# PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Scranton.-Mexican laborers are invading the anthracite field in large numbers.

Smithfield. - After mink had slaughtered chickens promiscuously in this neighborhood, the animal was caught in a steel trap set by John Bare, Sr., of this place. In the coup in the rear of the Bare home the mink killed eleven chickens before it ran into the trap. The animal measured two feet from the end of its nose to the tip of its tail.

Freeland.-Thieves went to consid--rable trouble to break into the Adolph Zimmerman property here in the expectation of looting the wholesale liquor store of Charles Dusheck. They were badly fooled, as Dusheck vacated the place some time ago, a fact evidently unknown to the gang.

Bloomsburg.-What is believed to be the smallest coal mine in the United a capital of \$50,000. States is located in Columbia county, 12 miles from here. The mine is lo-Gulip Ritchie have opened a drift, and their spring wagon wrecked. the coal they take out is sold as it comes from the mine-huge lumps and by a fire caused by a gasoline explosmall pieces-with the buyer breaking it to the size he desires. Five men are may that one of his children had not employed by the two owners, making a force of seven in all. Most of the In rescuir; the child he was burned coal is sold to farmers in that vicinity, on both arms. The residence was tofor there are no shipping facilities, it being impossible to drive up the mountain to the drift.

New Castle.—Announcement was made by Manager W. T. Graham, of the Standard Steel Car company, that resumption of the local plant will be made in three weeks and that 400 men practically shut down the greater part

of the summer. Freeland.—The suggestion has been made to council and the school board | the mines. that resolutions be passed exonerating from taxation for ten years those who will build homes. This remedy to the housing problem has been offered by quite a few citizens who have made a study of local conditions and who taken poison about six weeks ago. think such a move would stimulate

building. Freeland .- Locals of the United Mine Workers at Freeland, Drifton, Jeddo, made an agreement to secure medical physicians have been charging a higher rate, and \$2 additional for night calls. Several years ago the medical societies of Freeland and Hazleton advanced flat monthly charges, which are now based by most of the doctors on the number of calls.

Harrisburg.—Almost 900 medical men of the state have been commis- Mr. Mackey rules that the removar sioned by the state department of health to begin medical inspection of the thousands of pupils in the fourthclass school districts. The expense will be paid by the state.

Uniontown,-Brought here from Pittsburgh in a high-powered motorcar, twenty-two cases of Jamaica ginger were seized by the local authorities just as they were unloaded into a wareroom in East Penn street, just in 20 per cent reduction in wages by the the rear of the Fayette county jail and the city police station. John Koury, the driver of the car, was placed under arrest by Constable Walter Brown, who had received a tip that the "jaky" had been shipped out of Pittsburgh. This is the first arrest in connection with the Jamaica ginger traffic for many months. It is understood that the coke region is being flooded with the liquor. A sweeping investigation is promised in the "jaky" traffic, it is said, with a number of arrests threatened.

Harrisburg.-The state department of health has approved State College sewer system improvements.

Scranton.-A flock of intoxicated geese startled people here, home brew mash dumped on the river bank being responsible. Lockport.-James M. Lewis, 70

years old, was held up while going for milk, but the robbers got nothing. Bloomsburg. - Despondent over a business deal, Harris Margolis, of St.

Louis, attempted suicide by poison but will recover. Bessemer, ten miles west of here, robbing nine men and escaping in an automobile with loot estimated at \$2000, according to reports reaching here. It is believed the men headed for Youngs.

town. The men who are alleged to have been negroes, were driven by a white chauffeur. The robberies were quickly staged and with such boldness that pursuit which was organized proved fruitless.

Dillersville.-Harry I. Gener, aged 12 years, applied a match to a railroad cap and as the result is in the hospital in a serious condition.

Sunbury.-When their motorcycle turned turtle on a steep hill at Fishers Ferry, near here, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shepley, of this place, were thrown out and rendered unconscious.

Brownsville,-Struck by a train near here, Tony Belovoce, 35, address unknown, was almost instantly killed.

New Kensington.-The plant of the American Sheet and Tin Plate com- city while under an anaesthetic during pany has resumed operations on full an operation for the removal of a

Harrisburg .- Figures showing that three-fourths of the farms in Pennsylvania are worked by their owners have been completed at the statistical bureau of the state department of agriculture. The farm property in the state, including buildings, machinery and livestock, is over \$1,725,000,000. The number of farms is given at 202,-

Pittsburgh.-A warning against the use of spring and well water was issued here by W. H. Davis, city health director, as a result of a large increase in the number of typhoid fever cases in Pittsburgh during the last two months. Sixty-nine cases have developed during July and August, the director said.

Selinsgrove.-The Herrold, Derr, Watts and Foltz families held reunions at Rolling Green Park, near here. Reading .- Jenkins Hill, 66, for six years supreme commander of Knights of the Golden Eagle of the United States, is dead here.

Altoona.-After 51 years in the serv. ce of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, G. W. Kinch, freight conductor of this place, went on the retired list. Harrisburg.-The first brewing company to be incorporated in many months was granted a charter here.

It is for a Minersville concern, with

Salem.—Five eggs out of eleven dozen survived the shock of a runaway cated on the top of the mountain at in which Mrs. Stephen Albert and her Mountain Grove, and does not boast little son, of Salem township, Columof a breaker. Charles Klingerman and bia county, were severely hurt and

Connellsville.-Forced from his home sion, Michael Grigiak found to his disbeen taken from the burning building. tally destroyed. A gasoline lamp exploded and scattered burning oil in all directions. Virtually nothing was sav. ed from the burning building.

Hazleton.-Thirty-five candidates appeared before the miners' certificate examining board here, the largest class of applicants in many months. Most will be given initial employment at of them passed the tests and were this time. The local plant has been given their papers. The good times enjoyed in the anthracite region has brought back many former residents who desire to again qualify to work in

Maryville.-Mrs. Mary Stidfole, 35 years old, of Newport, committed suicide by drowning herself in the Juniata river. It was her second attempt to end her life recently, she having

Harrisburg .- The child of an Austrian coal miner, born in Cambria county after the death of the father in an industrial accident, is an Ameri-Eckley and Sandy Run have started can citizen and as such entitled to the an innovation by employing a union benefits of compensation laws of Penndoctor as their physician. They have sylvania even though the child has been taken back to the native land of service for their families at \$1.50 per the father and mother, now Czechomonth. They claim that the other Slovakia, according to a decision handed down by Chairman Harry A. Makey, of the state compensation board. in Artinik vs. Cambria Steel company The case is interesting in view of the prices, which were made uniform and affirmation of certain principles of citidid away as much as possible with the zenship, the chairman referring to the decision of the United States courts that a son of Chinese parents born while they are residing here is an American citizen. In the case decided of the mother to her former home does not reduce the son to the status of a non-resident alien dependent.

> Greensburg.-In commemoration of the sixth centenary of the death of Dante a bronze tablet, the gift of Italians of Westmoreland county, will be unveiled at the Greensburg high school building, September 14.

> Connellsville.—Persistent rumors of a H. C. Frick Coke company are denied by compray officials. According to rumor, the new cut goes into effect on September 1. Frick's officials say that no new scale is being considered, and that, as far as they have been able to learn, Judge Gary's statement of a reduction does not apply to the H. C. Frick Coke company.

Uniontown.-Babe Ruth has a rival in Fayette county-Miss Anna Glazacik, of rairbanks, a coke town near Uniontown, who in a game between two teams of bloomer girls, knocked two home runs, one with the bases full. The latter slam came in the last inning. The "touch 'em all" blow which gav the Fairbanks team the victory was a vicious smash to middle field. The bases were untenanted when Miss Glazacik scored her other fourbase bang.

Wyalusing .- W. E. Shoemaker, of Laceyville, state fish warden, was shot and seriously wounded by Peter Walters, of Spring Hill, who secured possession of the gun carried by the warden when placed under arrest for vio-New Castle.-Two bandits raided lation of the state fish laws. The injured man's condition is considered serious. Shoemaker arrested Walters and Harry Pond, also of Spring Hill. The men submitted without a protest. Suddenly Walters grabbed the gun worn by Shoemaker from the holster, pointed it point blank at the warden and fired, the shot entering the neck and striking the spine. Both men then escaped. State police are seeking Wal-

ters and Pond. South Towanda.-Falling from an automobile, Mrs. William C. Swartwood, 55, of this place, was instantly killed, her neck having been broken.

Gettysburg.-Captain George N. Randolph, U. S. A., has been added to the teaching staff of the reserve officers' training corps of Gettysburg College. Milton.-The school board decided not to assess the \$5 school tax against

women citizens of that borough, Pittsburgh.-James S. Campbell, an attorney here, died in a hospital in this

#### MANAGER TRIS SPEAKER CLEVER AS SOUTHPAW ROPER OF STEERS



Speaker, the ball player, but they Cleveland, know little about Spoke, the cowboy. The tall Texan wields a mean ball

bat-also he throws a mean rope. All Texans do-that is, the real fellows who grew up in the longhorn cattle districts. Hubbard City, Spoke's home town, is a cattle town.

The natural dress down there consists of a pair of boots, chaps, bandana handkerchief, a colored shirt, a

tall hat and a lariat. Spoke owns a ranch near Hubbard and he has it well stocked with future pot roasts and porterhouse steaks, writes Dean Snyder in the Chicago

He used to work on a ranch before he got into baseball.

#### Works in Winter.

Each fall and winter he goes back to his rope and his saddle,

"I'm not the best roper in the world," says Spoke, "but it's a lot of "At the Fort Worth rodeo last fall

I roped and tied a couple of steers in thirty-four seconds each. "That's considered fair time unless

you are in the business all the time." Recently Spoke competed in a rop- Tris says.

ROPE-SKIPPER

sidered the greatest woman ten-

nis player, trains like a prize

She is a rope-skipper, like

Also her training rules are

similar to the ones the French-

man followed at Manhasset

farm, where he trained for Jack

Suzanne doesn't exercise until

Physical fitness is a gradual

She should last longer than four rounds when she meets our

GIANTS' ALL-STAR OUTFIELD

Manager McGraw Acquires All-College

Backfield by Acquisition of

Howard Berry.

The acquisition of Howard Berry of

Pennsylvania, the great all-around

athlete, gives McGraw's men an all-

Berry will be remembered as the

national all-around champion and com-

piler of records in versatility, second

only to those of Jim Thorpe, who was

Howard Berry.

a Giant outfielder, too. Berry also

was one of the leading football stars.

With Berry, Frisch, Young and Ryan,

the Giants have an all-collegiate foot-

ball backfield of considerable ability.

Frisch hails from Fordham, Young

from Texas and Ryan from Holy

Berry is trying for an outfield po-

college football backfield.

fighter in some respects.

Georges Carpentier.

Dempsey.

she feels tired.

growth, she says.

American stars.

Mile. Suzanne Lenglen, con-

Everybody knows a lot about Tris ing contest at a wild west show in

He didn't win any, prizes. But he tried. His time was a little over a minute for roping and tying a calf. Nets Big Hand.

The crowd gave him about 99 per cent of the cheering just the same, for Spoke is the popular idol since he won the pennant for Moses Cleveland.

Spoke does everything left-handed in baseball, and he is a southpaw roper.

He owns the gayest saddle, bridle and chaps that were ever made from leather. His boyhood friends from Hubbard City presented them to him last fall after he led the Indians to a pennant.

#### Plans for Future.

And as one of the cowpunchers remarked: "Spoke don't fit in up here in the city. He belongs down in the steer country."

But Spoke won't go back to cattle roping when he's through with base

He's got the bug for contracting work. Jim Dunn, contractor and owner of the Indians, plans to start Spoke off in this business.

"I'll never be a bench manager,"

## Diamond Squibs

The Saginaw club has released Red McKee, catcher-manager, to the Toledo Association club.

Pitcher Fred Hengeveld has quit the Little Rock club and probably is done with professional baseball. . . . Phil Morrison, younger brother of

John Morrison, is doing some very good work for Birmingham. Word from Oakland is that the

Brooklyn Nationals have made an of-

fer for Third Baseman Babe Pinelli. Rochester has sent Pitcher Earl Brown to Albany of the Eastern league for the remainder of the sea-

. . . The Detroit club has shipped Pitcher Lefty Stewart, the San Antonio re-

cruit, to New Haven of the Eastern

The San Antonio club has sold Pitcher Zeke Landry, formerly of Dallas, to Bloomington in the Three-I

. . . The Minneapolis club has recalled Catcher John Grabowski from the

Saskatoon club of the Western Canadian league. . . . Joe (Red) Bird, now with Shreveport in the Texas league, may, it is reported, soon join the Washington

team. He is a southpaw. Outfielder Speck Kennedy, who has been with Des Moines under option from the San Francisco club, has been shifted to the Joplin club.

The Mission league an independent organization in California, which furnished employment to a number of capable performers, has disbanded.

The veteran Tommy Sheehan has joined the Richmond team and will play second base, replacing Luke Stuart, sold to the St. Louis Browns.

The Joplin club has turned Outfielder Dennis Williams back to Cincinnati Reds and has given Pitcher Carlos Patrick Ragan his unconditional release.

The Chattanooga team, immediately upon Eddie McDonald taking hold as manager, began to win some ball games, one of its feats being to beat Little Rock three straight.

While Nashville fans were speculating on Eddle Bogart going back to the big show this fall because of his good work, the Nashville management up and trades him to New Orleans.

## TENNIS PLAYING IS **BIG HELP TO BOXER**

Many Fistic Stars Delight in Strenuous Sport.

Jack Dempsey Says Smart Player Can Get Much Advance Information by Watching Feet of Opponent as in Fighting.

Strange as it may seem, there is a close scientific relation between boxing and tennis. No doubt this is the reason why such fistic stars as Benny Leonard, Battling Levinsky, Freddie Welsh and Jack Dempsey have become more or less cracks of the chalked

Tennis is seldom a part of actual training for a bout, but many fighters turn to the strenuous game during the keeping-in-training period.

Dempsey explains where the connection and benefit comes in.

"In tennis playing." the heavy champ told me, "the smart player can get a heap of advance information on what his opponent is going to do by watching the opponent's feet.

"The same is true of boxing. "You have naturally got to be speedy on the courts. This trains your own footwork and builds up your arena pep.

"When a fighter is aiming to slip over the K. O. blow, he travels along, just waiting to pick the right opening. On the courts, the game is won



Jack Dempsey.

or lost by a player's ability to slip over a shot where it will countagain picking the opening. "The placing of a court shot is like

the placing of a ring blow. The one big difference is that in boxing you slip in the marker, where the battler is and in tennis you slip it in where the opposing player isn't." In the old days one was likely to see James J. Corbett or Jimmy Britt using his placing and stepping power

in a prize fight ring. Today, with these two battlers th the list of used-to-bes, they have mastered tennis to a spectacular degree. So it would seem that the old times, when the cry of "forty-love" from a tenuis court brought forth a mock in falsetto voice from passers-by, have passed out via the knockout route.

## INTERESTING SPORT NOTES

An automobile race can be won by

a dark horse, Berlin chess players want Dr. Emanuel Lasker, former champion, to

John H. Haseman, Jr., New York, has been elected president of the United States Amateur Class association.

meet Jose Capablanca again.

Carl Fisher became the Middle Atlantic States tennis champion by defeating Dr. P. B. Hawk in five sets at Philadelphia.

William T. Tilden, second, will return to Wimbledon, Eng., next June to defend his title as British singles tennis champion.

A. G. Hill, England's great miler, set the record in that country at 4 minutes 13 4-5 seconds, the fastest championship mile.

New college stadiums in course of construction include Michigan, Vanderbilt, California, Stanford and University of Kansas. Michigan's is being enlarged.

### MIDDLEMEN

According to the check-up on the fans who witnessed the "Fight of a Century" at Tex Rickard's bowl July 2, 80,000 fans paid \$1,650,000 to gain admittance.

But that was a small item as compared with the total of what those 80,000 paid. Railroads, hotels and food

houses went into the fans' pockets for an average of possibly \$100 to \$150 per.

That makes a layout of more than \$8,000,000. And they spent it all for just

10 minutes and 16 seconds of milling. But it was worth it-to a fight

bug.

# HELD AS SOUVENIR

State of Illinois Prizes Gavel Wielded by "Uncle Joe."

Historical Library the Proud Possessor of Relic of Famous Repub-

lican Convention of 1904.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon's long-lost gavel with which he controlled the celebrated Republican deadlock convention of 1904 has been found, and now reposes in the State Historical library, appropriately marked, the IIIIols State Journal says.

All these years it has been in the possession of Mrs. Charles M. Tinney and it was by her given to Mrs. Weber, librarian of that library.

This is the story of the gavel: When "Uncle Joe" was elected chairman of the convention he was without a gavel. There was none available. One was needed at once.

Mr. Tinney had been elected sergeant at arms of the convention and it was his duty to secure a gavel.

In the rear of the arsenal he found a gun wiper. It was of straight, tough walnut with a small knob on one end.

The handle was cut to the right length and with this instrument Mr.

Cannon maintained order. It was an odd-looking thing for such a purpose and, as the convention became more and more historical, collectors coveted it and many a plan was laid to grab it at the end of the ses-

Mr. Cannon himself was determined to keep it as a souvenir. James A. Rose, then secretary of state, was a collector of gavels, and he wanted it. The last night of the convention was rainy. Mr. and Mrs. Tinney carried an umbrella with them when they went to the arsenal, and it was given into

her keeping while Mr. Tinney performed his duties. When the last hour arrived and it was known the convention would soon adjourn sine die, Mr. Tinney sent for the umbrella, saying he was tired

and wished it to lean on. His duty required him to stand by the chairman's side and assist him in whatever was done.

Mr. Tinney carelessly held the umbrella next to the speaker's table. "Uncle Joe" lifted his arm with the gavel in his hand and brought it down with a whack as he declared the convention adjourned. He left the gavel on the table for a second. One end projected over the edge in such a manner that one little movement of Mr. Tinney's hand precipitated it into the

loose folds of the umbrella. A dozen hands had been extended toward the table to grab it, but it was not there. "Uncle Joe" looked around to nick it up and found it mis-The choice Cannonian profanity failed to uncover its hiding place.

Concealed in the umbrella the gavel traveled to the Tinney apartment and in Mrs. Tinney's possession it has remained ever since,

J. McCann Davis' book, "The Deadlock," contains a picture of the gavel, but it is not a photograph of the orig-

inal. The book was published as an after thought of the convention. A picture of the gavel was wanted, but it could not be found, so another gunwiper was cut and it appears in the book as the deadlock gavel.

Served and Saved. A reticent, backward youth twenty years old, dragged his penniless self into the Bowery branch of the New York city Y. M. C. A. late last winter. He was from a Connecticut town, jobless, friendless and almost clothesless The employment secretary helped the boy and he got a position within 24 hours of his arrival. He joined the "Make Good club" and became an active member in this group of Christian men who are constantly endeavoring to establish themselves in such a place in society as hard-working, right-thinking folks deserve. One night he was found in the lobby of the building in tears. His sister was ill and required money. He was helped to give the girl the care she needed. As quickly as possible he paid back his loan. Since then he has moved into the dormitory of another Y. M. C. A. branch and has joined the church Thus he makes room at the Bowery branch for another to be served and saved as he himself was. And so the endless chain of good deeds goes on in this bright spot in a darkened part of the metropolis.-Exchange.

#### American Old Style. Three visitors in shirt sleeves were

refused admission to the gallery of the house of representatives in Washington a week or so ago. While their companions, more formally habited entered freely, they stood in the corridor outside the door, lamenting the rule which denied them the pleasure of gazing upon the men from their home state seated among the mighty. making the laws of the land. One doorkeeper after another saw their plight, sympathized and then slipped off his uniform coat. The three visiters put them on joyfully and went in. It is sure they were well pleased with all they saw.

### Ingenious Coyote.

On a ranch in Saskatchewan a captive coyote retires into its kennel with a crust of bread, chews the crust into fine crumbs, and then spreads them around in front of the kennel. The fowls come to get the crumbs, and Mr. Coyote usually has a chicken for his