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.

Altoona's retail milk prices have gone up a cent a quart.

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Altoona dentists conserve dental health with the aid of moving pictures of folks with toothaches.

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Hans Schmidt, New York's degenerate slayer, is said to have passed counterfeits at Wilkes-Barre.

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Burglars blew open a safe in the post office at Kulpmont with nitroglycerine, procured $300 and escaped.

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George Elliot was seriously injured at Burnham by a plunge of 30 feet from the deck of a steel car which he was unloading.

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Ninety per cent. of the blonde hunters around Pittsburgh gun for rabbits and nine out of 10 dark-haired men prefer pheasants or squirrels.

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The Pennsy is equipping all its Pittsburgh division signal towers with shrill whistles to supplement semaphores.

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In convention at Pittsburgh, the National League of Barbers arranged to revise its constitution in the interest of sanitation.

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While driving a wedding coach in Wilkes-Barre Frank Kaweaski ran down and killed John Letac, aged 8, on his way to school.

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John X. Noll, of Reading, found guilty at Wyomissing of stealing 30 bushels of potatoes from the field of James Schmeck, goes to jail just 30 days.

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It cost Samuel B. Stewart and his wife $78.28 to settle the common nuisance cases which had been filed against them in Criminal Court at Norristown.

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Joseph Shockley, of Norristown, while shining a pair of shoes given him by a woman hotel guest, found a purse containing over $12, and returned it to the owner.

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For pretending to be a pastor of the African Methodist Church of Pittstown Robert Johnson was convicted in Criminal Court at Norristown and sent to jail for one year.

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Samuel J. Entriken, who once made a voyage to the North with Commander Peary, is now a prosperous farmer near Pughtown, in Chester county.

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Employes of Boig & Langsdorf, cigar manufacturers, who have factories at Quakertown and Perkasie, have been notified of an increase of 50 cents per thousand. The increase affects about 500 cigarmakers.

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Volo Weltz, aged 18, fell off a tree while picking chestnuts at Mt. Carmel and broke his nose. A year ago he met with a similar acciden and had a crooked nose since then. The recent fall will result in the member being straightened out once more.

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R. D. Horton, of Bloomsburg, has received from Kentucky a lot of Italian bees. It is asserted their tongue-reach is twenty-three one-hundredths of an inch, which enables them to extract honey from almost any flower. Mr. Horton tells his friends he paid one dollar for each bee.

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"I believe that the county should keep a pair of bloodhounds to be used in cases where crimes are committed," was the comment of Joseph Hanon, former County Commissioner of Lawrence county, when discussing the fact that several murders have been committed in the county recently and none of the murderers have been captured.

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October 7, 1787, the Rev. Dr. Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg, the Lutheran pioneer, died at his home in Trappe, Montgomery county. He came to Pennsylvania from Germany in 1742 to organize congregations among the German settlers and was active in this work until the time of his death. The church built under his directions at Trapple still stands, being preserved as it was when he preached there.

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The champion red beet in the Cumberland Valley was raised in the garden of Eli D. Shearer, at Churchtown. It measured 10 inches in length, 18½ inches in circumference and weighed 6¾ pounds.

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George J. Stewart, of Shippensburg, one of the members of the board of managers of the Reformatory, has purchased another Cumberland Valley farm, paying $5,300 for it. Mr. Stewart is said to own more farms than any other man in Pennsylvania. He has over a hundred.

TOWER IS SUED BY SON'S WIFE

Former Ambassador to Germany is Accused of Alienation.

SHE DEMANDS RECOGNITION.

Declares Young Tower Married Her In 1911 And She Seeks To Force Recognition.

Philadelphia.—Charlemagne Tower, former Ambassador to Germany, is made defendant in a suit filed here by Mrs. Georgeanna Tower, asking damages for alleged alienation of the affections of Charlemagne Tower, Jr., the 26-year-old son of the former diplomat, whom Mrs. Tower says married her on June 7, 1911.

The suit comes as a climax to repeated reports that young Tower had been married while a student at Yale and repeated denials by himself and his parents of the marriage.

The younger Mrs. Tower is living quietly with her mother, Mrs. George A. Burdick, at the Netherlands Apartment House. Mr. Tower's home is with his parents at 1313 Locust street.

The statement of claim is purely formal, alleging the marriage of the two young persons and setting forth that, through suasion and threats, Mr. Tower has been induced to leave his wife and to refuse to recognize her as such.

Mrs. Tower was Georgeanna Burdick, more widely known among her friends by the name of "Dixie," because of her pronounced Southern accent. The marriage, according to Mrs. Tower, was performed at the home of her mother, 28 Whalley avenue, New Haven, Conn. At that time Mr. Tower was a student at Yale and Mrs. Tower says she consented to keep the marriage secret until he should be graduated, as there is a strict rule at Yale that students who marry while in the university must leave.

Refused Recognition, She Says.

Since then, she charges, both her husband and his parents have refused to recognize her as the wife of the young man. According to Mrs. Tower's lawyer, Mrs. Tower does not desire monetary damages so much as to compel recognition by her husband and his family of her legal status as his wife.

The suit for alienation was decided upon as the best means to obtain such a legal ruling. No damages are specified in the statement of claim.

THE WAY BOSTON DOES.

Will Build a Drydock to Catch the Transatlantic Trade.

Hamburg, Germany.—Three ocean steamship companies—the Hamburg-American, the Cunard and the White Star—have entered into a contract with the Boston harbor authorities according to the terms of which Boston will build a drydock to accommodate the biggest steamers in return for which the three companies have guaranteed to arrange for minimum number of dockings.

LETTER WORTH $100,000 TO GIRL.

Sustained As Will Of Fiance Who Died Under Knife.

Seattle, Wash.—Before he underwent an operation from which he never recovered, Charles E. Eastman wrote a letter to his fiancee, Miss Susan Fauley, and told her he wanted her to have a fourth of his fortune. He forgot to mail the letter, but somebody else mailed it after his death, and it became the basis of a suit in the Superior Court here which was decided in favor of Miss Fauley.

LOAN SHARK GETS 6 MONTHS.

David H. Tolman Sentenced in New York.

New York.—David H. Tolman, notorious as a loan shark, was convicted of violating the state law against usury and sentenced to serve six months in the penitentiary. The complainant, a clerk, testified that he had paid interest at the rate of 200 per cent. a year for the use of $10 for three months. The defendant said he had conducted between 40 and 50 loan offices throughout the United States.

TO FURTHER CONSERVATION.

Congress Will Establish Organization In Every State.

Washington.—The National Conservation Congress has arranged to establish an organization in every State of the Union in order to further the conservation movement and bringing it closer home to the people. The plans for Maryland will be in charge of Dr. William Bullock Clark, of Baltimore, and F. W. Bosley, of Johns Hopkins University, the State secretary.

THE CHAMPION HEN.

C-543 Has Laid 283 Eggs Within a Year.

Corvallis, Ore.—Upon hen "C-543" the Oregon Agricultural College here has conferred the title of "the greatest hen in the world." She has just laid her two hundred and eighty-third egg within a year, making what is said to be a world's record. "C-543" was hatched April 29, 1912, and began laying at the age of 5½ months.

MELANCHOLY DAYS

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GEN. VILLA KILLS HIS CAPTIVES

A Federal General and Staff Are Executed.

CITY OF TORREON IS TAKEN

Constitutionalists Reported to Have Also Captured All the Federal Arms and Artillery.

Laredo, Tex.—Federal General Alvarez and his staff and 125 soldiers were executed in Torreon, Mexico, under orders of Gen. Francisco Villa, of the Constitutionalist forces, according to information from reliable sources brought here. With the city of Torreon the rebels captured practically all of the Federals' arms and artillery. The battle lasted four days, with heavy losses to both sides.

The Constitutionalists captured Torreon, Mexico, by a clever ruse, according to an official report. General Choa, of the insurgent forces, told of it in making his report to General Caranza, at Hermosillo, and also put a new aspect on the capture of Santa Rosalia.

While the Federals were fighting with what they considered the main rebel force at Santa Rosalia. Chihuahua, the major group of insurgents took Torreon and La Paz. The town of Sierra Mojeda also fell into rebel hands on Thursday, the message said.

Three hundred refugees, most of them Americans, left Torreon before the capture of that city by the Constitutionalists and are making their way overland to the border, according to a dispatch received here.

So far as can be ascertained, none of the foreigners was injured either while the street fighting was in progress or during the reprisals which followed the rebel victory, the Constitutionalist commander providing protection for them.

GOT $500 TO MURDER MRS. GAY.

Negro Implicates Another And Also a Third Person.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Burr Lafond Harris, the negro who confessed beating Mrs. Rebecca P. Gay to death September 26, told the police that he was paid $500 to murder the woman. He implicated another negro as having acted as agent for a third party, but did not disclose the name of either. Harris said he met the other negro at a point south of San Diego after the murder, received the money and buried it near the customs station at Tia Juana. The negro's supplementary confession supports the original theory of the police that Mrs. Gay had been killed by a paid assassin at the instigation of her enemies.

ONION INDUSTRY IN DANGER.

Devastating Eelworm Makes Appearance in This Country.

Washington.—Lovers of beefsteak and onions were startled when the Department of Agriculture announced that the tylenchus devastatrix had invaded the United States and the future of the onion industry was in jeopardy. The invader, with the imposing name is known also as the onion eelworm. Hitherto it has confined its operations to Europe, Africa and Australia, where it has wrought havoc, but now it has made its appearance in this country.

SQUANDERED SON'S MONEY.

Mathias Stesle Convicted of Embezzlement of $15,000.

Hollidaysburg, Pa.—Mathias Stesle, a prominent building association official of Altoona, Pa., and president of a German singing society, was convicted here on a charge of embezzling $15,000 belonging to his minor son, John H. Stesle. The prosecutor was a bonding company, the surety on Stesle's bond as guardian for his son. Stesle confessed on the witness stand that he had squandered $75,000 of other people's money in real estate speculations.

GIRLS STRUCK BY AEROPLANE

One Sister Killed, Other Fatally Hurt.

MACHINE CRASHES INTO ROOF

Whirling Blades of the Propeller Sweep Hildreth Sisters, Daughters of W. E. Hildreth, of New York, From Their Seats.

Hammondsport, N. Y.— Ruth Hildreth, the 20-year-old daughter of Walter E. Hildreth, formerly of New York, was instantly killed and her sister, Dorothy, aged 18, probably fatally injured, when a gust of wind drove Lincoln Beachy's aeroplane down upon the shed from the roof of which they were watching the aviation meet on Curtiss Field.

The announcement that Beachy, who is well known here, would attempt to emulate the aerial somersault recently performed by the Frenchman, Pegoud, drew a crowd of some 700 persons to the field. About 2.15 Beachy made his first ascent and swooped over the field several times in his familiar spectacular style. The Misses Hildreth and their escorts, anxious to gain a better view, climbed to the roof of a small building used as the headquarters of the naval aviators. Beachy, who knew the party, saluted them as he flew by and went on to the farther corner of the field, where he turned back.

As the machine neared the party on the roof on its return trip it was seen to dip wildly. Before the party could scramble to safety they were struck by the rear plane and swept to the ground.

Machine Wrecked.

The machine careened, wildly struggled upward a few feet and then plunged about 30 feet to the ground, crumpling up. Beachey struggled from the wreckage practically unhurt, and the attention of the onlookers was directed to the Hildreth sisters, both of whom lay unconscious where they had fallen.

Ruth, the elder, in falling, had struck her head against the corner of an auto, leaving a gaping wound in her temple. A physician among the spectators rushed to her side and turned a sad face to those around him as he pronounced her beyond human aid.

Dorothy Hildreth had suffered a broken leg, a broken arm and possible internal injuries. In falling she had struck her breast against an iron tent stake. She was removed to the hospital at Bath. Her condition is reported as extremely critical.

Their Escorts Bruised.

Lieutenants Bellinger and Richardson, escorts of the two girls, who were also thrown from the roof, escaped with a few severe bruises.

Beachey was greatly depressed by the accident which marred his first appearance at a public meet following his long retirement.

NEW ITALIAN AMBASSADOR.

Count Vincenzo Macchi Di Cellere Appointed.

Rome.—Count Vincenzo Macchi di Cellere was appointed Italian Ambassador at Washington in succession to the Marquis Cusani Confaloniere, who has been recalled at his own request. Count Macchi di Cellere was Minister to Argentina from 1907 until 1912 and before that was private secretary successively to Tommaso Tittoni, Marquis A. di San Guiliano and Count Guicciardini when they held the post of Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Italian Cabinet.

REPEAL IS CONSIDERED.

Underwood and Simmons in Conference at State Department.

Washington.—After conferring with President Wilson, Solicitor Folk, of the State Department, went into conference with Representative Underwood and Senator Simmons to recommend modification or repeal of the five per cent. differential in the new tariff law against which foreign nations generally are protesting.

TOWN OF NOME WRECKED BY STORM

Most Northerly City in the World Devastated.

BUILT ON A SANDY BEACH.

Men And Women Work All Night In Icy Water To Save Household Effects — Population 4,000 In Summer.

Nome, Alaska.—Nome has been almost destroyed by a storm. All the south side of Front street is gone. The sandspit has disappeared.

Two miles of territory next to the sea was devastated, but no lives were lost.

Five hundred houses have been demolished, and more are falling.

The electric light plant was wrecked and telephone service cut off.

The steamships Victoria, and Corwin, which were lying in the roadstead, ran to the open sea and escaped damage.

All the small boats on the beach were destroyed.

The loss is estimated at $1,500,000.

There will be much suffering, and outside help will be required. Winter is at hand and it will be impossible to get in supplies needed.

The revenue cutter Bear is now on the way here from Unalaska and is expected to reach Nome in a day or two. The cutter probably will make a report on the needs of the people.

Has Produced $35,000,000 Gold.

Nome, the famous gold camp on Bering Sea, the most northerly city in the world, was built on a sandy sea beach. In front of the town there is an anchorage for ships, but steamers do not make a landing. Cargoes and passengers are landed at an aerial tramway station in deep water.

The principal part of the town, which a dozen years ago had a population of 20,000, is on the east side of Snake river, with a finger extending to the west along a narrow sandspit. This sandspit was rich in gold dust and the early settlers built their cabins there.

Of late years the sands have been worked out and little except dredging operations which requires large capital, is being done. It has been estimated that the dredges have enough ground in sight to operate 50 years more. Nome has produced more than $35,000,000 in gold dust. Some years the yield has been as high as $8,000,000. This year the production will not exceed $4,000,000 owing to lack of water.

The summer population of Nome is about 4,000 and in winter 2,000 remain, the others coming out on steamships that leave late in October. One steamship is yet to leave Seattle for Nome.

It will be possible to send revenue cutters to Nome to deliver supplies and take away needy persons who wish to leave.

GIVES $435,000 TO CHARITY.

Mrs. Mary Davis McKnight's Will Filed At Galesburg, Ill.

Galesburg, Ill.—With the filing of the will of Mrs. Mary Davis McKnight it became known that $435,000 of her $500,000 estate had been given to charity. Among the gifts are: Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, $25,000; Chicago Tract Society, $25,000; American Bible Society, $25,000; American Board of Congregational Foreign Missions, $75,000, and American Missionary Association of the Congregational Church, $100,000.

TO PAY LARGEST INCOME TAX.

Wife Of Ambassador To Austria Must Give Up $245,000.

Philadelphia.—Probably the largest income tax in America will be paid by Mrs. Anne Weightman Walker Penfield, wife of Frederick Courtland Penfield, Ambasador to Austria. She will be required to turn over a fortune to Uncle Sam every year under the new Income Tax law. Mrs. Penfield's income from the estate of her father is $3,500,000 a year and the tax will amount to $245,000. The value of the property is estimated at $70,000,000.

RED SPHYNX IN PHILADELPHIA.

Second Largest Egyptian Monument Ever Brought To America.

Philadelphia.—A sphynx carved from a solid block of red granite and weighing two tons arrived here on the tramp steamer Schildtrum from Suez for the collection of the University of Pennsylvania. The figure bears a likeness of the head of Rameses II and is the largest ancient Egyptian monument ever brought to this country except the obelisk, "Cleopatra's Needle."

FROM COAL HEAVER TO BARON.

Locomotive Fireman Also Gets Fortune of $450,000.

Sioux City, Iowa.—From coal heaver to a German count with a fortune of nearly $500,000 is the experience of Henry von Hagedorn, of Sioux City, a fireman on the Chicago, St. Paul and Omaha Railroad, who received a cablegram from Germany stating that by the death of Count Heinrich von Hagedorn of Strassburg he receives a fortune of $450,000 and the title.

POWELL WANTS BIGELOW REPORT

Monthly Record Should Show Amount of Work Executed

DISCREPANCY IS STARTLING

Records in One Office Show 277 Miles of State, State-Aid and National Roads Were Built—Others Show 104.

(Special Harrisburg Correspondence.)

Harrisburg.—Auditor General Powell, upon his arrival at the Capitol from New York City, continued his search to find wherein lies the discrepancy between the records of his department of the work done by the State Highway Department and the records of State Highway Commissioner Bigelow, which is urging the fifty million loan.

In statements issued the Auditor General, basing his words on records kept by a civil engineer in his department, said that the Highway Commissioner had completed but 104 miles of State, State-aid and National highway since June 1, 1911. These figures were furnished by Mr. Bigelow to the Auditor General and include all work, Mr. Powell says, up to September 1. Mr. Bigelow's records show that 277 miles of State, State-aid and National road were built under his supervision from June 1, 1911, to June 1, 1913.

"If there are any explainable errors in the figure of this department, I would be glad to correct them. The examination of the work of the Highway Department will continue upon the same basis as heretofore and with the utmost fairness to the Highway Department and without any other desire than the endeavor to get full value for the money spent. I hope that Mr. Bigelow can prove to the people that his figures are correct and that he can prove that his department is well and efficiently conducted."

Auditor General Powell said that part of his office force is going through the accounts of the Highway Department to ascertain just where are the 277 miles of highway Commissioner Bigelow says were constructed. An effort is also being made to ascertain what the cost per mile of State road has been in Pennsylvania.

The contract price average per mile of $13,341.18, as shown by the Highway Department records for roads constructed up to June 1, last, is considered conservative if the overhead charges are added, that is the cost of the surveying, supervising and other engineering work is to be considered as a part of road building.

For the fourth time the hearing of the equity case to test the constitutionality of the cold storage act was postponed. No date was fixed for the hearing. The case brought by the several cold storage companies of Philadelphia was to have been heard in the Dauphin County court. The request to postpone the hearing came from the attorneys for the complainants, who said they had court cases pending in Philadelphia.

Lieutenant Loses Office.

The commission of Second Lieutenant John J. Schafer, Company C, First Regiment, Philadelphia, has been vacated, according to orders just issued by the National Guard headquarters. The orders state he was called before the First Brigade Examining Board for examination, but he failed to appear.

Blanks for the reporting of the output of anthracite coal from all mines in Pennsylvania will shortly be prepared at the Auditor General's Department and will be sent to all operators in the State, so that the new anthracite tax can be collected. The new law goes into effect January 1, 1913, and the duty of collecting the tax devolves upon the Auditor General.

The law provides for a tax of 2½ per cent. on all coal prepared for market. The reports must be made annually in January. International failure on the part of a coal company to report is punishable by imprisonment of one year or $500 fine or both, while neglect to file report will mean an increase of 10 per cent. to the tax. One-half the tax is returnable to the counties mining the coal.

Mixed on Chinaman's Alibi.

Two witnesses swearing that they saw Moy Fat in Philadelphia late on the evening of April 18, and two swearing that they saw him in Columbus on April 18 and 19, complicated matters at the hearing on the protest against honoring a requisition from Ohio for the return to Columbus of Moy Fat, under arrest in Philadelphia. A protest was lodged against the requisition and decision reserved. Counsel for the Chinaman, who is accused of murder, declared that habeas corpus proceeding would be instituted.

"Gun Toters" Fare Badly.

Charged with carrying concealed weapons, E. A. Joyce was arrested. This is the second man within twenty-four hours who has been arrested on a charge of carrying a revolver concealed. The other was Richard Williams, who was arrested in Sibletown by Policeman Stanley. It is charged by the policeman that Williams was arrested after he had fired a shot at another man during an argument. Williams was held for court under bail, by Mayor Royal. Joyce's hearing will be held shortly.