the latter were saturated with blood, and the bed was so tumbled as to indicate a considerable struggle.

years of age, nearest the door. Each one of them had their throats cut so thoroughly as to almost sever their heads from their bodies. These wounds were of the most horrible description. They were at least three or four inches in width and extended clear across from ear to ear.

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