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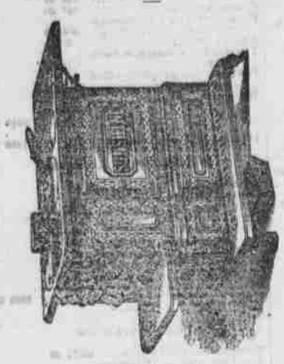

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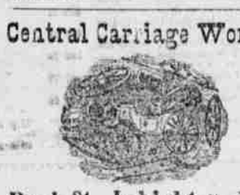

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Railroad Guide.

PHILA. & READING RAILROAD.

Arrangement of Passenger Trains.

NOVEMBER 15TH, 1880.

Trains leave ALLENTOWN as follows—

(VIA PERKIOMEN RAILROAD).

For Philadelphia, at *4.45, 7.45, 11.40 a.m., and *3.10 p.m.

SUNDAYS.

For Philadelphia at *4.30 a.m., 3.35 p.m.

(VIA EAST PENNA. BRANCH.)

For Reading and Harrisburg, 9.25, 9.00 a.m., 12.10, 4.30 and 9.45 p.m.

For Lancaster and Columbia, 9.25, 9.00 a.m. and 4.30 p.m.

SUNDAYS.

For Reading, Harrisburg, and way points, 9.00 a.m.

(VIA BETHLEHEM.)

For Philadelphia from L. V. Depot *4.44, 6.12, *8.17, 9.31 a.m., 12.25, 3.53, *5.14 p.m. Sunday 4.50 p.m.

For Philadelphia from L. & S. Depot 12.14, 3.20, 5.45 p.m.

Trains FOR ALLENTOWN leave as follows:

(VIA PERKIOMEN RAILROAD.)

Leave Philadelphia, 7.40 a.m. and 1.00, *1.30 and 3.15 p.m.

SUNDAYS.

Leave Philadelphia, 8.00 a.m., 3.15 and *4.15 p.m.

(VIA EAST PENNA. BRANCH.)

Leave Reading 8.05, 10.25 a.m., 2.40, 5.35, and 6.15 p.m.

Leave Harrisburg 5.45, 8.15 and 9.50 a.m., 1.45 and 4.00 p.m.

Leave Lancaster, 8.05 a.m., 1.15 and 5.30 p.m.

Leave Columbia 7.55 a.m., 1.10 and 5.10 p.m.

SUNDAYS.

Leave Reading, 5.00 a.m.

Leave Harrisburg, 7.00 a.m.

(VIA BETHLEHEM.)

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2. A river in Canada.
3. A female relative.
4. A masculine name.
5. A farm.
6. The close of day.

The initials name a fruit; the finals a spice. E. E. E.

2.—NUMERICAL ENIGMA.—17 letters.

4, 8, 10, 1, is a U. S. coin.
9, 5, 7, is used in fishing.
6, 16, 11, 13, is a measure.
2, 15, is a pronoun.
3, 12, 17 is an organ of the human body.
14, is in year.

The whole is past and gone. FRED.

3.—DECAPITATIONS.

1. Behead a fowl and leave to start.
2. Behead a shelf, and leave a noise.
3. Behead a bird, and leave to wade.
4. Behead a farming implement and leave a wagon. MAX.

4.—CURTAILMENT.

I am a feminine name;
But take the last from me
And you will see remaining
A country o'er the sea.

MAX.

ANSWERS TO LAST.

1.—Hemlock.
2. Ichnemon.
3.—1. Shark, hark, ark; 2. Flash, lash, ash; 3. Sprig, prig, rig.

SUPERSTITIONS.

"I should think his ears would burn," is a common remark when a person is made the subject of a continued conversation, and "so many stitches you take upon you, so many lies will be told about you," is as frequently quoted when a rent is hastily sewn up without changing the torn garment.

In nearly every land the moon is the subject of numerous superstitions. She regulates the changes of the weather—phases must be consulted in soap-making, in killing meat, in planting, in dozens of common pursuits of life, and to see the new moon through trees over the left shoulder, with no money in the pocket, is thought to be terribly unlucky.

Should a coal pop out from a wood fire and burn a lady's dress, the event foretells a suitor for her heart and hand, and if two spoons come together in the sugar dish, a wedding in the family is to be expected with equal certainty.

"Sing before breakfast you'll cry before supper," and "Blessed be the bride the sun shines on," have passed into familiar adages.

Swallows building in a chimney bring good luck to the house, but not to the dwellers therein if the birds be molested.

Killing a cat by many is considered a dire misfortune, and he who does it is doomed through life to failure in everything he undertakes.

If a strange cat adopts a house voluntarily as her home she is believed to bring good luck to the household.

Numbers of intelligent people keep a pocket-piece of gold or silver for "good luck." "The devil dances in an empty pocket."

And others, generally old people, would not for much leave a horse-shoe found lying in the road without picking it up. An old horse-shoe brings good luck, doubly so if found by the owner. Horace Greely always kept a rusty horseshoe over the door of his sanctum, and the more or less decorated horse-shoe which plays such a part in modern ornamentation is simply the revival of an old superstition.

CASTING OUT DEVILS.

Strange revelations concerning the dismal superstition still prevalent in the rural districts of west Prussia were disclosed in the course of Dr. Kotlevski's recent trial at Stuhm for "unlawful practices." This person had acquired a widely spread reputation among the peasantry as a sorceror. Some time ago a woman afflicted by epilepsy applied to him for a cure. Having diagnosed her case, he declared that she was possessed by four devils, conjured into her body by a female neighbor. He then proceeded to exorcise those demons, three of whom promptly quitted their human tenement in obedience to his spells. The fourth however, laughed his incantations to scorn. This fiendish recalcitrance led him to the discovery that in order to expel the obstinate demon, it would be necessary that the epileptic woman should swallow a draught of the witch's blood. In order to obtain this nostrum he betook himself to the dwelling of the woman, by him accused of witchcraft, and beat her until she lay senseless on the floor. But for the interference of a resolute neighbor he would have murdered his victim. Arraigned for this crime before a Prussian tribunal, he declared in open court that he did nothing more than his duty to his patient, and that he had not only frequently ridded possessed persons of their fiendish inmates by similar means, but had often seen and spoken to devils with whom he had thus dealt. He was sentenced to imprisonment by the tribunal of Stuhm.

—When a Galveston man told his wife that he hoped that he would go to some place where there were no fires to make after he died, she merely replied that was where he ought to have been long ago.

—A fashionable young lady was seen blacking her brother's boots the other morning and the next day she helped do the family washing. It is thought she is fitting herself to become the wife of an Italian count.

—They went in and gently broke the news to her that her husband had been run over by the cars and had one leg cut off. Her grief was terrible to witness. "Good heavens!" she cried, "he had his best new trousers on and of course they're spoiled!"

—The question whether "damn" is swearing was answered by Henry Ward Beecher on a recent Sunday. "There are a great many people," he said, "who do not object to my saying condemned, but if I leave the 'con' off they are horrified, and yet condemned and damned mean precisely the same thing."

—Conductors do the fare thing and mosos the square thing. And sinners the write thing. And handkerses the clean thing. And justes justices the fine thing. This thing is getting pretty well finished, but we will add that the man who supports a fainting lady does the prop-her thing.

"The Anxious Bench,"

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TEXT—Try the spirits.—I. John iv., 1.

Why are we here? Why are you here? Why am I here? What kind of thoughts have I in my head? What kind of thoughts have you in your heads? Some, undoubtedly, have come here out of curiosity, to hear what I may have to say, and to carry the news across the way to the other (Evangelical) church. I see some are prepared with paper and pencil to take notes. Write away to your heart's content! It is, however, not my intention to preach to *you*; I will more especially preach to the members of *my own church*. They need it! Some of our members have left us, and gone to the anxious bench in the church across the way. And now some of them want to belong to both churches—run to and fro. But this dare not be. We must now exercise the discipline of the church. Jesus Christ says: "Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." You say this is catholic doctrine. Well, it is the word of Christ, nevertheless, and is its own best interpretation. The church has such power. But, by the help of the sainted Father Brobst, a Lutheran minister, who wrote on this subject, I will preach my text, and tell you what I think of anxious bench confessions.

Spiritual deception is carried on at an alarming rate in these days. Earnest piety is being counterfeited by false appearances and by hypocritical show. The word of God is being falsified, and the people are deceived by the fanatical teachings of men. But I have not come here to scold. What I say, I say to my own members—I have never preached against others. You will patiently bear with me while I read most of my discourse to-night; you are not accustomed to hear me read sermons.

Why is it that at the anxious bench the Spirit only manifests Himself during the singing and the praying, and not during the preaching of the word of God? The Spirit of God operates upon the hearts of the people only through the preaching of the word, and never through singing and prayer. See Romans x., 17, and Romans ix., 18. Why is it that the Spirit never manifests Himself when the people are quiet, but that such apparent manifestation is always accompanied by a great deal of excitement and noise? Noise and excitement operates directly upon man's nervous system, and thus the extraordinary feelings and appearances are produced. But do not understand me to teach that the emotions have no place in religion. I say nothing against feeling. Man must feel! Man is a complex being, consisting of will, sense (sins!) and emotions. The christian feels his religion, but he feels it through his works. But you say, works—self-righteousness will save no man. Neither will he be saved without works. We must do that which is good, and there is no good done at the Anxious Bench. My feelings are not produced by noise at the bench. Right doing begets right feeling. When I am doing right I feel good, and this makes another one—even God, feel good; and then we both feel better than any one ever felt at the anxious bench.

Why is it that these people must always be near together in their services, in order to receive what they call the baptism of the spirit? Man possesses certain magnetic powers which, when they are mutually cooperative in a body of people will magnetize the whole assemblage and bring about just such phenomena as is noticeable at an anxious bench.

Why is it that this anxious bench mode of conversion is never practiced during the day, when the mind of man is most sober and reflective; but that it is always resorted to at night? It cannot stand daylight. Works of darkness suit not for the day. See I. Thes. v., 5-8, and I Peter viii, 13.

Why is it that these anxious bench preachers never serve long at one appointment but are continually itinerating?

Because their people who have been converted according to these new measures, will soon get tired of every thing that is old, the preachers included. See Mark ii., 21 and Acts xvii., 21.

Why is it that the modern, educated Methodist preachers will have nothing more to do with the bench? They well knew that the preaching of the word alone can save the people. How could the 3000 at the pentecostal occasion have been converted in a day, according to the noisy and orderless anxious bench process? You well know that it would have been impracticable there. Why did not the great Luther and the other reformers adopt the anxious bench? They adhered to the word of God as the only means of salvation.

Why do all the educated ministers of the gospel in entire Europe ignore the *bench process*? They abide by the custom of their fathers and know that the anxious bench is an American invention of the nineteenth century.

Why have the English Lutheran preachers who formerly used the bench, entirely discontinued its use? Those who used it were methodistically educated, and consequently understood little or nothing of Lutheran theology. Why did the Reformed preacher's discontinue its use? Dr. Nevin, a thoroughly educated minister among them, wrote a book against the "Anxious Bench," and that gave them sufficient light on the subject.

Preachers are seed-sowers. What would you think of a farmer who would go out in the spring-time and till his field and sow his seed, and then get ready for an immediate harvest. And what do you think of a preacher who sows the word from the pulpit and then comes down to the bench expecting to reap his harvest? Is not such machine worship? The good preacher, like the good farmer, will be willing to wait patiently for results, believing in God's promises. Sprouting seed is of a tender nature and the rough anxious bench process will invariably cripple it. Isa. lxv., 8 and Luke xv., 17. The prodigal son first thought of his condition and counted the costs before he resolved to go to his father. Luke iv., 28.

The 'anxious' bench is no place for earnest thinking; the noise and the excitement will not permit it. Go to your pastor. He knows of a better way than the way of the mob. He will tell you to go into your closet Math. vi. 5—6 and let no one know it, Math. viii. 5. Do not trumpet it abroad. Go to your pastor. Go not where the gazing world looks on. Prayer in the closet is worth a thousand times more than prayer at the bench. In the closet you will never become a Pharisee, there you will never become a wolf sheep?

What would you think of a physician, who instead of administering medicine in the sick-room, would carry his patient and his medicine out into the public street and there quackishly offer to cure him? What of a preacher who carries on his work in this charlatanical manner? They threaten the poor souls with eternal punishment if they do not come to the bench! They march up and down the aisles and even transgress every law of decency by whispering into the ears of men and women, trying to persuade them to come to the bench. No wonder that people loose respect for the office of the ministry. Such men bring the office into disrepute. Titus ii. 15.

I declare such a mode of conversion a spiritual and unbiblical deception of the people. Why do not such people convert their own children? A Methodist preacher once asked me this question and then answered it himself: "I suppose they see too much at home." It is the work of the preacher to teach and not to drag the people in an excitement, and stormy anxious bench experience, into a false conception of the truth.

Why the depreciation of confirmation in neighborhoods where the anxious bench has been introduced? Simply because anxious bench work makes the people superficial. A certain writer calls such neighborhoods "burnt districts."

Why is there so much disorder in churches making use of the bench, and why is there no disorder in other churches? The bench is the cause of it—there is disorder at the bench and therefore there is disorder in the entire house. There is a perfect babel.

Why do they not sing the old, well-tried and spiritual hymns at these services? They are too spiritual and will not lead the people to the altar; therefore they have introduced new, lively and exhilirating, shouting, hand-clapping songs. These answer the purpose better. Why do they not use the organ at the bench? The music of the organ is solemn, soft and sweet, but the services at the bench are harsh and discordant—there could be no harmony.

Those who profess to have been saved at the bench, are all spiritually proud, vain, conceited. They have grown so large in so short a time. They pride themselves that they understand the Scriptures, better than even an educated minister. These are not converted but *perverted*. Why do such backslide so soon? They lead my sheep away from me to the bench, and then they soon backslide and go out into the world altogether. But they say that we have no sheep in our fold, they say we are all wolves. This is not true. Have I ever said that in the church across the way they are all wolves? May God forgive them! But why do they so numerously backslide? Because their misleading emotions produced by the nervous excitement at the bench will soon die away and then they naturally get under the impression that there is nothing in religion. This causes them to despise religion and multiplies scoffers. Wherever these new measures have been introduced, there unbaptized scoffers and infidels abound.

False doctrine is at the bottom of the whole anxious bench system. Their doctrines on conversion, regeneration, faith and baptism are all radically wrong. Pastor Brobst said: This great evil must be earnestly attacked. They do not believe in original sin, (erb-suende). They deny the total depravity of men. They teach that man has power in himself to save himself.

But enough of this. Those who will not believe me may think what they please. But they say that I am against conversion. Do I not tell you in every sermon that you must be converted? Do I not warningly urge it upon you?

But there is one thing I must not forget. This is needful. The discipline must be enforced. Let us be honest. Let us not cover up our sins. We have sinners in our church—great sinners. We have whoremongers, adulterers, drunkards and other great sinners. But others have them too, only they know better how to hide them. They have a better sheep-skin to cover themselves with. But the truly pious can see the claws stick out. Right remains right. But let us not think too highly of ourselves. Let us be truly humble. I have never yet been afraid to call myself a sinner. But I am off the track.

I wanted to say something more about conversion. Jesus Christ regenerates us through water and spirit. I and you must repent and be converted. But there is a vast difference between conversion and regeneration. Conversion means turning around, but that is not yet regeneration. Never again say that I do not preach conversion. I have a place for everything. Neither do I ignore the sacraments. How could I love God and his word and despise the sacraments. I am speaking too long. But one thing more. The discipline will now be enforced. But this grieves me—sorely grieves me! A few years ago I confirmed a member of this church at this altar. There she sat. Now she has been led to the bench in the church across the way. How can preachers sneak into the houses and persuade people to leave their church? They are not honest. It is not right. They say they want to convert them, but it is not true. They want to increase their membership. They want to rob other churches. They say I have been going from house to house also. Yes; but not to proselyte, but to do my duty. Now I love all, but I cannot believe with you all. But you have no right to be angry with me. Gladly will I appear before the throne of God to be held responsible for every word spoken here to-night. But I have been badly treated! I have been oppressed. They have taken away from me that which is mine. And this grieves me so. But, my friends, you must be converted. But you need not go to the bench. O, do not sell your