

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Altoona.—A proposition to admit women to election as deacons or elders in the Presbyterian church same as men was voted down at a meeting of the Huntingdon Presbytery on the ground that the time for such action was not yet ripe.
Uniontown.—If present plans mature Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, son of the late President Roosevelt, will be in Uniontown for the Independence day observance by the American Legion.
Greensburg.—The movement to inaugurate a modern chamber of commerce here took definite shape when temporary headquarters were established in the lobby of the Zimmerman Hotel.
Harrisburg.—Equity proceedings have been filed by Henry Rhinehardt, superintendent of the Bethesda Mission, against a bakery.
Altoona.—Miss Elizabeth Gearhart, night telephone operator at city hall, is a heroine.
Scranton.—That millions of dollars in damages to two churches, a hospital, two schools, an orphanage, a convent, and more than 300 homes, may result from any further mining in the mines of the Scrob Coal company, in West Scranton, was stated by members of the citizens committee, who inspected the workings.
Gulf Mills.—Burglars entered the Farrell residence on the state road by forcing a shutter on the first floor and stole two pocketbooks containing a sum of money, a diamond stickpin, a gold watch and chain, a gold finger ring, highly prized German pistol and other souvenirs of the world war.
Catawissa.—Cutting glass from the doors and then slipping the bolts, burglars visited the Baldy and Hollingshead stores in this place and made away with loot valued at more than \$800.
Hazleton.—Burglars scare away from a warehouse owned by S. Smulyan and used for the storage of \$10,000 worth of hides dropped six sticks of dynamite in their flight as a policeman heard them operate.
Greensburg.—The senior class of the High School is composed of 103 members this year.

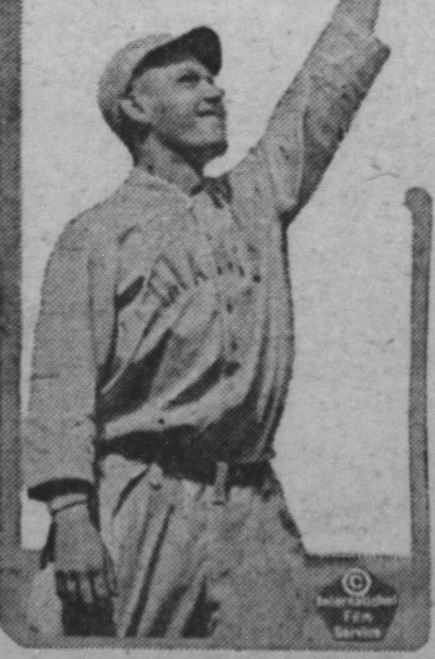
Mahanoy City.—Burglars broke into the postoffice, Ryan's warehouse and St. Canicus church and were rewarded for their efforts by about \$12 taken from the poor box in the church.
Reading.—Dangerously burned in trying to save her little grandniece, Catharine Caldwell, who was burned to death recently while using a lighted candle, Miss Matilda McDonough, 82 years old, died in a hospital here.
Towanda.—Claude Newell, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Newell, of Porter Place, was found hanging from a rope suspending from a rafter in a shed back of his home.
Uniontown.—Miss Elizabeth Phillips, 23, was shot and killed in front of the Jehu B. Lane home, where she was employed.
Pittsburgh.—W. U. Kane, police commissioner announced that he would place a charge of conspiracy and operating a lottery against Peter Weigand and Ambrose Weigand, both of Pittsburgh, who were arrested in connection with the operation of a baseball pool.
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Something for ballplayers to worry about: What'll they do for "horse-hides" when there are no more horses?
Remember this: "Coberoblichaplung is now playing right field." Yes, same of announcer will be back this season.
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DIAMOND NOTES

Judge Landis could get his base on bawls.
Plenty of star players play golf, yet haven't gone to the sticks.
Seven well-known Sox are so full of holes they can never be mended.
Public interest is always fleeting; now it's on the favorite pitcher's wing.
'It'll take a clever team to pull my socks down this year,' says Kid Gleason.
McGraw may swap off some of his rookies, but it's a cinch he will not give a Rapp.
Manager Joe Berger of the Wichita team will give his brother, Bob Berger, a pitcher, a trial.
Babe Ruth is noted for his large appetite. He's eaten extra late many pitchers' records.
Baseball rules were written in 1845, and a way to evade them was discovered in 1845.
We've heard of one man coming back. Connie Mack says his whole team is going to do it.
Eight National League managers can say "I told you so" if they cop the pennant this year.
Roy Mitchell, veteran right-hander, will try pitching for the Dallas Texas league club this year.
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EDDIE SICKING PLAYS WELL

Indianapolis fans will not be disappointed in Eddie Sicking, who was obtained by the Indians from the Cincinnati Reds, with whom he played 78 games last year. Sicking probably will play steadily at second base, although he is equally as good at short. He is a right-hand hitter and not only has the ability to line them out but he can
run bases in a superb manner. Sicking is twenty-three years old and it is his boast that he will be back in the majors before another year. He lives in Cincinnati and is eager to show the home folk that Garry Herrmann made a mistake in sending him away.



BRANCH RICKEY TEACHING ROOKIE



Manager Branch Rickey of the St. Louis Cardinals is shown in the photograph teaching one of his rookies the proper way to slide into a base. The peppery leader did not overlook any of the fine points of the game in putting his charges through their paces while in training camp at Orange, Texas.

TELLS ABOUT ORIGIN OF "TEXAS LEAGUER"

J. Doak Roberts Gives History of Expression.
Disgusted Syracuse Pitcher Gave Vent to Exclamation When Three Rookies Dropped Safeties Back of the Infield.
"Texas leaguers," recruits or stars from the circuit of cities in the Lone Star state making up that association, have wrecked many ball games when they passed on to the major leagues, but the real "Texas leaguer," the hit itself, no matter from what state the player who delivered it came, has wrecked many more days by day, narrations of play have shown for years.
Every fan, from the lad at the knot hole to the man in the box seat, knows a "Texas leaguer," when he sees it drop safely just back of the infield and out of reach of the outfielders, but few know the history of the expression.
According to J. Doak Roberts, president of the Texas league, and a man with a lifetime's experience in professional baseball, the expression originated in the early '90s when a disgusted Syracuse pitcher gave vent to "Good Lord! Another of those Texas leaguers!" when Scruppy Bill Joyce, third in a row of three Texas league graduates dropped a short safety back of the Syracuse infield.
The story antedates even the veteran, Roberts, but this is his version of it.
Emmett Rogers, Scruppy Bill Joyce and Arthur Sunday, three famous players well remembered by all of the old timers, were members of the 1889 team of the Houston club, managed by John McCluskey. They were the first Texas leaguers ever sold to higher company, netting the sum of \$400 as a total purchase price.
"The trio were finished stars, past masters in the art of bunting and placing hits. The story goes that in their first game in bigger company they faced O'Brien of Syracuse. Rogers placed a hit over the infield, and the Syracuse defense moved in, expecting Sunday to bunt. Instead Sunday chip-shooted the ball and it dropped just out of the reach of the shortstop, who could not get it back in time.
"Joyce, too, was expected to bunt, but he followed in Sunday's wake, dropping another short hit back of third, scoring Rogers.
"Then it was then that O'Brien voiced his disgust and coined a new term for baseball.

CHARLEY RIGLER ALL RIGHT AS AN UMPIRE

Empire Charley Rigler likes his joke. One night after Umpire Billy Evans had gone to bed, his telephone bell rang and Evans answered. Over the wire he was told that a fan was speaking and wished a decision on a play to settle an argument.
It was an involved question and Evans answered it at length and with much patience.
Then the voice asked: "What kind of an umpire is Rigler?"
Evans began to get impatient. "A very good one; as good as there is," he answered shortly.
"Thanks," came back over the phone. "This is Rigler speaking. Now you can go back to bed, Billy."

DUNN INSURES HIS INDIANS

Owner of Champion Clevelanda Places Value of \$100,000 on Winners of World's Title.
Having won a world's championship, the Indians are more valuable than a year ago. At any rate, Jim Dunn has insured them for \$100,000 instead of \$50,000, as he did last year.

BASEBALL STORIES

Schalk is a worthy son and a bright ray in the Sox lineup.
Stenling a base isn't petty larceny. Fans think it's grand.
The better a rookie is with the stick, the better chance he has to stick.
"Greatest second baseman I ever worked with," says Bancroft of Frisch.
The fruits of the baseball season for a player who pulls boners are usually razberries.
The Los Angeles club has transferred Tex McDonald, third baseman, to Wichita Falls.
Pitcher Joe Coffin of the Birmingham Southern league team won't play ball this year.
Home Run Baker says the Yanks will win the pennant. That's the Frank opinion of it.
Byrd Lynn, who once caught for the Chicago White Sox, now is with Salt Lake City.
Frank Brazil is likely to be one of the main nuts that holds the Phillies' machine together.
Joe Oeschger is a pitcher with the Boston Braves. Bet you don't spell it right on your scoreboard.
Britbery of baseball players has been made a felony under a law passed by the Missouri legislature.
Perhaps Miller Huggins will play to a full house this year. He's certainly got the Cards to draw to.
A son of Bill Clark, once famous ball player, is a freshman at Princeton trying for the freshman team.
Some of the score cards to be kept by fans this coming season will make wonderful bits of futurist art.
Now the story going the rounds is that Connie Mack intends to retire from baseball after this season.
Some one from every country wants to take the Davis cup away from America. Causing a lot of racket.
Babe Ruth strikes out twice in one game. Almost as unusual as it is for the average player to slap out a homer.
"It's the spirit that wins ball games," says John Heydler, head of the National league. Not to mention pinch hits.
Lehigh is sad because Catcher "Mike" Wilson of the varsity ball team has signed with the Pittsburgh Nationals.
With the flock of new faces on the Chicago American team, "you can't tell a player without a score card" will fit pretty snug.
Grover Land, veteran catcher, who will be with Little Rock this season, was the first man to report to Manager Kid Elberfeld for training.
Henry Wolfe, an outfielder owned by the Louisville American association club, has been turned over to the Mobile club of the Southern association.
With Mark Roth as club secretary, Bobby Roth playing the outfield, and Frank Roth coaching pitchers, the Yankees are loaded down with Roths, to say nothing of having Ruth in the party.
JACK COOMBS MAKES APPEAL
Asks Student Body to Encourage Williams' Baseball Squad to Stick to Training Rules.
Jack Coombs, the one-time pitching star of the major leagues, now coach of the nine at Williams college, called for a new order of things in an appeal to the undergraduate body the other day. Learning that training rules had
It's perfectly all right for a bowler to go out on strikes.
If the United States wins the golf and polo cups we'll be a monopoly.
Horemans has gone deaf. He can't hear Hoppe's 1,000-point title match.
Russia is the only country the Dempsey-Carpentier match hasn't visited.
Stanley Nett, deposed basketball captain of Princeton, has quit the university.
The British open golf tourney will start June 20, over the St. Andrew's course.
Folks who call Johnny Wilson the "cheese champion" must be referring to strong cheese.
Walter Higgins, junior two-mile champion, has been elected track captain at Columbia.
The Dartmouth varsity swimming team has been admitted to the Intercollegiate Swimming association.
George Pringle, Detroit, has been elected an executive committeeman of the American Bowling congress.



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