

STATE BANKS WELL SUPERVISED

Bankers Body Sees Less Politics Banking Departments With Better Facilities in the Hands of the Responsible Officials.

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BANKERS TO HOLD GREAT CONVENTION

Cleveland, Ohio, has been designated for the 1930 annual convention of the American Bankers Association. This organization, which numbers out 20,000 banks with \$65,000,000,000 assets, is annually the nation's most important financial event. The attendance ranges between five and ten thousand.

Mexican Coat of Arms

Traced to Aztec Fable

That the name "Mexico" comes from "mexicilli," the Aztec word for the native maguay or pulque plant, is the conclusion of Enrique Juan Palacios, of the Mexican direction for archeology, who has searched for its origin in native Indian documents, as well as in other sources of information. Every Mexican school child knows that his national coat-of-arms is an adaptation of the ancient Aztec hieroglyph or place-name for "Tenochtitlan," as pre-conquest Mexico City was called. Mexico's shield, therefore, is at least six centuries old. It represents an eagle in mortal struggle with a snake, which he holds with one claw and his beak. With the other claw he is balanced on a spiny nopal cactus growing on a rock in the middle of a lake. This picturization of an extremely difficult position illustrates the Aztec fable of the founding of the ancient city that is now the capital of the Mexican republic.

Possibility That Great Auk May Still Exist

Does the Great Auk still exist? The last authentic case of one having been seen was in 1843, but "Bird Notes and News" raises the question as to whether a bird which has been seen in the Lofoten Islands (off the coast of northern Norway) is not a Great Auk. A writer tells how a Finnish hunter and naturalist saw a strange bird which he could not recognize. He was shown a picture of the Great Northern Diver, but said it was not the same. He was then shown a Razorbill, but declared that the bird was bigger. The book was opened casually at the Great Auk, and he immediately identified it and persisted in his story, which was corroborated even to the identification by an independent witness who had also seen it. The bird was never seen again, but it is possible that on such a wild coast a few Great Auks may have survived.

Odd "Break" in Sermon

The former pastor of a Fluga church tells a good one on himself which shows the queer breaks a man can make, even in the pulpit.

The pastor was preaching on "Faith" and among his illustrations of the value of faith declared that "it was by faith that Moses discovered America."

He noticed a smile spread over the faces of the congregation, but couldn't imagine what it was about, and repeated that but for his faith Moses would never have crossed the stormy Atlantic to America.

Having observed that his wife was as much amused as anybody, he promptly asked her on reaching his home what the people were smiling at.

When she told him, he was forced to wonder at the restraint the congregation had shown.—Philadelphia Record.

To "Turn State's Evidence?"

State's evidence is the evidence produced by the government in criminal prosecution. The term also applies to a person who gives such evidence. When a person implicated in a crime voluntarily confesses his share and gives testimony that will incriminate his accomplices he is said to "turn state's evidence," namely, he becomes a witness for the state. In such cases there is generally an express or implied promise on the part of the authorities that they will not prosecute the witness who thus testifies, or that he will at least be dealt with leniently. Prosecutors do not usually promise such immunity unless there is insufficient evidence to convict the defendant without the testimony in question.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Salesmanship

Five-year-old Dorothy Rose recently was a very attentive listener while an agent explained to her mother the educational value of a book.

"You must leave this book lying near the library table, so that the children may have free access to it," he said.

A few days later Dorothy Rose played selling books to mother, and in imitation of the real agent, said:

"Now, missus, you must leave this book lying right on your buffet and the children must have three axes to it."

Famous Early Bishop

Francis Asbury was born at Hamstead Bridge, near Birmingham, England, in 1745. He died at Spotsylvania, Va., in 1816. He came to America as a missionary in 1771. There were then only 316 Methodists in America. When he died he had traveled more than 270,000 miles, preached more than 16,000 sermons, and ordained more than 4,000 Methodist ministers. He never married. Constant travel, limited resources and his zeal in church service were some of the reasons advanced for his single life.

Enthusiasm

The enthusiasm that lifts us as an eagle's wings makes for joyous service. The ability to run, to press forward unwearyingly in the chosen course, makes it easy. But to walk day after day, only able to trudge along the right road slowly, while the victors with wings sweep above us, and the strong runners dash by us toward the goal, leaving us far behind—this is hard. To keep courage, press forward and not grow faint-hearted, may at last be the greatest victory of all.

KILLS ARMY BUDDY; DOESN'T KNOW WHY

Private Soldier Confesses to Strange Crime.

New York.—"Why did you kill him?"

Louis Galvano, twenty-one, a private in the United States army, stationed at Fort Du Pont, Wilmington, Del., had that question propounded to him time after time by detectives of the Brooklyn homicide squad in the Bath Beach station.

"I told you I don't know why," the prisoner invariably replied. "I just put the gun to the back of his head and pulled the trigger."

"You mean to say you killed your buddy, and don't know why you did it?" Acting Lieutenant Conan asked. "That's it exactly," answered Galvano. "I blew his brains out, and to save my life I don't know why I did it."

During the long interrogation the young soldier was calm and matter-of-fact. When the detectives paused, he read the sports page of a newspaper. He smoked innumerable cigarettes with the air of a person perfectly at ease and at peace with the world.

No Motive Found.

Finally the detectives had to be satisfied with Galvano's description of how he committed a murder without learning of any motive. He was held without bail as fugitive from justice. The fugitive charges were made pending the arrival of a formal murder complaint from the police of Wilmington, Del., where the crime was committed. Galvano is accused in Wilmington of killing Arthur Cline, twenty-one, a private in Company E First Engineers, at Fort Du Pont. The two were known as inseparable friends.

Cline's body, in civilian clothes, but stripped of all valuables and marks of identification, was found Christmas morning by a hunter in a marsh about three miles north of Wilmington. Two bullet wounds were in the back of the head.

Wilmington police found that Galvano, Cline and a third private of Company E, Alonzo Emery, had left the fort Christmas eve in an automobile owned by Emery. Cline, they were told, was going to Amsterdam, N. Y., to spend a short holiday furlo.

Other Soldier Seized.

Emery was arrested in Wilmington and held without bail. His statements incriminated Galvano. The police here were then requested to apprehend Galvano, also home, he said on holiday leave.

Galvano was nonchalant when the police took him into custody at his parents' home.

"You want me," he said. "All right I'm ready to go with you right this minute." He lighted a cigarette.

After admitting he killed Cline, the detectives said he related that Cline was going A. W. O. L. in order to be home for Christmas and that Emery consented to drive Cline and Galvano to the railroad station outside of Wilmington.

Galvano told detectives that when they were half way to Wilmington with Emery driving, Cline also in the front seat, and himself in the rear seat, he started fingering a small non-service pistol he had in his pocket.

"I remember taking the gun out and putting it close to Cline's head, and then I pulled the trigger. That's all I remember about it," he said.

"But you shot him twice. Why did you do that?" the detectives asked.

"I don't know. My finger just pulled the trigger," replied Galvano.

A few minutes after the shooting, Galvano added, another automobile came down the road. At his direction, the prisoner said, Emery started the car while he held up the limp body of Cline to avoid suspicion.

Later, he continued, he and Emery removed the body from the car to the marsh, took about \$20 Cline had, then removed all identification marks.

Galvano denied he was drunk when he shot Cline. "I had a couple of drinks," he said, "but I wasn't stewed."

Returned to Cell After Escaping to See Mother

Washington.—Archie Lyles must return to a prison cell, but his mother, whose illness led him to escape from the Lorton reformatory in northern Virginia, is on the way to health once more.

Lyles, spurred by reports that his mother was dying in a hospital here, escaped from the reformatory. Later he appeared at the hospital, gained admittance and went to the bedside of his mother. Mrs. Cora Passman there searched for him, but not before his visit had accomplished its purpose. His mother is expected to recover.

American Bull Fighter Steps Up in Standing

Madrid.—Besides doing some sight-seeing, Sidney Franklin, the American "matador de novillos," spent the winter going to various Spanish ranches, practicing his art with the bulls. He will start the 1930 season fighting the three-year-old "novillos," but if he is in as good shape as he was at the end of the 1929 season he probably will be given the "alternative" to fight the four-year-olds. He would then hold the "doctor's degree" of bull fighting, and his title would be "matador de toros."

PATIENTS TREATED AT COUNTY HOSPITAL

Mrs. Dora Schlegel and infant, wife and son of Jay Schlegel, of Milesburg, were discharged on Monday of last week.

Mrs. Mary Whitmore, of State College, a surgical patient for the past two weeks, was discharged on Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rockey, of Spring township, are the happy parents of a baby boy, born in the hospital on Tuesday of last week.

Laura Davis, 9-year-old daughter of Mrs. Flora Davis, of Spring township, was admitted on Tuesday of last week as a medical patient.

Mrs. William Shoemaker, of Pennsylvania Furnace, was admitted on Tuesday of last week as a surgical patient.

Mrs. Annie Brobeck, of Walker township, was admitted as a medical patient on Wednesday of last week.

Conrad Miller, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Wednesday of last week as a surgical patient. He sustained a crushed ankle while at work at his limestone quarries.

Dorothy Stamm, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stamm, of Pine Grove Mills, was admitted as a surgical patient on Wednesday of last week.

Betty Johnson, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson, of Centre Hall, became a surgical patient in the institution last Thursday and was discharged the same day.

William I. Bevan, of McKeesport, was admitted as a surgical patient on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Gray Rockey, of Spring township, who had been a surgical patient for the past two weeks, was discharged on Thursday.

Henry Young, a surgical patient, was discharged on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Daniel Barnhart, of Milesburg, a surgical patient, was discharged on Friday of last week.

Mrs. Herbert Broze, of College township, a medical patient, was discharged last Thursday.

Master Taylor M. Potter, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Potter, of Centre Hall, a surgical patient, was admitted on Thursday and discharged the same day.

W. T. Twitmore, of Bellefonte, a medical patient for a week, was discharged on Saturday.

Miss Alice Banford, of State College, a medical patient for two weeks, was discharged on Friday.

Clarence Hoy, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Saturday night for surgical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Houser, of Bellefonte, are rejoicing over the arrival of a daughter, born at the hospital on Sunday.

Robert Koch, a surgical patient for the past two weeks, was discharged on Saturday and returned to his home at Pine Grove Mills.

Mrs. Walter Gherrity, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Monday of this week for medical treatment.

Dorothy Whitcar, of Milheim, a student nurse, became a medical patient on Monday.

Miss Catherine Reese, of Boggs township, a surgical patient, was admitted on Monday.

There were forty-five patients in the hospital at the beginning of this week.

1134 HUNTERS LOSE LICENSE PRIVILEGE

Since 1923 when the Board of Game Commissioners was first vested with power to revoke hunting licenses, such action has been taken in 1134 cases, according to the last compilation made.

At present 380 revocations are still in effect. Of that number action was taken on July 11, 1929, in 399 cases, for periods of one to two years, according to the offense being punished.

The board has power to revoke hunters' licenses for one or two years after conviction of any game law violation, destroying personal property or crops, careless use of firearms or intoxication while carrying a loaded weapon.

Conviction for a second or subsequent offense permits the Commission to revoke licenses for not less than two years or more than three.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of administration on the estate of Anna T. McLaughlin, late of the borough of Bellefonte, county of Centre and State of Pennsylvania, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make immediate payment of such indebtedness and those having claims will present them, properly authenticated, for settlement.

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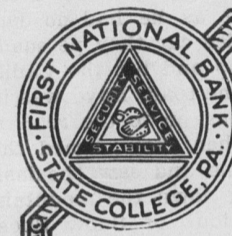
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