

Behind the Cloth

Cordova, the rascal who forsook his young wife and children and debauched a member of his congregation, seeks to be pardoned. It is a preposterous insult to the very State for any person to even hint that this beast that was of the cloth should not remain behind the heaviest iron bars of the commonwealth, especially since there are at present three other clergymen in New Jersey who are charged with similar crimes.

There should be no quarter, no sympathy, shown a man who has been educated for the ministry and who wears and hides behind the cloth for double-edged purposes—to appear respectable and to take advantage of his station in life by ruining young girls. There is a measure of condonement for certain classes in this world, but education and "calling" reverse every instinct of feeling toward the Cordova strata.

Jersey justice is swift, but let us pray the Board of Pardons to make it unrelenting at this time.

Intolerance is Antiquated

Religious, political and other forms of intolerance are dying natural deaths. It is unnecessary to make the statement except as a means of pointing out the folly of perpetuating the antiquated prejudices of people in this town.

There was a time not many years back when "foreigners," as newcomers were then called, were segregated to the extent that they should never dare raise their voices in protest against the methods of the existing powers. In those days it was hinted to the "foreigner" that he had no right to participate in the one-horse legislation of a one-horse village; and as for holding a public office, the fact that he was a "foreigner" raised the proper barriers. But times have changed and Pleasantville's present prosperity and growth are due to the influx of "foreigners." It is a safe assertion that future greatness, if it comes, will be ascribed to the "foreigners" influence.

If we follow the trend of beautiful sentiment, Pleasantville Borough should elect to her legislative body the oldest citizens, men who have almost outlived their usefulness, but sentiment be damned when it comes to giving the people good returns for the money collected as taxes. The town has grown and there is only one place for the old-time sentiment and prejudices—the hell-box, the natural receptacle for printers' worn out types. The town needs rejuvenation; the reform must come through the channels of the most intelligent of men in our Council. Down with the old-time prejudices! Let us raise up men for public office who have qualifications, and having them will use them to the best advantage of the taxpayers. The town is today burdened because of bungling in days gone by and the errors were not of those who are called "foreigners." They were due in the main to ignorance of the outside and the business worlds.

A change is needed, and it is good policy to proceed upon the assumption that we have men fully qualified and willing to wear the toga of office and who will maintain the integrity of the office, and that anything they may do will be for the greatest good.

The town has been holding an attitude of suspicion and hostility toward the "foreigners" who have never failed to support every movement for the public good. A continuation of this form of persecution is to bring back into modern times something of the intolerance which for so many centuries was the curse of mankind.

OCEANVILLE
Mr. Clark and family, of Clareboro, W. Va., will again spend the summer here.

here. They are occupying the Doughty house near Mr. Joseph Higbee's residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Conover entertained last week the former's mother, Mrs. L. A. Conover, of North Absecon.

Mr. Lawrence Smith, of Lancaster, O., is spending the summer with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Smith.

The Oceanville base ball team split even in a doubleheader with Conover town on the 4th of July. Oceanville won the morning game by the score of 8-5 while the afternoon game was decided 15-2 in favor of Conover town.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Roberts, of Philadelphia, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Stewart last week.

The 4th of July celebration given by the Knights of the Mystic Chain at L. L. L. was a great success. About \$45 was cleared from the sale of refreshments. Messrs. Therman Leeds and Joe Smith were the only ones successful in climbing the greased pole. Wilmer Leeds was winner in the sack race and the first wheelbarrow race. William Horner won the second wheelbarrow race and Raymond and Willie Leeds were first in the three-legged race. A large number of people from Port Republic, Leeds Point and Absecon were present.

Mr. Harold Smith, of Philadelphia, will spend the summer with his parents.

Mr. Harry Showalter, of New York, has been visiting his aunt, Mrs. Harris Somers.

On Saturday evening Ocean Castle, No. 25, A. O. K. of M. C. installed new

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officers and on Monday evening Esther Assembly No. 1 held an installation. Workmen employed by the County Board of Freeholders are laying a brick gutter on each side of Somers' hill on Shore Road.

Miss Edna Allen, of Atlantic City, is a guest of Mrs. F. C. Smith.

Mrs. David Stewart fell from the steps at the rear of her home on Sunday afternoon. She sprained an arm and was badly cut about the head.

The boys of Oceanville have formed an organization called the Oceanville Athletic Club. At a meeting on Wednesday evening a constitution and by-laws were chosen. The following officers were elected: President, Edgar Conover; Vice President, Floyd Smith; Secretary, Raymond Conover; Guard, Clarence Conover; Club Counselor, Mr. Washington Somers and Mr. Thomas Leeds.

Mr. Benjamin Somers has a position as fireman in the engine room of The Chalfonte, Atlantic City.

SOMERS POINT

JOHN F. HILL, CORRESPONDENT who will receive subscriptions and advertisements for THE PRESS.

Mrs. E. Lipsy and Mrs. D. Treen bought the first tickets for Ocean City over the new bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Wandless and daughter and Professor C. M. Reed, of Philadelphia, are spending the week with Mrs. Job Lake.

The West Side Camping Club, of Atlantic City, spent a few days at the Point.

Capt. W. Sooy's ice cream parlors were over-run with straw-ride parties last week.

The official opening of the new bridge was a great success. The fireworks on the Ocean City side were beautiful and the traffic was tremendous.

The fishing in the bay is excellent and yet the people who can not go fishing have to depend on vendors from Pleasantville.

The Hotel Waverly and the Treen Villa were crowded with visitors last week.

Mrs. Mary Stevenson is spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Steek.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buck were Sunday visitors at the Fairview Villa.

Mrs. William Thompson entertained her brother, Mr. George Morris, of Philadelphia, last week.

Mrs. Theodore Klotz and Miss Katie Klotz, of Union Hill, and Mr. Charles Weisenberger and Miss Eva Hay, of Philadelphia, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hill. Mr. Otto Herman spent Sunday at the same place.

Capt. Vanhook, superintendent of the County building, is in Mays Landing, spent Sunday at the Point.

Oh, for a few public-spirited men who cared for the pleasures of our children and who have nerve enough to find means to keep our bathing grounds free from hotel refuse!

The patriotic people of Somers Point presented to the City through Mr. Herman Steek a beautiful 12 foot flag which was hung to the breeze on the morning of July 4th on the City Hall.

A patriotic scene was enacted at Lauchavon where a trio of fine American flags were stretched across Groveland Ave. from Mr. Frank Rhoades' bungalow to Mr. Jacob Andrews' cottage on the morning of July 4th. One of the flags bears a historic stamp. It covered the Liberty bell on its trip from the St. Louis Exposition to the Cradle of Liberty in Philadelphia, when Mr. Rhoades was one of the guardians of the bell. Mr. Andrews delivered an appropriate address and the crowd of visitors whooped her up.

Judge Higbee was the principal speaker at the 4th of July celebration at Hammonton.

Mr. Howard Baird makes large weekly shipments of quabs from the Feathered Fairies Farms. This is very unusual for this time of the year. Mr. Baird is an expert and has the farm in better paying shape than ever before.

Mr. A. A. Hamilton and family have opened their Ocean Heights cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Andrews entertained last week Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wolf and children, Mr. Wesley Cline and Mr. and Mrs. George Laaser and daughter.

Mr. Chris Taylor and some Henry and Eddie are home on their summer vacation.

The fine cottage of Mr. Thomas Blair, on the Daniel Farver tract is rapidly nearing completion.

The D. Frazier Co. have a large force of men at work opening up and grading Front St. and New York Avenue.

Mr. William H. Reed, Miss Katie Reed, Messrs. William and Daniel Darr Jr.,

of Frankford, and the Misses A. and C. Strain, of Wilmington, are enjoying the delightful breeze of the bay.

Mrs. Wilson has rented her Main Ave. cottage to Mr. Clews and family.

Mr. William Lebnakuhl, M. Lee Laux, Mr. Fred Hoeger, Mr. William McKee, and others, of Philadelphia, have broken camp at Hickory Point after a two weeks' stay.

Mr. and Mrs. John Christian, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Bechtoltz, of Los Angeles, Cal., were Friday visitors at the Point.

Mr. Arthur Atkies, of Philadelphia, is registered at the Treen Villa.

Mr. Henry Hogue, of Ocean City, was a Tuesday visitor at the Thompson Villa.

Mrs. R. S. Thompson is spending a few days in the City of Brotherly Love.

Professor and Mrs. Thomas Mitchell, of New York City, are spending the month at the Treen Villa.

The Misses Tillie and Emma Pahl and Mr. William Butterfield, of Philadelphia, spent the glorious Fourth here.

Capt. and Mrs. Z. S. Stoeckman have opened their Main Ave. cottage for the summer.

The Misses Beatty, of Philadelphia, spent last week at the home of Mrs. Amos Taylor.

Mrs. William Johnson and sister, of Atlantic City, were Saturday visitors at the Point.

Miss Beulah Montgomery, of Roxborough, Pa., is here for a month's stay.

Miss L. Mabel Landis, a prominent soloist of Philadelphia, and Miss Laura Rowen were guests of Miss Esther Thompson last week.

Mr. William N. Lipsey, of Philadelphia, was a Sunday guest at the Treen Villa.

Messrs. Charles Meisle, W. Meisle, Chas. Meisle, Jr., and Miss Katharine Meisle, of Philadelphia, spent last week at the Elsie.

Mr. Meisle's large motor boat, "The Elsie," was launched Saturday in the great Egg Harbor bay.

Mr. Harry Kirk's fine cottage, corner Main and Groveland Ave., is nearing completion. Mr. J. Offcer, the painter, is putting on the finishing touches.

Mr. Leon Somers has the contract for painting ex-Mayor Cape's fine boat-house and Mr. J. Offcer has the contract for that of Rushton Marot.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Stoltz have returned to their Philadelphia home after a two weeks' stay at Ocean Heights.

A large siding has been placed on the new bridge and cars can now pass.

The Somers Point Yachtmen's Association's new pier seems to be a successful venture as the men are doing a good business.

Mrs. E. Landenberger and Miss Katharine Frey entertained at their cottage on Ocean Avenue Mr. Gray, of Philadelphia, Mr. S. Spengler, and Messrs. William and Samuel Spengler, Jr., over Sunday.

Mr. T. George Middleton has the knack of taking fine photos and his souvenir postal cards of Somers Point and its points of interest are as fine as could be desired by the most exact critic.

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