

CLERGY ARE SCORED BY REV. DR. CRAFTS

Criticized for Neglecting the Proposed Reform Movement.

UNFAITHFUL TO THEIR PLEDGE

That's What Dr. Crafts Said--Thirty-five Ministers, He Alleged, Pledged Themselves to Do Certain Things, but Only Two Stood Steadfast. Same Excuses Necessary as Would Explain Their Absence from Prayer Meeting.

Thirty-five Scranton ministers were roundly scored yesterday afternoon in the Young Men's Christian association hall by Rev. Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, of Washington, D. C., superintendent of the National Reform bureau. The criticism was offered in Dr. Crafts's address on reform, to a gathering of representatives of the city's young people's societies. It was prompted by the alleged failure of the ministers to keep their pledge to study and discuss a line of reform topics as a preparation for the local reform movement.

Dr. Crafts stated that the thirty-five ministers several weeks ago had made a solemn vow to meet regularly, discuss reform topics which had been suggested by the speaker and pursue the work in Scranton according to his suggestions. He regretted to say they had ignored their trust and whatever had been done in suppressing improper posters and getting rid of the slot machines was due to the efforts of persons other than those whose pledges indicated they should be foremost in the work.

At the meeting following that on which the pledge was made, he said, only eight of the thirty-five attended, and at the next meeting only two were present. Considering their promise, no excuse other than those which might explain their absence from prayer meeting, for instance, could absolve them from breaking their compact. He doubted that many of them could give such reasons for their absences.

THEY ARE UNWORTHY.

Too many ministers, he said, are unworthy of their calling, because they attend too closely to the art of preaching while neglecting the delving in the turf required of them. A minister who would grasp the plow and release his hold on the characterless cloth--total to the cloth; they showed too much of the priest and too little of the prophet.

Dr. Crafts hoped, however, that the thirty-five ministerial attendants at the conference to be held in the Young Men's Christian association building at 8 o'clock this evening, when the reform work in Scranton would be discussed. The meeting is to be attended also by the lay committee, who were to act in conjunction with the pastors, and by officers of the young people's societies, the Woman's Christian Temperance union and the Young Men and Young Women's Christian associations.

Yesterday's meeting at the Young Men's Christian association was attended by about two hundred persons. There were few women in the audience. Street Commissioner A. B. Dunning presided. Prayer was offered and the scriptures read by Rev. G. W. Welsh, pastor of Calvary Reformed church. The singing was accompanied by the orchestra pieces by John Turner.

Dr. Crafts's address was almost wholly confined to a plea for individual effort in aid of Sabbath and legislative reforms. He urged his hearers to make it their personal business to do what they could to correct any of the great evils of the city. He cited how often attained by "touching the mail box," as he expressed it--writing letters to the mayor, the chief of police, the legislatures, the governor, congressmen, senators or the president, according to the nature of the case. He cited how a single letter to the late William Vanderbilt had stopped the Sunday excursion evil on all the roads in the great Vanderbilt system.

REFORMS ACCOMPLISHED.

He was glad to observe that since his last visit indecent bill posting had been stopped and that slot-machines had been nearly abolished in the central city wards. He thanked the younger friends of the movement for at least their interest, which, he believed, accounted for the first successes, and hoped for the future approval and support of the pastors in the movement against Sunday saloons.

Once, he said, he had been able to say that Scranton was a moral city. He was sorry now it did not compare in that respect with the two other leading cities of the state, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, where the Sunday saloon law was at least generally enforced. Here, he said, he understood nearly all the saloons were open at the back door and some of them at the front.

At the conclusion of the meeting reform literature was distributed at the door. The following ten bills before congress were enumerated and the request made that petitions for their passage be sent to the readers' representatives:

(1) To forbid the sale of intoxicating beverages in all government buildings.

(2) To forbid the interstate transmission of lottery messages and other gambling matter by telegraph.

(3) To raise the age of protection for girls to 18 in the District of Columbia and the territories.

(4) To enact a Sabbath law for the national capital.

(5) To prohibit kinetoscope reproductions of pugilistic encounters in the District of Columbia and the territories and the interstate transportation of materials of the same.

(6) To prohibit the transmission by mail or interstate commerce of newspaper descriptions of prize fights.

(7) To substitute voluntary arbitration for railway strikes.

(8) To appoint a commission to investigate the labor problem in the territories.

(9) To limit absolute divorce, allowing remarriage, to cases of adultery in the District of Columbia and the territories.

(10) To exclude illiterate immigrants.

HIS ABLE ADDRESS.

Yesterday morning Dr. Crafts delivered an address in the Simpson Methodist church on the West Side, on "National Perils and Hopes." He made this statement:

"The chief concern of statesman and preacher alike, the one too exclusively absorbed in national finances, the other in individual conversions, should be the ten cyclonic clouds, which, since the war have been gathering in our national sky.

"The consumption of liquors in this period, measured by gallons, has increased more than twice as fast as the population, and partly as a consequence divorces and murders have increased in like proportion. Three other clouds hang together, peculiar to our own national sky and to this part of our history; namely, the increase of lynchings, labor riots and municipal corruption (all of which are larger evils in our country than in any other).

Three other clouds are no less threatening; namely the increase of State law-breaking, apparent to all; of impurity, declared by a recent convention of physicians; and of corrupt journalism, that proclaims itself: The tenth cloud, larger than all and partly inclusive of all is the national habit of law-breaking. It would hardly be too much to call the increasing interest in brutal sports another cloud.

"How to escape the disaster storms these clouds threaten should be the theme both of Thanksgiving sermon and president's message, for it is really the chief problem in both church and state."

The remedy suggested by Dr. Crafts was that which he is aiming to set in motion in this city, a combination of the forces of the various good civic and religious organizations with the clergy.

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MAN TO TRAVEL AND APPOINT agents in charge of the Auburn and Montrose Catholic parishes, has been summoned from this field of labor to Blossburg, Tioga county, Pa., where he has been made assistant to Rev. George J. Lucas, D. D., pastor of St. Andrew's church.

It is but a few weeks ago that Father Walsh came to Auburn from Bentley Creek--Friday's Montrose Republican.

COURT HOUSE NEWS NOTES.

Court allowed an appeal from the probate of the alleged will of John Faurot and from the decision of the register refusing to strike off the probate.

In the case of John H. Solomon, in the use of Thomas H. Soy, against Ellen O'Sullivan, a rule was granted on the defendant to show cause why the appeal should not be stricken off.

Attorney A. A. Vosburg was appointed auditor to distribute the funds of the estate of John Luce, Jr., deceased, and Attorney Richard J. Bourke was appointed to perform a similar office in the estate of Sarah J. Hopkins, deceased.

Michael J. Byrnes was appointed minority inspector of the Fourth ward of Olyphant in place of John O'Neill, and M. J. Hutchins was named as judge of election of the First ward of Olyphant to succeed Michael Cannon, resigned.

On the ground of cruel and barbarous treatment, Bertha Stevens, Saturday filed a petition asking for divorce from her husband, Wallace W. Stevens. They were married Dec. 27, 1884. Both parties reside in Scranton. Vosburg & Dawson are attorneys for the libellant.

Attorney John R. Edwards was appointed auditor to distribute the funds of the assigned Olyphant Trust company.

A rule for a new trial was granted in the case of Furrar & Trefz against William Silkman, which was won by the plaintiff at the first week's session of the present term of common pleas.

The old Olyphant borough bother cropped out in court again Saturday in the shape of a writ of alternative mandamus issued against Burgess Thomas Patton and Borough Clerk W. J. Schunnehl, to compel them to show cause why they should not draw warrants for the officers of the borough secretary, J. J. Dolphin, after the same had been duly approved by council. Mr. Dolphin's claim was for one year and three months' services and amounts to \$812. Arguments will be heard Jan. 21.

The amount of the verdict for Thomas O'Malley in his case against the Scranton Traction company, of which announcement was made in Saturday's Tribune, was \$1,577. In the case of Trinity, the verdict against the Traction company the verdict was for the plaintiff, but the victory was virtually on the side of the Traction company, the amount of the verdict being merely \$9.

It is also a conditional verdict, Judge Love having reserved certain points for further consideration.

The third and final week of the January term of common pleas which begins today will be presided over by Judges Archibald Edwards in the main court and court room No. 2, respectively, and Judge George S. Purdy, of the Home-Field district in the Superior court room.

Among the cases set down for trial in the repeatedly postponed divorce suit of W. L. Jones against L. W. Jones, Jr. is the last case on the list for this week.

Two divorce suits were instituted Saturday. The heirs of Peter Larkin, deceased, brought suit through Attorneys I. H. Burns and M. F. Sando against the estate of Larkin and the Carbondale Traction company for damages which they claim has been caused to their property by reason of grading done by the Traction company with the city's authority. The other case is a \$20,000 suit in which Chester M. Butts is plaintiff and the Scranton Savings bank defendant. The cause of action was not stated. A. J. Colburn represents Mr. Butts.

Pittsburg Improvements Completed.

The improvements that the Baltimore and Ohio railroad have had under way at Pittsburg for the past fifteen months have been completed with the exception of a small amount of paving between the tracks which will be done in the spring.

The new high speed terminals at that point are sufficient trackage to handle the vast amount of business with not only economy but with celerity. The chances cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000 and consist of a new yard at Glenwood, one of Pittsburg's suburbs, a double track for the nearly two miles in length, the changing of the line of road leading into the passenger station and the building of new freight yards near that point.

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SEALED PROPOSALS.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS, HARRISBURG, Pa., 20th January, 1898.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED FOR THE purchase of four or more acres of land, situated in the town of Harrisburg, Pa., on Monday, February 7th, 1898, and opened immediately thereafter for all the labor and material required for the construction of the new capitol building according to the plans and specifications prepared by Henry Peck Cobb, Architect, which include excavation, foundations, masonry, carpentry, steel, iron, marble, etc., and such other specifications as can be seen only in the Supreme Court Room at Harrisburg where they have been deposited for the convenience of bidders taking their quantities.

The successful bidder will be accompanied by a certified check on responsible Pennsylvania bank for \$15,000. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, and to waive any defect or informality in any bid should it be deemed in the interest of the Commonwealth to do so. Proposals must be made upon blanks furnished by the Commission on from whom they may be obtained.

No bid will be considered except from parties experienced in this line and class of work, and who are prepared to furnish satisfactory standing to promptly execute the contract.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish bond in the sum of \$150,000 that he will complete the contract on or before January 15th, 1898.

Address proposals and all communications to the Building Commission, Harrisburg, Pa.

By order of the Commission, AMOS H. MYN, Vice-President, &c. B. J. HAYWOOD, Sec., &c.

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