

NEWS OF PENNSYLVANIA

MADMAN IN CHURCH. MEET AT CATASAUQUA.

Bible Student Overstudies and Tries to Preach.
Reading.—Great excitement prevailed at the Salem United Brethren Church, when a demented man, breaking into the place, preached a sermon to an imaginary audience. Rev. S. B. Wenger, the pastor, resides in the parsonage adjoining the church, and while seated at the breakfast table heard the crash of falling glass.
Great was his surprise when he saw in the pulpit a young man, whom he recognized as Harry X. Rowe, a member of his congregation. Rowe was bare-footed and his trousers were rolled up above his knees. In one hand he carried an immense butcher knife, and persons who were attracted to the place through the commotion were afraid to venture near him. The police were notified and Rowe was taken into custody, after some difficulty.
Rowe is a close student of the Bible, and it is said that his mind has become affected through overstudy.

JAIL READING PREACHER.
Prominent Politician Convicted of Keeping Disorderly House.
Reading.—William D. Thompson, a former well-known Republican leader of this city, who served several terms in Select Councils, and who upon two occasions was defeated for the Republican nomination for Mayor, was found guilty before Judge Stevens of the charge of maintaining a disorderly house at his home. Witnesses testified that young men and women congregated there, drank liquor and raised a general disturbance.

Absconding Cash Boy Caught.
Altoona.—With most of the \$200 spent, John Russ, the cash boy who absconded when sent to the bank by a clothing firm, was captured in Tyrone, where he was recognized by a former Altoonian, who learned of the affair through a newspaper. He had bought a lot of clothes and jewelry.

Valentine Mazure, age 40 years, was struck by a Philadelphia and Reading train a mile from Mt. Carmel and instantly killed. He had been to Mt. Carmel to arrange for transportation to Austria, where his wife and five children reside, and was walking along the railroad to Locust Gap when killed.

The Nazareth High School Literary Society has elected these officers: President, Floyd Connell; vice-president, Frank Stocker; secretary, Miss Helen Oswald; assistant secretary, Miss Minnie Kraemer; treasurer, Asher Kahler.

Thieves broke into William Anderson's henney at Norwood and got away with fifty fancy chickens, which the owner values at \$500.

The West End Free Library in Chester, has engaged Miss Lydia Smith to make a house to house canvass in the western section of the city with the view of getting everybody possible to join the library association.

Altoona has an epidemic of a new form of cold. Doctors report hundreds of cases. It is highly contagious and where one member of the family is affected, everyone in the household is soon affected.

The board of health has quarantined the Philadelphia Presbyterian Orphanage at Wallingford, on account of four young girls at the institution having contracted scarlet fever.

Fourteen of his sixteen children, nearly all of his forty-four grandchildren and many of his great-grandchildren were present at the funeral of Joseph B. Chandler, aged 77 years, a veteran of the Civil War, who was buried at Bethesda Burying Ground, at Upper Darby.

Wilfred L. Stauffer, Irwin Fisher and George Alker, of Norristown, were appointed by Court to assess damages for an acre of ground wanted by Lower Merton School District. The ground belongs to the Wisar estate, on Montgomery Avenue, near Church Road.

The main building of the Easton Foundry and Machine Company, at West Easton, was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$100,000. The building destroyed was 400 feet long and 80 feet wide, and contained the office, the machine, pattern and structural iron departments. Nearly 100 men are thrown out of employment.

Mrs. Cyrus Soulesy, of Albany, in Berks County, aged about 40, was found by her children hanging in the garret of her home when they returned from school. No cause is assigned for the act.

The Workingmen's Relief Association, of Milton, has elected the following officers: President, A. J. Hester; vice-president, R. B. Benner; treasurer, D. W. S. Botts; secretary, A. H. Yerg; Board of Managers, John Fetzer, W. H. Davis, W. O. Ferry, Frank Derr, A. Wohlfeiler, A. Mertz, James Moyer and L. Strine.

While sawing lath at the portable saw mill near Selinsgrove, Charles Kratzer, 30 years old, was struck upon the head by a piece of timber and killed. Kratzer was alone at this mill, and his body was not found for several hours.

A large force of men have begun work on the completion of the roadbed between Parkersburg and Christiansa, and the managers of the P. C. & L. Trolley Company say cars will be running between Coatesville and Lancaster by the Fourth of July.

THE ARMY OF THE UNEMPLOYED.



—Cartoon by C. R. Macauley, in the New York World.

NEW YORK CITY'S IDLE ARMY INCLUDES 120,000 UNION MEN

Startling Figures Furnished by Organizer Herman Robinson—Not Due to Strikes—Vast Percentage of Cases Due to Depression in Business.

110,000 unemployed men and women cannot secure work in New York City.
2700 men have been discharged from Blackwell's Island Workhouse before expiration of their sentences to make way for others sent in.
900 willing heads of families, unable to secure work, are being supported by the Association for the Improvement of the Poor. In 1907 the number was 19.
850 able men, unable to get work, were sent to the Workhouse in the last three months by City Magistrates on their own requests.
40,000 union men in New York State have been forced from their organizations for lack of funds to pay dues.
\$24,542,000 were withdrawn from 138 savings banks in New York State last year.

A man willing to work and unable to find work is, perhaps, the saddest sight that fortune's inequality exhibits under the sun.—Thomas Carlyle.

New York City.—Suppose a parade of the unemployed in Greater New York should start from the Battery to-day. How far up-town do you suppose its van would extend before the last man wheeled into line? The answer vouched for by the noted charity labor workers of New York gives Central Park at least unanimously, or a distance of about six miles.
Herman Robinson, general organizer of the American Federation of Labor, states that at least forty per cent. of the members of the labor unions in New York City are unemployed. The latest report of the State Department of Labor gives the membership of labor unions in this city as 290,000. The present membership should be well above 310,000, but inability to pay dues has caused more than 40,000 union men to lose their membership cards.

120,000 Idle Union Men.
According to Mr. Robinson there would then be at least 120,000 union men out of work in New York City. Of homeless men and vagrants the number is under ordinary conditions, about 30,000. From such meagre facts as may be collected the total number of New York's unemployed is more than 200,000. Imagine such a host—enough to populate a city almost as large as Rochester.

That the cause of the astonishing number out of work at the end of 1908 was not due to strikes or sickness, but rather to the depression of business, is represented by the following table:
Idle on account of— 1908. 1907. 1906.
Lack of work..... 195,000 207,716 5,799
Sickness, accident, old age..... 10,900 1,053 841
Other reasons..... 2,900 266 644

A Stupendous Army.
Never in the history of any great municipality has such a stupendous army of unemployed been collected at one time, according to the economic statisticians who have compiled the above figures, and others, for the information of the legislators at Albany.

The number of families applying for assistance to the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor for the last six months is fifty per cent. more than for the corresponding months of a year ago. In three months, November, December and January, 900 able-bodied men, willing and anxious for work, came to this society for aid. The year previous only nineteen such requests were received.

Savings banks in the poorer section of the city report extraordinary drafts in recent months. The actual number of the largest insurance companies says:
Raise Cash on Policies.
"As compared with the season of 1907-1908, the loans for the season of 1908-1909 have increased thus far over seventy per cent., while the number of lapsed policies increased to more than fifty per cent. The above figures speak for themselves, and prove conclusively that the holders of smaller policies are terribly affected by the present hard times." This condition is general among insurance companies.

Eight Months' Coal Supply—One Company Has 2,500,000 Tons.
Reading, Pa.—Figures computed here show that there is sufficient anthracite coal on the surface to supply the trade for the next eight months at least.
It is said that the Reading Company has at least 2,500,000 tons of coal at its storage yards at Abrams, Landingville and Mahanoy City, and that nearly a million more tons will be added by the end of March, if a strike does not interfere with the plans.

U. S. Judge Refuses Citizenship.
Danville, Ill.—U. S. Judge Wright refused naturalization to W. Strong, a member of the United Mine Workers of America. When asked "If it came to the point that the union and the laws of the United States differed which should you follow?" Strong answered: "The union, of course."
Judge Wright says: "I can never grant the right of citizenship in the United States to any man who follows the dictates of his trade union rather than the laws of our land."

WORTH QUOTING

A woman's interest in a divorced man, thinks the Indianapolis News, never lets up until she discovers why he was divorced.
Mendelssohn lives in his wedding march, chirps the Atlanta Constitution, and makes the benedicts of the world step lively to live up to it.
When a man likes to go to a lecture it's because he'd have to spend the evening home if he didn't, confesses the New York Press.

When a man steals a watch and a lawyer takes the case, puns the Philadelphia Record, the latter isn't necessarily a receiver of stolen goods.
Optimism is that frame of mind, de fines the New York World, by which we rise to a belief that there are no trusts, that they are good things and that we've got them on the run.

Right here it seems appropriate for the Chicago Tribune to mention an interesting fact that this country consumed \$14,000,000 worth of peanuts last year.
"Everybody says confidence is restored," reflected Uncle Allen Sparks, in the Chicago Tribune. "and I suppose it is; but I notice that the manufacture of cash registers still keeps a whole town busy."
Says the Providence Journal: It is idle to argue further as to the pressing demand for the preservation of the forests. While Congress hesitates the spoliation is going on. Already much injury that is well-nigh irreparable has been done.

Remarks the Chicago Record-Herald: "The American temperament" is often an excuse for fast automobile driving. How about the American temperament of the victims of such driving and of the magistrates who try the persistent offenders?
It costs money to live in the capitals of Europe and to live as the representatives of other nations do. The United States, asserts the St. Paul Pioneer Press, does not begrudge what it costs to have its own diplomats housed and to enable them to entertain in a becoming fashion.

Prof. Fisher, of Yale, suggests that life insurance companies should fight tuberculosis as a business proposition, looking for results in a diminished death rate. There is a good precedent for the plan in the temperance reform effected by corporations and other large employers in insisting on total abstinence among their employees.

British medical authorities are uttering warnings against the peril of spreading disease by kissing the Bible in his Majesty's courts. In some American States the "wise" witness kisses his own thumb instead of the Book, observes the Boston Post. Massachusetts has progressed so far beyond either that it's a reckless woman who dares kiss her own baby now days. All of which is a blow to sentiment but an aid to good health.

It has become plain, too, remarks the Washington Herald, that while the government has done something in the right direction by setting aside forest reservations and timber lands, the steps taken are not adequate to meet the exigency we face. It is such a big problem and so vitally important to our health as a nation that it is proving too big even for the federal government. It is patent that not only the national government must do what it can, but that the various State governments must help.

The prize for the longest sentence ever written may fairly be awarded to the elder Dumas, who probably holds a further record for fertility of production. In the seventh of the twenty-nine volumes which compose the "Impressions de Voyage," notes the London Chronicle, there is a sentence describing Benvenuto Cellini which fills three pages, or 108 lines, averaging forty-five letters apiece. The sentence is broken by sixty-eight commas and sixty semicolons; but as it contains 195 verbs and 122 proper names, the reader is somewhat bewildered before the end is reached.

When William Was Young.
This anecdote concerning one Wilhelm, Kaiser of Germany, bears inherent evidence of its truth. When the much-discussed monarch was a small boy he was discovered by one of his tutors drawing a map of Africa. When he had finished he wrote the word "Germany" across the paper.
"What are you doing?" asked the teacher. "That is not German territory."
"That is all right," retorted Wilhelm. "When I am Kaiser it will be."
—Chicago Tribune.

It has been found that underlying the plain of Sharon, in Palestine, at various depths ranging from 18 to 80 feet, there is an inexhaustible supply of good water for all purposes.

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LAME IN THE MORNING.

Feels As If Your Back Would Surely Break.

LeRoy S. Currier, 46 Purchase St., Newburyport, Mass., says: "For years my kidneys gave me trouble. I had dull pains in the small of the back and felt lame every morning when getting out of bed. The kidney secretions passed too frequently, compelling me to get up often at night. After several remedies that I tried had failed, I used a box of Doan's Kidney Pills. They did their work well. I now have no backache and can sleep splendidly."



Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Like Statues.
The old lady with the pale blue umbrella had been standing at the stationery counter for 10 minutes.
"I want to be waited on," she snapped impatiently.
"Certainly, madam," hastened the tall floorwalker. "Do you wish a stationery clerk?"
"Stationery clerk? Gracious! They all seem stationery. They don't want to move."

Breakfast Table Talk.
A "low-brow" was talking with a girl from Beacon street.
"Do you like 'The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table?'" she inquired.
"I don't know that I ever tried it. I'm not much of a hand for breakfast foods."—Success.

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Uruguay is about to establish its first wireless telegraph station at Lobos Island.

Crown's Bronchial Troches relieve Throat Irritations caused by cold or use of the voice. In boxes 25 cents. Samples mailed free. John I. Brown & Son, Boston, Mass.

There are only 55 female physicians in the German Empire.

Your working power depends upon your health! Garfield Tea corrects disorders of liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels; overcomes constipation, purifies the blood—brings good health.

India has enacted a law for the protection of wild animals and birds. The local government is empowered to declare a close time during which it will be unlawful to capture, kill or to deal in any specified kind of game or the plumage of any specified bird.