

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Unlontown.—Giving food and shelter and even his own bed to two men who were parts of the American army uniform, Fred P. Hoffman, proprietor of a local cafeteria and delicatessen, reported to the police that the two men disappeared after they had rifled his cash register.

Harrisburg.—Miss Lucy Glass, of Jeannette, connected with the department of public instruction, has been elected a member of the State Teachers' Retirement board, receiving 14,022 votes of 19,601 cast. Her closest opponent was Miss Elizabeth Baker, of Harrisburg.

Berwick.—When Samuel C. Jayne was re-elected cashier of the First National Bank of Berwick it marked the beginning of his fifty-fourth year in that office.

Berwick.—Falling while sweeping the porch at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Matilda Lehman, 82 years old, of this place, fractured her right leg between the hip and knee.

Lewistown.—After six hours' deliberation the jury convicted Russell Hoffman of involuntary manslaughter, the charge growing out of the shooting of Irma Rhoades, 14 years old, in front of the Hoffman farmhouse last April. President Judge Bailey sentenced him to six months in the county jail and fined him \$250 and costs. The defendant's father, John Hoffman, was acquitted, Judge Bailey telling the jury to render a verdict of not guilty in his case. His ruling was that no evidence had been brought before the court to show that the elder Hoffman had instructed his son to do other than "shoot," and that the evidence did not show that his intention was only to frighten.

White Haven.—The appointment of Editor Taylor, of the White Haven Journal, as postmaster on recommendation of Congressman Coughlin, has resulted in a boycott on the part of disappointed applicants for the job and their friends. They are buying their stamps at Freeland and Wilkes-Barre, to reduce the receipts of the local office.

Danville.—The Danville Structural Tubing company, idle for some weeks, resumed work with a full force. There are orders enough ahead to keep the plant operating for several weeks.

Allentown.—Although the city government decided to exempt women from the payment of the poll tax of \$1 exacted from all males more than 21 years of age, the local board of education voted to assess all women old enough to vote. Men are required to pay \$3 school tax whether they own property or not, but the members of the board did not determine what to tax the women. It is estimated that there are 18,000 women in this city liable to the tax.

Harrisburg.—State forestry authorities have asked the department of mines to investigate the Haldeman forest in Dauphin county to see if it contains coal. Application has been made for the right to mine anthracite on two tracts, one tract being 400 acres and the other about 300. Outcrops of anthracite are said to have been found.

Lewistown.—Thomas Pineoff, charged with selling liquor, forfeited \$600 cash bail in court here when he failed to appear.

Carlisle.—Thousands of dollars' worth of furniture was destroyed by fire and water in a storage house of the Security Storage company. The blaze started in an adjoining barn. The loss was covered by insurance.

Harrisburg.—December payments of the state gasoline tax, which covered sales in November, exceeded every other month since the new law has been in force, the treasury getting more than \$190,000. Half of this goes to the general funds of the state, and the rest to the counties in proportion to their payments.

State College.—One of the biggest drawing cards in the line of exhibits at the sixth annual farm products show at Harrisburg the last week of January will be the educational beef cattle display by the college to show the proper type of beef steers which are the most profitable to feed out in the steer feeding districts of Pennsylvania. Eight pure bred beef animals from the college herd will be taken to Harrisburg and prominent among them will be two of the best yearling bulls ever raised in this section of the country. A few head of females of the beef type also will be shown and one of the features will be a steer calf out of a grade cow, but sired by an outstanding pure bred bull owned by members of the West Stribury Aberdeen-Angus Association of Butler county. The members of this association are co-operating with the college in this feature, growing out of the college agricultural extension activities.

York.—When his automobile skidded and overturned Charles Heib, a wealthy bottler here, was seriously injured.

Unlontown.—A total of 45 murders and 15 suicides is Fayette county's record for 1921, according to the report of Coroner S. H. Baum.

Harrisburg.—Fatal accidents in Pennsylvania industries in December aggregated 145.

Reading.—Nearly 28,000,000 more cigars were manufactured in this district in 1921 than in the previous year, while the manufacture of tobacco increased 90,000 pounds.

McVeytown.—Fred Keflinger has been appointed postmaster here.

Hazleton.—Mrs. John Brill, of this place, tripped over a wire placed across a sidewalk by jokers and was badly injured.

Harrisburg.—Authority for construction of county bridges has been given by the water supply commission to Bucks, Tioga, Chester and Dauphin counties.

Unlontown.—David F. Owen, nine years superintendent of the McKeesport Hospital, has taken charge of the Unlontown Hospital as superintendent.

Altoona.—Blending guilty to liquor selling here, Giuseppe Andressi was sentenced by Judge Baldrige to four months in jail, and fined \$100.

Hazleton.—Reports having become prevalent that slot machines would again be permitted with the inauguration of Mayor James G. Harvey, the city's new chief executive directed officers to make a search and confiscate any gambling devices they found. Police reported that they had not come across all machines which were not allowed to operate during the term of former Mayor Heidenreich. Mayor Harvey gave notice that those who expected "an open town" were doomed to disappointment, and that all laws would be strictly enforced.

Brownsville.—One of the most atrocious murders in the annals of Fayette county was recorded when the body of Paul Newcomer, aged 27, was found along a lonely road near Smock, about halfway between Unlontown and Brownsville. His pockets were turned inside out, and a bullet hole was in the back of his head. The body was found by a man passing on horseback. It is believed that he was approached in Unlontown by men who requested that he drive them to Smock. As they neared the lonely spot where the body was found, the police believe the young man was attacked, slain, robbed and thrown from the taxicab. The murderers escaped in the stolen taxi.

Unlontown.—Exempted from service in the world war when he set up the contention that he was a citizen of Poland, Harry Wershe, a local baker, was refused citizenship by Judge Van Swearingen. When asked why he did not serve with the American army, Wershe replied that he had been exempted by the examining board.

Harrisburg.—Pennsylvania hunters bagged game during the hunting season last year which weighed 9,946,757 pounds, or 4728 tons, and valued at the conservative estimate of 35 cents a pound as worth \$3,323,865, according to Seth E. Gordon, secretary of the state game commission. It was the biggest kill of game in years, exceeding in total weight the kill of a year ago by more than 150,000 pounds. The kill included 510 bears of a total weight of 102,000 pounds; 3,690,000 rabbits weighing 7,290,000 pounds; 500,000 squirrels, weighing 500,000 pounds; 34,200 raccoons, weighing 307,500 pounds; 4654 wild turkeys, weighing 55,848 pounds; 325,000 ruffed grouse, weighing 487,500 pounds; 15,400 ring-necked pheasants, weighing 42,350 pounds; 49,885 Virginia quail, weighing 18,708 pounds; 500 Hungarian quail, weighing 313 pounds; 35,250 woodcock, weighing 13,218 pounds; and 46,780 waterfowl, weighing 140,340 pounds.

Pittsburgh.—The Jones & Laughlin Steel company is negotiating for the purchase of approximately 1000 acres of land in the Chicago steel district as a future site for blast furnaces and steel works. The company operates mills in Pittsburgh and Woodlawn, Pa., coal mines in western Pennsylvania and iron ore mines in Minnesota.

Harrisburg.—The commonwealth of Pennsylvania will be glad to comply with the suggestion of Federal Attorney General Daugherty that there be held a conference of district attorneys located within the state for the purpose of arranging for more complete co-operation in enforcement of state and federal laws relating to the same subject, including prohibition, according to a letter sent to Washington by Attorney General George E. Aker. In replying to Mr. Daugherty, Attorney General Aker said the governor has approved the matter. In the course of his letter Aker suggested that the federal department be directly represented, and recalled the fact that at a conference held in Harrisburg several years ago the attorney general of the United States appeared in person.

Scranton.—The arrest of six young men here was followed with an announcement by the police and Lackawanna railroad detectives that they had solved the theft of furs valued at \$13,000. The furs were shipped from New York to a local store last October, but disappeared after having been put aboard an express train. The police say that John Lewis and Thomas Durkin, of Scranton, have confessed taking part in the theft and have implicated Thomas Golden, Jacob Greenberg, Harry Frank and Isadore Ginsberg, all local men. The last three named are alleged to have purchased some of the furs from Lewis, who was employed as a freight handler here.

Hazleton.—There were 43 automobile wrecks here in 1921, costing five lives and sending six other persons to the State Hospital for more than two weeks.

Altoona.—After being idle throughout the greater portion of 1921, the Altoona Iron company's mill here resumed operations.

Lewistown.—Jacob Heeter, 62 years old, died here from injuries sustained when he fell from a wagon loaded with prop timbers and was run over.

Carlisle.—The tax rate for Cumberland county for 1922 will be 6 mills.

Parnassus.—The Anderson Construction company, of this place, was awarded the contract for construction of 32,669 feet of state highway in Clearfield and Indiana counties for \$267,452.50.

BANTAMWEIGHT CHAMPION WINS TITLE ACTING AS SUBSTITUTE



Opportunity in sport often knocks at the door in a most peculiar manner. Johnny Buff is the present bantamweight champion as the result of such a happening. He was not the original boxer selected to meet Pete Herman, but a substitution made rather hurriedly, because the original selection suffered a reverse several weeks before the scheduled bout for the championship. Buff was never regarded as a serious contender, yet today he sports the title.

Judge Landis Silent on One Big Question

In a discussion about the draft and sandlotters and college players Judge Landis was asked the other day, "Would you advise a collegian to go into professional baseball?"

"Hold on, there—that's one question I will not answer," the judge exclaimed, with upraised hands. "I beg to be excused from telling any young man what to do when he selects his profession or trade. That's a matter for him to decide entirely for himself."

It seems that many college players have written to Judge Landis for his opinion of professional baseball as a profession—and he always declines to commit himself. He's a wise judge.

BEST PITCHER IN NATIONAL

According to Official Records Bill Doak of St. Louis Has Highest Average.

Bill Doak of the St. Louis Cardinals according to official pitching records just issued by the National league has the distinction of being the best hurler



in the league. He has an average of 2.58 earned runs allowed per game and is credited with fifteen victories and six defeats.

FOUND STAR IN CLIFF BEST

Southpaw Twirler Who Helped Pittsfield Win Pennant Belongs to Boston Red Sox.

While Rogers Hornsby, managing the Los Angeles California Winter League team, is boosting Vic Aldridge for a berth with the Cardinals, George Sisler, managing the Vernon team, has found a star in Cliff Best, the southpaw who helped Pittsfield win the Eastern league pennant, but the rub is, when Sisler thinks of what a help Best might be to the Browns, that Cliff belongs to the Boston Red Sox.

GRID STARS ARE VERSATILE

Five Princeton Players Shine in Other Sports—Garity and Gilroy Good at Hockey.

Several Princeton foot ball stars shine in other sports. Garity and Gilroy, of the backfield, are exceptionally good at hockey. Stimson, an end, is captain of the swimming team. Wittmer, one of the best centers in the East, is a stellar performer at basket ball. Don Lourie, quarterback, is one of the leading track stars of the East.

Sporting Squibs of All Kinds

Pennsylvania's football practice is off until next spring.

Dartmouth's hockey team will play Princeton March 3 in Philadelphia.

Colgate awarded the letter to nineteen football men this season.

The navy plays the army at basketball February 25 at West Point.

Harry Stupp, infielder of the Brantford team, has been sold to Toronto.

A new boxing club, the Auditorium A. C., has been opened in Philadelphia.

Charles O'Hara and Foster are the speed stars on the Yale hockey team.

Jesse Burkett denies that he has been let out as coach of the New York Giants.

Eugene Turgeon, last season shortstop for Aberdeen, has been sold to the Des Moines club.

Yale is constructing the most expensive and scientifically-built running track ever planned.

Southern association has announced the release of Umpire Cy Pirman to the National league.

Georgetown university will play Georgia Tech., Boston college, Holy Cross and Fordham in 1922.

Navy's baseball team plays only one game away from home next season, that with the University of Pennsylvania.

At a meeting of the Vanderbilt Stadium committee engineers and architects were named for the \$150,000 athletic field.

Louis Gulston, first baseman, who reports to Cleveland next spring, has been appointed baseball coach of St. Mary's college.

E. C. Vander Pyl '23 of Oberlin, Ohio, has been elected captain of the Yale University cross-country team for next season.

Bob Higgins, all-American end several years ago, will return as coach of the West Virginia Wesleyan football team next fall.

Jack Monohan of Newark, N. J., a sophomore, has been elected captain of the 1922 West Virginia Wesleyan College football team.

Charles F. Burke, known as "Chick," new captain of the Dartmouth team, upon which he is a halfback, was an all-star freshman back in 1919.

Ichhya Kumagai, Japanese tennis star, has left New York for home, after three years in this country. He intends to return next summer.

That fellow who discovered something wrong in the wrestling game is expected very soon to find that there is water in the Atlantic ocean.

University of Illinois has signed Seward Staley, of Clark University, Mass., as coach of gymnastics and director of the men's gymnasium.

Major work on the rearranged course of the Chevy Chase club is almost complete. The work being done now is sodding, seeding and rolling.

Waxahatchie, Tex., will not be entirely off the baseball map in the spring it seems, for it is announced that the Kansas City association team will be trained there.

POLE VAULT LIKENED TO PASTIME OF GOLF

Both Sports Require Powerful Wrist and Cool Nerve.

Bob Gardner Was First Man to Prove Conclusively That Two Games Fit in With One Another in Astonishing Manner.

Strange as it may seem at first glance, a great pole vaulter becomes an equally great golfer, if he takes the latter game as seriously as he does the first named.

Both sports—although apparently vastly different—require a powerful wrist, a cool nerve and intense concentration.

Outside of the high jump, no stunt in track and field athletics requires so much concentration as the pole vault nor so much nerve and coolness.

The pole vault also calls for a strong, flexible wrist, the reasons being obvious.

And so it is in golf. The two games fit in with one another in a most astonishing fashion. And the first man to prove this conclusively was Bob Gardner.

When a student at Yale Bob set a world's record in the pole vault. He didn't hold it long, but he had the glory of being world champion for a few days at least.

And, while wearing the Eli blue, he won the national amateur golf championship at the Chicago Golf Club links, beating Chandler Egan in the final round.

Bob sets a terrific ball away from the tee, a most discouraging drive to his opponents. His wrists have a snap, the same as he used in vaulting.

Chick Evans and Bobbie Jones are called the greatest amateurs in the world today, but when Bob Gardner is in shape he is as good a player as either of them.



Bob Gardner.

MAKES YANKEES LOOK CHEAP

Pitcher Rommel of Athletics Is Big Stumbling Block for New York Americans.

"Can't understand it," said Bobby Roth of the Yankees recently, "how this man Rommel of the Athletics can make the Yanks and Indians look like 30 cents and have his troubles finishing a game against the other five clubs in the league. He makes us look as if we never saw a curve ball before."

"Then, there is this man Erickson. He is peaches and cream for us and the Athletics, but Cleveland keeps him in the league."

"Speaking about Philadelphia pitchers, I think Connie Mack has the best pitching staff in the league," says Frank Roth, Bob's older brother, who is battery coach for the Yankees. "Rommel is good. So is Harris. Moore has as much stuff as any left-hander in the league. Keefe has a lot of stuff, and then there are Perry and Naylor."

ABILITY OF MIKE GONZALES

Difference of Opinion as to His Qualifications as Catcher—Belongs to the Reds.

There are differences of opinion regarding the ability of Mike Gonzales as a catcher. One National league critic opines that the Cincinnati club will get waivers on him and send him to Toledo, while another wise one says Mike can't be waived out of the league and he added that if the Cardinals had the Cuban backstop in the 1921 season said Cards would have won the National flag.

SYRACUSE TENNIS SCHEDULE

Among Eleven Games to Be Played One Contest Is Listed With California.

Eleven games are included in the schedule of contests to be played by the Syracuse university tennis team next spring. Among the colleges on the schedule are Cornell, Colgate, Pennsylvania, Columbia, Michigan, Hamilton, Pittsburgh, United States Military academy and California.

Wit and Humor



A PARADE SPECIALIST

"Aunt, what is the name of your boy?"

"Napoleon, sah."

"Ah! He was named after the great military leader."

"No, sah. He was named after Major Napoleon Suggs de gentleman I used to cook for. I never heard of de major leadin' nothin' but the Knights of Pythias, but he wuz powerful good at dat."

No More Kidney Beans.

Mr. Four-year-old overheard his grandmother lamenting the death of a friend.

"What was the matter with her?" one of the family asked.

"Kidney trouble," was the answer.

Mr. Four-year-old pondered a moment, then said:

"No more kidney beans for me."



AT THE CITY HALL.

City Councilman (excitedly): We can't get enough members together to secure a vote.

City Councilwoman (coldly): Several of the members have engagements with their dressmakers, so it can't be helped.

Variation.

That orator is gay—
He praiseth the whole world sings—
Who finds a different way
To say the same old things.

Not at All.

Housewife—Are you afraid of work?
Tramp—No, ma'am. I can die down by it and sleep the sleep of the just.

Thompson—What's the best speech you've heard on the industrial situation?
Hudson—More work and less talk. Enough said.

Keeping Up His Penmanship.

"What's the joke warden?"

"That forger in cell 104 takes the cake."

"Is he demanding a private bath?"

"It wouldn't surprise me much if he did. He wants to know if I'll let him have a few blank checks, a pen and a bottle of ink."

Ingenious Inquiry.

"I can hire brains for \$25 a week," said the man who is aggressively prosperous.

"In that case," rejoined Miss Cayenne, "why don't you?"

Big Shoes.

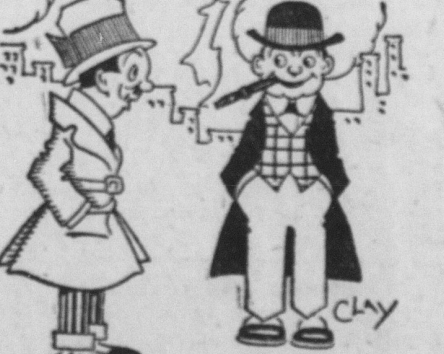
"Oh, but you must not give up the presidency of our club. No other woman could fill your shoes."

And, strange to say, the retiring lady didn't seem to be pleased.

He Wants to Know.

"You ought to have some stock in my rubber plantation."

"What do you propose to grow—overshoes or rubber bands?"



SPEAKING OF THE FOOL FAMILY

"The fools are not all dead yet."

"Well, you don't want to die, just because the rest of your family are dead."

Unappreciative Audience.

My fishing tackle I confess
Was got at much expense.
I am convinced that fish possess
But slight artistic sense.

The Web.

"A hammock looks something like a spider's web."

"Yes," sighed Mr. Brownbeaten. "That's the way I got caught."

True Praise.

"I don't believe she liked your jelly."

"Why not? She praised it very highly."

"I know that, but I notice she didn't ask you for the recipe."

Mental Requirements.

"Don't you consider bridge an intellectual game?"

"Too intellectual," replied Miss Cayenne. "After reading all the books of instruction I haven't the courage to attempt it."