

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.

Freeland.—Thieves went to considerable trouble to break into the Adolph Zimmerman property here in the expectation of looting the wholesale liquor store of Charles Dusheck.

Bloomsburg.—What is believed to be the smallest coal mine in the United States is located in Columbia county, 12 miles from here.

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 will be given initial employment at this time.

Freeland.—The suggestion has been made to council and the school board that resolutions be passed exonerating from taxation for ten years those who will build homes.

Harrisburg.—The child of an Austrian coal miner, born in Cambria county after the death of the father in an industrial accident, is an American citizen and as such entitled to the benefits of compensation laws of Pennsylvania even though the child has been taken back to the native land of the father and mother, now Czechoslovakia, according to a decision handed down by Chairman Harry A. Mackey, of the state compensation board.

Harrisburg.—Almost 900 medical men of the state have been commissioned by the state department of health to begin medical inspection of the thousands of pupils in the fourth-class school districts.

Uniontown.—Brought here from Pittsburgh in a high-powered motor-car, twenty-two cases of Jamaica ginger were seized by the local authorities just as they were unloaded into a warehouse in East Penn street, just in the rear of the Fayette county jail and the city police station.

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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 Beloveco, 35, address unknown, was almost instantly killed.

New Kensington.—The plant of the American Sheet and Tin Plate company has resumed operations, on full time.

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 202,252.

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 service 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 a capital of \$50,000.

Salem.—Five eggs out of eleven dozen survived the shock of a runaway in which Mrs. Stephen Albert and her little son, of Salem township, Columbia county, were severely hurt and their spring wagon wrecked.

Connellsville.—Forced from his home by a fire caused by a gasoline explosion, Michael Griglak found to his dismay that one of his children had not been taken from the burning building.

Hazleton.—Thirty-five candidates appeared before the miners' certificate examining board here, the largest class of applicants in many months.

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 taken poison about six weeks ago.

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Connellsville.—Persistent rumors of a 20 per cent reduction in wages by the H. C. Frick Coke company are denied by company officials.

Uniontown.—Babe Ruth has a rival in Fayette county—Miss Anna Glazack, of Fairbanks, a coke town near Uniontown, who in a game between two teams of bloomer girls, knocked two home runs, one with the bases full.

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MANAGER TRIS SPEAKER CLEVER AS SOUTHPAW ROPER OF STEERS



Everybody knows a lot about Tris Speaker, the ball player, but they 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.

ing contest at a wild west show in Cleveland. He didn't win any prizes. But he tried. His time was a little over a minute for roping and tying a calf. He's got the bug for contracting work. Jim Dunn, contractor and owner of the Indians, plans to start Spoke off in this business.

ROPE-SKIPPER

Mile. Suzanne Lenglen, considered the greatest woman tennis player, trains like a prize fighter in some respects. She is a rope-skipper, like Georges Carpentier.

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-college football backfield.



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 football backfield of considerable ability.

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.

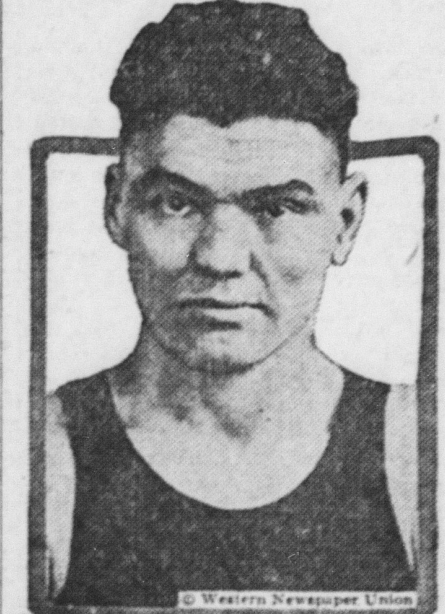
Strange as it may seem, there is a close scientific relation between boxing and tennis. No doubt this is the reason why such fistic stars as Benny Leonard, Battling Levinsky, Freddie Welsh and Jack Dempsey have become more or less cracks of the chalked courts.

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 count—again picking the opening.

"The placing of a court shot is like boxing you slip in the marker where the batter 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 in 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 tennis court brought forth a mock in faissetto 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 meet Jose Capablanca again.

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

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 13.45 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 Republican 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 Illinois 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. Webber, 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 session.

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 pick it up and found it missing.

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. McCallan Davis' book, "The Deadlock," contains a picture of the gavel, but it is not a photograph of the original.

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 penitence 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 visitors 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 meal.