

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Harrisburg.—Firemen from seven counties met here and organized the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania. Howard O. Holstein, president of the State Firemen's Association, was one of the organizers. The counties in the new association are Adams, Berks, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon and York. A meeting to further perfect the organization, at which Franklin county may send representatives, will be held January 19.

Sunbury.—Both retiring judges of the Northumberland county courts were quickly taken care of by their political friends. Former Judge Frederick B. Moser, of Shamokin, was elected solicitor for the Coal Township commissioners at \$2500 a year and former Judge Cummings, of Sunbury, was made solicitor for the new Sunbury city council at the same salary of \$2500 a year.

Harrisburg.—From 9 to 5 will be the office hours at the capitol, except on Saturdays, when they will be from 9 to 12, if a recommendation framed by the state reorganization commission receives executive sanction. The question of hours has been under consideration by members of the commission and it was considered wise to recommend uniform office hours and the abolition of the Saturday holiday.

Pittsburgh.—John Palownich, a merchant of McKees Rocks, was awakened by a burglar, who ordered him to throw up his hands. Instead, Palownich reached under his pillow for his pistol and opened fire. The man replied and Palownich was shot three times. Bloodstains on the sill of the window through which the burglar escaped convinced the police that he, too, had been hit. Palownich was taken to a hospital, seriously wounded.

Harrisburg.—Commissioner of Welfare Baldy has completed the organization of the surveys of the charities of the state and expects about 1000 of them to be listed. The survey will include not only hospitals, but penal and charitable institutions of every kind.

Newport.—After more than 46 years as cashier of the Newport First National Bank and its predecessor, P. K. Brandt retired and was succeeded by Gilbert H. Frank, for more than a score of years assistant cashier.

Midtintown.—Elmer Gluck was instantly killed when crushed between heavy automobile truck. He was helping to put chains on a truck belonging to his brother when another truck crashed into it.

Connellsville.—Four times within a year has Mrs. Letitia Franks, aged 86, suffered from broken bones. She first fell and fractured her left arm and three months later broke her right arm. A short time ago she fell on an icy sidewalk near her home and fractured her left hip and left arm. Her condition is regarded as serious.

Pittsburgh.—Hypodermic syringes, needles and drugs to the value of approximately \$1000, were confiscated by the police in the most important raid on drug addicts the city has known in months. Twelve persons, alleged to be drug peddlers, were arrested, and each was fined \$50 with the option of serving 90 days in the workhouse. They are alleged by the police to have come here recently from Detroit and Cleveland.

Harrisburg.—The 24 stone piers built by the Vanderbilts in the early eighties as part of the scheme of the old South Penn railroad to parallel the Pennsylvania between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh are to be removed from the Susquehanna river. The piers are the only evidence left in this locality of the millions spent on the proposed railroad, which never materialized.

Harrisburg.—Arrangements for enforcement of the new state dog license law will be completed by Secretary of Agriculture Rasmussen this week. The state will be divided into 10 or 12 districts, each in charge of one of the field men, who will direct prosecutions and investigate claims for killing of livestock or poultry by dogs.

Harrisburg.—Owing to heavy demands for automobile licenses the offices of the state automobile division was opened for the shipment and sale of automobile tags. Thousands of applications for licenses and drivers' badges were received in the mail. According to word coming here, police authorities in cities and boroughs are arresting drivers of cars displaying 1921 licenses. Registrar Ben G. Eynon said he figured there were about 105,000 cars in Pennsylvania which had not been licensed. Considering the increase in cars in the last year, these figures were about what was expected. Licenses will be issued at the rate of about 15,000 a day, it is estimated.

Berwick.—An order for twenty-five all-steel passenger cars for the Hudson & Manhattan railroad was announced by the American Car and Foundry company here.

Royal.—Going through the important battles of the world war without serious injury, Thomas Jones of this place, was instantly killed in the mines by a fall of slate.

Mount Carmel.—While washing a dress of her 3-year-old daughter, Margaret, Mrs. William Noble ran a needle into the palm of her left hand. It is now traveling up the arm. It will require a X-ray to locate it.

Pottsville.—Women will constitute one-third of the jurors in Schuylkill county, it was decided. Of the 2500 names placed in the wheel by Jury Commissioners Manley and Bausum, only two-thirds were those of men. In the present year only one-tenth of the jurors were women. They have proved very satisfactory and the discretion of the commissioners has been used to increase their number.

Harrisburg.—Not far from 3,000,000 young trees were distributed by the department of forestry last year, the distribution being the second largest of any year in the history of the department, the total being 2,962,050 young trees, distributed to 1001 owners of land. The chief varieties given away were white pine, Norway spruce, Scotch pine, Japanese larch, sugar maple, black locust and white ash. In 1922 more than 3,500,000 trees will be distributed. It is expected.

Mount Carmel.—Alex Gorski, of Ranshaw, was killed and John Cotuski, of Kulpmont, may die, as the result of being caught in an explosion of gas at the Greenough Colliery. They were leaving their breast when one lighted a cigarette and fired the gas, which blew them 60 feet. Gorski died in the hospital.

Monessen.—Frederick Madison, a business man of this city, is nursing a badly cut and bruised face and a hand in which two bones are broken, as the result of being bowled over by a powerful pig which Madison, with a friend, tried to butcher. Madison's friend is an experienced butcher, and to him was given the knife to end the porker's life, while Madison was to hold the pig. The pig finally was rounded up and Madison took hold of it with both hands. He was having a hard time holding the victim, when the butcher decided to stun the animal with a blow on the head with a heavy hammer. As he landed the blow the pig struck out with both hind feet, landing full on Madison's face and right hand. Madison went down, and thence to a physician. It was necessary to shoot the pig.

Harrisburg.—More than 30,000 acres were added to the hunting lands of the state by the state game commission during the year just closed, Seth E. Gordon, secretary of the commission, announced. The additional hunting lands taken over by the state were in five different tracts and two more tracts now ready to take over will add 20,000 more acres. To complete surveys and make sure of titles to the land consumed much time and labor on the part of officials and employees of the state game commission. The game commission has direct control over 75,000 acres, embraced in game refuges, in which hunting is not allowed, and 90,000 other acres of land outside the refuges prior to taking over the additional land. The rest of the hunting lands comprises more than 1,100,000 acres owned by the state forestry department, except for that used by the twenty refuges on state forest lands and the private lands thrown open to hunters.

Jeanesville.—The Lehigh Valley Coal company will build thawing sheds at the Jeanesville colliery, so that trains laden with anthracite mined at Onelida and other openings can be run into the buildings where steam coils will melt the ice and snow which in winter often turns the product into a solid mass. With the mineral thawed out every morning, it can be run through the Jeanesville breaker and prepared for market as rapidly as in summer.

Beaver Falls.—Miss Lois Myers, 15, of Patterson Heights, and Robert Seiple, 19, of New Brighton, a Yale College freshman, were killed, and Miss Kathryn Blackmore, 20, of Butler, lies probably fatally injured in the Rochester Hospital, and Frank Briery, 16, of Beaver Falls, is suffering from minor injuries at his home, as the result of an automobile accident on the Junction Park road, New Brighton. A front wheel gave way as the car speeded along, causing it to skid against the curb, and overturned, falling down a seventy-five-foot slope. Miss Myers was instantly killed and Seiple, the driver, died shortly after reaching the hospital.

Pittsburgh.—Prosecution of 131 persons charged with violation of the wartime prohibition regulations and the national prohibition act was abandoned in the federal district court. The announcement was made by Judges Thompson and Orr after District Attorney Lyon had filed a statement with the court and presented a motion for discontinuance in each case. He said that before the drastic measures of the dry laws were understood by the public generally and by the officers upon whom rested the duty of their enforcement, any violations occurred through ignorance, although some were intentional. As a result, the court's trial list was clogged with cases, about 200 still pending.

York.—York county commissioners started the New Year by reducing the wages of janitors and engineers employed at the court house and jail.

Farewell.—Robbers pried open a fortune safe in the offices of the J. B. Roux company here, and obtained \$700 in cash and \$1000 in checks.

Reading.—Berks county commissioner will insist that women pay their taxes, and has notified collectors to proceed by law.

Harrisburg.—The compensation board will hold its first hearing in 1922 in Pottsville, January 5.

Harrisburg.—Respitees were issued staying electrocutions of John Mason, Allegheny, and Walter A. Lewis, Delaware, until the week of January 23.

Sunbury.—Fifteen cases of chicken pox are quarantined in the juvenile department of the Central Pennsylvania Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home, near here.

M'GRAW BOASTS OF HIS INFIELD



John J. McGraw, manager of the New York Giants, expressed the belief that Heinle Groh, his \$100,000 infield acquisition, would make the team's infield the greatest he has ever managed. "Groh will give the team a terrific punch," he declared. "He is a hard, timely and smart hitter and he knows my system and will fit nicely into the machine."

"I will place him on third, of course, for Heinle has no superior anywhere as a third sacker. Frisch will be moved to second, where he belongs and would rather play. He'll be the same shining light, too. With Kelly on first and Bancroft at short—well, wait and see."

CALL WILCE HUMAN ENIGMA

No Football Player Ever Became Intimately Acquainted With Ohio State Coach.

Jack Wilce, Ohio State football coach, is a human enigma. No player ever has become intimately acquainted with Wilce who lacks the



Coach Jack Wilce.

bluff heartiness of Yost, Stagg or Williams. On the football field everything is business with Wilce. He is as humane as any coach living, but finds that a far flung reserve line enables him to get better work out of his men. Wilce also is one of the mildest speaking coaches in the business. He never uses profanity himself and will not tolerate it from any of his players. It is said of Wilce that he never told Chick Harley he was even a fair player until the great Buckeye halfback had turned in his uniform for the last time. But he gets results.

BIG PITCHERS POOR FIELDERS

Few Hurlers Over Six Feet Are Worth While, According to Clark Griffith of Senators.

Clark Griffith says that few pitchers who measure better than six feet are worth while. When they come around 6 feet 6 inches, they seldom turn out to be great pitchers. Their height makes it difficult for them to field, and makes them suckers for bunts. According to Griffith, Addie Joss is the only pitcher who went well over 6 feet who could field.

CHICAGO TO MEET JAPANESE

Athletic Director Alonzo Stagg Considering Invitation to Visit the Far East.

An invitation from Japan to Alonzo A. Stagg, director of athletics at the University of Chicago, inviting him to bring a track team to Japan next summer to meet a team of the best Japanese performers, is being considered by him.

Chinaman Wins His Letter

The awarding of the letter "C" to C. C. Kwong marks the first time in the history of Cornell athletics that this distinction has been conferred on a Chinese student. He is a soccer player and high jumper.

Knot-Hole Gang Has 62,000 at Ball Games

The Knot-Hole gang, which was developed five years ago as a child welfare movement by the St. Louis Cardinals, had 62,000 members in attendance at games of the Cardinals last season, Samuel Brendon, president of the club announced. Boys under sixteen years old are admitted free to week-day games under the plan.

MAY USE MALAY WOOD TO MAKE GOLF CLUBS

Supply of Hickory for Shafts Is Becoming Limited.

Manufacturers and Explorers Have Been Unremitting in Their Search for Suitable Substitute—Tests Being Made.

So limited is the supply of hickory—the wood which has been found the best for shafts for golf clubs—that manufacturers and explorers have been unremitting in their search of the world's forests for some substitute that will prove its equal, writes Henry R. Hilsley in an exchange.

It is possible that this quest has been rewarded by the discovery in the forests of the Malay States of a species known as taminis, which seems to answer all requirements in early tests. If further tests give satisfactory results it is possible that the problem may be solved, providing, of course, that the wood can be brought out and manufactured at a cost that will enable it to compete with American hickory.

All kinds of wood have been the subject of experiment, especially in England, which has been wholly dependent upon the American supply, and is therefore most anxious to secure a suitable substitute.

None, however, have combined the durability, flexibility, tensile strength, toughness and resiliency of the hickory that is found in the southern central section of the United States.

All hickory is not suitable for golf shafts and only a limited portion of that cut annually fills all requirements. The large percentage of waste adds materially to the expense of the unfinished product.

Reports from the acting conservator of forests of the Federated Malay states are to the effect that the new wood has been received in England, where it has been worked with during the past year.

Inquiries are now being made into the possibilities of establishing in Malaya a shaft industry. The Malayan forests are rich in woods that may have great commercial possibilities, and it is said the supply of taminis is practically unlimited.

MILLER TO MANAGE SEALS



Jacks (Dots) Miller, veteran infielder of the Phillies, signed a contract to manage San Francisco of the Pacific Coast league next season.

FRESHMEN FAVOR BASEBALL

Diamond Sport Most Popular With University of Pennsylvania Students—Tennis Next.

Baseball is the most popular sport with university of Pennsylvania freshmen. Dr. R. Tait MacKenzie, head of the department of physical education, said in making public an analysis of questionnaires filled out by the first year men as a part of their physical examination. Tennis takes second place and football third.

Out of 1,000 examinations Doctor MacKenzie said 397 favored baseball, 310 tennis, and 293 football.

PUTTING SPEED BEHIND BALL

Records Show It Is Not Possible to Throw a Baseball Twice as Far as Football.

It is not possible to throw a baseball twice as far as a football. Sheldon Lejeune threw a baseball 428 feet 9 1/2 inches. That is the record throw of all time. Mueller, the University of California end, threw a football 83 yards, which is 249 feet. Workman, of Ohio State; Mohardt, of Notre Dame, and Snelvy, of Princeton, find it easy to throw a football more than 50 yards.

Current Wit and Humor



UNMUSICALLY INCLINED

"You mustn't become discouraged about your son's practicing. You know, Paganini, the great violinist, would practice a whole day on a single bar." "Well, my son, does the same thing, but he doesn't show any improvement that I can notice." "That is strange." "Yes, but I think the trouble is he picks out a bar made up entirely of rests on which to practice."

Sojer Philosophy.

"How many halves are there to a man, Pete?" "Don't be a fool, there's only two halves to anything. Why?" "Well, when I came out of the trenches I was half-starved, half-frozen, half-blind and half-plain dead. How come?"—American Legion Weekly.



HE'S BETTER OFF

"Look at that poor motorist being towed in by a horse." "Lucky guy, I call him. He ain't had to buy no gas since he broke down."

"The Good—" You Know—When correcting your youngster "Be it by rod or tongue, it might be well to remember That you didn't die young."

Simple Deduction.

"Now, tell me the truth," said the fussy old lady to the corner mendicant, "are you really blind?" "Yes, ma'am," said the beggar.

"What is that I am about to give you?" "A nickel, ma'am." "Ha! If you are blind how do you know it's a nickel?" "Because, ma'am, I never get more than a nickel out of people like you."

A Strategic Advantage.

"I'm thinking of asking Mr. Wadleigh for a loan. How had I better go about it?" "Use the telephone." "Would that be diplomatic?" "It may not be diplomatic, but you can save a little of your self-respect by cutting him off when he starts to borrow."

Easy Resolution.

"Jagsy insisted on carrying Bibles home last night." "Well?" "But Bibles insisted on carrying Jagsy home." "How did they decide the matter?" "They stayed in town."

True Hospitality.

"My wife thinks we run a hospitable house. What's your notion of a hospitable house?" "Oh, for me, I feel that it's a hospitable house when in the come and go of company enough umbrellas are left to keep it supplied."



ON THE MIDNIGHT AIR

"This kid of ours!" poor Newpop cried, "As his brows met on a scowl, 'He may not be a howling swell, But he has a swelling howl.'"

Death of Poesy.

The lyric muse doth wear a frown—Her lot could not be worse—When long-haired barbs have met to crown A writer of free verse.

Speedy.

"Is Miss Keyes a rapid typist?" "I'll say she is. Why, that girl can operate a machine faster than she can spell."

New Era New.

"Boss—Yes, I can give you work." "W. Walkins—How much do you pay?" "Boss—As much as you're worth, of course." "W. Walkins—No, thanks! One can't work for that these days."

At the Dinner.

"I have enjoyed your dinner party so much." "Thank you?" "It is such a pleasure to hear the men talk 'soif, isn't it?"