

SERMONS BY EMINENT DIVINES.

GOSPEL MESSAGES.

Martyrdom of Stephen the Theme for an Able Sermon—Glimpse of Heaven Through the Eyes of the Great Preacher—The Eternal Sleep.

Text: "Behold I see the heavens opened," etc.—Acts vii., 56-60. Stephen had been preaching a rousing sermon, and the people could not stand it. They resolved to slay him.

I want to show you to-day five pictures—Stephen gazing into heaven, Stephen looking at Christ, Stephen stoned, Stephen in his dying prayer and Stephen asleep.

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Pass on now and see Stephen looking upon Christ. My text says he saw the Son of Man at the right hand of God.

Ob, wonderful invitation! You can take it to-day and stand at the head of the darkest alley in any city and say: "Come! Clothes for your rags, salve for your sores, a throne for your eternal reigning."

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The stones hurt his head but what would become of his body. His first thought was about his spirit.

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THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR MAY 1

Lesson Text: "The Triumphal Entry," Matthew xxi., 6-16—Golden Text: Matthew xxi., 9—Commentary on the Lesson of the Day by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

6. "And the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them." The time had come to fulfill the prophecy of Zechariah, quoted in the previous verse from Zech. ix., 9, and like all other fulfillments of prophecy, it shall be literally fulfilled, the King of Israel, the meek and lowly One, shall ride upon an ass colt into Jerusalem.

7. "And brought the ass and the colt and put on them their clothes, and they set Him thereon." He had told them to go into the village, and as soon as they entered it they would find a colt tied, which they were to loose and bring to Him.

8. "And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way. Others cut down branches from the trees and strewed them in the way." Not only their garments, but also their branches, were used to honor Him.

9. "And the multitudes that went before Him, and those that followed, cried, saying: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord."

10. "And when He was come into Jerusalem all the city was moved, saying, Who hath seen this? and how cometh this thing to pass, that the King of Israel should be thus?"

11. "And the multitude said, This is Jesus, the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee." But there was doubtless more in the testimony of one Nathaniel than in a multitude of these voices.

12. "And Jesus went into the temple of God and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers and the seats of them that sold doves." Compare John ii., 13-16.

13. "And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves." Speaking of Christ in Matt. iii., 6; Luke xii., 10; and Eph. ii., 21, 22.

KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED.

HEIRS DISSATISFIED.

Salvation Army Receives a Large Bequest of Real Estate.

Charles Eaton, of Hickory township, leaves in a few days for the Paul, Minn., to settle up a vast estate left by his brother, who died about a year ago.

The following pensions were granted last week: W. P. Levy, Scalp Level, \$8; Peter Karleskind, Newville, Cumberland, \$8; Thomas Barnes, Huntingville, \$8; John T. Tarr, Hammondsville, \$8; Andrew Dean, Uniontown, \$2; Samuel T. Reed, Tyrone, \$8 to \$12; David Polard, Rimersburg, \$8 to \$12; Christian Flannigan, Garland, \$8 to \$12; Albert Robert, Bellefonte, \$6 to \$8; Charles B. Reddick, Allegheny, \$12; Anna Hucker, Pittsburg, \$8; Anna E. Glim, Hazelton, \$8; Elizabeth L. Hasley, Allegheny, \$8; Matthew S. McCarter, North Hope, Butler, \$8; Wilson Shields, Gilpin, Indiana, \$8; Joseph L. Kerr, dead, Apollo, \$6 to \$12; G. M. Reiser, Mehaney, \$12 to \$14; Adam Maize, Armstrong, Center, \$6 to \$12; John J. Job, Alexandria, Huntingdon, \$6 to \$12; Charles Coyleville, Bellefonte, \$6 to \$12; John A. Bruner, Ford City, \$6 to \$10; Zachariah Biller, Brookville, \$8 to \$10; Robert F. Lav, \$8 to \$10; John T. Warden, Indiana, \$8 to \$10; Daniel H. Hays, \$10 to \$12; Jacob Bennett, Newry, \$16 to \$17; Christiana Bitter, Meversdale, \$12; Sarah Ann Turner, Julian, Center, \$8; Susan Mitchell, Kossuth, Center, \$8; Nancy S. Frank, \$8; Elizabeth Kerr, Apollo, \$8; Mexican war widow, Apollonia Hohmann, Erie, \$8; Robert M. Dunn, Rev. McKean, \$8; William Bee, Reynoldsville, \$8; Abraham, \$8; William Butler, \$6 to \$8; W. Wagner, Pittsburg, \$6 to \$10; Money C. Zeigler, Shade Gap, Huntingdon, \$8 to \$10; Franklin Crise, Kecksburg, \$8 to \$10; William McKeen, \$8 to \$10; Charles C. Miers, Powell, Smiths Ferry, \$8 to \$12; John T. McCandless, Euclid, Butler, \$12; John Doty, Rochester Mills, Indiana, \$10; Andrew J. Gesser, Irwin, \$6 to \$12; Mary C. Kruger, Renova, \$8; Lucinda Mitchell, Note, Indiana, \$12; Lulu Spricer, Confluence, \$8; Hannah Adams Hildengrove, Mercer, \$8; Rebecca L. Miller, Black Gap, Franklin, \$12; Barbara Teeter, Mother, New Enterprise, Bedford, \$12; Margaret A. Farnsbaugh, Pittsburg, \$8; Rosilla Mahoney, Carbonade, \$12.

Deputy Attorney General W. F. Reeder, at the request of the Center county commissioners, handed down an opinion regarding the right of tax assessors to assess one and other mineral rights to an individual or corporation when the land covered by the right is assessed to another party.

A shooting affray between two colored men, which may result in murder, occurred the other night at Gallitzin. Robert Barber, a black, was shot by George Clark, alias "Roving Jack," and is at the hospital at Altoona in a bad condition.

The northbound passenger train on the Pittsburg & Lake Erie road collided with the New Castle branch passenger at New Castle Junction the other afternoon. The branch train was on the siding and the wreck was due to an open switch.

Secretary of Agriculture Edge has been conducting a quiet test of the milk supply of Pittsburg and Philadelphia. Robert Barber, a black, was shot by George Clark, alias "Roving Jack," and is at the hospital at Altoona in a bad condition.

Fire at the mineral spring resort of Sargetown Tuesday morning destroyed Porter's carriage shop, loss \$15,000; Robert Barber, a black, was shot by George Clark, alias "Roving Jack," and is at the hospital at Altoona in a bad condition.

Philip Brandt, 26 years old, a brakeman on the C. & Y. railroad, was run over by the caboose of his train at Pittsburg and cut entirely in two. The body was found by fellow-workmen last Saturday.

Thomas Robinson of Butler has resigned on account of ill-health, and is now in the hands of the state. The case is being handled by the state.

MAKING THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER.

HOW PRETTY MAIDS AND OLD SALT SEA DOGS WORK UPON THE GLORIOUS EMBLEM.

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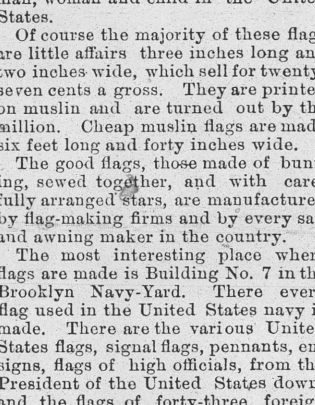
The bunting is made in Massachusetts. It is entirely of wool and of the best quality. It must have so many threads and a fixed tensile strength. The colors must be fast.

The stripes are cut out just as clothing is cut, in many layers at a time, by means of a circular knife that is kept as sharp as a razor. Then they are sent to the sewing-room, where skillful young women sew the stripes together and place the blue field in place.

The stars are cut out thirty at a time by means of a cold chisel and a big iron-bound mallet. Folds of goods, smoothly woven, of a standard grade, are laid in yard lengths, thirty thicknesses together, on a large square block made of cubes of oak, put together with the grain running in different directions.

There has been a deal of dispute over the evolution of the American flag. When the Revolutionary War broke out the flags used by the colonists were English ensigns, bearing the Union Jack, upon which were written "Liberty and Union" or other similar expressions.

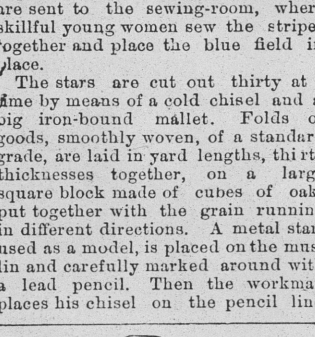
The American ensign was adopted in 1777 by the Continental Congress. There is a dispute as to the significance of the flag. The explanation accepted as the most probable is that the blue field is intended to represent the night of affliction that in 1777 surrounded the thirteen States, which were typified by the white stars arranged in a circle, signifying the endless duration of the new Nation.



CUTTING OUT STARS.



PRETTY GIRLS WHO MAKE THE STARS AND STRIPES.



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GREAT COAL PRODUCTION.

All Records Were Broken, But the Price Per Ton Decreased.

The total output of coal in the United States in 1937 amounted approximately to 193,250,000 short tons, with an aggregate value of \$193,100,000, a fraction less than \$1 per ton.

Compared with 1936, this shows an increase in tonnage of 6,270,000 tons, or about 3.2 per cent. The increase in the value of the product was only \$1,700,000, little less than nine-tenths of one per cent.

NOVEL ARMOR FOR THE NEWARK.

Inner Coating of Cement to Be Used With Cellulose Packing.

The big protected United States cruiser Newark, which has been at the Norfolk (Va.) Navy Yard for some months undergoing extensive repairs, has been selected as the subject for a naval experiment.

The Japanese Government has under consideration a plan for the establishment of banks with foreign capital. The plan, as outlined, is designed to encourage foreign investment in the enterprises in Japan.

What struck a Flume, Austria, warehouse and set it on fire, such a hole to have been lightning till a four-ton meteoric stone was found in a deep hole in the cellar.

The largest proportion of single persons is found in Ireland and Scotland, and the smallest in the United States. In Ireland 67 per cent, in Scotland 65 per cent, but in the United States only 53 per cent are in that condition.

The Belgian government offers a prize of \$10,000 to anyone who will discover a chemical that will take the place of white phosphorus in match-making.

and drives it through. A few blows and a constellation of thirty snowy stars are released. The sewing of the stars upon the blue field is very exacting work. There are ninety stars on each flag, forty-five on either side, and they are put on so evenly and carefully that when the flag is held up to the light there appears to be but one star. The stitching is wonderfully even and dainty. The flagmakers are the most picturesque workers. They are two old sailors, and expert sailmakers. It is their business to put on the finishing touches—the rings, the tape that adds strength, and many other things. They wear a white canvas uniform, use the queer sailmakers' thimble and talk in a fascinating sea jargon.