

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

York.—The shortage of the apple crop in York county is reflected by the idleness of the cider and applebutter mills. Ordinarily the mills are busy at this season converting great quantities of fallen fruit into these products. Cider and applebutter will be very high in price, it is forecasted.

Middleport.—Stepping off a track to avoid a train, Robert Dugus, of this place, stepped directly in front of a rapidly approaching locomotive and was instantly killed.

Harrisburg.—Twenty suits against owners of dogs in Perry county who had failed to secure licenses for their animals were started by the state department of agriculture.

Danville.—Mrs. Victor Marks was severely burned and may lose her eyesight, and Miss Florence Fausey, a maid, was painfully burned here, when a gas heater, which had gone out, was relighted.

Reading.—Traveling all the way from Porto Rico, Mrs. Marie Mareles de Pena applied to the police here to locate her husband, from whom she received a postcard with postmark from Reading.

Sunbury.—Twenty-one separate suits for damages, totalling \$250,000, were brought in the Northumberland county common pleas court by Mount Carmel residents against the Lehigh Valley Coal company for alleged injury to their property due to coal dirt from Big Shamokin creek being washed on their lands. They claim the coal corporation is liable, as this refuse came from the mines owned by the corporation.

Harrisburg.—Governor Sproul announced the members of the Pennsylvania State Fair Commission, which will make a study of the projects for a state fair, work out plans for an exhibition, together with estimates and select a site. The recommendations of the commission are to be made to the governor for transmission to the next legislature. An appropriation of \$15,000 for expenses and studies was made. The commission will meet shortly and organize. The members are: P. M. Sharples, West Chester, four years; Harry F. Bovard, Greensburg, four years; C. F. Fendrick, Mercersburg, four years; John A. Bell, Jr., Carnegie, three years; John A. McSparran, Furness, master of the State Grange, three years; Auditor General Samuel S. Lewis, York, two years, and Representative C. G. Jordan, Volant, two years. The commission will serve without pay.

Conshohocken.—Miss Anna Keel broke her left hip in a peculiar manner. While lacing a shoe, having one foot on a box a few inches from the floor, the rug upon which she was standing slipped on the hardwood floor, throwing her heavily.

Harrisburg.—New warnings against the purchase of various mixtures for "gassing" peach tree borers, one of the most destructive enemies of fruit trees, have been issued by the department of agriculture, following analysis of compounds on sale. Some of the mixtures are adulterated and contain saltpeter and other materials declared "absolutely valueless" in the destruction of borers. Suit has been brought against a chemical firm at Hancock, Md., for the sale of alleged misbranded compounds.

Harrisburg.—Joseph Gaston, colored, of Rockville, N. C., and William Moates, white, of Petersburg, Fla., went to sleep under a freight train on a siding in the Enola yards of the Pennsylvania railroad, and when the train moved Gaston's head was severed and Moates was so badly injured he was brought to the hospital here. He will recover.

Palmira.—By the will of the late George W. Bowman the Salem Reformed church, Campbelltown, will receive \$200 and Trinity Reformed church, Palmira, \$500.

Sunbury.—Commissioners of Snyder, Union and Northumberland counties met at the old wooden bridge crossing the Susquehanna at Blue Hill to Northumberland and agreed to jointly share \$15,000 in repairs, a third each.

Uniontown.—Charged with breaking into the rectory of the St. Thomas church, at Footedale, Joseph Stenlock, Joseph Seech and Michael Andrews, all under 12 years, were committed to the Fayette county jail to await a hearing.

Pottstown.—At the 25th annual convention of the Retail Merchants of Pennsylvania Harry W. Shaffer, of Lock Haven, was elected president of the organization for the sixth consecutive term. Other officers elected were: Vice presidents, J. A. Edgar, Frankford; Ely Bion, Sunbury; R. A. Kerr, Titusville; H. Wesley Guldin, Pottstown; treasurer, W. H. Nelson, Chester; executive committee, Edward O. Spotts, Tarentum, and D. E. Durbin, Pittsburgh.

Lebanon.—His skull crushed from a kick by a mile he was driving, Joseph Boughter is dead at his home near here.

Carlisle.—Rentals for stalls in the market house here, established forty-three years ago and unchanged during that period, will be increased 50 per cent Sept. 1.

Hazleton.—Complaints were lodged here with the authorities against several men said to be collecting money, as they claim, for Irish and Belgian relief work. Local organizations declared they had not authorized anyone to solicit contributions.

Towanda.—Ten persons, two of them women, were arrested, charged with gambling, when police raided a carnival being held under the auspices of the Moose lodge here.

Harwood.—One of the big turbines at the \$3,000,000 Harwood plant of the Pennsylvania Power and Light company is being dismantled and will be replaced by a more powerful unit to furnish electricity for mines of the Luzerne-Carbon-Schuylkill district.

Harrisburg.—Nominating petitions were filed by Judges W. F. Solly, Montgomery orphans' court, Republican and Democrat; Charles E. Whitten, Westmoreland common pleas, Republican; H. W. Douglass, McKeesport, Allegheny, common pleas, and Thomas J. Baldrige, Republican, Blair.

Vandergrift.—Thrown under a train in a mill yard here, Laurence Franklin, 23, suffered injuries that resulted in his death some hours later.

Sunbury.—H. G. Harper, state highway engineer here, will be transferred to Bedford. H. G. Shulde, now at Bedford, will come here.

Hazleton.—David J. Lewis, of Detroit, who served overseas in the United States Infantry as a band leader, was elected supervisor of music in the schools here.

Altoona.—Seven sons of Edmund McConnell, well-known retired Pennsylvania locomotive engineer of this place, are in the railroad service. Six of them are engineers. The other is an engine dispatcher.

Morrisville.—Despondent and grieving over the tragic death of his wife, which occurred five years ago when she upset a lamp and burned to death, John Peloubet, aged 60 years, committed suicide by hanging himself to a tree. The unfortunate man sought a spot near the house where his wife met her death.

York.—Frank M. Bortner, a York attorney, was disbarred from practice in the York county courts on account of proven embezzlement from clients. Bortner's present whereabouts are unknown. The York County Bar Association instituted proceedings which resulted in the decree.

Brownsville.—When the car in which they were returning from a picnic crashed through a fence at the side of the road near Centreville and overturned, seven young men and a girl were injured only one seriously. Robert Sager, aged 23, of South Brownsville, is in the Brownsville General Hospital suffering from a fractured skull. His condition is critical. The other injured were treated by local physicians.

Altoona.—Orders were issued to put additional furloughed men to work in the Pennsylvania shops here and at Hollidaysburg. Fifty blacksmiths reported for duty at the Juniata shops.

Berwick.—A carrier pigeon, bearing the name of Harry Quick, Clayville, N. Y., on a foot band, was killed by an automobile here.

Reading.—Overcrowded by those who sought to escape a downpour of rain, the porch of "Idlewyle," a large bungalow at Reading's "Coney Island" along the Tulpehocken, collapsed and seriously injured four persons. All the bungalows are six feet above the level of the creek, on posts and many took shelter under the porches.

Berwick.—Barbers here have reduced the price of haircuts to 30 cents with the same price for massages and shampoos.

Mastersonville.—Four children of Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Hess, of near here, are ill with typhoid fever, contracted through drinking water from a well.

Hazleton.—The Ashmore and Weatherly shops of the Hazleton and Mahanoy division of the Lehigh Valley railroad have been put on a five-day schedule.

Nescopeck.—Robert, 3-year-old son of Robert Schechterly, of this place, was seriously burned when he grasped the end of a live wire which had fallen near where he was playing.

Altoona.—In a collision between auto trucks here, Chauffeur Raymond Costello, 28, saved his niece, Laura Malhoit, aged 1 year, riding with him, but was himself seriously hurt.

Harrisburg.—Accidents decreased on both steam and electric railway lines in Pennsylvania during the first six months of this year, according to figures made public by the public service commission's bureau of accidents. Railroad figures show 262 persons killed and 2918 hurt, a decrease of 117 in fatalities and 961 in other accidents, as compared with 1920. Forty-seven persons were killed and 150 persons hurt in accidents involving automobiles. Electric railway accidents caused 62 deaths and 1164 injuries, decline of eight in fatalities and 185 in accidents of lesser degree.

Harrisburg.—Colors of the Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, commanded by John W. Geary, later a major general and governor of Pennsylvania, have been presented to the state through Colonel John P. Nicholson, executive officer of the Gettysburg battlefield commission, and ordered placed in the capitol rotunda by Governor Sproul. The regiment was a Philadelphia command and left that city July 20, 1861, without colors, owing to some official mix-up, but Philadelphia people sent colors, which were carried until October, 1862, when the state furnished flags, carried through many a hard-fought field.

Harrisburg.—State authorities have joined with the Canonsburg board of health in an effort to check the outbreak of typhoid fever here.

Altoona.—The Huntingdon Presbytery has begun a campaign for the establishment of a home for aged women here.

Pittsburgh.—Tons of candy went up in smoke in a \$30,000 blaze at the plant of the M. Davidson company, here.

Scranton.—The \$200,000 contract for remodeling the Elk Home here has been awarded to the M. J. Ruddy company, of this city.

ALEXANDER NEARING END OF HIS CAREER

Explanation of Great Flinger's Failure to Shine.

Worked Too Hard in Endeavor to Win Opening Game From St. Louis Cardinals—Case of Nap Rucker is Recalled.

Grover Cleveland Alexander, the great right-hander of the Cubs, may be near the end of his rope. It has been published in the East how Alexander had his arm injured by a spectator bumping into the arm as Alex was pulling back to deliver the ball in his warm-up before the opening game on April 13, but those familiar with his case offer another explanation of Alex's failure to shine this year as he did last, when he won ten straight early in the campaign.

The explanation is that Alexander was all to the good on the opening day, or thought he was, and injured himself by trying too hard. He had not won an opening game for three years, which was rather a sore subject with him.

It was after losing the opener last year that he went ahead and won the ten straight. He made it a matter of professional ethics with himself to win the opener this season from the St. Louis Cardinals in St. Louis on the first day of the campaign.

Those who saw the game say Alex whistled the ball to the plate with every ounce of strength he possessed for seven innings, or until something went wrong with his arm and he had to retire. Alex Freeman finished for him, and Chicago won, 5 to 2, but it was a costly victory.

Alexander started again when the Cubs reached Philadelphia and, while



Grover Cleveland Alexander.

the Cubs won and he got credit for the winning, he did not finish. Freeman again finished for him.

Warm weather and careful treatment of the arm may bring Alexander around to his old form, but then they may not.

The fans who remember how suddenly Nap Rucker went on the shelf, and from a big winner in many games be dropped to occasional appearances for a few innings, will have to be shown that a pitcher who has been starring as Alex has since he went to the Phillies from Syracuse in 1911, and won 28 and lost 13 that year, is able to come back after injuring his wing.

INTERESTING SPORT NOTES

Poughkeepsie regatta will very likely be a four-mile test in 1922.

Vincent Richards defeated Ryan T. Hayes for the Western tennis title at Indianapolis.

Frank Troch has won the trapshooting championship of Washington five times in the last six years.

The fond mother who shuddered at the thought of football now is reconciled to tennis at 110 in the sun.

Gordon Morrison, former Harvard football center, has been appointed football coach at Cornell college, Iowa.

Madison J. Jeffery, former Tufts college athlete, has been appointed head coach of athletics at Northeastern college.

Memphis, Tenn., has been awarded next year's international swimming contests under the auspices of the Amateur Athletic union.

Elmer Jones of Baltimore, Md., a star member of Johns Hopkins university football team, has been appointed a cadet at the West Point Military academy.

Charles A. Stoneham and John J. McGraw of the New York Nationals, have disposed of their majority stock holdings in the Cuba-American Jockey and Automobile club.

The Great Rose, a three-year-old filly by Peter the Great, has been sold by Stoughton A. Fletcher of the Laurel Hill farm, Indianapolis, to Tom Taggart, Jr., of French Lick, for \$15,000.

AMBITION OF HORNSBY TO HIT AVERAGE OF .400 FOR SEASON



St. Louis Player Leads National League in Hitting.

Rogers Hornsby, the boy king of the National League batsmen in 1920 is out for a .400 year. Hornsby is again leading the league with his batting hands, and he is performing as brilliantly as ever at second with his fielding hands.

"I've got a good start this year. It has always been my ambition to pound out a season average of .400 or better. Perhaps this will be my year."

"Usually I make a poor start. I lay that to bad pitching in the first few weeks of the spring."

Likes Good Pitching. "I like good pitching. Bad pitching bothers me. To my mind, you can figure a good pitcher better than a poor one. He has control. He is playing the game. He knows the game."

"I like to hit the ball on a straight line. When you hit it square it travels that way and it will usually go for extra bases. I don't think slugging is a matter of weight."

"The bat I use weighs only 42

ounces. It is easily handled. The eye counts most in connecting squarely with the ball. If you meet the ball exactly right it will travel like a bullet. If you hit it off center the ball won't travel nearly so far nor so fast."

Not a Big Man.

Hornsby is not a big man. He weighs only 165 pounds. He was twenty-five in April. He bats right-handed and has a free, easy motion when swinging.

Apparently he doesn't put much snap into his hitting, but in reality his gracefulness covers up the power he is really exerting.

The offer of \$200,000 and four players, the equivalent of \$300,000, made by the Giants last winter for him, has not turned the Cardinal star's head.

He plays brilliantly because he has his heart in every game and because he owns an almost perfect pair of batting and fielding hands, and a set of wonderful eyes.

Baseball Notes

Baseball is just one four-base hit after another.

Little Dickie Kerr believes his extra inning jinx has finally left him.

The Joplin club has turned Outfielder Fred Bratchi back to the Chattanooga club.

Pitcher Jim Reynolds, late of Kansas City and Joplin, is a new member of the Spartanburg pitching staff.

Ben Smith, first baseman, has been turned back to the Detroit Tigers by the Joplin club of the Western league.

Branch Rickey is a bear for making shifts in his lineup. He is known as one of the most proficient jockeys in the game.

Joe Wagner, late of Toronto, has joined the Greenville South Atlantic league team.

Ted Anderson, released as manager of the Flint team, has joined the Saginaw team and will play first base under Red McKee.

Shortstop Lute Boone of the St. Paul Saints is out of the game for the rest of the season, as the result of an attack of appendicitis.

First Baseman George Kelly of the Giants, when he laid off a day recently to have a tooth pulled, had gone 228 consecutive games.

According to statistics recently issued, Purcell, Jackson center fielder, leads the Central league in hitting, with a percentage of .381.

The Indians are convinced Allan Sotherton, discarded by both the Browns and Red Sox, is going to prove of a lot of value to them.

Hy Fowlkes, sent by Memphis to Augusta, celebrated his return to Sally league company by pitching a one-hit game against Columbia.

Gavy Cravath, Honus Wagner and Babe Ruth are the only three major league players ever to make more than 100 homers during their careers.

Jim Gould of the St. Louis Times-Star says that Hornsby is a much improved player over last year and that as a team man is a big asset of the Cards.

The Mint league, starting a new race, will prolong its play until September 18, it is stated. The original schedule called for the season to end on Labor day.

Prough, Kalamazoo catcher, is batting like a fiend. In a recent game with Lansing he got five hits out of five times at bat, two of them being three-baggers.

Jewel Ens, who is playing third base and acting as field captain of the Syracuse team, is giving Jack Bendey a race for the home run honors of the International league.

GIBSON SAYS HE HAS GOOD FIGHTING TEAM

Pirate Leader Thinks It Is Jinx to Make Predictions.

Not Claiming Any Pennants, but Has Hope of Winning Out—Right Now It Looks Like Giants Are Ones They Have to Beat.

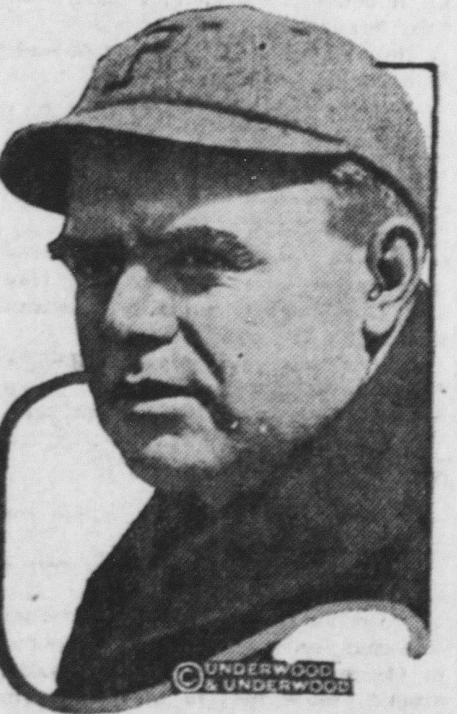
In discussing the chances of his team to win the National league pennant Manager George Gibson of the Pittsburgh Pirates said the other day that his players never knew when they were beaten.

"I've never won any pennants and I never make predictions. Think it's a jinx," Gibson continued. "I'm not claiming any pennant now. All we have is hope, and I think a good chance. If everything goes well with us maybe we'll be in there battling for the world's championship next October. I hope so."

"My ball club has been going mighty good. It's a good road club and it has been playing bang-up ball at home. If we can do as well on this trip East as we did the first time we ought to be pretty well fixed to hold our own. Of course, a lot depends on the pitchers. Our young pitchers, like Glazner and Yellowhorse, have been doing fine. The rest of the twirlers have done their share and 'Rabbit' Maranville has been a great help. All the pitching is all important. It'll have a big lot to do with whether we finally land."

"Looks like the Giants are the ones Pittsburgh will have to beat out," it was suggested to Gibson.

"Right now it looks that way," he replied; "but you can't tell. Look what the Braves did in 1914. And



Manager George Gibson.

say, there's a ball club down in the second division that don't belong there. That's the Reds. They've beaten us six times, more than any other club. If Moran only had some pitching, he would be in seventh place.

"McGraw, of course, can generally be depended on to give everybody a battle. He has a good club, and as long as he has a good club he will be up there fighting."

Gibson added that the schedule suits him fine. The Pirates will practically finish the season playing a month at Forbes field, and if they are still leading the league at that stage of the race they will be as easy to stop as a runaway freight train in the Rocky mountains.

Sporting Squibs of All Kinds

Tennis certainly is a love game if they play it in this weather.

Be that as it may, there is one fight that Dempsey will never get credit for winning.

"Wrestlers," says a mat expert, "improve with age." While the wrestling game decomposes.

The cost of living may go down enough to make tickets for the next prize fight a trifle cheaper.

One of the modern tests of influence and prosperity is the ability to afford a ticket to a big prize fight.

A new athletic field and stadium will be constructed at West Virginia university in the near future.

Audacious, which won the Suburban and Carter handicaps, will be retired to the stud at the end of the season.

Willie Hoppe, world's champion billiardist, will play all future championship matches on a winner-take-all basis.

Edward Martin, for the last year graduate manager of athletics at Stanford university, has resigned to accept a business offer.

Great Britain will not be officially represented in the competition for the international golf team championship trophy September 5.

Charlie White, Chicago lightweight, who was suspended by the National Boxing association following the Wisconsin commission's complaint of his bout with Sailor Freedman, has been reinstated.

WHAT TY LIKES

"Slicker" Parks, the University of Michigan pitcher, is working for Ty Cobb's Tygers now.

Parks has the makings of a big leaguer.

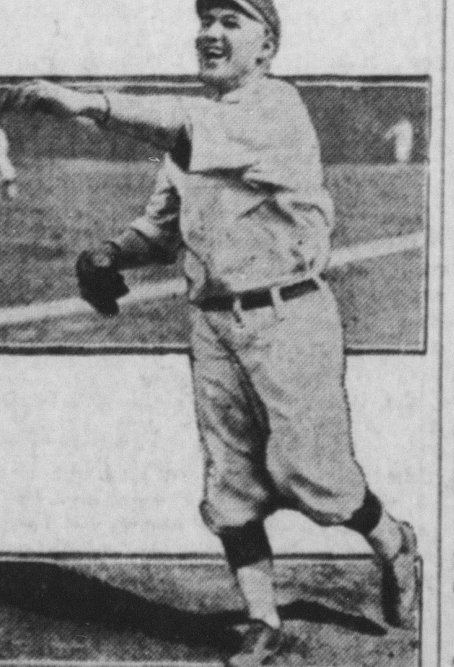
The youth has piled up some marvelous strikeout records during his college and minor league career.

He possesses the kind of stuff that Cobb likes in players—baseball smartness.

JOE BOEHLING IS RELEASED

Former Washington Twirler Is Cast Off by Canadian Club and Is Signed by Bridgeport.

Pitcher Joe Boehling was recently released by the Toronto baseball club. He was purchased from the Portland



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(Ore.) club of the Pacific Coast league for \$1,500. He was then taken on by Bridgeport of the Eastern league.

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP SITE

Games to Be Played on Courts of Germantown Cricket Club During Month of September.

Germantown Cricket club, Philadelphia, is the home club of William T. Tilden, holder of the world's, the United States, British and New Zealand tennis titles. The championship will be staged on Tilden's home courts next September.

HARVARD 1922 NINE INTACT

Captain Emmons Who Played Second Base Is Only Regular Who Will Not Return.

Harvard's varsity nine, victorious in the Yale and Princeton series, will remain virtually intact for the 1922 campaign. Captain Emmons, who played second base on the year's team, is the only regular who will not return to college.