

SNAPSHOTS AT STATE NEWS

All Pennsylvania Gleaned for Items of Interest.

REPORTS ABOUT CROPS GOOD

Farmers Busy in Every Locality— Churches Raising Funds for Many Worthy Objects—Items of Business and Pleasure that Interest.

Seventy-three hunters' licenses have been granted in Bucks County.

Sixty-five per cent. of Bucks county voters have enrolled—20,807 of them.

A. I. Robbins has been arrested at Berwick for beating three boys.

Doylestown Council has decided to pay off a note for \$3,000.

A new shirtwaist factory at Richlandtown will give employment to 100 persons.

Erwin Sliffer, of Middle Springfield, is the champion potato-grower of that vicinity, having raised 900 bushels.

The extreme drought is playing havoc with trout in Fishing Creek, near Bloomsburg.

Jacob Brubaker, in charge of the power house at Martinsville, Lancaster county, fell dead at his post.

A new bank has been organized under State laws at Red Lion and will ask a charter.

The Southwestern Pipe Line Company paid the State \$129,000 as State tax on stock.

"Clean, courteous Catsaqua," is that town's Old Home Week slogan, adopted for next year.

The Bethlehem School Board has re-elected Dr. W. J. Bisler medical inspector of the district.

Alfred Snyder was appointed by Judge Heydt judge of election of the Packerton election district.

While unhitching his horse at Orfield, Dr. M. J. Kline was kicked in the head and knocked unconscious.

Northampton farmers discussed the wisdom of growing alfalfa in connection with dairies.

Caught stealing corn from a farmer's field, George Messer, of Dublin, was hurried off to Doylestown jail.

William B. Eyre, of Newport, has been appointed health officer to succeed David C. Voorhees, who has become assistant postmaster.

A heavy gear wheel that fell on the right leg of Joseph Szarlesky at the Bethlehem Steel Works fractured that member.

Henry Ruth, of Northampton Heights, a suburb of South Bethlehem, has started the erection of a \$50,000 hotel.

Joseph Lukas, of Tamaqua, has purchased the site for a three-story hotel at Hackleberry, near Mauch Chunk.

Political placard posters along the roads near Blomberg have spilled so many tacks as to puncture numerous auto tires.

James Foster, of Chester, fractured and crushed an arm as a heavy casting fell upon it when a hoisting crane broke.

James Harley, of Fernwood, has a good-sized strawberry patch, from which he is harvesting a second crop of large berries.

John Cooper was stricken with sudden illness at his home, in Chester, and a quick operation at a local hospital saved his life.

Joseph Kramer and John Riessman were covered beneath an avalanche of earth in an excavation at Schuylkill Haven and had the narrowest escape from death by suffocation.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company is receiving daily big mogul engines to be put in service on the Lehigh, Mahanoy and Wyoming Division.

W. J. Zimmerman's double team was struck by a freight train at Tamaqua and one horse killed. Driver Alfred Derr escaped with slight bruises.

T. S. Little, of Wilkes-Barre, one of the oldest hunters and fishermen in his part of the State, is 70 years of age and has hunted the mountains and fields of Wyoming Valley ever since he has been old enough to shoulder a gun.

The oldtime covered wagon bridges will soon be a thing of the past in Blair county. Only eight such bridges remain in use. The old Bennington bridge was recently demolished, and a modern concrete structure is being erected on its site.

BLOWS UP HOUSE WITH DYNAMITE

Indian Kills Daughter and Himself.

TWO OTHER CHILDREN HURT.

Mack Hurst, With Two Sticks of Dynamite, Crawls Into Bed Occupied By His Daughters and Explosion Follows.

Bloomington, Ind.—Carefully selecting the places where he believed the most damage would be done, Mack Hurst, 50 years old, a stone mason, blew up his home here with dynamite, killing himself and his 17-year-old daughter, Maude, and injuring two other children and stunning his wife.

The injured:

Fannie Hurst, 13, one leg broken and body lacerated.

Elizabeth Hurst, 6, severely cut and bruised.

Mrs. Rena Hurst, 49, stunned by explosion.

Hurst had been separated from his wife for six weeks and she refused to take him back. It is believed that he then, in a fit of insanity, determined to wipe out the entire family, consisting of his wife and eight children.

The dead girl met the fate intended for her mother and the fact that they had changed beds for the night cost the daughter her life. Hurst, after stealthily, in the darkness, planting a stick of dynamite under each of the three beds in the house, tied two sticks to his own body, crawled into the bed which he had formerly occupied with his wife, but which contained the three daughters, Maude, Fannie and Elizabeth.

Fannie spoke to her father. "Lay still," Hurst replied, "we will all die together."

Before the girl could make a movement, the explosion rent the house and aroused the entire city. The police and fire department rushed to the scene, sent the two injured girls to the hospital and cleared away the debris. Four sticks of dynamite, unexploded, were found in the ruins, and the fact that only one, and that one attached to Hurst's body, had exploded, accounted for the escape of the other members of the family.

ORNIS DIP, LATEST DANCE.

Introduced By Miss Eleanor Wilson in Mackaye's Bird Masque.

Windsor, Vt.—The Ornis dip, first danced by Miss Eleanor Wilson, daughter of the President, in Percy Mackaye's bird masque last week, is the newest thing in dances. When the Windsor Social Club in that Vermont village, near the President's summer home, held its weekly dance the Ornis dip was the rage of the evening. As Ornis, the bird spirit, Miss Wilson floated dizzily on her toes, dipped slightly and fell forward.

The new dip consists of two forward steps, a sudden stop and a quick bend of both knees. It's danced to "turkey trot" time.

NEW YORK GETTING RICHER.

Assessed Valuation Of Real Estate Passes Eight Billion Mark.

New York.—The assessed valuation of real estate in New York city this year passes the eight billion mark. The exact figures, just made public, are \$8,010,000,000. This is an increase over last year of \$150,000,000. The bulk of the increase comes from new hotels and office buildings erected on the West Side in the neighborhood of Forty-second street. The increased assessment enlarges the city's borrowing capacity by \$15,000,000.

SHOT ROBBING COOP.

Unidentified Man Killed, Following Attempt To Steal Chickens—Ball Through Heart.

Passaic, N. J.—Following an attempt to rob the chicken house of John Campman here an unidentified man was found dead shot through the heart. The man was well dressed. Many chicken fanciers of Passaic have complained of raids on their coops and arranged to protect them.

OLDEST MILLER IN COUNTRY.

Speaker Clark Introduces Him To President Wilson.

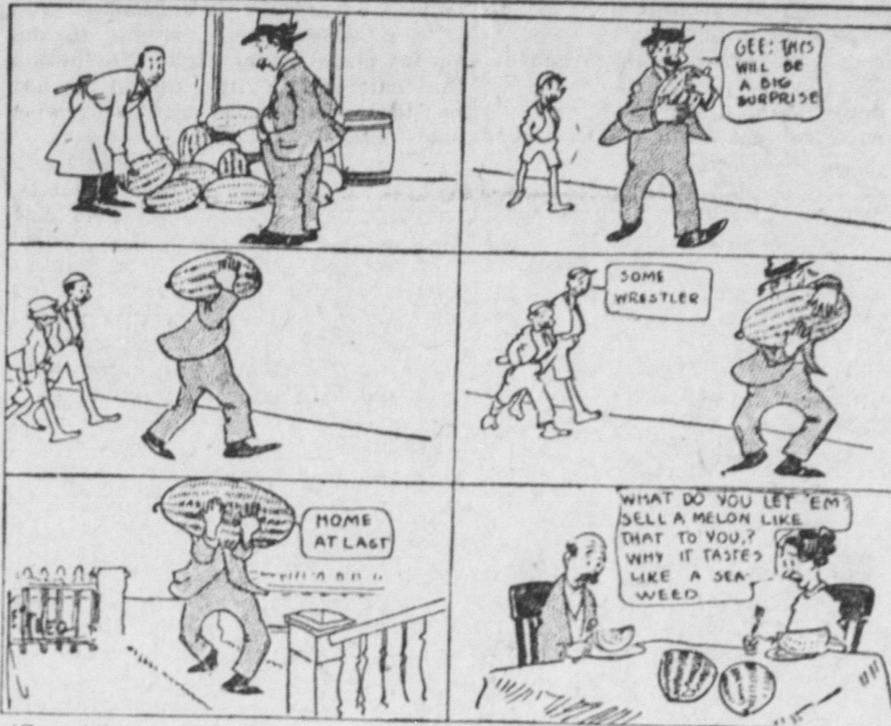
Washington.—Speaker Champ Clark introduced to President Wilson his constituent—William Pollock, of Mexico, Missouri—said to be the oldest miller in the United States. Mr. Pollock, who is 83 years old, has been in the milling business 69 years, and talked to the President in favor of a duty on wheat flour.

GOLD OUTPUT DECREASED.

Joint Report Of Mint Bureau and Geological Survey.

Washington.—Production of gold in the United States during 1912 amounted to \$39,451,500, a decrease of \$3,438,500, as compared with the previous year, and the lowest American production since 1907. The output of silver was 63,760,800 fine ounces, valued at \$39,197,500, an increase of 3,367,400 ounces over 1911, the greatest gain being in the State of Utah.

WHAT'S THE USE?



CURRENCY BILL PASSES HOUSE

Final Vote is 286 For To 84 Against.

BILL NOW GOES TO SENATE

Twenty-Four Republicans and Fourteen Progressives Join With Democrats in Support Of Measure.

Washington.—The House passed the Administration's currency bill by a vote of 286 to 84. Many Republicans voted with the majority party for the measure. Three Democrats voted against it—Calloway, of Texas; Witherspoon, of Mississippi, and Elder, of Louisiana.

The vote came after the Democrats had rejected half a dozen amendments and the House again affirmed the Foss amendment declaring that nothing in the measure should be construed as invalidating the gold standard of coinage.

All the Progressives voted for the bill. The Republicans split nearly equally on the vote.

Consideration of the measure, including general debate, lasted but one week.

The bill will go to the Senate without change from the form in which it was introduced, except for one amendment, that offered by Representative Bulkley, of Ohio, to permit member banks of the Federal reserve banks to discount commercial paper to any amount without regard to the bank's capital stock.

The bill has but one amendment offered by a Republican—that by Representative Foss, of Ohio—which declares that nothing in the bill shall be construed to repeal the gold standard.

The Glass-Owen bill is backed by the Administration as a companion measure to the tariff and designed to prevent panics due to money stringency.

The measure divides the country into 12 "regional districts," each of which has a "regional reserve bank." All the national banks in each regional district must become members of the regional reserve banks, paying in 20 per cent. of their capital stock and depositing 5 per cent. of their surplus.

With the money the regional reserve banks will relieve any financial stringency, loaning money upon farm products, farm lands and commercial paper.

Member banks who are importuned for money by manufacturers or business interests of any sort, who have valuable commercial paper but no cash, may discount the commercial paper, placing it with the regional reserve bank.

DUTCH WOMEN TO VOTE.

Holland Government Announces a Bill Granting Franchise.

The Hague.—There is every indication that women will shortly be given the parliamentary franchise in Holland. In the speech from the throne delivered at the opening of the state's general the new Dutch cabinet stated its intention of granting the vote to women. The speech from the throne says that a bill is to be introduced removing all constitutional obstacles in the way of granting the suffrage to women. The same bill will revise the Dutch constitution in such a way as to extend the parliamentary franchise to all male Dutch subjects on reaching a certain age.

BOY CROPS 500 FEET.

Dashed To Death From Balloon At Connecticut Fair.

Woodstock, Conn.—Thirteen-year-old George Bernier, who was holding a guy rope to a balloon while it was being inflated preparatory to an ascension at a local fair was suddenly carried 500 feet in the air and then dropped to instant death in front of the grandstand, where 5,000 people were assembled.

A PRINCESS IN LOVE, SUICIDES

Sophia of Saxe-Weimar Kills Herself in Palace.

OPPOSITION TO MARRIAGE.

The Princess and Her Fiancé Often Seen Together At Heidelberg. A Popular German Beauty.

Heidelberg, Germany.—Princess Sophia of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach, a beautiful young woman, unusually popular, of sunny disposition and much courted by the officers with whom she often rode behind the hounds at the Baden court hunts, committed suicide Thursday morning. Her body, with a bullet wound in the temple, was found in her room in the palace of her father, Prince William.

The death of the Princess was due to a love affair. She was engaged to Hans von Bieichroeder, the eldest son of the senior member of one of the most powerful banking houses in Germany. When the engagement was announced prematurely some months ago it was learned that the reigning Grand Duke, Prince William Ernest, strenuously prohibited the union unless the Princess renounced all her titles and dignities. This she refused to do.

Princess Sophia and her parents were much beloved in Heidelberg for the interest they had taken in the poor and the general public welfare, although the father was by no means wealthy and was living on an allowance from the reigning Grand Duke.

As head of the family the Grand Duke objected to the union of the Princess with a man who occupied an inferior station in life. Her father, it is said, was inclined to accede to his daughter's wishes, but was unable to take an independent stand, owing to his financial relations with the Grand Duke.

AMERICAN KILLED BY REBEL.

Refused To Give Up Arms and Is Shot By Madrigal.

Mexico City.—William O. Robertson, an American mining man, was killed by rebels at El Lobo, in Eastern Sinaloa, September 10, according to advices which have just reached the capital. Robertson left Durango September 3, by the overland route for Mazatlan.

Jesus Madrigal, leader of the rebels in that section, in a signed statement to the American consul at Durango, said that he killed Robertson because the American refused to give up his arms.

Fifty American refugees from Durango are reported to have reached Zacatecas in safety.

ILLEGAL PRICE FIXING.

Federal Investigator On Stand In Hard-Coal Probe.

Jersey City, N. J.—Many figures of the prices of coal as alleged to have been fixed in circulars issued by the principal coal-carrying railroads of the East were placed in evidence by H. E. Bellis, an investigator of the federal Department of Justice, at the hearing before the New Jersey legislature committee appointed to investigate the alleged hard-coal combine. Testimony was given to the effect that in Jersey City big buyers have paid from \$5.40 to \$5.70 for long tons and retail dealers \$6.70 for short tons.

WOMAN INVENTOR KILLED.

In Making Substitute For Rubber Steel Cylinder Explodes.

New York.—While experimenting for a process to take the place of rubber Mrs. Eve Gottschalk, wife of Dr. Louis Gottschalk, a German chemist, and herself a holder of several scientific degrees, was killed in the explosion of a steel cylinder in the laboratory at her home in Seawarren, N. J. The explosion was heard four and a half miles away.

GAMINETTI AND DIGGS SENTENCED

Former Gets Eighteen Months and Latter Two Years.

EACH MUST PAY HEAVY FINES

Judge Van Fleet Says Their Crime Was One Of Opportunity Due To Lack Of Parental Control.

San Francisco.—Two years in the Federal penitentiary on McNeil island, Wash., and a fine of \$2,000, the sentence imposed on Maury I. Diggs, former state architect, of California, because of his flight to Reno with Marsha Warrington, a Sacramento sorority girl. Eighteen months in the same prison and a fine of \$1,500 was the penalty given his friend and companion F. Drew Caminetti, son of Anthony Caminetti, United States commissioner general of immigration for a like offense. Caminetti eloped with Marsha Warrington's friend, Lola Norris.

The usual motions for a new trial and for arrest of judgment were denied. Judge Van Fleet granted, however, a stay of execution for ten days, during which the defendants will be out on bail fixed at \$15,000 and \$10,000, respectively, while their counsel are perfecting an appeal to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for a writ of reversible error, which, if granted, would entail new trials.

In designating the prison where sentence should be executed, Judge Van Fleet, of the United States District Court, first named San Quentin penitentiary, a state institution. When objection was made to San Quentin, where Diggs and Caminetti would associate with housebreakers, highwaymen and pickpockets, he amended the sentence to read McNeil island, subject to the concurrence of the attorney general, which he did not doubt he should obtain.

MANN SPRINGS A SURPRISE.

Wants Solicitation Of Campaign Funds To Be Investigated.

Washington.—Republican Leader Mann dropped a bomb among Democratic leaders when he introduced a resolution calling on Speaker Clark to appoint a committee of seven to investigate the soliciting of campaign funds among members of the House. The Mann resolution was based on a recent circular letter by Chairman Doremus, of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, asking each Democrat in the House to contribute \$100 to the 1914 campaign fund. The resolution cited the statutes governing the soliciting of funds for political purposes from officers of the government. It was referred to a committee.

ON TWO-YEAR TOUR.

Traveling By Motorcycle, Otto Bhead Expects To Cover 25,000 Miles By 1915.

San Diego, Cal.—Otto Bhead, of the Young Men's Christian Association of San Diego, has a good start on a tour that will cover two years. Bhead is traveling exclusively by motorcycle and expects to cover 25,000 miles before he returns here, some time in September, 1915, in time for the finish of the Pan-American Exposition to celebrate the opening of the Panama Canal in 1915.

PENNY LUNCHESS IN SCHOOLS.

Plainfield (N. J.) Mothers' Association Introduces Innovation.

Plainfield, N. J.—The Plainfield Mothers' Association inaugurated the serving of "penny lunches" in the Bryant Public School and will later extend the innovation to all the schools of this city. In this way children will be able to obtain a wholesome lunch at minimum prices. The members of the association will take turns in serving the luncheons and everything used will be approved by test.

WOMEN TO WILSON.

Colorado Girls Want Something Better Than Clerkships.

Denver, Colo.—The Jane Jefferson Club, of Denver, with its auxiliaries in the state, an organization composed of women Democrats, sent a telegram to President Wilson stating that as the "organization has rendered sterling service in the battles of Colorado Democracy, its members are entitled to something more than clerkships," and declares that the women should be given "more dignified" positions in the federal service.

TREW BABY INTO FURNACE.

Domestic Admits Making Way With New-Born Infant.

Paterson, N. J.—Flora Schushak, a Polish girl living in Passaic, where she worked for Dr. Morris Korshet, was held without bail, charged with throwing her new-born baby into the furnace at her employer's home. The girl is 18 years old. She acknowledged having thrown the baby in the furnace while it was still alive.

WRECK VICTIMS' WILLS CROSS

Husband and Wife Killed in North Haven Accident

LAW PROBLEMS INVOLVED

Question Whether Howard Martin, of Bryn Mawr, or Mrs. Martin Died First Causes Delay in Probating Her Will.

Norristown.—The will of Howard F. Martin, of Bryn Mawr, who, with his wife, was killed in the railroad wreck at North Haven, Conn., was probated here. The estate is valued at \$19,999.

The executors named are Lillian H. Martin, the wife, and the Girard Trust Company, of Philadelphia. The will was made April 16, 1908.

Furniture and house furnishing in the home in Lower Merion were given to the wife. The residue of the estate, both personal and mixed, went to the wife and the Girard Trust Company in trust.

Frances E. Martin, a sister, receives not to exceed \$20 a month during her life, so long as she remains unmarried. The widow was to receive the balance of the net income during her life and such part of the principal as she might request in writing from time to time.

At the death of the wife, the trustees are to pay the income remaining in equal shares, to Frances E. Martin, a sister, and Francis A. Hill, a nephew, and after their death to their issue.

The will of Mr. Martin's wife, Lillian R. Martin, also has been admitted to probate, but not completed.

While no accurate information could be obtained, it is understood that delay was occasioned by the fact that Mrs. Martin had made her husband executor.

Owing to the question whether Mr. Martin or his wife died first, or whether they were killed simultaneously, many intricate legal problems may be involved in the settlement of the estate.

Old Church Celebrates.

Marshalltown.—The celebration of the eighty-fourth anniversary of the Inskip Memorial Methodist Church, here, has proved to be a notable event. Pastor W. L. Cann was in charge and there were large congregations in the prettily decorated edifice. There were inspiring sermons by the Rev. Dr. E. E. Burris, district superintendent; the Rev. John F. Hartman, of Downingtown, and the Rev. Dr. Jay Dickerson, of West Chester, in addition to which delightful music was a feature.

Methodism was first introduced into the locality about 1812 by Alban Hooke, a local preacher, located at what is now Hopewell. In 1829 a church was built and dedicated by the Rev. Levi Scott, later a bishop of the Methodist Church.

Son's Trial Trap For Father.

York.—Anxiety for his son, who is on trial for murder in Belair, Md., led to the arrest of William O. Cordery, a Marylander, wanted here upon charges of forgery. He had succeeded in eluding arrest since last April, when the prosecutions were brought, but Detective Cookes, of this city, shrewdly reasoned that his son's trial would bring him to Belair, and was on the lookout for him.

Cordery is charged with forging two notes for an aggregate of \$77 upon the People's National Bank of Stewartstown, York county. The prisoner's home is just south of the Mason and Dixon line, beyond York county. While awaiting extradition he was temporarily committed to the same prison with his boy.

Heavy Train Scares Baby.

Pittsburgh.—A heavy freight train of 50 cars passed over little Tony Senski, aged 3 years, and when the caboose had cleared him the lad crawled from the middle of the track over the iron rail to safety with only a few scratches to show for his frightful experience.

Tony had wandered away from his home, on Twelfth street, Sharpsburg, and crawled under a car attached to a Pennsylvania Railroad freight train, standing on the Thirteenth street siding. In a few moments the train started, but the little lad, although badly scared, had the presence of mind to lie flat between two ties until the train and the caboose had passed over him.

Says He Stew For Insults.

Scranton.—Alfonso Giordano, who fatally stabbed Pasquale Valvono, was arrested as he was about to leave the city. "I killed Valvono because he had insulted my wife, hot once, but many times," he told the police. He is 22 years old.

Missing Steward Located.

West Chester.—A resident of this borough state that he has received information from a man living in another part of this State to the effect that Harry S. Johnson, steward of the West Chester Normal School, who disappeared on July 2, is now located in Australia, and will not return home.

It is said that Johnson was well supplied with funds when he left. It is not known whether he is with Ruth Wolfe, the graduate, who disappeared at the same time as Johnson.