

PENNSYLVANIA BRIEFS

The buckwheat crop is reported bigger and better than ever.

Harold Benner, a taxi driver, was held up by two negroes near Bethlehem and robbed of a gold watch and \$25. The footpads handed him twenty-five cents when they took a package of cigarettes, saying that they would not be so mean as to take his smokes without paying for them.

The workmen's compensation board will resume hearing of arguments on appeals in Harrisburg September 6, and in Philadelphia September 7, 8 and 9.

Kermit Bower, aged 5, son of Arthur Bower, of Berwick, was injured in a peculiar manner at his home. His father had killed a chicken and was cleaning the blade of the hatchet by striking it into a tree, when the hatchet slipped and struck the boy on the head, inflicting a gash several inches long.

Attempting to cross the street in Berwick on his bicycle in front of the automobile of Fred Vanderslice, Thomas J. Garrison was struck by the automobile and sustained a fractured collarbone and possible fracture of the ribs.

The lives of 150 miners were endangered in the Hampfield Slope of the Keystone Coal and Coke company, near Greensburg, when fire broke out in the workings. It spread quickly but by the prompt work of rescue crews all the miners were guided to safety. The fire, it was reported, started in a fan house.

Informed that her grandchild, Catherine Long, aged 6 years, had been seriously injured by an automobile, Mrs. Mary Oesterly, of 200 West Fifth street, Chester, was seized with a heart attack and died soon after being removed to her home from a moving picture theatre. The child died in the Chester Hospital. Alleatio Melra, 34 years, driver of the automobile, was arrested and Police Magistrate Elliott held him in \$1000 bail to appear at the inquest.

Many private homes in Freehold have been robbed of stores of liquor kept for medicinal purposes, and it is alleged an organized gang of bootleggers, unable to secure supplies elsewhere, have taken to looting houses where they suspect a few quarts can be taken.

Edmond C. Forsyth, aged 36, head of recreational educational work at the army medical department field service school at Carlisle, committed suicide at the officers club by shooting. He had relations in Brooklyn and Massachusetts.

James Esposito, of Lattimer, holds the record for shoe repairing bills. He broke into the Lehigh Valley Coal company mule stables at the Lattimer strippings, it is alleged, to cut up some harness to sole his shoes. When arrested before Alderman E. J. Fallon he paid \$4 for repairs to the set of harness, as well as costs that ran the bill up to about \$10, or \$5 a sole.

Four persons were injured in a coal mine near New Galilee, when a spark from a miner's lamp fell into a can of blasting powder. They were Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Owens, of New Galilee, and Mabel Strob, aged 15, and Olive Hannibal, aged 17, of New Castle. The two girls were visiting the Owens home, and had expressed a wish to see the workings of a mine. Owens was escorting them, about half a mile underground, when the explosion occurred. All will recover.

Residents and former residents of Laurytown parish, the oldest in the Lehigh coal fields, will gather for the annual reunion.

One hundred cases of bonded whiskey were seized by Pittsburgh police in the home of Santino Pasquisalli, who, with six others, were jailed.

The war department has removed from the slackers' list the names of Daniel Chambers, Board No. 1, Lackawanna county; Michael Kacana, Board No. 8, Luzerne; Eidon L. Stern, Board No. 1, Lehigh, and William P. Lyons, Board No. 4, Lehigh, all of whom served in some capacity.

Dependent over the death of his wife, William Welland, of Chambersburg, shot and killed himself.

Stanley Horan, 40, was terribly burned about the head and body at Shenandoah City colliery in a gas explosion.

It cost twelve boys of McAdoo \$12.50 per stone because they selected a Lehigh Valley railroad passenger train for their target.

After having been closed down for a month, the Danville Structural Tubing company resumed work with between 300 and 400 men reporting.

Fishing in Middle Creek, George E. Rohrbach, Sunbury, former prothonary of Northumberland county, landed a black bass that weighed four and a half pounds.

When his arm was caught in the rolls of an electric wringer, Harry Hulsizer, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Hulsizer, Northumberland, suffered a badly crushed right arm.

Hasson Brothers, owners of a carnival, were arrested at Mount Pleasant and held for a hearing on a charge of passing worthless checks.

Frank, 4-year-old son of Angelo De Falko, of Hazleton Heights, was seriously injured when run down by a runaway team.

Rev. and Mrs. Merrel Marker left Reedsville for the Persian missionary fields to remain from five to seven years.

Following the discovery of twenty-two cases of typhoid fever in one section of Greensburg, the board of health closed an old spring from which the families had been getting water.

The Southwestern Mennonite conference went on record as opposing tobacco in any form.

Work was begun by Theodore R. Helb upon the erection of an ice manufacturing plant adjoining the Keystone Reservoir, at York.

FORMER MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYERS NOW LEADING CLASS C-D TEAMS



Glancing over the baseball directory sponsored by John H. Farrell, of the National association, one is astonished at the number of old timers whose names were once familiar in the major leagues that are managing class C and D teams somewhere in this big land.

For instance, Rudy Hulswitt is pilot of the Pawhuska team of the Western association; Josh Clarke is manager of the Coffeyville team in the Southwest league; Tommy Leach is handling the Tampa club in the Florida league, while Joe Tinker is handling Orlando and Cy Barger St. Petersburg in the same sun-stricken circuit; Josh Devore is managing Grand Rapids in the Central circuit; Chief Bender is in charge of New Haven in the Eastern league, and Larry Cheney is boss of players at Charleston in the South Atlantic league. So the story goes.

UMPIRE MUST STICK TO DECISIONS MADE

Not Permissible for Him to Reverse Rulings.

Fans Are Wrong in Thinking That Arbitrator Is Bullheaded—Few Games Would Be Finished if Arguments Were Allowed.

Entirely too many fans have an idea that umpires stick to their bad decisions out of sheer bullheadedness. Those fans are almost invariably wrong. Every umpire time and again in the season understands in a flash after he has decided one way that he should have decided another, but if he reversed himself, thus encouraging kicks, protests and delays, he would lose his job in short order, writes an Eastern scribe.

Very few fans stop to consider why the rule against umpires reversing themselves on decisions of fact is almost as unalterable as the laws of the Medes and Persians, but the rule is absolutely necessary if any ball game is to be finished in less time than is required for one of those three-day cricket matches.

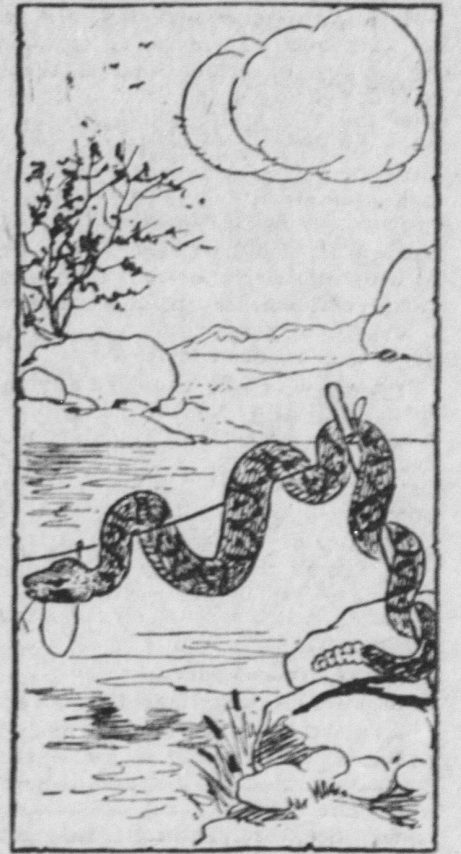
If umpires were to heed arguments, proofs and figures and reverse themselves, they would do nothing but hold court, and few ball games would go more than one inning, as enough disputed decisions would ordinarily arise in the first round to keep the ump engaged all the rest of the afternoon.

Long and painful experience has taught the powers that be in baseball that it is better to lay it down as a definite principle that an umpire shall stick by his decision, even when he realizes on second thought that he was wrong, than it is to encourage the players in the belief that if they talk long and loudly enough they can persuade him to reverse himself.

PERCH BAIT FOR BIG RATTLESNAKE

Texas Fishermen Bring in Queer Stories of Encounters With Reptiles.

Austin, Tex.—Stories of battles with rattlesnakes and stump-tail moccasins are brought to Austin by nearly every fishing party which has been on outings to the many fishing streams in the mountains west of Austin. But the most unusual tale is told by an aggregation of anglers who have just returned from a camp on the Pedernales river, 35 miles west of this city. In this party were several men who have been up against many rattle-



A Huge Rattlesnake Was Found on the Book.

snakes, but this is the first time that any of them made the discovery that a rattlesnake fed on fish.

According to the story a throw line baited with small perch had been put out into the river. One of the party, fishing with rod and reel, later had pulled the throw line party in to get it out of the way, and in doing this one hook, still baited with perch, was left hanging above the water. The next morning a huge rattlesnake was found on the exposed hook. It is stated that the snake was as large around as the arm of the average man. The snake was killed and the perch, which had attracted it to the hook, was found in the reptile's mouth.

The crop of snakes, especially the rattlesnake species, is larger this year than in years. This is attributed to the past mild winter. Moccasins swarm the smaller creeks and there are moccasins in the larger streams. The Colorado river has a good sized quota. While many of the snakes seen in the streams are the harmless water snakes, there is an abundance of the rusty and poisonous species of the moccasin.

"NO PLACE FOR HOMELY GIRL"

Wail of Girl Who Tries Suicide After Fiance Rejects Her for Prettier One.

Baltimore.—"Men only look for beauty; they don't care about the real homemaker any longer," Virginia Hicks, twenty, a patient at the Maryland General hospital, who tried to commit suicide by swallowing poison, explained that there was no place in the world for the homely girl.

"I don't want to get well," she continued, pushing back her short red hair. "Men don't care what you do for them—they are for the girl who spends everything on clothes and makes a big show. They don't care if a girl is good, self-respecting and a real homemaker; all they want is a big display of their money."

Refusing to give her lover's name, she admitted that they had both been very happy and expected to get married shortly, until one evening at a dance she met a prettier girl, and after that she didn't have a chance.

"Classical features and a conspicuous lack of freckles are essential features for happiness," Virginia declared, weeping.

Girl Holds Prisoner by Coat Tail.

Chicago.—Miss Gail McDermott, criminal court stenographer, is hailed as a heroine by her co-workers. As Frank Legregni, under death sentence for murdering his wife, attempted to jump from a window sill to liberty, Miss McDermott grabbed his coat tail and held on until police had beaten the prisoner into submission.

Calf-Hare-Pig-Fox-Dog Cried Just Like Baby

Paris.—An animal born on a farm at Grandchamps, near Paris, two weeks ago, died yesterday while being transported to Paris for exhibition at the Academy of Science. The creature had the body of a calf, the head of a rabbit, eyes like a pig, ears like a fox and hair like a St. Bernard dog. It weighed twelve pounds at birth and cried like a baby.

INTERESTING SPORT NOTES

West Point Military academy will add rowing to its sports.

Gene Delmont, Memphis lightweight, is going on the stage.

Negotiations for a football game next fall between Boston college and Centre college have been started.

That Spanish professor who says prize fighting is the most cruel of all sports never played a losing game of freezeout.

Norton, the South African lawn tennis star, is understood to be coming to this country in the near future to accept a position.

John F. Martin, an old Oberlin college football and track man, has been selected to coach the football team at Wesleyan this fall.

State Treasurer Read of New Jersey received from Tex Rickard a check for \$144,866.70 in payment of the state tax on the Dempsey-Carpentier fight.

J. E. Martin, who played halfback and tackle on the Oberlin college football team for three years, is to coach the team at Wesleyan university this fall.

Fred M. Brice, for ten years football coach at Manchester (N. H.) high school, has been engaged to serve for three years in that capacity at the University of Maine.

Charlie Paddock, world's champion sprinter, stays in bed for two solid days preceding any effort that he is to make either in a race against humans or a dash against time.

Charley White, the Chicago lightweight, may now box in 18 states, from which he was barred, as the National Boxing association has lifted the ban on him, which was placed following his contest with Satior Freedman in Milwaukee.

HUGGINS PULLED BIG BONER

Manager of Yankees Couldn't See "Lefty" O'Doul, Man of the Hour on Pacific Coast.

"Lefty" O'Doul is the man of the hour in the Pacific Coast league this summer.

The sidewheeling flinger who sat on the bench for an entire season for the



"Lefty" O'Doul.

New York Yankees during 1920 without a workout has come into his own as a member of the San Francisco club's pitching staff.

He had the same stuff when he was a Yankee. But Miller Huggins, mite manager of a team of sturdy athletes who lets them boss him, pulled a home-head play. He couldn't see the talented youngster.

Naturally Huggins sent him to Frisco with a string attached. O'Doul with his southpaw stuff has been one of the big factors in making the Seals an odds-on favorite to cop the coast gonfalon.

TAKE TIME TO CONSIDER



Coach Bezdek of Penn State thinks no football rule should be changed without having a year's consideration. Most football coaches are not so hot up over the kick for goal after touchdown as some critics of the country appear to be. As Bezdek says: "We can always develop somebody to kick the goals."

WISCONSIN TO PLAY OREGON

Alumni of Two Universities Trying to Arrange Christmas Football Game for 1921.

Alumni of Wisconsin and Oregon universities are trying to arrange a Badger-Oregon football game for Christmas day, 1921. The game is being boosted by O. Laurgard, city engineer of Portland, and his former classmate at Wisconsin, George R. Keachie. Both graduated in 1903.

BALL YOURS IN PITTSBURGH

Fans in Smoky City Have No Fear of Police When Fouls Are Hit Into Grand Stand.

Fans who attend games at the National ball park in Pittsburgh may keep balls knocked into the stand without fear of being molested by police, according to an order issued by Robert J. Alderdice, director of public safety. Director Alderdice made this ruling following threatened damage suits against police who placed three fans under arrest for refusing to throw balls back on the diamond.

Baseball Notes

William McKenly, semipro ball tosser, has been signed by the Cubs.

There is nothing left of the champion Giants of 1917 except Burns and Sallee.

Barney Dreyfus is one of the leading members of the Westmoreland Golf club.

The Meusel family in baseball is united in the same city if not on the same club.

Wonder if the Galveston "Sandcrabs" got their name through a tendency to go backwards.

Ike Kemp, former Boston college first baseman, is to be given a trial with the Cleveland team.

Another excellent name for a ball player is Diamond, who catches for the Denver team of the Midwest league.

Jeff Tesreau, former Giant pitcher, has signed a contract to coach the Dartmouth baseball team for the next three seasons.

Tom McGuire, center fielder for Martinsburg in the Blue Ridge league, has been sold to the Rochester International league team.

Des Moines has a new second baseman answering to the name of Yuna, which sounds more like a new soft drink than the name of a ball player.

Chet Thomas, catcher, recently released by the Cleveland American league team, has signed to manage the Hartford (Conn.) Eastern league team.

Ted Jourdan, Salt Lake City first baseman, Pacific Coast league, who has been on the shelf for a month with a bad case of charley horse, is in shape to pitch again.

Chicago-Boston double-header in the National league on July 13 gets special mention from the fact that a total of 148 plays were made in the two games without a boot or bobble.

Gene Packard, former National league pitcher, who has been pitching independent ball in Ohio, will spend the remainder of the season working for out-of-town clubs in Missouri and Kansas.

Folks often laugh heartily when you speak of "a pitcher who can hit," but kindly note the following: Shaw, 417; Wood, 366; Ruth, 355; Hodge, 346; Uhl, 308; Mays, 303; Martin, 341; Alexander, 321; Sallee, 312, and Ruether, 304.

A French baseball nine trimmed a United States navy team at the Bois de Boulogne recently by a score of 12 to 11. It is said that they displayed plenty of "pep," dash and daring on the bases. They hit well, but use a chop stroke, without swinging through. This is said to have been the first game ever played in France between French and American teams.