

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Lancaster.—The old Hoffman House, for half a century a saloon and prior to that a tavern, was formally dedicated as the new home of the Water Street Mission. It was purchased for \$24,000 and remodeled, largely by public subscription. It will house seventy unfortunes until they are able to find employment.

Uniontown.—Local police are looking for a man who wears a No. 10 shoe and who is believed to have broken into the clothing store of Louis Brenner and completely fitted himself out with new clothing. All big footed men are under close scrutiny.

Mahanoy City.—Fire caused by sparks from a blacksmith's forge destroyed the blacksmith, carpenter and machine shops of the Central Lehigh Valley colliery, together with mechanical equipment, entailing a loss of \$25,000.

Harrisburg.—Complaint that the Coalport Light, Heat and Power company shut off electric service because he refused to permit the company's men to trim trees in front of his home was fled with the public service commission by John K. Gorman, of Coalport. The service was cut off November 24, and he asks that it be restored. The commission has called upon the company for an answer.

Harrisburg.—Members of the state industrial board have been asked to decree that all red exit lights be ordered changed to green, and the matter has been referred to a special committee, headed by James C. Cronin, for a report at the December meeting. For years red lights have been required to designate fire-escapes, exits and places for leaving public places, and the suggestion now being made is that the red light arouses feelings of alarm, while the green light is now generally accepted as a safety color in industry. Another argument submitted to the board is that red is a danger signal and has been fixed in the public mind as such.

Philadelphia.—Tablets alleged to be concentrated Rhine and Muscatel wines were discovered in the parcel post divisions of the customs service. They come from Germany, and are of the color of the wine they represent and are said to have quite a decisive "kick." The boxes each contain a couple of dozen tablets which are about the size of a small peanut and, according to the directions, dissolve readily in water and grape juice and become "real wine." It has been learned that some time ago letters describing the "concentrated wines" were sent to this country by a well-known German chemical manufacturing concern. There was quite a heavy response, and the tablets have been sent to many thirsty Americans who sent the purchase price with their orders. It is these cash orders that are being filled by parcel post, presumably for Christmas. They will not be delivered, however, but will be destroyed or returned to the sender.

Pittsburgh.—The Monongahela, Allegheny and Ohio rivers continued to recede from the flood stage here and large forces of laborers were put to work clearing up the North Side streets, which were flooded. Reports from many sources indicate that the damage done in western Pennsylvania, including the losses sustained by railroad and traction lines, reached fully \$500,000.

Greenville.—Peter Bush, a Bessemer and Lake Erie railroad track-walker, was shot to death and robbed by highwaymen near here. The body then was thrown on a track, where it was found. Mercer county authorities and state policemen are searching the vicinity for two unidentified negroes who were seen leaving the place a short time before the crime was discovered.

Pittsburgh.—Three armed men, posing as prohibition officers, entered the home of Henry Germann, a wholesale liquor dealer, and, when Miss Minnie Germann tried to prevent them from searching the house, they attacked her, inflicting wounds on her head with the butts of their pistols. Miss Germann screamed, neighbors responded and the men escaped.

Harrisburg.—Receipts of the state treasury ran nearly \$9,000,000 ahead of the aggregate for the last fiscal year in the official twelve-month closing November 3, the total being \$82,724,685.53. Last year it was \$73,571,293.97. In these figures are included proceeds of bond issues, automobile and other licenses devoted to specific purposes and the general fund. The income of the latter fund, from which the state pays school and charitable appropriations and general expenses, was \$47,575,288.49, which is more than \$2,000,000 more than received by the state for the same fund last year.

Shenandoah.—Anna Navitsky, 4 years old, fell into a tub of water here and was fatally scalded.

Thieves broke into an express car standing near the Reading railway depot at Reading, and got away with \$5000 worth of wearing apparel.

Bruce Knecht and William Smith, of Berwick, escaped with bruises when the truck they were driving plunged over a 90-foot embankment and was completely wrecked.

An exploding oil stove set fire to the home of Mrs. Nora Gries, at Bloomsburg, causing a loss of \$500.

Lewistown.—The congregation of Trinity Reformed church here burned the final note of \$350 against their edifice.

Iron Bridge.—Levi M. Rearch was perhaps fatally injured in a collision between a team and an automobile here.

Uniontown.—Hunters attempting to smoke out a squirrel in a dead tree started a forest fire near Jumonville, six miles from here.

Pittsburgh.—The Japanese Industrial commission, on a tour of the United States, visited Pittsburgh and inspected a number of big steel and electric plants in this district. The commission also visited a window-glass plant and were entertained at luncheon by the Pittsburgh chamber of commerce.

Hazleton.—The official call for the tri-district convention of the United Mine Workers of America to be held in Shamokin beginning January 17, at 10 A. M., was issued here. The object of the convention will be to adopt a wage scale and working conditions to take the place of the present agreement with the operators, which expires March 31 next. It is expected that about 800 delegates will attend the convention. After the adoption of a wage scale it must be submitted to the reconvened international convention at Indianapolis, February 14, for approval, and then negotiations will be started with the operators.

Harrisburg.—Reappointments of Dr. Joseph R. Rothrock, West Chester, and Edward Bailey, Harrisburg banker, as members of the state forest commission were announced from the governor's office. Dr. Rothrock, who is known as the "father of Pennsylvania forestry," was the first state commissioner of forestry and created the system of forest reserves. He has been identified with the forestry service since 1895, serving nine years as commissioner, and since that time as a member of the commission. Bailey has been a member of the commission for years.

Sunbury.—The kindness and sympathy of Martha E. Davis, a Mt. Carmel nurse, won for her a bequest of \$1000 from Clara M. Marks, of that place, whose will was admitted to probate in the office of John L. Carr, clerk of the orphans' court for Northumberland county.

Pittsburgh.—The Jones & Laughlin Steel company, of Pittsburgh, has acquired a large block of coal land, approximately 14,000 acres, in Greene county, Pa., it was announced. The purchase, which was made through one of the Jones & Laughlin coal subsidiaries, was from the Piedmont Coal company, and was said to involve several million dollars. Lying along Dunkard Creek, the coal is readily accessible from the Monongahela river for transport to the company's coke ovens and mills in Pittsburgh and Woodlawn. The nearest town is Point Marion, on the opposite side of the river. The coal, it was added, would not be opened at present, but would be held in reserve for the future requirements of the steel company.

Tork.—Plans for a co-operative store for York, suggested by prominent manufacturers recently to force retail merchandise prices to a lower level probably will be abandoned. Mayor Hugentugler states. The mayor who was commissioned to conduct a price investigation to determine the advisability of such a store, stated that he had found York prices for practically all products excepting coal, ice, bread and meat to compare favorably with those of Philadelphia, Baltimore, Lancaster, Harrisburg, Allentown and Reading. It is probable, Mayor Hugentugler stated, that several manufacturers will buy coal, ice and meat, to be sold to their employees at cost, and that they will establish a bakery for the same purpose.

York.—A 4000-mile race against death was lost at its very start by a 15-year-old daughter of Mrs. Josephine Guernari, of this city. Mrs. Guernari died. When other members of the family realized the seriousness of her condition, several days ago, they cabled the daughter in Italy to come to the bedside. Word was received of the daughter sailing from an Italian port.

Altoona.—Seven applications for postmaster here have been filed at Washington, D. C. The applicants, including Josiah D. Hicks, lawyer, former representative and civil war veteran; J. E. Elvin Brumbaugh, assistant postmaster; Charles W. Hiney, Sr., and Elmer E. Hutchinson, traveling salesman; A. Russell Aukerman and David G. McCullough, Jr., postal service men, and William Matt Esper, electric railway storekeeper.

Harrisburg.—Three million seedling trees will be available for distribution to private land owners throughout Pennsylvania next year, and 100,000 will be sent to the city of Philadelphia for Fairmount Park, while thousands more will go about fifty boroughs throughout the state which have asked state aid in reforestation. The state will send trees to Philadelphia annually. The trees are now being raised in the state's nurseries and include white pine, Scotch pine, Norway spruce, Japanese march, black walnut, hard maple, black and honey locust. Plans are being made for what it is hoped to make one of the most extensive reforestation programs ever attempted.

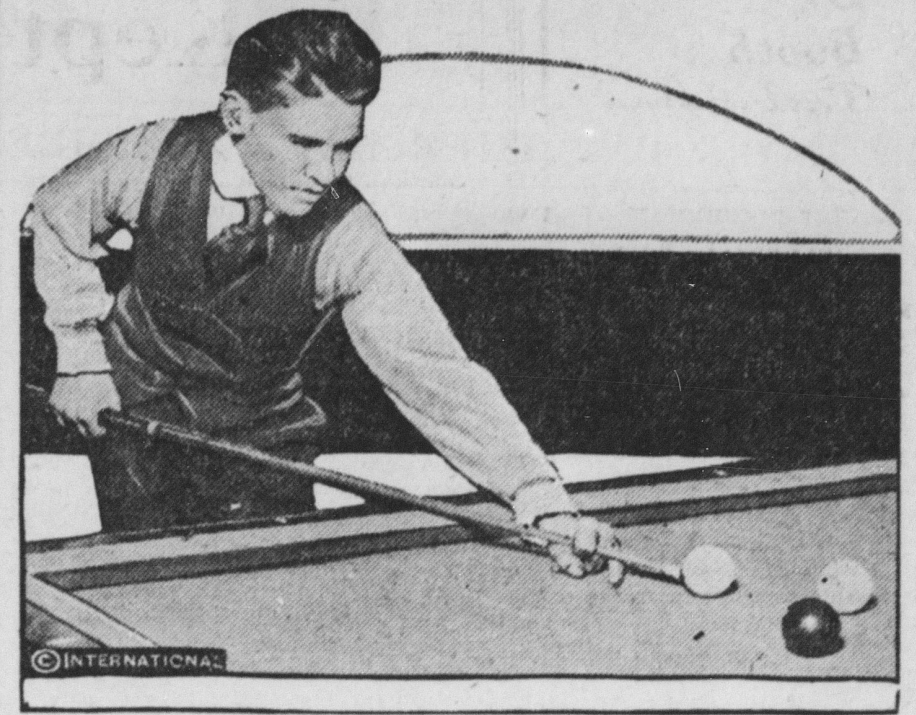
West Hazleton.—Bankers here formed a clearing association to facilitate handling of clerks and elected M. G. Shenan president.

Scranton.—Michael J. Neale, a veteran railroad man, died on his train before medical aid could reach him.

Hamburg.—City council repudiated the new triennial assessment increasing the valuation of property in the city by about \$15,000,000.

Connellsville.—In an effort to open a torpedo found along the railroad tracks, Joe Karaf, aged 13, of this place, lost his right hand in the explosion which resulted.

BRAINS DID NOT HINDER WELKER COCHRAN, YOUNG BILLIARD STAR



Welker Cochran, Phenomenal Billiard Player.

An interesting anecdote comes to light in the early career of Welker Cochran, the phenomenal young billiard player, who is now regarded by the discriminating dopesters in the billiard world as sooner or later to wear the crown of the great Hoppe, at least a portion of the time.

Young Tyro Had Brains. When a freckle-faced boy of fourteen, Welker migrated to Chicago from the little town of Manson, Ia., and was taking his first primary instruction from the late Professor Lansing Perkins, William P. Mussey, then regarded as one of the most astute judges of the game and its followers in the Windy City, was not only enthusiastic over the promised development and natural aptitude of the boy as a billiardist, but was also much impressed with the exceptional mental qualifications of the young tyro.

Asked by the president of one of the largest manufacturers of billiard equipment if young Cochran "had any brains," Mussey replied in the affirmative in unquestioned terms. "I'm sorry," quickly replied his questioner, "as it will stand in the way of his ever becoming a great billiard player."

Cochran's phenomenal rise from that period, from fourteen years to his present age of twenty-five, demonstrates one of two things—either the manufacturer was mistaken or veteran Mussey had misjudged the boy.

Power of Perception. Intimates of Cochran, who have studied his progress from year to year, while the youthful freckles have faded and his billiard stroke has become so comparatively unerring, can testify that even in his very youthful period of instruction, he manifested powers of perception and analysis of the work of the older masters of the game, which seemed almost uncanny for one of his years.

SHAKEUP OF PIRATES.

A violent shakedown of the Pirates is planned and when next season rolls around familiar faces will be missing. The debacle of 1921 is the cause. After leading the National league race the greater part of the season, the team faltered in the stretch and the Giants romped home winners.

INTERESTING SPORT NOTES

The first ring fight in America was between Jacob Hyer and Tom Beasley in 1816.

Barnstorming in baseball often leads to brain storming and neither gets anywhere.

Exhibition baseball games played by Texas leaguers in Mexico proved a financial frost.

Charley Graham's plans are to rebuild the San Francisco team generally for next year.

Gloucester fishermen already plan to build a new schooner for the international races next year.

John McGraw is said to be angling for a part ownership in the San Antonio, Texas, league club.

One of the latest rumors floating about is that Barney Dreyfuss is after Heinie Groh for the Pirates.

Baseball is threatened with another severe blow. There is a shortage of 3,000,000 bushels in the peanut crop.

Rumor has it that George M. Cohan, former Broadway producer, will buy the Brooklyn National League Baseball club.

The golfer who complains that some one is driving into him might give himself the once over and see if he is slowing up the procession.

The Boston Red Sox have drafted Thomas J. ("Zip") Sloan of Pittsburgh, pitcher last season for the Hartford club of the Eastern league.

The appointment of Clarence Wannamaker, coach of the Dartmouth hockey team last year, as the Yale varsity coach for the season is reported.

LIVELY BALL IS DANGEROUS

Manager Otto Knabe of Kansas City Team Claims Pitching and Fielding Are Upst.

That the 1921 ball is too lively for the game, is the opinion of Otto Knabe, former major league star and manager of the Kansas City Blues. He claims that it is not only upsetting the good pitching but is changing the style of fielding of all the best infielders.

"After two or three players have been killed by these lightning fast balls, probably they will change back again," Knabe said. "It is claimed there has been no change in the manufacture of balls except that the yarn is of a better grade and that the covers are stretched tighter and are smoothed. We all know the ball is faster, so fast that it is dangerous to every one on the infield.

"Many of the star pitchers have had their best efforts upset and it is a noticeable fact that infielders have changed their style of fielding by attempting to field the fast balls from the side instead of getting in front of them. They cannot be censured because the play is dangerous. A bad



Manager Otto Knabe.

hop may finish an infielder at any time. What baseball needs is a return to the sensible ball, where good pitching and good fielding show to better advantage than the trust-to-luck methods that are now used. Just think of nine home runs being made in a single game."

SOCCER POPULAR IN ENGLAND

Aldershot Field Is Being Equipped With Grandstand and Cinder Running Path.

Soccer football is popular among British army troops. Each large station has a central ground. The Aldershot field is being equipped with a grandstand and cinder running path. Eighty teams have entered for the Army cup games, which are played with France and Belgium each season.

Drawbacks of Amateur.

Being an amateur champion is expensive. The public little realizes the sacrifices a man must make.

Take tennis, for example. Bill Tilden, the champ, is on the go all year round, either in matches or in training. Summers in the east, winters in California or on eastern indoor courts.

Which explains Bill's announced intention of quitting. He's getting along in years and wants to settle down to business.

Business and amateur championships don't mix.

GOT HIS FIRST GOLF CLUB FOR CHRISTMAS

Famous Amateur Player Tells of Youthful Experiences.

Chick Evans When Eight Years Old Received His First Introduction to Ancient Game—His First Choice Was Clesk.

"It was on Christmas day, 1898, that I received my first golf club," said Chick Evans recently. "It was a clesk—a gift from my father—and I was not at all surprised to receive it. He had asked me jokingly what I would



Chick Evans.

like to have. I am sure that he knew without being told, but he wanted to hear from me. Without hesitation I said, 'a golf club.' He then asked me what kind, and I told him that I would think about it. That meant that I would seek expert advice. It was an important question, for if a fellow has only one club it is destined to various uses and must be chosen because of its adaptability. Therefore I asked all of the big boys who played golf and as many of the men golfers who seemed approachable as to the best club for a small boy who could have but one. They all agreed that the best single club a golfer could have was a clesk, and clesk it was. I wonder if the same group of individuals would be so unanimous in the choice now.

"I was then eight years old, and the previous autumn I had received my first introduction to golf. The family had moved out to Rogers Park, and shortly afterwards, in the order in which I mention them, I had seen my first golf ball, my first golf course, and my first golf club, and it was not many weeks more before I had got through my first round of caddyng. I had been mightily charmed by this first glimpse of a new sport.

"Before I received my club I had already obtained a few golf balls. My nearest approach to a golf stroke, however, was an attempt to push the ball into a hole with a stick broken from any handy tree. This makeshift was ended by the gift of the club.

"I spent that Christmas day practicing in the house, in the frozen garden, in the street. I nearly wrecked the place, and I suppose I was a peril to life and limb in the street, but it was a blissful day and lives in the clearest memory. It foretold a wonderful year."

GREASE ON SEATS OF PANTS

Difference Between College Rowing of Today and Years Ago Told by Philadelphian.

"We wore long, white canvas pants and we smeared thick grease on the seat of them." Effingham B. Morris, president of the Girard Trust company of Philadelphia, was speaking in connection with the opening of the University of Pennsylvania's new boathouse along "Boathouse Row."

He told of the difference between college rowing these days and years ago.

"There were no sliding seats in those days," said Mr. Morris, "so we did the best we could. We greased the seats of the boat, besides the seats of our pants. Hip pockets made convenient grease cups."

"We were a sight as compared to your modern crews. Besides the white pants, we wore blue shirts and straw hats. On the hats were long streamers, which floated prettily in the breeze when we got up speed."



BEAUTY REIGNS.

"There was a stir in court when the fair defendant got on the witness stand."

"I suppose the gentlemen of the jury alkicked down their hair and fumbled with their neckties?"

"Not only that, but one ballif whispered to another ballif that if he had known such a queen was to be about the premises he would have had his trousers pressed for the first time in seven years at the imminent risk of making his wife suspect he was leading a double life."

Non-Essential Problem. "There are always some new problems to solve."

"I'm sticking to the old ones," declared Senator Sorghum. "A man who gets into the habit of working on problems for the fun of it might as well give up statesmanship and subscribe to the chess and checker magazines."

Quite Otherwise. He thought he'd surely made a hit. When for his photograph she prayed—"Out when this calls," she wrote on it. And gave it to her maid.

Duly Warned. "Really, I consider you highly presumptuous in putting your arm about my waist!"

"But you don't mind, honestly, now do you?"

"I certainly do, and I'll call papa if you do not remove it in just one hour!"

Mistake in Terms. "Going to the party, Jack?"

"No, I haven't any lady."

"Come with me, I've got an extra."

"Who is she?"

"Miss Oldbud."

"She's not an extra, she's an early edition."

Shifting Attention. "You never mention some of those old theories of yours which once agitated the public. Have you changed your mind?"

"No," said Senator Sorghum. "A wise politician never admits that he has changed his mind. He simply changes the subject."

The Contrary Sex. Parson Johnson—So dis little chile am a gal. Does yo' udder little one belong to de contrary sex?

Rastus—Yes, pahson, dat's a gal, too.

A Mean Slam. "My face is my fortune," smirked the girl.

"Well, it might make money for you in the comic films at that."

A GOOD BARGAIN PROSECUTOR. Each juror should put himself in the place of this woman's husband. If the prisoner had beaten your wife or yours, what would you give him?

Juror Henry N. Peck—If he did a good job I'd give him a dollar.

Dictatorial. He married Miss Amanda. Alas, the poor man's life! Amanda she turned out to be A mandatory wife.

Shock of His Life. Sultor—Mr. Perkins, I have courted your daughter for fifteen years.

Perkins—Well, what do you want?

Sultor—To marry her.

Perkins—Well, I'll be hanged, I thought you wanted a pension or something.

Basis of Success. Reporter—And what is your recipe sir, for running a successful business?

Head of Business Concern—Running a successful business is a matter of having many friends; our enemies trade with our competitors.

Safe Way. "I wish I could manage my wife. How do you go about it, Brown?"

"All you need is firmness. I usually go into the parlor, lock the door and manage her through the keyhole."