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. Definite arangements looking forward to that end will be completed this week, it is said, by the committee in charge. The committee also has the assurance of Miss Alice Robertson, congresswoman from Oklahoma, that she will participate in the exercises here.

Greenshurg -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. At a meeting of business men the campaign got under way with the formation for a committee on committees, with Leonard Keck, Thomas J. McTighe, Joseph Strouse, Glenn G. Wance and E. Arthur Sweeper serv-

Bloomsburg .- Struck with a base ball but that slipped from the hands of a boy playing across the street, Mrs. Callie Brown was rendered unconscious, sustained a broken nose and is in a critical condition, with possibly a frectured skull. The boys summoned help, and she was removed to her home.

Harrisburg. - Equity proceedings have been file I by Henry Rhinehardt, superintendent of the Bethesda Mission, against a bakery. Rhinehardt contends the noises of the bakers at Light disturb the slumbers of transient lodgers, about 2000 of whom are sheltered monthly.

Brownsville. - The Monongahela river is being dragged for the body of Dennis McGillicudy, 45 years old, of St. Louis, Mo., who is thought to have drowned. Police say he was an occupant of a flat boat containing several persons that left Nemacolin. When the boat reached the Fayette county bank shortly afterward McGillicudy could not be located, but a suit case he had been carrying was found. State police are investigating a statement which they said was made by two women passengers that two men had beaten McGillicudy into unconsciousness, searched his pockets and then threw him into the river.

Connellsville.-For more than fifty years a member of Fayette Lodge, No. 239, Knights of Phythias, Henry Goldsmith, one of the two charter members now living, has just been presented with a 50-year jewel by the other members. On March 3, 1870, he and thirty-four other persons organized the lodge. It is believed that he is the only Knight of Phythias in the country who holds such a record.

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. It was learned that the company has in operation thirty-eight chambers, and that they average sixteen feet. The original haulage way into the Oxford mine, which runs diagonally between Bromley and Sumner avenues, has been closed, and another haulage way has been tunnelled to Sumner avenue, thence north to Lafayette street, into the workings of the Mount Pleasant mine of the Scranton Coal

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.

Carlisle,-The Carlisle Order of Elks enjoyed a musical concert by wireless in its clubrooms here. The local lodge has a receiving set which is capable of deciphering messages from across the Atlantic and the Pacific, and he concert, which was presumably from Pittsburgh, was heard

quite plainly. Altoona.-Forty thousand pine trees are being planted on Short mountain, south of here, by the Kier Fire Brick company, of Pittsburgh, which operates ganister quarries at Brooks Mills. | 000 for erection of a dormitory at the It will require forty years for the

Catawissa,-Cutting glass from the doors and then slipping the bolts, conducting the canvass. They expect burglars visited the Baldy and Hollingshead stores in this place and within a week. Miss Helen Hinkson made away with loot valued at more is chairman of the general committee than \$600.

Connellsville,-After serving continuously from March 14, 1903, as a member of the Dunbar township ford county have passed the \$1000 school board, C. B. Franks has resign- mark. ed on account of moving from Leisenring No. 1 to Connellsville, where he

has purchased a home. 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 and William Love were arrested here. of dynamite in their flight as a policeman heard them operate.

Greensburg. - The senior class of war, took civil service examinations the High School is composed of 103 to qualify as eligibles for appointmembers this year. ment to the police force.

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-yearold 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. The boy, according to physicians had been dead about an hour when found by his father. A rope had been tied to a nail, thrown over a rafter, and a slip noose fitted around his neck. A box on which he was standing had either been kicked or had slipped out from under his feet. The parents of the young lad believed that the accident occurred while he was playing Indian cowboy in emulation of the stunts seen in the movies.

Uniontown,-Miss Elizabeth Phillips, 28, was shot and killed in front of the John H. Lane home, where she was employed. Nichholas Masuzzi, 25, a boarder in the girl's home, is dying in a kospital from a bullet would in the head. According to the police, Massezsi accompanied Miss Phillips to her employer's home. When she was about to enter the two are said to have become involved in an argument. A few minutes later eye witnesses stated Masuzzi fired and turned the pistel on himself.

Pittsburgh.-W. U. Kane, police economissioner 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, According to the commissioner the men had 83,000 base ball tickets in their possession when arrested near the Pennsylvania railroad station. Shortly after the arrests were male police, armed with a search warrant, raided a North Side printing establishment and confiscated 22,000 pool tickets.

Alcoona .- Miss Elizabeth Grearhart, night telephone operator at city hall, is a heroine. Hearing some one fall over a chair in the council chamber. she notified police headquarters and Addison McLeod and Roy Larson, held here as army deserters, were captured while trying to escape from the building after cutting their way out of the women's ward, where they had been confined.

Sayre.-At a recent meeting of the school board of this place tentative plans for the erection of a new high school building were made. The edifice, which it is believed, will cost about \$250,000, will be the latest approved type of building, and will accommodate approximately twice as many pupils as the present school. Inadequate seating capacity of the present school, and lack of accom tions are given as the reason for the construction of the new building.

New Castle.-There is every indication that the negro arrested in the vicinity of Evans City and believed to be the man who terrorized the Elwood City vicinity recently is mentally unbalanced. He was arrested by the state police, taken to But'er barracks, and is still being held there. Towanda .- The body of Llewellyn. 9-year-old son of Smith Ferbes, of Myersburg, who met leath by drowning in Wysox Creek, March 6, was found floating in an eddy of the Susquehanna river near Sugar Run by A. G. Franklin. The boy met feath while attempting to wade across the creek during a spring f-eshet.

Altoona.-Returning from Cresson in an automobile, William Farber, who was driving; Frances and Warren Donoghue, Mollie Huff and dary George, all of Altoona, plunged into the Hollidaysburg borough reservoir on the mountain when the brakes refused to hold on the steep grade, but escaped with slight injuries.

Connellsville.-Lieutenant Melvin E. Fuller, of Vanderbilt, has been called from the reserve list to active duty, with orders to proceed at once to Philadelphia, where he will be stationed. Lieutenant Fuller served two years with the fifth marine corps in France and Germany. He was wounded in action and received two decorations.

Greensburg.-County-wide interest is being manifest in the exercises attending the unveiling of the memorial tablet given by Mrs. George F. Huff, in memory of the Westmoreland county boys who lost their lives in the world war. Exercises will be held in the county seat on Memorial day with Governor William C. Sproul in attendance. Four hundred families of the boys will be guests of honor,

New Castle.-Young ladies intend to conduct the campaign to raise \$15,-Y. W. C. A. Fresh Air Camp at Easttrees to grow into marketable timber. brook without asking men to do any of the work on the teams that are to put the campaign over the goal

in charge. Towarda - Fines and costs collected from dog violators in Brad-

Lewistown,--Council rejected all bids for paving the unpaved streets of the town as too high.

Altoona.-Charged with holding up Howard Whiten and robbing him of a pay check for \$44.65, Wesley Mills Hazleton,-Thirteen young men, some of them veterans of the world

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 Glea-

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 even exten into many

pitchers' records. Baseball rules were written in 1845, and a way to evade them was discov-

ered in 1845.

We've heard of one man coming back. Connie Mack says his whole team is going to de 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 Daffas Texas league club this year.

Pittsburgh pelice will war en baseball gamblers, arresting all detected in gambling at parks.

A Texas leaguer isn't always a bit. Some of them try to get into the majors and miss connections.

Pessimism is believing the home team has no chance even before the umpire shouts "Play ball !"

Pitcher Pete Zanhiser, recalled last fall by Toledo from Bloomington, has been transferred to Memphis.

Byron Houck has informed the Los Angeles management that his retirement from baseball is no stall,

Bill Cook, first baseman, who refused to report to the Charlotte club last season, has signed a contract for 1921.

Something for ballplayers to worry about: What'll they do for "horsehides" when there are no more horses?

Remember this: "Coberoblichaplun is now playing right field." Yes, same oi' announcer will be back this season, Walter Pipp of the Yankees had his

tonsils and adenoids removed during the past winter He says he will breathe easier. . . . Hobe "Home Run" Brummett, who

made 26 home runs last season, has signed with the Cleveland Americans. He is a catcher. Lee Fohl has a slugger in Frank

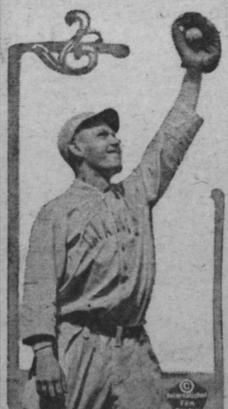
Wetzel of Flint, Mich. Wetzel knocked

all the boards off the Michigan-Ontario

léague parks in 1920.

Promises to Be Fixture at Keystone Sack for Indianapolis-Is Speedy on Base Line.

Indianapolis fans will not be disappointed in Eddle Sicking, who was obtained by the Indians from the Cincinnati Reds, with whom he played 79 games last year. Sicking probably will play steadly 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



Eddie Sicking.

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 a mistake in sending him away.

BRANCH RICKEY TEACHING ROOKIE



Manager Branch Rickey of the St. Louis Cardinals is ghown in the photograph teaching one of his rookies the proper way to silde 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 samp 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 Recruits 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 day by day, narrations of play have shown for

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 Scrappy 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, Scrappy 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 EDDIE SICKING PLAYS WELL 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 trated on varsity football this year. dropped just out of the reach of the He is pretty certain to annex a bas- party. shortstop, who could not get it back ketball letter and plans to turn his in time.

"Joyce, too, was expected to bunt, but he followed in Sunday's wake, dropping another short hit back of third, scoring Rogers.

"It was then that O'Brien voiced his disgust and coined a new term for baseball."

CHARLEY RIGLER ALL RIGHT AS AN UMPIRE

Umpire 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 Clevelands Places Value of \$100,000 on Winners of World's Title.

Having won a world's championship. the Indians are more valuable than in Cincinnati and is eager to show the a year ago. At any rate, Jim Dunn home folk that Garry Herrmann made has insured them for \$100,000 instead of \$50,000, as he did last year.

Pete Stinchcomb Bids Fair to Equal "Chic" Harley's Record at Ohio Institution.

AFTER FOUR SPORT LETTERS

"Chie" Harley may have to share his henors as the only Ohlo state athlete to win letters in four varsity sports, for Pete Stinchcomb, who last fall was accorded a place on Camp's All-American, is on his trail.

A feor-sport man in his interscholastic days. Stinchcomb has concen-



Pete Stinchcomb.

attention to baseball and track this

He was a good high and broad jumper as well as a dash man in his high school days, while on the diamond he ranks as a good fly chaser.

INTERESTING SPORT NOTES

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 vis-

Stanley Netts, deposed basketball captain of Princeton, has quit the uni-

The British open golf tourney will start June 20, over the St. Andrew's course.

versity.

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 Inter-

collegiate Swimming association. George Pringle, Detroit, has been of the American Bowling congress.

BASEBALL STORIES

Ray in the Sox lineup.

Stealing a base isn't petty larceny. Fans think it's grand.

The better a reckie is with the stick, the better chance he has to stick.

"Greatest second baseman I ever worked with," says Bancroft of

The fruits of the baseball season for a player who pulls boners are usually razzberries.

The Les Angeles club has transferred Tex McDonald, third baseman, to Wickita Falls. Pitcher Joe Coffindaffer of the Birm.

ingham Southern league team won't play ball this year. Heme Run Baker says the Yanka

will win the penmant. That's the Frank episten of it. Byrd Lynn, who sace caught for the Chicago White Sox, now is with

Sait Lake City. Frank Brazil is likely to be one of the main news that holds the Phillies'

machine together. Joe Oesehger is a pitcher with the Boston Braves. Bet you don't spell it

right on your scorecard. Bribery 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 try-

Some of the score cards to be kept by fans this coming season will make wonderful bits of futurist art.

ing for the freshman team.

Now the story going the rounds is that Connie Mack intends to retire from baseball after this season.

to take the Davis cup away from America. Causing a lot of racket. Babe Ruth strikes out twice in one

Some one from every country wants

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 Na-

tional league. Not to mention pinch

hits. Lehigh is sad because Catcher "Mike" Wilson of the varsity ball team has signed with the Pittsburgh Nation-

als.

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

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



Jack Coomba

not been observed in other years, Coach Coombs said, he asked the student body to encourage the members of the squad to train, to criticise them elected an executive committeeman if they did not and to help them in