

# NEWS OF PENNSYLVANIA

## BANKERS HELD IN CELLAR?

Pittsburg (Special).—Imprisoned for three days and nights in a tomb-like chamber of the sub-cellar under the safe deposit vaults, Teller Henry Reber and Auditor John Young, alleged defaulters and embezzlers, were subjected to a most drastic "sweating" process by the officials of the Farmers' Deposit National Bank, before they divulged any information concerning their irregularities which resulted in their arrest.

John O'Leary, of Kirkwood, O'Leary & Company, brokers, against whom a civil suit has been filed by the bank, is authority for the statement that Reber and Young were kept prisoners in the underground chamber in the bank for three days. It is also developed at the bank and at police headquarters that a new process, by which information was wrated from the two suspects, was used by the directors and other officers of the big banking institution to obtain information concerning Reber and Young's method of procedure.

It is said, however, that on Saturday, when the names known there was a shortness, Reber and Young were taken to a room down stairs and locked up. A strong guard was placed over them while auditors worked upon the books, and officials of the bank were to put Reber and Young through a severe course of sprouts.

Officers of the bank worked in relays with Reber and Young, and it is said, that when the two suspects were turned over to the Federal officers Monday they were haggard and their eyes swollen as a result of the loss of sleep. Their meals were carried to them from a nearby restaurant, but the prisoners were denied the use of the telephone and other luxuries.

The whereabouts of Reber and Young was unknown to their families until after their arrest Monday.

Reber and Young as yet have been unable to secure bail.

## FIRE IN THREATENED.

Towanda (Special).—A panic was prevented when a fire occurred on the stage of Hale's Opera House by the ready tongue of a man in the gallery and the coolness of others.

There was a shower of sparks on the stage, a burst of smoke and a mass of burning scenery fell from the loft, having been thrown on the stage to prevent it settling fire to other pieces.

Instantly the audience was on its feet, there were cries of fire, the curtain was lowered. A panic was imminent, when a loud voice in the gallery was heard saying:

"Keep up that curtain, we want to see you put out the fire."

Others took up the cry, there was laughter and applause and the curtain was raised. Actors and stage hands were seen beating out the blaze, and the audience, with its confidence restored, sat down and watched them doing it.

The stage was cleared and the play resumed.

## DICKINSON NOT CHANGED.

Carlisle (Special).—President George Edward Reed, of Dickinson College, upon his return here from making an address in Philadelphia had at the York Methodist Episcopal Conference, where a Board of Inquiry was appointed to inquire why Dickinson as a non-sectarian institution in availing itself of Carnegie foundation help for superannuated professors, said that the relation of Dickinson College to the Methodist Episcopal Church is today precisely what it has been since the year 1833, when the college came under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church, not a line or even a word of its ancient charter having been changed, in order to secure place upon the Foundation.

## NEARLY ENDS IN TRAGEDY.

Pottstown (Special).—A burglary, which came near ending in a tragedy, was committed at the restaurant of Clayton Isett, and as a result of the robbery John Davis and Lafayette Levensgood are now in the Pottstown Hospital in a precarious condition from inhaling gas. The thieves after rifling the cash register, broke the connection of the gas meter and removed \$8.00 in quarters.

The gas leaked out rapidly and soon found its way to an upstairs room where the victims were sleeping and they were unconscious when found.

## TO CUT MINERS' WAGES.

Altoona (Special).—Central Pennsylvania coal operators do not propose to continue the present pick mining wage scale of sixty-six cents a ton in effect in this field at the present time without a struggle.

At a secret meeting here of fifteen of the biggest operators their interests were discussed. They decided on not less than a ten per cent. cut all around, so it is said.

## FLEE FROM FLAMES.

Pottsville (Special).—The family of Elias Beigel, at an early hour awoke to find their sleeping apartments in the homestead, at Spring Garden Junction, all ablaze and themselves hemmed in by a circle of fire. Not stopping to change their night clothes, they plunged down the stairs, which were also afire.

## NAMES STEEL RECEIVER.

Media (Special).—Judge Johnson appointed ex-Mayor Howard H. Houston, of Chester, as receiver for the Tidewater Steel Company, which until a short time ago, operated an extensive plant in that city.

## Woman Commits Suicide.

Toughkenamon (Special).—Suffering with nervous troubles, Sarah, wife of Herbert Owen, of this place, committed suicide by cutting her throat with a razor at her home.

## REWARDS OLD PRECEPTOR.

Oxford (Special).—Rev. Richard B. Dilworth received his reward for a life devoted to charity and the uplifting of his fellows when he received word that a man whom he had helped in his studies many years ago, had died at Haynesville, N. J., leaving him \$7,000. The studying had been done in the West when Mr. Dilworth was a missionary to the Indians there and the friends had lost all track of each other.

The New Jersey man, however, did not forget and in his will was the legacy to R. B. Dilworth. Detectives at once began a search for such a man, but found no one for several months until they finally struck Oxford. They soon discovered that they were on the right track and went at once to New Jersey, where Mr. Dilworth has been staying for several months. The legacy will stand him in good stead as his charitable acts have left him but little of this world's goods.

## DYNAMITERS AT WORK.

Hamburg (Special).—James Francis, of this borough, has become greatly alarmed because three unsuccessful attempts have already been made to injure or destroy his property by the use of high explosives.

Two of these explosions took place on Sunday evenings, during the hours of church services. The loud reports were heard throughout the borough, causing considerable excitement.

Small fragments of iron pipe were discovered scattered all over the back yard, while at the point where the explosion occurred a hole was torn in the ground. Mr. Francis has enlisted the help of local and State authorities to ferret out the guilty. It is believed that the pipes are loaded with dynamite and powder. In one instance the fuse failed to ignite the charge and the pipe and dangerous contents were found intact.

## RAILROAD COMMISSION CASE.

Harrisburg (Special).—The Pennsylvania State Railroad Commission has fixed Thursday, April 9, as the time for a hearing in the complaint filed by the Manufacturers' Association of York, against the Northern Central Railway Company and the Western Maryland Railroad Company. The complaint in this case is concerning switching of empty and loaded cars between the railroads having terminal facilities within the city of York.

This case is the first hearing fixed by the Pennsylvania State Railroad Commission.

## Pioneer Oil Operator Dies.

Titusville (Special).—T. V. S. Moran, 90 years old, a well-known oil operator in this vicinity for sixty years, is dead.

## STATE ITEMS.

Henry Bender went to his room at the Danielsville Hotel after spending several pleasant hours with friends and committed suicide by swallowing poison. He was 45 years old.

The Lehigh Valley Symphony Orchestra organized at Bethlehem by electing these officers: President, A. G. Rau, of Bethlehem; treasurer, M. J. Shimer, of Bethlehem; secretary, E. Donaeher, of Allentown.

G. Call, a prominent young business man, of Waynesburg, ended his own life by firing a bullet from a revolver through his heart.

The State Treasury bought for the State sinking fund \$35,000 of the State bonds due in 1912, at 102, the lowest price ever paid for them.

With ordinary earthworm bait, which they first saturated with brandy as an experiment, Policeman Thomas Clark, of Darby, and Policeman John Carr, of Yeadon, caught 150 pounds of fish.

Suspended employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad on the Shamokin division sought legal advice relative to the relief fund of the company. They fear that if they are not re-engaged they will lose a lot of money paid into the fund.

It is announced by delegates who have returned from the Indianapolis convention that John Mitchell and Samuel Gompers will soon speak in Shenandoah.

Rocci Couldanis, 5 years old, was burned to a crisp in a stable at Mount Carmel.

At a meeting of the class of 1908, Pottstown High School, the following were chosen to write and read papers on Class Day exercises: Class history, Charles Heilman; Charles Brown and Miss Blanche Bach will read the class prophecy, and Mabel Rhoads and Edna Wisler will read the class statistics.

After three years of legal battling in the county and Supreme Courts, the Pottsville Gas Company won a victory in court against the Pottsville Borough, a jury deciding that \$3 is an excessive charge for a permit to open the streets in order to repair gas mains.

The Schuylkill Canal is being prepared for an early resumption of navigation. The usual damages incurred by Spring freshets did not materialize, consequently, the channel is open and ready for the anticipated brisk coal traffic between Port Clinton and Philadelphia.

Ralph Morettas, mounted State policeman, was badly injured at Shamokin when his horse, which was running away, fell upon him.

The farmers of Berk County are paying the highest prices for cloverseed, seed corn and seed potatoes this Spring that have been known since the inflated values that prevailed during the Civil War.

Fire of incendiary origin destroyed the new bank barn on the farm of C. C. Neils, at Rossville, while the family was absent at a sale. The loss is about \$4,000.

# THE PULPIT.

A SCHOLARLY SUNDAY SERMON BY DR. ROBERT ROGERS.

Theme: Overcoming Evil.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—In the Church of the Good Shepherd, the rector, the Rev. Dr. Robert Rogers, preached Sunday morning on "Overcoming Evil." The text was from Romans 12:2: "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." Dr. Rogers said:

This is the closing verse of a rather remarkable chapter. The words immediately preceding my text, "If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink;" "Bless them which persecute you, bless and curse not," do not sound like the words of a Jew who was trained under the maxims of love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy. They have much more the sound of the voice of Jesus, who said, "Love your enemies." It is very impressive to think how deeply Jesus was able to fasten His peculiar teaching upon a man like Paul, who had been trained in the religious philosophy of the old schools.

Paul has lost his old prejudices; he has separated himself from the narrow tenets of Judaism. He has been born again the spirit of Christ; he has been born again into a new world of moral philosophy, and he has been regarded as the best interpreter of the Gospel of Christ among the writers of the New Testament. Luther said the Epistle to the Romans is a complete epitome of the Gospel. In our text Paul has something to say about evil and something to say about good.

He does not deny the existence of evil, as some moderns are doing; he does not pass it over as merely "good in the making." He says, "Abhor that which is evil;" hate it, fight it, overcome it. But while he thus presents the reality of evil and the important influence it has in human experience, yet he looks upon it as something to be conquered, to be eliminated from life. He looks upon it as only a temporary condition of things. It is not a necessary complement of character. He says, "Be not overcome of evil;" therefore, a man can be free from it.

It is a matter of very great importance to every man to be sure of this truth, that sin is not a necessity of his being; many a man is in deep discouragement because he has been taught the permanence of "this intractable taint of sin," this necessary weakness and frailty of human nature.

Paul has a much finer conception of a man's possibilities. "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good," is his message to every man's soul, and in this he is but following His Master, who said: "Be ye perfect even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." Thus if we follow Paul's teaching it will be wise for us to know of a certainty that there is evil in the world, that we can know it inwardly by conviction, that we can know it outwardly by its consequences. But let us at the same time know that we have the power to be separate and free from it and the ability to conquer it.

Paul has also a philosophy of good. Good is the power which overcomes evil. While evil is transient and temporary, good is permanent and eternal. Good comes from God. Wherever evil is present bring good to meet it. Wherever hatred is present bring love to conquer it. Wherever ignorance and superstition is present bring truth to enlighten it. Wherever lust and impurity are present bring love and purity. Wherever unbelief and doubt are present bring your faith to victory. Wherever despair or moral rebellion is present bring hope. Wherever strife and enmity are present bring charity. This is Paul's philosophy of good overcoming evil. Once set free the forces of good in a man's individual life he will be saved from wrong. Once set free and active the forces of God in a community or a nation will be destroyed. This is not a mere system of theory or speculation; it has the power of demonstration behind it. The experiences of life are full of illustrations of this fact, but let me especially tell you something about a wonderful work being done in Emanuel Church, Boston, and which is being taken up by other churches, and is growing more and more widely as it is investigated and its marvelous power comprehended.

The whole genius of this great work lies in the power of good overcoming evil. The two clergymen in that church are curing men and women of such evils as drunkenness, drug habits, gambling, kleptomania, murderous impulses, despair and morbidness, leading to suicidal mania, and many other things. A young woman was recently cured of the habit of lying and impudence to parents and teachers, a very grievous affliction which seemed impossible of cure by the best skill and advice. These are a type of a hundred other evils which yield to this new method of treatment. You will notice that each one has its basis in moral disorder of some kind, and I have no doubt whatever that every moral delinquency is remediable in the same way.

The method by which this moral healing is accomplished is plain to every student of psychology, but it is not easy to explain to others. The point of great interest to you and me, ordinary people, is this: There seems to be in every human being a sub-consciousness, or a subconscious self. In other words, a substratum of morality—a foundation moral nature. It is to this fundamental moral nature that these healers appeal. When the man afflicted with the cursed habit of drunkenness applies for relief, he is put into a hypnotic sleep, which frees him from the ordinary cares of everyday experience. While in this state of sleep, this moral nature of which I have been speaking is awake and is appealed to, strengthened and instructed. The drunkard is told of the goodness of God, of His desire to redeem a man from his evil habits. A moral stamina, an appreciation of the beauty and power of God's righteousness is put into this sub-consciousness. And the result is that this good, implanted, overcomes the evil. The victim goes out into life with a new power, his moral self strengthened,

and he is cured of his debauching sin, whatever it may be.

A very marvelous and astounding thought in connection with this method of influencing men through this sub-conscious self and advice of the most learned students say that it is impossible to influence men to do wrong or immoral things while in this state. They may be made to do foolish or humorous things, but rebellion is encountered if a wrong or evil thing is suggested. It is this which leads me to call this state of sub-consciousness a man's moral nature. What a wonderful revelation this is, to know how we are guided and guarded against evil, if we will listen to and obey the advice which God has put within us.

It is important for us to note well why this very subtle method of inducing a hypnotic state is necessary before men can be cured. Why cannot the moral nature of persons afflicted be appealed to in the ordinary way of teaching and advice? The reason seems to be that in moral delinquents, this substratum of moral nature is so buried in bad habits, is so separate from the ordinary thoughts and acts of life, that it is practically lost, and therefore this hypnotic means is necessary in order to drive from the field the ordinary consciousness which is associated with evil. It is very important to see that a person may be so taken up with the physical affairs of life that the moral foundations are based so deep as to be practically non-existent. This is a sad state for a man to arrive at.

Now, as you think of this new method it is simple to understand—at least in a general way. It is forcibly building up the moral foundations in a man—God's sovereignty, fatherhood, goodness; awakening in man the consciousness of the nobility of his own nature; that his purpose in life is to love God, love his neighbor, love and respect himself. When this is accomplished in a man's soul he has a new vision of the power and glory of human nature under God. He sees the hideous face of sin and its blighting consequences on life; he understands the power of good overcoming evil. Thus it is that in a religious and moral climate the evils and immoralities of life which crush men are overcome by implanting goodness, which drives out the demons of evil from the soul. These men in Boston say that in a year's treatment of about 500 cases there is not one failure to be recorded. Now, I hope we are all very much interested in the principle involved in this illustration or demonstration of the truth contained in my text from St. Paul. It teaches plainly that where evil is present and controlling you in some habit of life which you know to be bad, it is because good is absent, because your moral nature is submerged and not allowed to do its work in your life. In order to be free from evil a man must build himself up in the moral foundations of God. Happy will be if this work was begun in childhood and continued all along the years. I once quoted to you Evangelist Hadley's statement that he had never known of a fallen man or woman to make a complete recovery of himself unless he had been trained in the Scripture truths in childhood. This is only another proof of the need of moral foundations strong enough to be vitalized at critical periods in order to recover a man from destruction by evil. The unfortunate man who has no such moral establishment has no power in him to recuperate when the critical time comes. This experience has its counterpart in bodily sickness. The great value of religious training is easily recognized. The value of Bible reading is that a man may see the moral foundations which God has laid for him—the value of the church and the Sunday-school, that we may be constantly reminded and stimulated and instructed in these moral obligations; the value of prayer, which keeps us in vital communion with the source of all truth and goodness. Let God's standard of goodness be deeply set in our lives, and evil will never find a resting place. If a temporary lapse in our moral standards shall permit evil to take hold of us, the power of recovery will soon assert itself and drive off the intruder.

The purpose of God toward man is redemption. This is the lesson of Jesus' presence among us; the Son of Man came seek and to save, and certainly one of the great messages of His life is to teach the truth of overcoming evil with good. Let us have no fear of evil. Many men remain in bondage to their sins and bad habits by being in constant fear of them, paying all their attention to the feet outside and giving little or no attention to the divine power within them. To such I would say, stop thinking of your faults and evils for a while and begin an earnest seeking after God, to know His goodness, His will, Search the New Testament and know the Christ was. Learn His message, do what He asks, and you will find power for goodness taking hold of you and evil will have gone.

The Value of Confession. "Next to not sinning," says some one, "is confessing sin." A very learned man has said: "The three hardest words in the English language are, 'I was mistaken.'" Frederick the Great wrote to the Senate: "I have just lost a great battle, and it was entirely my own fault." Goldsmith says: "This confession displayed more greatness than all his victories." Such a prompt acknowledgment of his fault recalls Bacon's course in more trying circumstances. "I do plainly and ingenuously confess that I am guilty of corruption, and so renounce all guilt of it, beseech your lordships to be merciful to a broken reed."—Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

Threads of Gold. Little self-denials, little homelies, little passing words of sympathies, little nameless acts of kindness, little silent victories over favorite temptations—these are the threads of gold which, when woven together, gleam out so brightly in the pattern of life that God approves.—Canon Farrar.

An Uncomfortable Time. When a minister begins to drive home the truth, there are always those in the congregation who would feel more comfortable if they could go home, too.

# WORTH QUOTING

The inventor of the noiseless gun could further endear himself to city dwellers, opines the New York Tribune, by inventing a noiseless fire-cracker and a noiseless hand organ.

As we understand it, defines the New York Mail, the distinction between a suffragist and a suffragette is that the former maintains a woman's right to smoke cigarettes and the latter exercises it.

If Henry the Eighth's marginal notes on the "Institution of Christian Matrimony" prove to be genuine, avers the Boston Transcript, the book should go at once to the State library of South Dakota.

The New York tunnel system, as planned, looks to a facilitation of the commerce of the world, remarks the Boston Post. Let us hope it will prove its promise.

Says the Chicago Tribune: There has long been recognition of the principle that child labor should have its own laws and should not be put upon the same plane as that of adults.

Chicago woman fell dead as she quit talking. Well, she has nobody to blame but herself, comments the Atlanta Journal, when she takes such chances.

That an automobile is not a carriage and that cities and towns are not liable for injuries sustained by automobiles on roads not suitable for such vehicles, but which are in condition for carriages, says the Pittsburg Dispatch, was the decision of the Supreme Judicial Court in Boston.

Not all anarchist murders could be prevented, but most of them could, insists the Chicago Inter Ocean. The way to deal with the anarchist is, when possible, to strike him first. The time to lock him up is when he begins to advise killing instead of waiting until he has lashed himself or others to the deed.

A Havana policeman went out the other morning and suppressed the new revolution, declares the Philadelphia North American. It is only fair, however, to say that the wives of six of the patriots had refused to take in washing any longer and there was nobody left to finance the cause of liberty.

It is suggested, to the Chicago Tribune, that an improvement in the rural schools might have some effect in stemming the tide toward the cities. Much stress is laid also on the need of scientific education for farmers to fit them properly for their work. And as a solution of the troublesome labor problem it is proposed that colonies of immigrants of the same nationalities be established throughout the State.

Grandeur of character lies wholly in force of soul—that is in the force of thought, moral principle and love; and this may be found in the humblest conditions of life. A man brought up to an obscure trade and hemmed in by the wants of a growing family, said Matthew Arnold, may, in his narrow sphere, perceive more clearly, discriminate more keenly, weigh evidence more wisely, seize on the right means more decisively, and have more presence of mind in difficulty, than another who has accumulated vast stores of knowledge by laborious study; and he has more of intellectual greatness.

The advocates of pooling, by the rail ways, argues the Pittsburg Dispatch, have tried to make it appear that the only way to escape rebates and favoritism was to stifle competition by means of pools, notwithstanding the fact that the most successful pools were those which united in enforcing discriminations. But the supporters of honest and impartial rates easily showed why the rebate is not "necessary to secure traffic which shippers would move otherwise."

The projected reservoirs on the Ohio headwaters would take 402,000,000 gallons out of the floods. This would, by letting it out through gates give the Ohio 12 feet of water through the dry season clear to Pittsburg. Low water is as curable as flood. Cure the one and you cure the other. And in damming back this water, the government would create more power on the Monongahela and Great Kanawha alone than is to be got out of Niagara without spoiling the falls—nearly 400,000 horse-power, and capable of being raised to more than a million. The business men of the great Ohio Valley, contends the Pittsburg Press, should demand that Congress quit playing politics and do something for the material prosperity of the country.

Exports and Imports. Prior to the fiscal year 1907 manufactures imported always exceeded values of exports.

# AN INTERESTING CHEMICAL EXPERIMENT

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Consul George H. Seidmore reports that the native Japanese population of Nagasaki, on December 31, 1907, was 173,118, against 168,438 one year ago. There are now 1,463 foreigners at Nagasaki, 131 of whom are Russian, 101 British, 85 American, 52 French, 28 German and 21 Danish.

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