

NEWS OF PENNSYLVANIA

May Buy Water System.
 Bristol.—The Borough Council passed this resolution at a special meeting:

"Resolved, That the Street Committee of Council, in conjunction with the borough officials, be authorized to negotiate and take up with the Bristol Water Company the proposition of the purchase by the borough of the property and plant of said water company and report to Council."

This matter first came up in May, 1906, when an ordinance was passed calling for an election to ascertain the will of the people regarding the increasing of the indebtedness to \$100,000 and the building of a municipal water supply. A large majority of votes polled at the election July 10, 1906, evidenced the desire of the people to control their water supply. A few weeks before the July election six taxpayers instituted injunction proceedings against the borough. Judge Stone denied the power of restraining the people from voting. Later an appeal was made to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, which court in the early part of 1909 sustained Judge Stone's decision and upheld the right of the people to build a plant.

The installation of a sewerage system is also looked forward to, legislation authorizing this having been made two or three years ago.

Million As Jubilee Fund.

Shamokin.—Steps were taken by the thirty-third conference of the Danville District of the Pennsylvania Ministerium to contribute to a \$1,000,000 jubilee fund in honor of the four hundredth anniversary of the Reformation.

President H. E. C. Wahrmann of Numedia, read a report of the Missionary Committee showing that all the missions in the district are in a prosperous condition. The committee recommended that the Board of Home Missions of General Council send a representative to Williamsport to canvass the field in order that the town may have its own pastor. The past six months four of six vacant parishes were filled. There are prospects of having one or two remaining vacant parishes supplied.

The reports of the treasurer and secretary showed a satisfactory financial condition and growth of membership. An appropriation for the South Williamsport parish was made. Rev. Dr. G. C. H. Hasskarl of South Williamsport, discussed the Augsburg confession, and the following topics were also discussed: "Systematic Giving," Rev. M. M. Dry, Arizette; "Laymen's Work in the Church," Rev. J. Paulson, Williamsport; "Women's Work in the Church," Rev. J. H. Sanit, Catawissa.

Altar and vesper services were conducted by Revs. W. Z. Artz, of Turberville, and H. H. Krauss, Berrysburg.

Find Body In Stable.

Chester.—The body of an unidentified white man, dressed as a mechanic, was found in the stable of Joseph Hinderhofer, a Seventh Ward merchant. The stranger was seen to drink the contents of a bottle and later was in such a helpless condition that he was taken into the stable by two young men under the impression that he was intoxicated and that he could sleep it off.

The body was found by Harry Morris, John Devlin and Jerry Larkin and it looks as if the man had taken poison, since his face was badly swollen and his general appearance was unnatural.

Jealousy Causes Tragedy.

Lancaster.—Edward J. Dolan shot and probably fatally wounded Harry F. Hinden and then committed suicide. Dolan's wife died before Christmas, and he met Hinden in front of the latter's second-hand furniture store, and accused the latter of having been too friendly with Mrs. Dolan.

An altercation ensued, and Dolan drew a revolver and shot Hinden three times in the stomach. Dolan walked to his home a short distance away, where he shot himself through the heart. Hinden was taken to a hospital and is expected to die.

Jiu Jitsu For Police.

Pittsburg.—To strike, kick and otherwise trifle with a Pittsburg policeman will be a dangerous thing henceforth. Fifteen of the biggest men on the force, who have been receiving instructions in the Japanese art of Jiu Jitsu from J. J. O'Brien, a former police chief of Tokio, were turned loose on the various precincts, where they will teach the various squads how to tumble an adversary by a deft twist of the foot, wrist or body. These men will be instructors at the stations until the entire force has been taught.

Man Gets \$5,000 Damage.

Sunbury.—A jury gave Edward Sheetz \$5,000 damages. Two years ago he was at Island Park, owned by the Sunbury & Northumberland Street Car Company. A storm caused the limb of a tree to strike Sheetz, which he alleged rendered him permanently helpless, and he sued the company.

Neighbor Saves Family.

Darby.—Five persons, two of them children, narrowly escaped with their lives shortly after 3 o'clock, when flames were discovered in the residence of Andrew Jackson, 317 Marks Avenue, by Mrs. J. Carey, who resides next door.

Not Dead, But Married.

Johnstown.—While friends and relatives here were fearing Miss Irene Poling, a missionary in the Chang-sha district of Hunan province, China, had met death or worse in the rioting of natives there, news came that Cupid had taken her from the scene of disorder in time to avoid danger.

A letter just received by a sister, Mrs. Harry Dunmire, of South Fork, announces that Miss Poling was to be married March 2 to Rev. Mr. Beck, a Reformed Church missionary, stationed at Shen Chow Fu. The young woman said in her letter that following the wedding she and her husband would go to Shen Chow Fu to live and it is supposed they have been at that place during the rioting and bloodshed at Changsha.

Breaks Cornell Smoking Record.

Phoenixville.—Smoking a cigar for ninety-five minutes, Abraham B. Pugh broke the record established by Professor Theodore Moore, of Cornell University, by ten minutes. The "big smoke" took place in the presence of a number of the friends of Mr. Pugh, who carefully timed him. When Mr. Pugh finally threw away the still burning cigar it was but half an inch long. During the last few minutes he was forced to use a match stick.

Directs Rescue As Leg Is Crushed.

Altoona.—With a locomotive tender weighing 29,000 pounds pinning down his left foot and leg, Philip Linsenfelter, a Pennsylvania tank builder, calmly directed the work of rescue, exhibiting stoical nerve, meantime suffering excruciating pain. The foot was amputated.

Players' Club For Chester.

Chester.—Mrs. E. S. Farnon, one of the leaders of Chester society, is at the head of a movement to form a Players' Club, the object of which will be the development of dramatic talent. There will also be a social side to the organization. It is proposed to give plays at intervals for charity.

Scarlet Fever Closes School.

Phillipsburg.—A sudden appearance of scarlet fever caused the Board of Health to order closed the schools in the Sitgreaves Building and the Howell Building.

Will Not Extradite Man.

Altoona.—Because it would cost too much to bring him here for trial, the Blair County Commissioners will not extradite Bermino Costanzi, who is said to have murdered a fellow countryman near Cove Forge March 6, 1904, and who was captured in Berlin, Germany. Costanzi was betrayed to the Berlin police by a companion.

Raid Laid Off Chester Tramps.

Chester.—Shipreck Woods, which has long been noted for its hold-ups and robberies, was invaded by a squad of policemen, who took eight tramps into custody. They make a practice of coming to this city to beg during the day and then spend the night in the woods. The prisoners promised to leave the city within two hours, and they were discharged under this agreement by Magistrate Stockman, before whom they were arraigned.

Fights White Plague Walking.

Pittsburg.—Walking from Boston to Denver as a cure of tuberculosis, J. W. Lee, aged 30, applied at the Allegheny General Hospital for medical treatment, and was invited to stay, but with a short rest he continued on his trip. Lee said he had no relatives or friends, and was working his way across the country riding when he could. He had walked most of the distance from Boston to Pittsburg.

Conductor Scalded To Death.

York.—Thrown among big steam pipes at the plant of the Sandusky Cement Company, Harry E. Ford, 44 years old, a conductor for the Western Maryland Railroad, was scalded to death. Ford was riding on a freight car which, while being shifted, left the rails and crashed into the building.

Want Hawaii To Be "Dry."

Carlisle.—Harrisburg district of the Methodist Woman's Home Missionary Society, in convention here, passed a resolution asking the United States Senate to pass the Johnson bill or other legislation prohibiting liquor selling in Hawaii.

New Theatre For Chester.

Chester.—The Grand Opera House, which was built about twenty-three years ago, was sold to Leon W. Washburn, a well-known theatrical promoter, by Thomas Hargreaves, who was the principal factor in organizing the company. It is understood the present building will be torn down and a new theatre, costing about \$25,000, erected in its place.

Saved By Presence Of Mind.

Bethlehem.—Mrs. Mary Barres, aged 73, mother of Oliver Barres, division freight agent of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, had a narrow escape from burning to death. The aged woman threw a quantity of fat into the kitchen range and when she reached over to open the stove pipe damper the fat blazed up, enveloping her. Screaming for help, Mrs. Barres did not lose her mind, but rushed for a rug and wrapping it around her managed to smother the flames.

THE GRAFT BUG BUZZING IN MANY CITIES.



—Cartoon by Parr, in the New York World.

FOOD PRICES FALLING AND BREAD CHEAPER

Wheat, Corn, Cotton, and Materials in Market Standards Lead Expected Decline—All Down Except Meat—Even Meats Will Fall, Admission of a Packer.

New York City.—Wheat, corn, cotton, some of the metals, and those of the other commodities which lend themselves to speculation have been declining for the past few weeks, some of them sharply, and the poor consumer, who has seen the cost of living go up steadily since the panic period, is beginning to hope that the crest of high prices has been reached and that most of the necessities of life may get back again to something like real values.

Flour Steadily Declining.
 There are indications that the backward slide has begun. Flour has gone down 25 cents a barrel since January, and \$1.10 since its highest price of last year, and east side bakers have increased the size of their loaves. Consumers are now getting two pounds two ounces of bread for seven cents. A short time ago they got only two pounds for the same money. This results in the saving of thousands of dollars to the poor.

"We have increased the weight of loaves as much as we can," said Jacob Beck, of 159 East Houston street, president of the Bess Bakers' Association.
 It is estimated that the increased weight in the loaves will make a difference of \$5000 a day to east side consumers.

Everything Down Except Meat.
 Other marked declines in the prices of foodstuffs are bound to make themselves felt in the retail markets and in the household expense accounts. Potatoes, for instance, are off from 40 to 50 per cent. from the price of last November, and while they do not

enter into the speculative markets, a drop of that extent cannot be passed over by the middlemen and retailers. It means cheaper potatoes at the corner grocery.

Butter, as every housewife knows, has been selling below the sky-high prices of last year for some time, and is now on the average six per cent. lower in the Western wholesale markets, but meats stubbornly hold out. Beef in Chicago is still about at its high price of \$19.25 per 100 pounds, reached on March 28, and pork is only a trifle lower, and lamb and mutton also refuse to come down.

Taking a list of fourteen commodities, such as wheat, corn, oats, beef, pork, sugar, and the standard metals, it would seem that the top prices were hit in January. A number of commodities reached prices then which they have never since returned to, although the falling off has been by no means constant.

These market prices, although influenced by speculation, usually indicate the true level of values in the long run.
 Of the commodities chosen it will be seen that they reached their lowest point for the year in April, and that none have reached new high levels since March, when four of the group made high record prices. Nine of these fourteen were dearest in January.

These standard commodities are set forth in the appended table, which gives the high and low prices, highest and lowest prices reached this year, together with the lowest prices in 1909. The prices are in the cash markets in New York:

	1910.		1909.	
	High.	Low.	High.	Low.
Wheat.....	1.37 1/2	1.15 1/2	1.97 1/2	1.37 1/2
Corn.....	.76	.64 1/2	.65 1/2	.44
Oats.....	.53 1/2	.47 1/2	.44	.44
Beef.....	6.00	5.75	5.69	5.69
Pork.....	27.50	23.00	16.50	16.50
Lamb.....	19.25	15.75	13.40	13.40
Coffee.....	.68 1/2	.68 1/2	.65 1/2	.65 1/2
Sugar.....	5.25	4.85	3.25	3.25
Iron.....	19.00	18.25	15.75	15.75
Lead.....	27.50	23.00	16.50	16.50
Tin.....	33.60	31.25	29.00	29.00
Copper.....	13.50	12.55	12.25	12.25
Cotton.....	16.10	13.85	18.25	18.25
Cot. Print.....	.94 1/2	.83 1/2	.85 1/2	.85 1/2

HOUSEHOLD HINTS:



LOBSTER RISsoles.
 Mince the meat of a boiled lobster, mix with it the coral, pounded smooth, and the mashed yolks of 4 hard-boiled eggs. Make a batter of 4 eggs, 8 tablespoonfuls of milk, 4 tablespoonfuls of flour; beat until light, then stir in gradually the lobster mixture; when stiff enough, shape into small oval balls and fry in hot fat. Drain on a paper, transfer to a hot platter, garnish with lobster claws and sprigs of curled parsley. Serve with stewed peas and cheese straws.—Mrs. Helen A. Wright in the Boston Post.

STUFFED TOMATOES.
 Be sure to use good, solid tomatoes—1 apple for each person in the family is usually enough. If they are fair-sized fruit; cut a slice from the blossom end of each tomato and scrape out the inside; chop fine about a cupful of veal and a small onion; add to it the scooped tomato, 1-2 cup of hot water and a little salt and pepper; let it cook gently for a minute or so; thicken with cracker crumbs and, when cool, stuff your tomatoes with it; sprinkle cracker crumbs over the tops of tomatoes, also a bit of butter for it, and bake until brown on top.—Edith Kelson in the Boston Post.

SPOON DUMPLINGS.
 Two pounds breast of lamb, cover it with water closely. Let it simmer 20 minutes, now take off the scum and add 1 tablespoon of salt and 1 quart of shelled peas. Cover closely again and let the meat and peas cook 1-2 hour; now add 6 new small potatoes; cook 10 minutes. Now add your dumplings. Mix 1 pint of flour, 1-2 teaspoon salt, 4 level teaspoons baking powder with 1 cup of milk. Drop them from a spoon and cook closely covered 10 minutes. Now put dumplings on a platter with the lamb, peas and potatoes in the center. Mix a tablespoon of flour and butter together, add to the gravy and serve. Sometimes I make a veal stew in the same way, and it is good.—Mrs. C. E. Wendell, in the Boston Post.

WASHINGTON SALAD.
 This delicious new salad is especially attractive. Wash four medium-sized blood beets and cut into small pieces; place in a stew pan with one tablespoonful of chopped onion, one tablespoonful of chopped pepper, three tablespoonfuls of sugar, one teaspoonful of salt, one bay leaf, four cloves, and three peppercorns; pour over all one pint of cold water and cook slowly until the beets are tender, then add one-half cup of lemon juice. Soak one large tablespoonful of granulated gelatine in a little cold water two minutes, then strain the hot mixture over it. Blend thoroughly, and strain again. Turn into individual moulds and set on ice until firm. Serve on ribboned lettuce.—Harper's Bazar.

DELICIOUS TURKEY CROQUETTES
 Take the scraps you have put aside for mincing and put them through your meat chopper, using a medium knife. Allow 1 cupful of meat to 1 cupful of milk. Take 2 heaping tablespoonfuls of flour, 1 heaping tablespoon of butter, 1 tablespoon of chopped parsley, 1 small teaspoon of salt, about 1 teaspoon of onion juice, a dash of cayenne pepper. Beat the flour and butter together until they form a smooth paste, and stir into the boiling milk, beating it until perfectly mixed. Add the seasoning and allow it to cool and then add the minced meat. When perfectly cold mould it into any shape desired, dip in white of egg, roll in bread crumbs, and fry in boiling fat. I always drain my croquettes on a piece of tissue paper or a paper napkin. Garnish with parsley or celery tips and serve very hot. These are delicious and nice for lunch.—Mattie E. Flynn, in the Boston Post.

HINTS.
 If new gloves are placed between the folds of a damp towel for an hour before being worn they are much easier to put on. The damp causes the kid to become more pliable so that they will stretch to the required shape without cracking or splitting.
 Creaking doors will cease to be noisy if the hinges are rubbed with soap or graphite.
 One-half cup coarse starch dissolved in cold water, pour boiling to it, add a piece of paraffine size of a nutmeg; let boil 10 minutes.
 Gloves spotted from damp weather may be cleaned with a little gum ammoniac. Put a little of the gum in the bottom of the glove box, lay a paper over it, and then the gloves. Cover tightly and leave undisturbed for several days. If the gum is kept in the glove box it will prevent the spotting.
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Other Fish In The Sea.
 A teacher in one of our elementary schools had noticed a striking platonic friendship that existed between Tommy and little Mary, two of her pupils.
 Tommy was a bright enough youngster, but he wasn't disposed to prosecute his studies with much energy, and his teacher saw that unless she stirred himself before the end of the year he wouldn't be promoted. "You must study harder," she told him, "or else you won't pass. How would you like to stay back in this class another year and have little Mary go ahead of you?"
 "Aw," said Tommy, "I guess there'll be other little Marys."—Tit-Bits.

Slang Tabooed.
 Slang is tabooed in the home of a West Philadelphia family, principally because there is a bright little girl who displays a persistent aptitude in retaining expressive but uncultured phrases.

The other evening at a dinner the mother, father and daughter drifted into the vernacular, and a fresh tart was necessary. The little girl tarted it. "I'm not stuck on this read," she remarked.
 "Margie," said her mother, "you want to cut that slang out."
 "That's a peach of a way of correcting the child," commented the father.

"I know," replied the mother, "but I just wanted to put her wise." Philadelphia Telegraph.

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