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THE SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, MAIN STREET. PASTOR, REV. CHAS. B. REYNOLDS. Sunday evening subject: "The Troy Murder." Services, 10:30 a. m., and 7:00 p. m.; Sunday School at 12:30 m.; Branch Sunday School, 3:30 p. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. meeting at 6 o'clock p. m.

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The Easter hop of the Young Men's Social Club, last Monday, was a very fine affair.

Remember the popular ten cent supper at the Methodist church, next week Friday night, from half past five to seven thirty.

The elegant brass chandeliers and side brackets, in new Odd Fellows' hall, are the handiwork of H. M. Johnson and Fred L. Houghton.

The Junior Y. P. S. C. E. of the Second Congregational church will give an entertainment Friday—the pantomime, "Babes in the Woods."

The Cambridge, N. Y., fair is to be held this year September 4, 5, 6 and 7th. An attractive list of four stakes—\$100, \$200, \$225, \$250—will be trotted.

Miss Maggie Kirkwood, after spending Easter here at home, has returned to Orange, Mass., where she is stopping with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Peirson.

Mrs. Chas. Safford and Miss Robertson have opened dressmaking rooms at 446 Main street. They use the McDowell system of cutting and fitting.

H. T. Eaton of West Arlington, whose letters from the South have been running in the BANNER for the past nine weeks, has become interested in a granite quarry that promises great things. We hope he may "make his pile."

The Troy Press of yesterday says: "A most exquisite event was enjoyed last night at the home of Mrs. J. Wool Griswold on First street, the occasion being the second chamber musical recital. The artists were the Brodsky string quartette of New York City, Adolph Brodsky, the famous violinist, being the first violinist of the organization."

The hearing in the case of the State of Vermont vs. A. E. Hamilton of Manchester Centre, accused of arson, began in the Colburn House hall in that village yesterday afternoon. The State was represented by F. C. Archibald, State's Attorney for Bennington County. The accused was represented by J. K. Batchelder of Arlington. Fifty witnesses have been subpoenaed on the part of the State and the hearing will occupy two or three days. Justice Richard W. Dean is presiding. The case has excited much feeling and the result is awaited with great interest on account of the high standing of the accused in the community.

The graded schools will open on Monday next for the closing session of the year. Miss Arabelle Horton, a graduate of the State Normal school at Geneseo, N. Y., and a teacher of skill and experience, has accepted the position of preceptress in the High school. Miss Horton is a lady of inherited educational tendencies, of refined and pleasing appearance, and she is said to have conspicuous executive ability in the line of her work. It is believed that she will be a valuable addition to a faculty, some of whose members have no superiors in their line, and whose work and ability are widely known. That our schools have a high reputation throughout the State is shown by the fact that the trustees and the superintendent receive many applications from teachers who express a desire to come here because of the professional advantage it will be to them. Some of these teachers state plainly in their applications, that they have heard of our work, and heard our teachers in educational meetings, and that they wish to come here to learn some of the things which our teachers seem to understand so well.

WALTER COLLINS is home again, much improved in health.

Easter finery came near getting frost-bitten Sunday.

Gov. FULLER has designated Friday, April 6th, to be Fast Day.

OTIS WARREN of this town was granted a reissue of pension last week. ROBE SMITH, son of Wells R. Smith, has not been as well for a week or more. Mrs. TORRY, the dressmaker, has moved into one of Sheldon H. Rockwood's new tenements, 228 Union street. Dr. A. Z. CUTLER, who has been confined to his house for more than a week, was down to his office for the first time Wednesday.

HOUSEKEEPERS will find that washing the floor in strong turpentine water before laying a carpet will help to exterminate the buffalo bug or moth.

We often read that the resignation of a pastor "fell like a thunderbolt on the congregation." Could they not find a quieter way to break the news?

FAST DAY is abolished in Massachusetts, and Lent is over everywhere, but the time for frugal living and unempowered fasting will linger with the Mayflowers.

The picture which Col. Breckinridge's lawyers present of a man of fifty "terrorized" by a school girl of eighteen or twenty is pathetic enough to draw tears from adamant.

The annual convention of the Episcopal diocese of Vermont will be held in St. Albans June 5th and 6th. Bishop Doane of Albany, has been invited to deliver the sermon.

PRINTED stationery is always cheapest and most satisfactory. Noteheads, bill-headers, letter-heads, envelopes, cards, etc., furnished at the BANNER job office, at moderate prices.

The regular monthly meeting of the King's Daughters will be held Friday, April 6th, in their permanent quarters at the corner of Main and Depot streets, in the residence of Mr. Loring.

WEDDING invitations and announcements, visiting cards (both engraved and printed), books, pamphlets, circulars, dodgers and posters printed at the BANNER job office, at prices to suit the times.

"PEOPLE are so foolish, who enjoy themselves without knowing just why," said a woman at a "five o'clock tea," and then every one in the room thought "how easy it is to discover the native Benningtonian."

The public is cautioned against counterfeit silver coins, which are flooding the country. Dollars dated 1889, and halves dated 1887 are fair counterfeits, but can be detected by the slightly greasy feeling and imperfect ring.

OUR readers should remember the date of the Father Matthew T. A. B. Society's lecture by the Rev. J. F. Leonard of Westfield, Mass., April 11th, not the 2nd, as has been announced. The BANNER gave the correct date last week.

The report of the Superintendent of the Vermont Soldiers' Home for the present quarter to date will be as follows: Admitted 11, discharged 4, died 3, furloughed 5, returned from furlough 5, gain 4, total 85, present 74, in hospital 16.

ARA M. CARLISLE, late of Company D, 9th Vermont regiment, died at the Vermont Soldiers' Home, March 23d, age 76 years. He was admitted to the Home August 23d, 1893, from Chester, Vt. No. 39. The burial was held at Chester.

TO-MORROW is the last day in which to register your dog with the town clerk for \$1. On Monday the fee will be \$2, with a certainty that if neglected a fine and loss of the dog will certainly be enforced. This applies to all Vermont towns as well as to Bennington.

THE Rt. Rev. A. C. A. Hall, D. D., is to visit Bennington April 8th. He will preach at both the morning and evening services. In the morning, the rector will be formally instituted, by a service little used in America, and performed for the first time in St. Peter's parish. In the evening there will be confirmation.

JOSEPH ROBINSON, late of Company D, 9th Vermont regiment, age 61 years, died at Brattleboro Retreat, March 22nd, 1894. He was admitted to the Vermont Soldiers' Home July 8th, 1889, from Bridgewater. In April, 1890, he was taken to the retreat at Brattleboro for care, having become violently insane. He will be buried in the Soldiers' Home cemetery at Bennington. Death No. 40.

CLEAN out your yards. At this season of the year there is in every family yard, especially the back yard, a vast accumulation of rubbish of all sorts, that has gathered itself together during the winter. These heaps are nesting places for disease and should be removed at once. The health officers of this, and the surrounding towns, desire to have us impress upon all property owners the importance of cleaning their yards.

The Farmers' Advocate of Burlington, without which no beans could be raised in Vermont, has the greatest admiration for Mr. Vail as a candidate for the lieutenant gubernatorial nomination, but is pledged to Mr. Arms, and "cannot consistently change his allegiance." All this, in view of the facts, is what the foreman of a "large and constantly increasing" newspaper would aptly characterize as "hog wash."—Hawdick Gazette.

A COLONIAL bronze statue is to be erected in his native county, Ontario, Canada, by its citizens and others throughout the Province, to the memory of Gen. Wm. Putnam, a famous Canadian patriot, who was killed at the battle of Windsor, during the rebellion of 1837. He was an aid-de-camp of Gen. Sir Isaac Brock at the battle of Queenstown Heights, and was beside that officer when he fell, mortally wounded, holding his head until the gallant Brock breathed his last. Gen. Putnam was an uncle of Dr. W. E. Putnam of this village.

The following obituary, taken from the St. Paul, Neb., Monitor, refers to a brother of Edward Kelly of this village: "Alexander Kelly was born in Bennington, Vt., October 27th, 1820. He was married to Miss Martha Willis, also of Bennington. He moved with his family to New York State, and from there he moved to Nebraska in 1877, where he lived until his death. He died Sunday, February 25th, 1894, at his home near Warsaw in Howard county. Mr. Kelly leaves four children." Mr. Kelly formerly worked for the late Chas. Colvin in the old oil mill, in the east part of this village.

"SPRAYING POTATOES" is the title of a bulletin just issued by the Experiment Station, at Burlington. It contains illustrations and directions for spraying, and shows its results on the yield of potatoes. A spray can, devised at the Station, is also described. The bulletin shows that Bordeaux mixture is the best means of checking blight, that the longer life of the plant is what mainly causes the increase in yield, and that a spray can is the best means of applying fungicides to large fields. All bulletins and reports of the Station are sent free of charge to any address on application.

We note that the students of schools out of town are home for the Easter vacation.

THE "opening" and reception to be given by the Rifles, has been fixed for April 10th.

Mrs. MC NANA of Huntington, Mass., is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Denley, of this village.

JAS. J. MORRISSEY, who has leased the Centennial House, is making some needed improvements therein.

Miss ALICE GIBSON of Temple Grove Seminary, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., is home for the Easter vacation.

CHAS. MAC DONOUGH has the agency for the new aluminum bicycles which are being placed in the market.

Dr. R. B. SKINNER of Barton, is visiting his sister, Mrs. E. E. Rawson, and also his brother-in-law, Dr. F. W. Goodall.

THE reader is referred to L. M. Holton & Son, florists, as reliable dealers. See their advertisement in another column to-day.

We noticed that plowing had begun in this vicinity the 10th day of March. This is quite a start in advance of ordinary seasons.

GEORGE H. MOORE has begun the foundation for his residence in the south part of our village. He has a fine site for such a dwelling.

The body of Edwin Carroll, who died at the Soldiers' Home, February 1st, was taken from the receiving vault and sent to Fairfax, Vt., for interment, this week.

The officers and members of Miriam Rebekah Lodge, are particularly requested to be present at the regular meeting next Monday evening in the new hall.

We regret to hear of the failing health of the Hon. L. R. Graves. For the past few days he has suffered from eureka poisoning and his condition is a matter of solicitude.

CHAS. A. HINSDILL, who advertises plants and trees in another column, is making a great success of his nursery. He finds Bennington a good point for this business.

C. D. GIBSON comes forward this week with a timely announcement of Devoe's famous mixed paints, of which he has sold large lots for several years. Read what he says in the BANNER to-day.

The Fidelity and Casualty Company, through its agent, A. P. Childs, has just paid Mr. L. B. Valentine \$100, indemnity for injuries received while on his recent trip to New Orleans and the South. This is prompt payment.

Prof. EDWARD E. LONG has a fine class in music. He is receiving encouragement that classes will be formed in several other Southern Vermont towns. Prof. Long is a fine teacher and has had the advantages of travel abroad.

The Easter ball of the Envor Club, in Apollo hall, was attended by some 50 couples. A nice supper was greatly enjoyed as well as the dancing, and the net receipts are about \$50, which will be used to beautify the Club rooms at the Envor Institute.

In the Rutland county court Wednesday morning, the jury in the case of Kerrigan vs. the Bennington and Rutland railway, brought in a verdict of \$6,000 for the plaintiff. The suit was brought to recover for damages caused by an accident at Rutland in January, 1893.

The pastor of the Second Congregational church will on successive Sunday evenings, deliver four addresses of a political nature. The following is the list of subjects and dates: April 1st, The Troy Murder; April 8th, Morals in Town Governments; April 15th, Politics and Family Life; April 22nd, The Education of Bosses.

In the case of Dr. F. W. Goodall, aspiration was done by Dr. Vaarderveer of Albany, N. Y., on Monday, March 26th, revealing a puss formation deep in the back, close to the Psoas muscle, from which about two ounces of puss were obtained. The general condition of the patient remains about the same as a week ago.

The farewell to the old Odd Fellows' hall in the Adams Building, South street, was a rouser. The initiatory and final degrees were worked in an admirable manner on five candidates. Several petitions were received. Stark Lodge has met continuously in this hall since its reorganization in 1888. The next meeting, April 4th, will be in the new hall, Opera House block.

The annual communication of Mt. Anthony Lodge, No. 13, F. & A. M., will be held Tuesday evening, April 3d. The Eastern Star Chapter's regular convocation is Wednesday, the 4th. There will be several petitions for membership presented. Taft Commandery meets in concave Thursday evening, April 5th, and will confer the Red Cross degree. Temple Chapter, R. A. M., meets Monday, April 9th.

Troy whiskey must have a worse effect upon a man than almost any other spirit drink. The following from the Press where "he thought he was in another town": "Edward Mollo of North Adams, came to this city Saturday night and enjoyed himself by drinking. At 6 o'clock last evening, he stood in front of J. H. Winslow's office on State street, and Officer O'Bryan appeared. Mollo gravely declared that he wanted to go up stairs 'to feed the chickens.' Asked where he thought he was, he replied that 'this town is Hoosick Junction.' Mollo was arraigned before Magistrate Donohue in police court to-day and was sent to jail for five days to get sober."

The Columbus Dispatch says: "An honest gallon of honest maple syrup is one of the noblest and scarcest works of man." This may be so in Ohio, but not in Vermont. The Hon. B. N. Foster of Chicago, says in his recent order for 54 gallons of Vermont syrup: "The syrup sent me last year was the best I ever saw. Some of it went to Scotland. Nothing like it was ever seen there. I believe it to be the best in the world." Mr. Foster, a former resident of Pownall, has since going to Chicago, sent here for a large quantity each year. Most of it he presents to his friends on the Board of Trade. Henry Stafford has filled the order for several years.

If people would wash out their mouths twice or three times a day with an antiseptic solution, says a physician, there would not be near so much sickness. In the last ten years I have never had a cold, sore throat or fever, and I ascribe this immunity solely to the fact that I follow this plan rigidly. There are any number of proprietary antiseptics that are excellent for this purpose, but many more simple agents that are as good or better. One of the best of the latter is carbolic acid. A very weak solution of this gargled and held in the mouth two or three times a day will work wonders. Immediately after using one will find that the mouth feels cleaner. I believe that a great majority of the common throat and lung troubles come from the lodgement of disease microbes within mucous membranes of the mouth. The free use of antiseptics will kill these germs.

MISS MORGAN invites our readers and the public to her opening of fashionable millinery, on Saturday, April 7th. Mile Arntzen, with Miss Morgan for the season, is one of the best trimmers in the Metropolis.

HEMP INDIANs are "flour sale" at \$3.35 per barrel. Our readers should procure the summer's supply as it is sure to go up, or farmers will be forced to stop raising wheat. In either case a return to high prices is sure to come.

THOSE of our citizens who have witnessed "The Hustler," billed for the Opera House, to-morrow evening, say that it is a fine play and no one will make a mistake in attending it. The company have a nice list of press notices.

The death of the estimable wife of Prof. E. W. Howe, at Brookfield, Mass., at 7.15 Wednesday evening, is a sad blow to her husband, and quite a sudden shock to this community, where she was so long known. We are not in possession of particulars.

In getting auction bills, farmers should remember that a notice in the BANNER will be read by more people than will the bills themselves, and when the bills are printed at this office, a notice in the paper is sent without extra charge.

THE Young Women's Club were fortunate in having Prof. Bradford kindly consent to read before the organization, Wednesday evening. His selection was excellently chosen, it being the trial scene from the "Merchant of Venice." His interpretation was very fine and delighted his listeners.

HAVE you your inventory ready to fill out April 2nd? If not, procure one at once of the town clerk and have it all ready for the listers when they call. In this way you save the town many dollars and reduce your own tax a little. If all would do this, the listers' bills would be much smaller for the town to pay.

THE Minnesota courts have decided that the law compelling oleomargarine to be colored pink is unconstitutional, on the ground that the product is not deleterious to public health. This will not suit the farming community, who, we think, should have protection from the competition of "bogus butter," whether it is "deleterious to public health," or not.

LIST of letters remaining uncalled for in the postoffice at Bennington, for the week ending March 24th: Leslie A. Bennett, Daniel Ber, James Calford, Isal Filasville, Geo. H. Sharpe, Miss Bertha Minott, Mrs. Ada Northouse. These letters will be sent to the Dead Letter Office, April 7th, 1894, if not delivered before. In calling, please say "advertised" giving date of list.

THE Brattleboro Reformer of last Saturday, has this item: "There was an anti Childs movement in the postoffice about as destructive as that of four years ago to local Republicanism, and smaller than that in the local Democracy this spring. Postmaster Childs accidentally left his puppy there that night, and when the force came around in the morning there were signs of scenes as exciting as in either of the caucuses. A nice stiff hat of Clerk Leach's was resolved to very nearly its original atoms, and the traveling bags of Mr. Childs and his brother, A. F. who were to start for Wilmington that day, were in very similar shape. And so on. Fred told them all to go down street and resupply at his expense."

We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of a nicely printed and illustrated monograph, from Henry B. Hall, Esq., of North Bennington, it being a copy of his address, "The Battle of Bennington," read before the Berkshire county Historical and Scientific Society at Pittsfield. He takes issue with an article of S. D. Locke's in the National Magazine of American History, of last April. The author, as our readers know, is a son of ex-Gov. Hall, Vermont's historian, and, as he had access to his father's collection of evidence, it is safe to say his position is not far from the truth. The opposing line of argument is antagonistic to almost everything printed since August 16th, 1777, and iconoclastic enough to blot out Oliver Cromwell's greatest achievement. Mr. Locke's effort is 100 years too late.

At the opening, recently, of the new building in New York City of the Railroad Men's Association, Gen. J. G. McCullough was one of the leading speakers. Associated with him were Chauncey Depey and H. S. Haines, president of the American Railway Association. Correlius Vanderbit presided and made the introductory and dedicatory speech, introducing Gen. McCullough, who was followed by Mr. Haines and Doctor Depey. The anniversary number of the New York Railroad Men, a monthly publication, containing the speeches and portraits of the speakers, it seems that this association of railroad men, on the lines of the Y. M. C. A., began in 1857, and up to 1877 the meetings were held in a room in the depot in New York City. They now meet in an elegant building, and we note that in his address, Gen. McCullough is fully in sympathy with the grand movement. He did not forget to give Vermont credit for its work along these lines.

THROUGH the efforts of Chief Bugler Chas. Mac Donough of this village, assisted by several officers interested in this line, the trumpeters of the First Regiment V. N. G., have been receiving the attention of Quartermaster-General Gilmore, and as soon as practical each company will receive two new trumpets of U. S. A. regulation. These trumpets are of heavy brass, with two nickel-plated mouth-pieces, the larger of which is attached to the instrument by a nickel-plated chain. The cords and tassels are the infantry color—white. The key of the trumpet is "G," and tuning slide in "F" tubing also accompanies each instrument. The outfit is made by J. W. Pepper of Philadelphia, by government contract, and it is understood that some of the companies are planning to procure extra instruments and form bugle corps of from three to six men.

THE annual school meeting of the Graded District, was held Tuesday afternoon. The attendance was not large, and the proceedings were marked by their unanimity. Hon. John V. Carney was re-elected moderator, also the treasurer, Geo. F. Graves, and the auditors, Judge Darling, John F. Gullitan and Capt. H. D. Fillmore. Harry T. Cushman had served the district as clerk a number of years and would have been re-elected, but he declined and Chas. Mac Donough was elected by acclamation. Chas. G. Cole was unanimously elected to succeed himself as trustee of Ward 2, and only in Ward 4 was a ballot taken. The candidates were Wells Valentine and C. W. Thatcher. The vote showed 57 ballots cast, of which Mr. Valentine had 40, and on motion of Mr. Thatcher's supporters, the vote was made unanimous. The meeting voted a tax of 35 cents on the dollar, to be placed in the hands of the treasurer for collection July 1st, as usual. The clerk of the Board of Trustees, I. E. Gibson, was voted \$25, for services during the past year, and the auditors were allowed \$5 each per day for their services.

The aggregate of taxes this year is five cents on the Grand List dollar more than last year. Some one facetiously remarked the other day that this advance in the tax rate, together with the prophesied deficiency of next year, can be better paid later, as the Wilson bill and Democratic good times may be in force then. Just so.

Our friends as well as our correspondents are again reminded that it is well nigh impossible for us to print news several days old, handed in Friday morning. This week several interesting items, we should have been glad to publish if received early in the week, must be omitted because we have in type about the events all we can use this morning. Please favor us earlier in the week.

HERE is an item from our Granville, N. Y., exchange, that has wide application, as every one of our brethren of the guild-edified well know. We do not apply the remedy that Col. MacArthur says he shall, however merited. The item reads: "The Sentinel will again warn its correspondents from indulging in blind personalities and scandals—disguising them in such a manner as not to be detected by the editor or other persons not conversant with the facts." These things injure the paper and no correspondent who has the interests of the Sentinel at heart will impose upon us in the above manner—in the way a certain correspondent did a few weeks ago. Our object in securing correspondents is to get the news of their respective places and to make the paper of greater interest to patrons in such neighborhoods. We do not wish any imaginary scandals and will not knowingly publish them. Furthermore we will say to those correspondents who impose on us we shall publish their names, as soon as we become conversant with the facts."

HON. GEO. W. HALL of Georgetown, Colo., died at his home in that city, last Saturday, 24th, inst., aged 72 years. On Friday, a telegram summoned his daughter here, Mrs. Dr. A. S. M. Chisholm, to his bedside, and she left for Colorado that evening, accompanied by her son, Freddie. She did not arrive until after his decease. The disease was pneumonia, and the burial was in Denver, according to Mr. Hall's request. He had been a member of the Odd Fellows nearly 40 years, was affiliated with Stark Lodge, No. 9, of this village, and, besides, belonged to all the orders of Freemasonry in his adopted State. The Odd Fellows of Georgetown turned out in regalia Monday morning, and escorted the remains to the train, notifying the Lodge here. Further particulars have not been received. Mr. Hall went to the "far west" some 30 years ago, engaged in silver and gold mining, and had amassed a large fortune. He was a genial gentleman, and has a large circle of friends. His family, surviving, consists of his wife, and daughters, Mrs. John Husted, who lives in Georgetown, and Mrs. Dr. A. S. M. Chisholm.

COL. L. F. ABBOTT, whose second term of service as Graded school trustee has just expired, declined a re-election. For several years he was president of the board, and at all times, during his connection with it, he was one of the most active, watchful and conservative members, and he was in every way a notably efficient officer. During the entire period of his service, he has given to the school much of that thoughtful attention which has made him so successful in his own business. His close attention to the internal work of the school made him a strong factor in its success. Always careful and conscientious in the expenditure of money, he was liberal in using it to promote the educational progress of the children, and he was careful to prevent the least appearance of decay in the school property. In his relations with the faculty he was greatly esteemed, and his thoughtful attention to their interests while he was president will long be remembered. It is not too much to say that the people owe to Col. Abbott a lasting debt of gratitude for his fidelity to the educational interests of Bennington, during the last six years.

THE Rev. Geo. L. Richardson, late assistant minister at St. Paul's church, Albany, N. Y., began his ministry in Bennington, as rector of St. Peter's church, last Sunday. He had three unusually large congregations, the first of which were being attended, mainly, by people connected with the church, and at Evensong a goodly number of others, also, were present. The subject of the morning sermon was: "The Easter message as applied to the spiritual life," and the address of the evening: "The journey of the two disciples to Emmaus." Mr. Richardson made a good impression on his hearers, and his manner of reading the service is both sincere and devotional. We predict that his rectorate will fulfill the promise of its auspicious beginning. The annual election of wardens and vestrymen occurred Monday evening, as follows: John T. Shurtliff, senior warden, also treasurer; Henry O. Harwood, junior warden and clerk; L. F. Abbott, W. G. Richardson, J. H. Norton, L. P. Norton, delegates to convention; the wardens, C. C. Kimball and Charles Barnes, alternates; the remaining members of the vestry being, Jerry Finn, Joseph Schwarz and Chas. T. Burr. The Easter offering was \$97, and was wholly a volunteer donation, no call having been made.

A large and appreciative audience that greeted Mrs. Gen. Custer in the Opera House, last evening, must have been an inspiration to that talented lady. A special train brought more than one hundred from Shaftsbury and North Bennington, and it was a cultivated congregation who listened an hour and one-half to Mrs. Custer's graphic description of "Garrison Life in Winter," on the western plains before the advent of railroads. The address dwelt upon a picture of domestic life in the army that contrasted with a sealed book—and this phase of the lecture was very entertaining. Mrs. Custer was introduced by A. P. Childs, who was, also, master of ceremonies at the banquet and reception by Custer Post and Custer W. R. C., immediately following the lecture, in their hall. A large number of our people were introduced to Mrs. Custer. In response to a call she made a few remarks especially to the members of the organization that bore the name of the gallant Custer, whose tragic death, and that of his whole command, arrested the attention of the civilized world at the time. This closed the exercises. We find that many of our people had expected the lecture would comprise more of a biographical sketch of Gen. Custer, and an historical narrative of events with which he was associated. This may be a suggestion worthy the attention of Mrs. Custer for a future occasion.

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EASTER SERVICES 1894.

At the Baptist church there were elegant trimmings of cut flowers and potted plants. There were baptisms at both services, the pastor preached sermons in harmony with the joyous festival, and large congregations were present. The Easter musical programme, under the direction of Prof. H. W. Downs, was so admirably rendered that it has received general commendation. By request the same programme will be repeated, morning and evening, of Sunday, April 1st. The ordinance of baptism will be administered in the evening.

At St. Peter's church, as stated in another item, large congregations greeted the new rector, and the fine music selected by Prof. R. O. Goldsmith, was admirably rendered. The church was opened for the first time since the repairs and decorations were finished, and the improved surroundings were very pleasing. The altar, pulpit and lectern were adorned with flowers, principally calla lilies, but these were not in the profusion of former years. The electric lights added much to the beauty of the scene. While the compliments to the choir were general, yet the solo singing of Miss Mary Loomis, especially at Evensong, is very highly spoken of.

At the church of St. Francis de Sales the Easter music surpassed anything that that congregation had ever enjoyed. Musical Director, Chas. H. Bennett, had worked hard to make it a notable event, and the choir had cheerfully seconded and supported his efforts. The long programme, comprising Palmer's Mass in B flat, was finely sang. The sermons were upon the subject of the day, and Father Barron took the occasion to make some practical applications to his people of the lessons of the Queen Festival. At the close of the services Mr. Bennett found a basket of choice flowers on his table near the organ, and upon examination, nestled among the stems were four \$5. gold pieces, presented as an Easter gift from the choir. It was wholly a surprise and a handsome recognition of his efforts in their behalf.

At the Second Congregational church there were large congregations present, and, like other sanctuaries, the floral decorations were numerous and pleasing. The pastor preached a practical sermon, and the musical programme, published last week, was exceptionally well rendered. The evening Easter Carol service was very enjoyable, the large Sunday school class entering into the spirit of the concert—a type of the worship of the "upper sanctuary."

The services at the Methodist Episcopal church, M. B. Morgan, chorister, were of a much higher order than has been usual of late years. This was indicated by the published order of exercises, especially the music of the morning service. As a soloist Miss Audria Bowen is a very promising vocalist, and in the choruses the voices were well balanced. The Easter concert in the evening was greatly enjoyed, the large Sunday school taking hold of the exercise with a will that insured success. The pastor's morning sermon had for its subject "The history and observance of Easter." A part of the music will be repeated next Sunday, giving our people another opportunity to enjoy the solos of Misses Bowen, Morgan and Mr. Valentine, who were so highly complimented, supported by the new choir. The evening Easter service was conducted by Supt. F. A. Greenleaf under the direction of Miss Amelia Burr.

Easter 1894 is a thing of the past, but its influences will linger in the minds and religious life of the people. The great lesson of Easter is that of hope. That is what the first Easter day meant. When Simon Peter said to certain of his fellow disciples, "I go a fishing," and the others said, "We also go with thee," the simple incident meant more than appears on the surface. It meant the extinguishment of the hopes which had been general concerning the Messiah, and a return to the old vocation which they had followed before they were admitted to His high companionship. They had hoped that it was He who should have redeemed Israel, as one of them later said; but they had witnessed the complete triumph of His enemies over Him. He had suffered, as any man might suffer; He had been put to death, as any man might have been; what was there more? Return to the old manner of