

## CITIES UNDER A SINGLE ROOF

Comforts and Necessaries to Be Had in the Big Office Buildings of New York.

Tenants of the newer office buildings in New York City have comforts and conveniences under their roofs that in a smaller place it would be necessary to go over the entire town to get, says the New York Sun. Everything virtually but sleeping quarters is provided, even to gymnasiums and musical entertainments. The latter may be enjoyed from the top of some lofty structure while the patron is eating an excellent meal and gazing over the picturesque harbor of the second greatest city in the world.

A business man needn't be annoyed if late in the afternoon he hears from friends visiting the city and finds it necessary to entertain them on short notice. Of course, he is not dressed for the occasion, but that is a matter easily attended to.

First of all, he steps into the elevator and descends to the ticket office in the building and secures tickets for a theatre. Then he steps into the tailor shop.

If he hasn't taken the precaution to leave his evening clothes in one of the lockers there he is able to have his business suit pressed while he waits, or in a pinch he may rent some after-dark wearing apparel. If his linen is a trifle soiled it takes but a minute to step into the haberdasher's on the same floor and replace it.

After a session with the barber and the manicure, an attendant has a bath for him at the proper temperature. While he is having his hair trimmed a long-distance telephone call comes in from Chicago.

He has informed his office assistants of his whereabouts and the operator switches the connection to the barber shop. A portable telephone is brought to the business man, and without leaving his chair or even interfering with the barber he carries on a conversation over the wire.

That reminds him that it is not a bad idea to save time by having his friends meet him at dinner in the building. After calling up the caterer—upon the roof or wherever the restaurant happens to be, for maybe it's one of the rathskeller kind—to reserve a table he wiggles the receiver hook, gets central again and notifies his friends uptown of the arrangement.

He's able to dictate a letter or so over the telephone to his stenographer while having his shoes polished, and after ordering some flowers and candy for the women of the party at the florist's outside the barber shop to be delivered at the restaurant later, he goes back to his office after an absence of less than an hour, during which he has lost little if any time from business.

The friends arrive just as the business man is signing his letters. They have come by the elevated railroad which has a special entrance into the building, and they will leave later through a tunnel from the bottom of the elevator shaft into a nearby subway station.

But before they start for the theatre several hours may be comfortably spent at dinner in the building, made more enjoyable by a good orchestra.

There are several office buildings downtown where, if a tenant knows just whom to speak to, he may get sleeping quarters over night with the caretaker's family. For in nearly all of the larger office buildings the caretaker or custodian along with his family has quarters in the place, in most cases this is on the roof.

Not long ago a lawyer downtown, preparing an urgent case for court, found that it would be necessary for him to work the better part of the night. He lived in Jersey, making it out of the question for him to go home; also he was far from a hotel and didn't care about losing the valuable time during which he might be sleeping.

"I'll fix you up," said the janitor with a wink.

And he did in comfortable style. The lawyer commented afterward on the fact that the bed was as nice and clean as in my first-class hotel. The news of this man's find spread about and now it is possible in many cases to get sleeping quarters in skyscrapers, though possibly it may not be with the approval of the building's owners. One of the large Broadway buildings besides sheltering a theatre also boasts of the following luxuries that tenants there may have under one roof: a physical culture school, a fencing academy, tailor, dyer and cleaner, massage establishment, billiard and pool rooms, bowling alleys, restaurant, saloon, shoe shining stand, tobacco store, jewelry shop (where the baby timepiece may be looked after), telegraph and cab's office, baths, barber shop, dentist, doctor, and for the comfort of the women a hairdresser's and a millinery establishment.

Several buildings which are used largely by lawyers and engineers contain splendidly equipped libraries while in others, in the financial district, there are branches of banks, or the main establishment, so that customers who have large deposits to make regularly are assured of increased safety by moving into these quarters.

One of the new buildings not far

from the automobile belt up in the Forties has added a well appointed garage. This is a feature that is bound to come to many other buildings. And so one comfort innovation follows another. It is beyond possibility that the time is not far hence when a man may sleep, carry on his vocation, and live in the same building.

The modern skyscraper is coming to be a complete community in itself, and a mighty big one when measured by the standard of towns elsewhere, especially in the case of the new structure that is to house some fifteen thousand workers in its five thousand or so offices.

### RABBIT'S FOOT MADE GOOD.

If It Hadn't Fallen Out of the Engineer's Pocket, What Would Have Happened?

"A good, clever rabbit's foot, left hind," said the fat engineer, "one that is always on the jobs, is a great boon. Now I have one that I always carry in my inside jumper pocket. I ran over a rabbit one day 'n' in the choppin' process its left hind leg was tossed through the cab window right into my lap. Of course it would be too much like temptin' fate to let a good thing like that get by, 'n' I've carried it with me on my runs ever since.

"The other day I stopped at the junction for water with the Daylight Express. The boys at the roundhouse down there got to throwin' a josh into me about my rabbit's foot protector. Some of them didn't believe it was true that I put so much faith into it.

"Well, I say, 'you can josh me as much as you like, but I'm frank to admit that I wouldn't like to go out on the road for a trip without my hunch in my pocket."

"Then they all had to have a look at it. After they had passed it around it was time for our train to leave, 'n' I carelessly stuffed it in the outside pocket of my jumper, I was in such a hurry.

"I had a heavy train, but we were right on time, so I didn't mind much, as the 1327 was workin' her dandiest 'n' we ploughed along just like an ice yacht before a forty mile gale. Goin' round the Ten Degree Curve the 1327 slipped 'n' hobbled for a second like a fat man steppin' on a banana peel. I eased her off with the throttle a bit, stickin' my head out of the cab window to see what caused the unsteadiness on the part of the 1327. As I did the locomotive gave a little lurch 'n' I felt my rabbit's foot slidin' out of my jumper pocket. I made a grab at it, but I didn't come within a foot of it. It landed on a little ledge of the runnin' board just outside the cab. I leaned out of the window to get it. Some mysterious influence seemed to be workin' against my reachin' that rabbit's foot. In another second it bounced off to the ballast to one side of the track.

"Well, I was in a quandary for a second. However, I firmly made up my mind I wasn't goin' to lose my rabbit's foot guardian angel in that fashion. So I put on the air. As the train came to a stop I dropped back after my good luck piece. As soon as the train stopped a natural curiosity rose in the minds of the passengers 'n' the train crew as to what was the matter. Jim Spratt, the conductor, asked me what was up, 'n' I just told him that I dropped something of considerable value 'n' had stopped to pick it up. A fresh guy in one of the Pullman's overheard my answer 'n' butted in as follows:

"Say, old sport, I dropped a quill toothpick from the dining car back up the road a piece. Would you mind backin' up there 'n' gettin' it for me? Of course we are in no hurry to get in. This near railroadin' fatigues me."

"I didn't make any reply to him, though I would have liked to give him a slam in the snats. In less than it takes to tell it I had the train started again. I just got 'em moving about eight miles an hour when I heard a crashin' of the ties 'n' the 1327 listed over to one side. Of course we were goin' so slow that we could almost stop in a space the size of a ten cent piece. I dropped down to the ground again 'n' on inspectin' the track I found a broken rail. Now, wasn't that nice work for that rabbit's foot?"—New York Sun.

### Good Intentions Gone Wrong.

"Aren't you going home?" asked a fellow club member.

"Not for several days," answered Mr. Cumrex. "I'm going to give my family a chance to forget. You see, mother and the girl's have been trying to educate me to an appreciation of classical music. This afternoon I heard a terrific racket on the piano, so, being anxious to please, I half closed my eyes and said, 'Isn't it perfectly beautiful!'"

"Wasn't that all right?"

"No, it was the piano tuner."—Washington Star.

Young Man—Say, Miss —, what do you say? Do you think your honorable father'd consent if I ask his permission to marry you?"

Young Woman—No, I don't think he will. I think you will be disappointed."

Young Man—Do you mean to say that your father is opposed to our marriage?"

Young Woman—No, only I am sure he will tell me to use my own discretion polite, pardner.—Japan Current.

# NEWS OF PENNSYLVANIA

## WOULD MAKE SCHOOL TERM EIGHT MONTHS.

Altoona (Special).—"It is a crime to keep a child under 14 years in school more than eight months out of each year," declared Dr. W. F. Beck, in an address before the State Educational Commission, which met here for a three days' session.

"The school term proper should cease on May 1," he added, and the month of May be spent on farms owned by the school districts, where the children should be given a practical education along agricultural lines and where they could study nature at first hand.

Many in the meeting agreed with the doctor. The commission was appointed by Governor Stuart for the purpose of obtaining suggestions from educators and others and to recommend to the next Legislature beneficial changes in the school laws.

The board is composed of N. C. Schaefer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, president; G. M. Phillips, West Chester, secretary; M. G. Brumbaugh, Superintendent of the Philadelphia Schools; James Coughlin, Wilkes-Barre; William Lauder, Riddlesburg; John S. Rilling, Erie; David B. Oliver, Pittsburgh.

Colonel A. S. Stayer, surgeon general in the National Guard, advised a radical change in the vaccination laws. He said that vaccination ought to be made compulsory on everybody, or there should be no vaccination at all, save in cases of epidemic.

Superintendent H. J. Whiteman opposed a uniform course of study, claiming it kills the spirit of education, but he recommended uniform permanent certificates to be issued by the State. He asked that cities be permitted to fix their own qualifications and issue their own certificates.

## PROBING CHILD'S DEATH.

Freeland (Special).—Burgess George Hartman and Officer Welsh, of Freeland, went to Pond Creek, a suburban town, to investigate the death of 6-year-old Mary Wydock. Complaints from neighbors of the Wydock family gave the impression that the child had been foully dealt with.

It was learned here that the child was buried on Tuesday last without a physician's certificate or a burial permit from the local authorities. The child was adopted from the fresh air collection of little ones sent from New York two years ago by the Wydocks. The foster father said the child had been attended by physicians of White Haven, but it was learned the doctor had never prescribed for her. The stories are so conflicting that the Coroner has ordered that the body be exhumed.

## RESUME WORK ON DAM.

Lancaster (Special).—Building operations were resumed on the mammoth dam and electric power plant, the largest in the world, of the McCall's Ferry Power Company, at Minnequa on the Susquehanna River.

Three hundred men went to work and the number will be increased to one thousand in order to complete the plant by Christmas. When the Knickerbocker Trust Company, the financial agent of the power company, suspended last October work on the dam ceased. The resumption of the trust company makes it possible to finish the plant.

The dam is greater than the Assuan Dam on the Nile, and the plant will generate one hundred thousand horse power and furnish electric power to Baltimore and Philadelphia.

## EXPLOSION IN MINE KILLS FOUR

Pittsburg (Special).—Four men were killed, three seriously injured and 100 others had a narrow escape from death when an explosion occurred in mine No. 1, of the Ellsworth Collieries Company at Ellsworth, Washington County.

The dead are foreigners. Their bodies were mangled and badly burned. It is supposed the accident resulted from an accumulation of gas in a new entry becoming ignited in some manner, at present unknown.

Unusual presence of mind is said to be responsible for about 100 miners escaping from the mine. Although the concussion threw them to the ground, all retained their composure and after great difficulty reached the surface.

## Jail For Illegal Fishing.

Ambler (Special).—Five foreigners were arrested by Chief of Police Richard Ford, charged with illegal fishing. They were dredging the Wisahickon with a closely woven wire bed-spring for a net and had caught about forty fish, including two perch. They were fined \$34 each, in default they were sent to jail.

## Dedicate College Hall.

Meadville (Special).—Cochran Hall, the handsomest building of Allegheny College, was dedicated with the oration by Senator Dolliver, of Iowa. It is a dormitory for men, was the gift of Mrs. Sarah Cochran, of Dawson, and cost about \$65,000. The building is 80 by 120 feet, of red brick, terra cotta trimmed, two stories, and twelve foot basement. Following the dedication a public reception was held in Cochran Hall.

## RUNAWAY CAR KILLS NINE LUMBERMEN.

Ralston (Special).—A work train on the Susquehanna & New York Railroad, near Laquin, Bradford County, was wrecked by a runaway car which dashed into the train after descending a steep grade.

Eight lumbermen, mostly Italians, were killed outright, one died later after being taken to a hospital and fifteen were seriously injured.

The wreck occurred on the Laquin Lumber Company's log road leading up into the mountains, about twenty-six miles from Ralston. The men were riding on the log train, which was being pushed up the steep ascent by the engine. A log car ran away and came down the grade at terrific speed toward the train.

An attempt was made to reverse the engine on the log train to avoid the shock of the collision, but the runaway car crashed into the cars before anything could be done. The engineer and fireman and those on the train who were near the engine escaped injury. The injured were taken to Williamsport.

## CAPITOL ARGUMENT FIXED.

Harrisburg (Special).—After a conference between Attorney General Todd and his associates and Messrs. Gilbert and Bergner, representing the defendants in the first Capitol trial, Wednesday, May 6, was set as the time for the argument on the reasons for the retrial.

It is expected that the argument will take two or three days, as there are 275 reasons filed on behalf of the defendants, 112 being for Sanderson alone. Mr. Scarlett will probably make the chief argument for the State, answering Messrs. Rothermel, Gilbert, Bergner and Schaffer.

Preparation for the next trial is going forward slowly and the detectives will start out with the subpoenas for the witnesses, including former Governors Stone and Pennypacker, the later part of this week.

James Scarlett and Deputy Attorney General Cunningham, who have been at work on the details of the case, examining the reports of the probars and experts summoned here to outline the case, were joined by Attorney General Todd with whom they went over the details of the case.

## Jail Breaker Captured.

Carlisle (Special).—James Mc-Minn Sheaffer, a well known Carlisle man, who escaped from the Cumberland County jail in January, was captured by County Detective Bentley, in Harrisburg and returned here. Sheaffer pleaded guilty to jail breaking and other charges and was sentenced to a penitentiary term of three years. When captured Sheaffer was posing as a regular army soldier in uniform.

## Steel Company Owns Mine.

Cleveland (Special).—Members of the firm of James W. Ellsworth & Co., when notified of the explosion in mine No. 1, of the Ellsworth Collieries Company, at Ellsworth, Pa., said the company did not own the mine, it having recently been sold to the Lackawanna Steel Company.

## Find Suicide's Body.

Oil City (Special).—The body of Mrs. Lavina Samms, who jumped into the Allegheny River from a bridge here on March 28, was found floating in the water thirty miles south of Oil City. The woman committed suicide the day following the burial of her husband.

## Lawyer Dies in His Office.

Lancaster (Special).—John H. Fry, a well-known member of the Lancaster bar, was found dead sitting on a chair in his office this morning. Death was due to heart disease.

## STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Harry Paxton, a Jersey Central trainman, died suddenly at Easton.

Vincent Macovich jumped from a moving Reading train at St. Clair and was killed.

Mrs. Margaret Wolfram was killed and her husband and 4-year-old child seriously injured at Pittsburg when they were thrown from a buggy. The horse became frightened by the barking of a dog and ran away.

Sunday blue laws, which have long remained inoperative in West Chester, have been revived by Burgess A. P. Reid and District Attorney W. W. MacElree, and will be enforced against many dealers who have been keeping open shop on the Sabbath.

The Schuykill canal has resumed operations for this season, and already boats are being loaded at the docks at Port Clinton.

The thirty-first annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Pennsylvania conference of the United Brethren Church, met at Shiremanstown. It is the largest society of the denomination and there were 120 delegates present from southern Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Allentown City Councils re-elected John F. McDermott as water commissioner. Frank R. Minner, formerly of Berks County, was chosen building inspector, and Leo Wise was re-elected city solicitor.

Thomas Johnson, James Allan and George Brown, who were suspected of being the men who dynamited the Pennsylvania Railroad ticket office at Parkersburg, have been turned over to the Chester County authorities. The men were arrested at Paradise, where they narrowly escaped lynching at the hands of a posse of infuriated farmers.

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**A MONKEY TRICK.**

The nature and character of the monkey are not changed by any training that he may receive. All the tricks that may be taught him will add little to what he is accustomed to practice in his wild state. The chief difference to him is that he has a different set of victims to torment. Captain J. A. Lawson, the author of "Wanderings in the Interior of New Guinea," had a chance to watch the rascals in their native wilds and native wildness, and he found them up to the same mischievous pranks as they play here on the city streets. One trick of theirs is described.

Every little while we passed under trees occupied by troops of monkeys, some of them of the large kind that had given us so much trouble on a former occasion. They were a little better mannered at this place. One large tree in which they had established their quarters stretched its branches over the water twenty yards or more.

While I was watching the antics of the monkeys, two crocodiles showed their heads just underneath, and remained stationary with their ugly snouts sticking up in the air. In other countries this is a common dodge of the crocodiles to entice the monkeys within their reach, and I expected now to see one or more of the noisy animals fall victims to the goggle-eyed monsters below, and with considerable curiosity I awaited the result.

As soon as the black-looking heads popped up the monkeys became silent. Presently one big fellow—evidently one of authority in this monkey republic—came down to reconnoiter. He returned, and in a few minutes came down again with a long, thin stick in his hand, and accompanied by about a hundred of his companions. They began to chatter and pelt their foes; but the crocodiles took no notice; and I thought they seemed to give a wink of satisfaction at seeing their silly victims coming within their reach. Nearer and nearer they came, until some of them were barely six feet above the crocodiles; and I was expecting every instant to see one of them dragged under the water. All of a sudden the monkey with the stick leaned over and drove it into the eye of the crocodile nearest him. The wounded reptile sank like lead, and was quickly followed by its comrade.

There was no mistaking the howl of delight that greeted this stratagem and its success. It was perfectly human in its tone, and was taken up with vengeful glee by all the monkeys in the neighborhood. The gravity of demeanor with which the old fellow committed this assault was laughable in the extreme. He went to work with all the caution of an old lawyer, and when he had inflicted the poke he hauled himself aloft with an alacrity that showed he could form a very good estimation of the danger which he ran.

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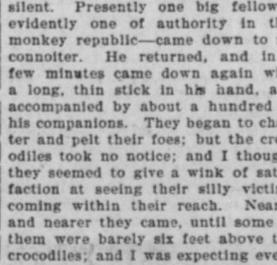
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