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Milford, Pike County, Pa.

EDITORIAL.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

The Dispatch seems to think we did not stick to the text in our remarks on its editorial concerning hangings in small towns. We are perfectly aware that the question "should capital punishment be abolished?" has engrossed considerable attention for a long time, and the subject may be considered some what hackneyed and thread bare, but in this progressive age when philanthropists are earnestly seeking the worlds advancement, and questioning whether the former methods are as effective in producing desired results, punishment for crime has been made a special study by penologists. Little more than a century ago, in England, to steal or even hamstring a sheep was as much punished by death as murder or treason, and during the reign of George III sixty-three new capital offenses had been added to the criminal laws, and five new ones on the average continued to be discovered annually.

Knight's England says in 1509 theft was punished by hanging thieves were often hung twenty together on one gallows; nevertheless thieves were in every place. A traveler has recorded that people are taken up every day by dozens, like birds in a covey, and especially in London; yet for all this they never cease to rob and murder in the streets. England has progressed since those days.

We did not intend to follow our neighbors idea further than to say that the terrible effects which the article described were in our opinion greatly overestimated, and that therefore the reasons given for having central places for executions were not well founded.

We did intend to raise the question whether capital punishment was as much a means of preventing the crime of murder, as imprisonment for life would be, could the trial and sentence move with celerity.

That little more than a year elapsed between the crime for which Schultz was convicted and his execution, is not to the point. His punishment compared with the hundreds of those in which the delay is much greater was reasonably speedy, but had he been provided with funds to defray necessary expenses of appeal he might for some time yet have been a boarder in our jail. The point we intended to make was, that generally speaking a speedy trial and the greater certainty of conviction there would be if the sentence were imprisonment, would more likely deter criminals, than capital punishment, when jurors hesitate to take upon themselves the grave responsibility attaching to their verdict of guilty lest the future should reveal a mistake.

The age in England above referred to was less enlightened than the present, yet the gravest punishment did not deter from the wholesale commission of comparatively trivial offenses.

If there is greater refinement at present, and a higher civilization, there should be more shrinking from the commission of high crimes and

a keener fear of the punishment, yet murder is on the increase, and it may well be doubted if the system of execution for this crime is efficacious in checking, to say nothing as to preventing it. We said before this was a graver question than the one of the effect of hanging on the nerves of sensitive and refined people. It is to place conspicuously before the class, or those persons liable to commit the crime the result to themselves of their misdeeds, that punishment is provided. It acts only on their fear of being deprived of life or liberty, and on such natures as Schultz, apparently no punishment would operate to stay the hand. All murderers do not belong to what are called the lower classes, and would not the idea of a life spent in solitary confinement, absolutely shut off from all communication with the world, be more repugnant to such a mind than that of a momentary pang and then the everlasting sleep.

To the brutal nature of the deprivations which life incarceration would entail might be more terrible than the thought of speedy death. In both cases the argument would be that if detected and convicted and the worst came the terror would be short and then the end, while in the other the thought would be that a living death would ensue for an indefinite period.

Would not this anticipation operate more powerfully on the mind bent on the commission of the crime of murder?

THE JOKE GROWS.

In the statement made last week of balances not yet paid and which will be presently due, there are some errors of omission, which for the greater delight of taxpayers we now correct. It was stated that there was a balance due on bridge work not yet paid of about \$685, which was nearly \$500 too low. Some of this work has not yet been approved but the contracts are outstanding and it is fair to assume that the amounts are substantially as they will remain, and therefore can properly be classed as present liability to be paid in the near future.

CORRECTED STATEMENT.

Bridge at Burcher's	\$ 320 00
Stone work on same	180 00
Deep Hollow bridge	325 00
Balance on stone work, etc	55 00
Balance on Bushkill stone work	200 00
Painting No. 1 and 3 Mast Hope	30 00
Rowland bridge wing wall and planking	59 87
Printing election proclamation, Dispatch	\$1183 87
Printing election proclamation, Press	135 00
Add county certificates	\$1453 87
7300 00	
Apparent distance behind the light house	8753 87

The officials decline to pay the amounts charged for printing alleging that under the law there was no necessity for publishing the whole ticket, although the publishers obeyed the explicit direction of the sheriff in so doing, and the law makes it the duty of that official to see that the proclamation is advertised. No objections were made to the form of the proclamation at the time it was published, nor to the bills for more than a month after they were presented.

AN OLD RULE TO BE ENFORCED.

The faculty of Princeton College has lately made a rule providing that the old rule regarding students frequenting drinking places shall be enforced. After January 5, 1898 they will not be allowed to visit the "grill room" of Princeton Inn. This action will relieve the college of much of the odium she has suffered, and it is not at all likely that when the present license expires a new one will be asked for or granted. There has been no persecution of either the college or its faculty in this matter by either newspapers or Presbyteries, but simply an earnest and proper desire that the morals of young men attending that institution of learning should be conserved with reasonable and ordinary care. It will be simply ridiculous for any one to assume

a martyred air because unfavorable criticism has impelled the faculty to take a step which is eminently right and in the highest interest of the college.

OUR SIDEWALKS.

The snow which came with the year and drifted badly, left some of our sidewalks for several days in a condition, which puzzled and warned pedestrians. It does seem as if some method ought to be devised by which our walks, on the main streets at least, would be made comfortably passable within a reasonable time after a snow storm. Near the Court House notably is a piece of walk which in winter, spring and summer after a shower is a nuisance and ought not to be tolerated. We are inviting people to come here and spend their money and urging the beauties of our town as inducement and yet we allow not only our guests but our own people also to be incommoded and annoyed by that which has no excuse for existing here, muddy sidewalks in summer especially and snow drifted ones not cleared in winter.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning Jan. 9.
Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—Our temptations and their conquest.—Feb. 11, 11-16.

In the first part of this passage the Hebrew Christians are warned against falling away from their faith like many of old. The impossibility of escaping detection and judgment is shown by the wonderful power of God's word. In holding fast, not only to their inward faith, but also their outward confession of faith, there would be trials and temptations, but there was also encouragement and help in the character of their High Priest, who was none other than Jesus the Son of God, who has passed into the heavens, and who was able to sympathize with them because He had passed through their experiences and through whom they could come to the throne of grace for pardon and for help. These two splendid facts encourage Christians to-day to persevere in the conquest of their temptations.

Christians to-day meet the same trials and temptations as Christians of apostolic days. We need to have the same warnings sounded in our ears. If we grow faint hearted and discouraged and give up our faith, if we fall away under severe temptations to sin, we cannot escape. God's word will bring us to judgment and to justice. We have also the same encouragements. Jesus, who has ascended into heaven, is our great High Priest, able to sympathize with us and able to help us.

1. We should be encouraged to resist temptations because we have the sympathy of Christ, our High Priest. We might suppose that Christ, being divine and living in heaven, might have neither the inclination nor ability to sympathize with us, but not so. He passed through our experiences. "He was tempted like as we are." By Sadducees and Pharisees, by men and devils, Christ was tempted. The trials of life fell heavily upon Him. He knows what we suffer and how we feel and what we need and is, therefore, able to sympathize with us. The sympathy of such a High Priest should be a great encouragement and help to us. When fighting battles against temptation and sin, we should remember that we are not forsaken and alone, with no one caring what the result may be. The eye of Him who died to save us from sin is watching us and sympathizing with us.

2. We should be encouraged to resist temptation because through our great High Priest we can go boldly to God for mercy and help in time of need. God is able to forgive past sins. Through Christ we can go directly and boldly to God for pardon and for help. In our hours of discouragement, temptation and trial let us remember that "God is our refuge and our strength" and go to Him in the name of Christ.

Bible Readings.—Gen. xxii, 1-18; Dan. xii, 10; Zech. xiii, 9; Math. iv, 1-11; vi, 13, Mark i, 11-13; Luke iv, 1-14; xxii, 31, 32, 40; Rom. xii, 9; 1 Cor. x, 13; Gal. vi, 1; Eph. vi, 10-18; Jas. i, 12; 1 Pet. i, 6-9; Rev. iii, 21.

One of God's Best Gifts.

Blessed is the man who has the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all is a power of going out of oneself and seeing and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in another man.—Thomas Hughes.

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THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Superintendent Schaeffer Reports a Total of 1,109,872 Pupils and an Expenditure for the Year of \$19,918,187.

The advance sheets of the annual report of Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, Superintendent of Public Instruction for the fiscal years ending June 1st last have just been issued. The report shows that the number of school districts has reached 2,482; that the total enrollment of pupils during the year ending June 7th was 1,109,872; the average monthly cost per pupil was in Philadelphia \$2.26 and for the State outside of that city \$1.32 and the total expenditure was \$19,918,187. Of this amount \$1,113,379 was expended for text books and supplies, \$3,688,994,36 for building purposes and \$19,929,582.73 for maintenance.

Dr. Schaeffer suggests the powers of School Boards be limited in the amount of money to be expended upon apparatus for ungraded schools. He declares the State appropriation of \$3,500,000 has put Pennsylvania in the front rank of States that have advanced education. Taxation, distribution of the funds and legislation also receive attention and the subject of free libraries is exhaustively dealt with.

Of the county institutes Dr. Schaeffer says: "Comparison of the overflowing houses which now greet the school officials with the slim audiences of the early days of the system shows how the interest in the public schools has grown everywhere. In some of the cities and larger boroughs the high school attendance has almost doubled in the last five years. Without doubt more should be done to establish high schools in rural districts and to give commercial and industrial education in city high schools. The era of manual training has hardly begun to dawn outside of Philadelphia.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Pike County, to me directed, I will expose to public sale by vendue or outcry, at the Sheriff's Office in the Borough of Milford on

Saturday, January 29, 1898,

at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day all the following described property, to-wit: All that certain tract or parcel of land, situate and lying in the township of Greens, in the County of Pike and State of Pennsylvania, known as the "Green's tract" and containing one hundred and eighty perches, more or less. Being same land conveyed to Benjamin Wesson by deed from Elizabeth Wesson and William Wesson, et ux, recorded respectively in deed book No. 12, page 159 and deed book No. 10, page 480 in recorder's office of Pike county.

Improvements, About twenty acres of said land are improved, balanced well timbered, small out buildings, a good thrifty young orchard, excellent spring of water near the site of former dwelling house, and stream running through property.

Sold and taken in execution as the property of Benjamin Wesson, and will be sold by me for cash, etc.

H. I. Courtright, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Milford, Pa., Dec. 30, 1897.

Auditor's Notice.

Estate of Jacob Ottensheimer, deceased. In the Orphan's Court of the County of Pike. The undersigned having been appointed auditor by the Orphan's Court of the County of Pike "to pass upon the exceptions, restate the account if necessary and make distribution of the fund in the hands of the administrator among the parties entitled thereto and report the evidence thereon to the court at next term," will attend to the duties of said appointment at his office in the Borough of Milford on the 1st day of January, A. D. 1908, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at which time and place all persons interested are required to attend and present their claims or be forever barred from coming in and upon said funds.

D. M. Van Auker, Auditor.
Milford, Jan. 3, 1908.

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