

Miscellaneous News Items.

A Western carpenter, who was attacked by a wolf in his shop, succeeded in securing the animal's head in a vice, and subsequently slew him at his leisure.

Although Georgia was settled half a century earlier than Ohio, the population of the latter to the square mile is more than three times as great as that of the former.

A Vermont farmer who could find no buyers for his land at \$1,400 put it up at auction, determined to sell at any price, when it was divided into several parcels and sold for \$18,500.

The oldest rose bush in the world covers one side of an old German cathedral. Its stem is a foot in diameter, and its age is supposed to be considerably more than a thousand years.

John Hoyt, a clerk in the axe factory of Wm. Mann & Co., at Milroy, Milfill county, was instantly killed recently while attempting to cross the track of the Milfill and Centre County Railroad.

On Friday, the 12th inst., Mrs. Samuel Warner, residing in Walker township, Juniata county, when in the act of drawing water out of the well, slipped upon the ice and fell, breaking her arm.

The following notice, printed on colored card boards, hangs up in a place of business, in Rome N. York: "Mebbe you don't better had loaf round here, ven you don't got some peennis, ain't it?"

A colored boy was killed in Blackville, S. C., not many days since, with a double-barrel gun which he was trying to unload. He placed one end of the fire, and blew in the other, when an explosion ensued killing him outright.

In a Peru, Ind., church on Tuesday evening, the chandelier, consisting of five lighted kerosene lamps, became detached from the ceiling and fell to the floor, scattering the burning fluid in all directions. The congregation had mostly dispersed, but those who remained extinguished the flames.

There are twenty-five applicants for a position made vacant by the resignation of a clerk in the Post Office Department on Monday last. The Post-master-General has directed the applicants to be subjected to a competitive examination, and the names of the three who pass the best examination to be sent to him, from whom he will select one for appointment.

New York has been excited for a short time over the exploits of a vitriol thrower, who would manage to spoil some wearing apparel for the ladies. Detectives were set to watch, and a fellow was at last caught in the act of throwing a mixture of coal oil and vitriol, on a velvet sack of a lady. He was arrested, and proved to be a religious monomaniac who was opposed to the wearing of that class of goods.

About half-past one o'clock on the morning of the 16th inst., a fire broke out in the back part of Bast & Bros. tobacco store, on North Fifth street, Reading, Pa., and in a few minutes the entire building, which was a frame structure was in flames.

The fire extended to the following adjoining buildings, which have been entirely destroyed.

James Long, stoneware establishment; Hoff & Millholland's Banking House, the large hardware store of J. L. Stichter & Son, and restaurant building of Major Ebner.

The loss may reach two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

FOREIGN NEWS.

A contract has just been signed in England for the laying of a telegraph cable direct to New York.

London, Jan. 16.—A shocking accident occurred in Lalford to-day. The roof of the school-house fell in while the school was in session, and many of the children injured, some of them seriously.

Mr. Joseph Gillott, whose death occurred a few days since, was born at Sheffield, England, October 11, 1790. At the age of twenty years he went to Birmingham, about which time the first steel pens were introduced, when he took the idea, and began the manufacture of the article. If not the inventor, he was surely the one who first made the manufacture of steel pens a trade.

Mr. L. J. Baigent, one of the witnesses in the famous Tiesborne trial, now in progress in London, was twelve days under examination. Toward the close he said he thought the rack the thumbscrew and other methods of physical torture were perfectly harmless compared with the mental torture to which he had been subjected by the cross-examination.

The trial of Rev. John Selby Watson, in London, who is accused of having brutally murdered his wife several months ago, which has been in progress the past few days, was concluded last week. The jury rendered a verdict of guilty, and the sentence of death was pronounced upon the prisoner.

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