

THE KEYSTONE STATE

Latest News of Pennsylvania Told in Short Order.

Citizens are still seeking the robber who bound and gagged Miss Marguerite Ross in her home in Williamsburg. It is supposed that the intruder intended to burn the girl to death. Discovering that she was alone in the house, the robber choked her into insensibility and dragged her into the dining-room. Then he ransacked the house, collecting finery, silverware and jewelry in a bag. He then saturated the clothing of the unconscious girl with oil and piled paper and rags around her. Before he applied the match, Frank Ross, a brother of the girl, came home from school, kicked at the locked door, threw his books on the porch and went downtown. Believing help was at hand, the robber fled out the back door without any booty. The girl was still unconscious when discovered.

The chief veterinarian of Pennsylvania, Dr. Leonard Pearson, with 2 Government veterinarians, Dr. Shauler, of Philadelphia, visited stock yards near Lancaster to investigate the origin of Texas fever in Lancaster county. The inspectors learned that the disease had found its way to Lebanon, Berks and Chester Counties. That infected cattle were at the local yards is not denied, and they have been thoroughly disinfected and there is no fear of further contagion.

Mrs. Nina Virginia Cooper Dyer wife of William Ashmead Dyer, cashier of the Cambridge Trust Company and daughter of Assemblyman Thomas V. Cooper, of Media, died in Chester. Mrs. Dyer was 27 years of age and was well-known in society. She was registrar of Betsy Ross Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution. She was married on June 7, 1902, the wedding being attended by many prominent people, including Admiral Schley.

A "woman in black" who has alarmed the west end of the town of Norris town, has turned out to be a man masquerading in female attire. He haunts dark alleys and seems to delight in arousing cries of fear from startled women. One woman resolved that she would not be chased, but when she saw her tormentor's trousers, she too, ran. The cries of the distressed woman attracted several men, who gave chase to the prowler in black but he escaped up an alley.

The new Capitol Commission met at Harrisburg, supervising Engineer Green, Architect Huston and Contractor Payne all positively assured the commission that the Legislature halls and the committee and clerks' rooms will be ready when the Legislature meets in January. The commissioners inspected the building and were convinced that the assurances were well founded.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has notified the foremen of its shops in Harrisburg to make large increases in their forces immediately. It is expected that all of the men who were furloughed in June will be ordered to report for work. The company is now working ten hours a day, with a Saturday half holiday in all of its Harrisburg shops.

After suffering greatly from the incursions of a variety of evil-doers, Esington has now been menaced by incendiaries. An attempt was made to burn the house of Christian Walz. A motorman of a Southwestern trolley car saw the flames and gave the alarm. Neighbors organized a bucket brigade and succeeded in extinguishing the flames.

There is marked improvement in the coke trade at Conneville, and every indication suggests that the trade will assume normal conditions within a few weeks. The total production last week was 191,000 tons, and the next week's output will run considerably over the 200,000 mark. More than 2000 ovens were placed in operation last week. Out of 23,257 ovens 16,218 were active and 7039 idle.

His clothing catching in belting in the Conshohocken Woolen Mills, Michael Cecil was whirled around the shafting, and when an arm was torn out of the socket he was hurled across the room. The other arm was fractured, as were both legs. He died soon after being taken to a hospital.

While playing ball at Weissport, David Snyder, aged 32, exerted himself greatly in order to reach second base. When he succeeded in reaching the base he fell dead on the bag from heart failure.

Otto Traub, a driver on the wagon of a Chester Heights bakery, was held up by men and women from one of the boat houses along Darby Creek, and, after being robbed of all the money in his pockets, the bread and cakes in the wagon were stolen and taken to a boat house. Traub was delivering bread in the vicinity when two men and two women halted him. While the men rifled his pockets the women looted the wagon of its contents. The holdup is the third that has occurred in that vicinity during the past three weeks.

Major W. G. Speck, of Carlisle, was re-elected major of the Eighth Regiment by the commissioned officers.

The summer home of the Philadelphia Young Men's Christian Association, on Dwight Farm, Downingtown, has been closed for the season.

Judge Isaac Johnson, at Media, overruled a motion for arrest of judgment and a motion for a new trial in the case of John Wilson, Jr., of Chester, convicted of selling adulterated milk.

The farmers of Montgomery County have enjoyed three nights' sleep without the theft of a horse. Eight horses stolen within ten days is the record for the last count. No part of the county has been immune. Hardware stores did a big business in supplying extra latches, staples and locks.

Joseph Devlin, 35 years old, of Phoenixville, was drowned while swimming in the Schuylkill River, near the borough water works. Devlin was racing two lad in a row-boat, when he became exhausted and sank.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

A farmer, or anybody else, should dress according to his work. But there is solid satisfaction in bathing, changing the clothes and silking up after the work is finished for the day. This is hard advice for the haying season, but good for most of the year. Clothing in time of rest helps make the man.

Having failed to get practical results in producing rainfall by use of explosives, the same French experimenters are now trying to ward off hailstorms by exploding bombs in advance of approaching storms, with results so far encouraging, the Massachusetts Ploughman states. A mechanical device of this kind would be a treasure for the tobacco growers.

The home mending society, recently proposed by a Chicago clergyman, will certainly find its work cut out for it in almost any contemporary community. Minor quarrels patched neatly at short notice. Matchmakers who belong to the society will doubtless be held responsible for all repairs in home circles of their individual contrivance.

A writer in Green's Fruit Grower says: Married life is not what many people imagine it to be. The experience of many married people is such that if they knew in advance the trials they would have to undergo in married life they would never have formed the union. No mortal is perfect, yet young lovers have different opinions on this point. In married life both parties must bear and forbear with the weaknesses and shortcomings of the other, and each must yield up his or her selfishness. We are all by nature selfish. One of the benefits of married life is that it tends to make us unselfish.

No man has greater need for recreation than the farmer, yet he is perhaps the most loyal slave to work that the list of industrial occupations affords, declares the Breeders' Gazette. Justification of this fact can be imagined but it can scarcely be approved. Necessity may compel all men to work part of the time, but it never requires them to work all the time. Mortgages, crop failures and other forms of adversity are not sufficiently important to deprive any farmer of a period of rebuilding reviving rest during the season each year when climatic conditions and the status of his farming work render it most convenient. Equal in every respect are his wife's right, if not duty, to free herself from household toil and enjoy that recuperation and revivification as well as renewal of interest in her lot which come from proper diversion. Furthermore, the boys and girls and the hired farm help should have the same privilege.

Two neighbors of ours have adjoining property. A high terrace raises each piece of land above the street, but while one gratifies the passer's sense of beauty, the other is unightly and every rain or wind storm sends the earth in crumbling masses to the sidewalk. What makes the difference? The owner of the well kept terrace planted honeysuckles over it years ago. The vines grew and spread, the roots took firm hold on the soil, giving it no chance to crumble. Those who pass by wonder that the owner of the other terrace should not have shown equal wisdom. How often two boys of apparently equal possibilities and advantages produce as widely varying results as those two terraces! One of them simply takes the days as they come. No conscientious, carefully thought out principles are made to take root, and he becomes the easy victim of passing circumstances, as the neglected terrace is at the mercy of every wind that blows. The other is like the vine-covered terrace. High ideals and noble conceptions of life and its duties, have taken deep grip on the character, that will lessen the danger to him from days of storm and stress.

John Burroughs, writing in Harper's Magazine, disputes the claim that any of the lower animals is capable of thought. After recounting many interesting tests, Mr. Burroughs said: "Animals have been perceptions—keen in many respects than our own—but they form no conceptions, have no powers of comparing one thing with another. They live entirely in and through their senses. To all that inner world of reflection, imagination, comparisons, reason they are strangers. They never return upon themselves in thought. They have sense memory, sense intelligence, and they profit in many ways by experience; but they have not soul-memory or rational intelligence. All the fundamental emotions and appetites men and the lower animals share in common, such as fear, anger, love, hunger, jealousy, cunning, pride, curiosity, play; but the world of thought and thought experience, and the emotions that go with it, belong to man alone. It is as if the psychic world were divided into two planes, one above the other—the plane of sense and the plane of spirit. In the plane of sense live the lower animals, only now and then just breaking for a moment into the higher plane. In the world of sense man is immersed also; this is his start and foundation; but he rises into the plane of spirit, and here lives his proper life. He is emancipated from sense in a way that beasts are not."

COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade says: Confidence increases each week as a larger proportion of the agricultural yield is placed beyond the reach of injury and industrial undertakings are less interrupted by labor controversies. It is not to be expected that the business world will suddenly abandon its conservative attitude, purchases being still restricted largely to such needs as are clearly discerned, but there is evidence of a growing disposition to provide for more remote requirements. In many lines, particularly dry goods, stocks have been reduced much below normal, and Fall shipments are expanding in a healthy manner.

Distribution of merchandise is providing the railways with a large tonnage, preparations are being made to handle the enormous crops and the gross earnings of all railways reporting for three weeks of August show a gain of 1.4 per cent over the same time last year. Foreign commerce for the last week at this port was smaller than a year ago, exports decreasing \$307,277, while imports fell \$904,083, and this tendency is largely responsible for the Treasury deficit in August, customs receipts falling about \$3,000,000 behind those of the same month last year. Protracted meetings discussing the matter of prices for steel products tended to restrict business and wholesome conditions cannot be restored until there is less uncertainty on this point. Slight evidences of improvement in the matter of cotton goods were removed by the resumption of wide price changes for the raw material and aggressive speculation. Bradstreet's says: Wheat, including flour, exports for the week aggregated 1,830,511 bushels, against 1,084,333 last week, 3,131,830 this week last year, 6,270,299 in 1902 and 4,406,064 in 1901. From July 1 to date the exports aggregated 12,464,662 bushels, against 28,270,124 last year, 43,053,506 in 1902 and 59,167,570 in 1901. Corn exports for the week aggregated 710,662 bushels against 763,846 last week, 868,741 a year ago, 21,106 in 1902 and 550,876 in 1901. From July 1 to date the exports of corn aggregated 5,273,881 bushels, against 9,194,016 in 1903, 775,755 in 1902 and 9,249,807 in 1901.

WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Baltimore.—FLOUR—Dull and unchanged; receipts, 9,900 bushels, exports, 102 bushels.

WHEAT—Firm; spot contract, 103 1/2 @ 105 1/2; spot No. 2 red winter, 1.07 1/4 @ 1.07 3/4; September, 1.05 3/4 @ 1.05 1/2; October, 1.04 1/4 @ 1.07; December, 1.09 3/4 @ 1.10; steamer No. 2 red, 97 1/2 @ 98; receipts, 34,848 bushels; Southern, by sample, 82 1/2 @ 85; Southern, on grade, 80 1/2 @ 87.

CORN—Dull; spot, 58 1/2 @ 58 3/4; September, 58 1/2 @ 58 3/4; year, 53 asked; steamer mixed, 55 1/2 @ 55 3/4; receipts, 9,125 bushels; Southern white corn, 58 1/2 @ 61; Southern yellow corn, 62 @ 63.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 35 1/2 @ 36; No. 2 mixed, 34 1/2 @ 35; receipts, 32,155 bushels.

RYE—Firm (upturn); No. 2 Western, 82 @ 83; receipts, 3,045 bushels.

HAY—Steady and unchanged.

BUTTER—Firm and unchanged; fancy imitation, 17 1/2 @ 18; fancy creamery, 20 @ 21; fancy lard, 14 1/2 @ 15; store packed, 10 @ 12.

EGGS—Firm and unchanged.

CHEESE—Firm and unchanged; large, 9 1/2 @ 10; medium, 9 1/4 @ 9 3/4; small, 9 1/4 @ 10.

New York.—FLOUR—About steady with light demand. Minnesota bakers', 4.30 @ 4.70.

RYE FLOUR—Firm; choice to fancy, 4.55 @ 4.85.

CUT MEATS—Firm; pickled shoulders, 7 @ 7 1/4; pickled hams, 10 @ 11.

COTTONSEED OIL—Firm; prime yellow, 29 1/4 @ 29 1/2.

BUTTER—Steady; receipts, 7,121; renovated, common to extra, 10 @ 16.

POULTRY—Alive, very firm; Western chickens, 14; fowls, 13; turkeys, 13. Dressed, quiet; Western chickens, 14 @ 15 1/4; fowls, 13 1/2 @ 14; turkeys, 13 @ 15.

PEANUTS—Quiet; fancy hand picked, 6 @ 6 1/4; other domestic, 3 @ 6 1/4.

CABBAGES—Steady; Long Island per 100, 1.50 @ 1.50; per barrel, 25 @ 27.5.

Live Stock.

Chicago.—CATTLE—Good to prime steers, 5.40 @ 6.10; poor to medium, 3.50 @ 5.00; stockers and feeders, 2.00 @ 3.75; cows, 1.35 @ 4.00; heifers, 1.75 @ 4.50; canners, 1.65 @ 2.25; bulls, 2.00 @ 4.00; calves, 3.50 @ 6.25; Texas-fed steers, 2.50 @ 3.50; Western steers, 2.50 @ 4.00.

HOGS—Mixed and butchers, 5.10 @ 5.55; good to choice heavy, 5.20 @ 5.50; rough heavy, 4.60 @ 5.00; light, 5.15 @ 5.65; bulk of sales, 5.30 @ 5.45.

SHEEP—Sheep and lambs steady. Good to choice western, 3.50 @ 4.00. Fair to choice mixed, 3.00 @ 3.40. Western sheep, 2.75 @ 4.00; native lambs, 4.00 @ 5.75; Western lambs, 4.00 @ 5.75.

New York.—BEEVES—Native steers 3.65 @ 7.00; half-breeds, 3.50 @ 4.00; stockers, 3.20; bulls, 2.80 @ 3.75; cows, 1.25 @ 3.25. Cables quoted live cattle and sheep unchanged; refrigerator beef lower, 9 cents per pound.

CALVES—Veals, 15 to 25c lower; Western calves, 20 to 35 cents lower. Veals, 5.00 @ 5.12 1/2; grassers 3.65 @ 3.75; Western calves, 5.00 @ 5.12 1/2.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Sheep and lambs steady; medium common lambs slow to 25c lower. Sheep, 2.80 @ 4.25; choice, 4.50; culls, 2.50 @ 3.00; lambs, 5.50 @ 7.50.

HOGS—Good medium State hogs, 5.10.

WORLD OF LABOR.

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association has declared for open shops.

In 20 years the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers has not had a strike.

There are over 250,000 bookkeepers and accountants in the United States.

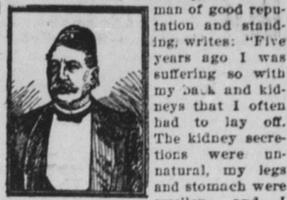
Soldiers in the Italian army are allowed cigars as part of their daily rations.

The Switchmen's Union of North America will meet in Indianapolis in October.

HAD TO GIVE UP.

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George W. Renoff, of 1953 North Eleventh street, Philadelphia, Pa., a man of good reputation and standing, writes: "Five years ago I was suffering so with my back and kidneys that I often had to lay off. The kidney secretions were unnatural, my legs and stomach were swollen, and I had no appetite. When doctors failed to help me I began using Doan's Kidney Pills and improved until my back was strong and my appetite returned. During the four years since I stopped using them I have enjoyed excellent health. The cure was permanent."



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Often he will lie all day long in a dusty corner of his cage, his yellow slits eyes shifting and gleaming restlessly. Even the feeding hour, when pandemonium breaks loose among the big cages, when hungry roars and squeals mingle with impatient snarls and impacts of heavy bodies against steel bars, is apt to have no effect on him. He may lie eyeing his chunk of raw beef suspiciously, and not venture forth until day has waned and the last visitor has left; to tear meat from bones with his long, white fangs.

In fact, so ugly and vicious is this beast, that frequently he turns on his own kind, and in many instances it is impossible to cage him, even with a mate.—McClure's Magazine.

BABY BORN TO FORTUNE.

John Nicholas Brown, 4 Years Old, Worth \$10,000,000.

John Nicholas Brown of Rhode Island is only 4 years old, but he is fated worth \$10,000,000. His fortune came from his father and an uncle. In equal amounts, before he was 3 months old. Young Brown has three palatial residences, a yacht, is always attended by a physician and has a retinue of ten servants. He lives on a sterilized milk chiefly and has more care bestowed upon him than a royal prince. He is weighed morning and night on special scales and is groomed in the most luxurious manner. The youngster's fortune consists in stock in great cotton mills in New England. His mother was a Miss Dresser, sister of Mrs. George Vanderbilt.

A Fund of Humor.

William Winter, the dramatic critic, is thought by some to write the worst band of any man living. There may be more giants in the past, men like Horace Greeley, who surpassed him, but no one his equal remains.

Some years ago Mr. Winter was traveling in Scotland, and having had many amusing experiences, wrote an account of them to R. H. Stoddard, in New York. Mr. Stoddard received the letter at breakfast and, combining familiarity with the intuitions of the poet, managed to make it out, and enjoyed several good laughs. He glanced up at Mrs. Stoddard and said: "It's from William Winter. Very funny. Want to read it?"

"You know I can never read a word of his writing," answered Mrs. Stoddard.

"Oh, that doesn't matter," replied Mr. Stoddard, tossing the letter over: "It's just as funny to look at!"

Passing of Princeton Alumni.

The necrological report of Princeton theological seminary contains the names of 66 of the alumni who died last year, of whom the oldest had reached the age of 93 years and 8 months; one other had passed his 91st year; 19 others their 80th; 25 others their 70th, and 11 their 60th. The youngest died at the age of 29 years and 6 months. The average age of the 66 was 70 years and 11 months.

Old English Coin.

J. S. Smilge has an old coin which was recently dug up on the Carlos Tilden farm in Tolland, Conn. The date of the coin is 1735, and it is a particularly well preserved English coin. On one side is inscribed George II, Rex, and on the other side, Briton N. I. A., 1735. It is a little larger than the American 25-cent piece.

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A Novel Team.

The owner of a large ostrich farm in southern California has trained a pair of these huge birds to drive as he would drive horses, hitching them to a light buggy or trotting cart, which has in its design a third wheel. This is to prevent the vehicle from turning over. It is by no means an easy task to drive such a wild team, as you can not pull up your "horses" by reins. If you did it would probably result in serious injury to the valuable birds. The only way to guide the conveyance is to hit the outside bird on the opposite side to that which you want him to go. Another objection to this kind of "horse" is that if he should catch sight of a bit of banana peel, or something equally attractive, he does not hesitate to make a dive sideways for it. As ostriches go like the wind, and can make a sudden dead stop, the jerk the rider receives is not a pleasant one. If a piece of orange peel should happen accidentally to meet the eye of his strange "horses."

Falkland's Plague of Geese.

There appears to be an excellent opening for a new industry in the Falkland Islands. Gov. Grey Wilson reports that an agitation is on foot to induce the government to undertake the diminution of the wild—but 'tis really much too tame"—goose, and that he does not sympathize with it.

The farmers meantime are doing this deadly work themselves, and are paying \$2.50 a hundred for the upper beak as evidence of slaughter; and it is suggested that from 100,000 to 150,000 geese, representing grass for 20,000 sheep, might with advantage be destroyed annually.

But the governor points out that the native geese is excellent eating, and thinks that commercial enterprise might preserve from waste about a millions pounds of food and the high class down which this slaughter provides.

This is to say nothing of the vast quantity of eggs which are broken yearly.—Stray Stories.



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