

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Palmerton.—Mrs. William J. Schiefel, of this place, fractured three ribs while packing household goods to move to Hazleton.

Connellsville.—Falling down the steps of her home here a short time ago, Mrs. Mary Conway aged 86, died as a result of her injuries.

Highland.—Edward Wachausk, 29, of this place, was instantly killed when caught under a trip of cars at the Jeddo Highland Coal company.

Uniontown.—Stricken with apoplexy while taking a bath in the Fayette Title and Trust company building here, J. S. Claster, aged 68, of Swissvale, died an hour afterward in the Uniontown Hospital.

Harrisburg.—The public service commission refused a certificate of public convenience to the Pyramid Haulage company to conduct five motor truck freight routes out of Harrisburg, protests having been made by railroads and trolley companies. D. C. Uffelman, who sought a similar right for York county, was confined to passengers between Dillsburg and Dover.

Connellsville.—First steps to regulate dancing and to eliminate immorality from public dances were taken when an ordinance was introduced providing that all dance halls be licensed and that none shall be operated without a permit from the mayor. The bill was drafted as a result of investigation by the Women's Civic League.

Harrisburg.—Governor Sproul, in a statement praised the efforts of the national and state organizations and local posts of the American Legion in finding employment for men out of work. "The Legion officials say that over 700,000 veterans have no employment, and that many of them are in real distress, this being true especially of the men with families," said the governor. "This is a good time for employers to give careful consideration to the necessity of relieving this situation as much as possible, by starting contemplated improvements or other enterprises which will afford work to those who need it, and to encourage others to do likewise."

Harrisburg.—The contract for construction of 34,500 feet on the old state road in Cumberland county between Plainfield and Newville was awarded to the Development and Construction company, of Baltimore, at \$204,322.62. Cumberland county will pay for the improvement. The Buckeye Construction company, of Youngstown, O., was awarded the contract for 57,955 feet of road in Irwin township, Venango county, and Mercer township and Harrisville borough, Butler county, at \$457,351.25. The state will bear the expense except in Harrisville.

Chester.—A border war was declared between residents of Leiper Flats in Ridley township and of Eddystone Flats, which is directly opposite Chester pike at Ridley River. Ida Ross, caught in company with a male inmate of Eddystone Flats, was the target of the latter's fire. Several shots were exchanged and a riot call brought a patrol load of officers from Chester and all the patrolmen of Eddystone and Ridley township to the scene. There were no casualties.

Harrisburg.—All officers connected with the state food bureau have been put under bond following a request of that character by Director Foust, who has been at the head of the bureau since 1907. The bureau handles from \$500,000 to \$650,000 a year through licenses for the sale of oleomargarine and collections of fines and costs.

Altoona.—Bishop McCort, of the Altoona diocese, has obtained title to the five properties needed as a site for the proposed new cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Owing to the business depression and the fact that new Catholic high schools are being erected in Altoona and Johnstown, work on the cathedral will not be started until next year, but in the meantime an architect will prepare plans for the edifice, which will be 120 by 200 feet in size, and other preliminaries will be completed. The cost will be \$1,000,000.

Pennsburg.—Twin Holstein calves with a combined weight of 190 pounds were born on the dairy farm of James L. Wood, a Pennsburg milkman. Other calves recently born on the same farm weighed 126 and 166 pounds.

Harrisburg.—Governor Sproul appointed A. W. Dorsch, of Kittanning, coroner of Armstrong county.

Hohrburg.—From the effects of a fall, Mrs. Clarissa McHenry, aged 84 years, of this place, died.

Hazleton.—Charles Smith, aged 17, arrested here, confessed to robbing poorboxes at the Tyrolean Catholic and St. Paul's Methodist churches several times.

Lewistown.—The annual exhibit of the Lewistown Automobile Trades Association will be held March 29, 30, 31 and April 1, in Market Hall.

Lewistown.—A. S. Anspacker, of this place, is recovering from an attack of hemorrhoids that lasted eight and one-half days.

Pottsville.—Immense flocks of wild geese were noticed here flying northward after a winter spent in the south.

Mt. Carmel.—While in the garden at her home planting a flower bed, Mrs. George E. Berner, wife of the cashier of the Union National Bank, here, dropped dead.

Centralla.—From effects of a fractured skull sustained several weeks ago when he and a companion went over a 40-foot embankment while coasting, Thomas Brennan, aged 6, died here.

Danville.—The Danville Iron and Steel company will add a night shift on full time to get out export orders.

Lock Haven.—Byon, 17-year-old son of Rev. Harry F. Rector, was accidentally shot in a leg by a target rifle.

Nickel Mines.—Clara Watson, aged 3 years, died from burns received while playing with fire in her home.

Northumberland.—From the effects of a fall Christmas morning, Theima, 11-year-old daughter of William B. Miller, died.

State College.—A class of 125 young men and women were received as members of Penn State Grange.

Pittsburgh.—Lindsay Montgomery was killed in a fight during a card game at a house occupied by four brothers named Blair in the Hill district. Seven negroes have been arrested and are being held for a hearing in connection with the crime.

New Castle.—Two prisoners confined in the Koppel, Pa., lock-up, a small town in the northern part of Beaver county, near New Castle, had a narrow escape from death when fire broke out in the building. Two young men, returning to their homes, heard the cries of the prisoners and fired several shots from a revolver, awakening the burgess, who rushed to the jail just in time to release the two men before the flames reached them.

Scranton.—Five-year-old Alexander Somosky, Jr., of Greenfield township, received injuries from which he died, and two men were hurt, one probably fatally, when an Ontario and Western freight train hit the wagon in which he was riding with his father and Sylvester Polinsky, last week. The elder Somosky escaped with light injuries, but Polinsky's condition is serious.

Mercer.—Robbery of the gasoline station of A. R. Anderson, at Grove City, near here, was prevented by Anderson, who, although facing three armed men, knocked one of them down and then struck out at the others. One of the bandits hit him on the head with his pistol and the three ran away. Anderson sustained a bad cut on his head.

Mauch Chunk.—A fatal accident occurred at the Little Italy stripping of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company near Nesquehoning when a landslide buried Louis Mancuso, aged 19 years, of New Columbus, and Harry and Thomas James, two brothers of Nesquehoning. Workmen quickly rushed to their aid and quickly rescued the James brothers, but Mancuso, who was buried deeper, was dead when his body was recovered. He leaves a young bride. The James brothers were rushed to the Coalalide Hospital, and there is hope for their recovery.

Weatherly.—Members of Camp Warren G. Harding, United Sportsmen of Pennsylvania, has placed an order for shellbark hickory trees to be placed in Eureka Park. Signs will be placed about the boundary lines to protect the gray squirrels.

Pottsville.—The Pottsville school board, which had decided to take action against state officials for holding up the school appropriation, received \$9100 out of more than \$36,000, some of which is due for two years.

Harrisburg.—According to statements made to state forestry officials by L. L. Bishop, in charge of the government forest area in Warren county, the United States had been offered about 85,000 acres in the district. About 52,000 will be bought soon.

New Castle.—With the signing of a wage scale by the plasterers' union accepting a 5 per cent reduction, the members of the building trade crafts in New Castle have settled their wage difficulties for two years. All crafts with the exception of the plasterers signed a two-year agreement some time ago, but the plasterers, who were not members of the building trades council, were not affected by the agreement. The new scale will be \$1.07 1/2 an hour.

Drifton.—Samuel Davis and Dominick O'Donnell, who works in the Drifton colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal company for over half a century, were among those indefinitely suspended under the economy program of the corporation. O'Donnell drove gangways the past forty years. This class of work must be done with the utmost exactness.

Uniontown.—James M. Lohr, a wealthy farmer serving on a jury here, asked to be excused from further duty, as he was ill. The request was granted, and Lohr walked to the controller's office for his pay warrant. While waiting for it to be made out, he fell dead. Apoplexy was given as the cause.

Danville.—The Montour county jail, after having had at least one "guest" each day for the past three months, is again without a prisoner, its usual condition for nine months out of every year. Sheriff Schuyler is leaving the doors open to prevent the locks from rusting fast.

Arlville.—Elmer Seachrist, 56 years old, of this place, while eating supper became ill and before a physician arrived was dead.

Grove City.—Dr. A. A. Bashline, a osteopath here, was fined \$25 and costs on a charge of practicing without a license.

Pittsburgh.—Wines and liquors valued at \$10,000 were stolen from the residence here of B. S. Hamill, a coal operator, who recently died in Florida.

Emporium.—The sixty-third county to engage a county farm agent is Cameron.

YANKEES WILL HAVE EXCELLENT PITCHING CORPS THIS SEASON



For the first time since 1910 the Yankees will have a real corps of pitchers flinging for them this season. On paper Miller Huggins should have one of the greatest staffs of boxmen ever possessed by an American league club. In Mays, Shawkey, Jones, Bush and Hoyt are five of the best right-handers that ever pulled on a spiked shoe.

RETIRE FROM TRACK SPORT

Earl Eby, Champion Pennsylvania Half Miler, Quits Game to Enter Business World.

Earl Eby, former captain of the University of Pennsylvania track team, and winner of the Intercollegiate half-mile for the last two years, has announced his retirement from the track.

He has accepted a position with a business concern in Chicago and plans to leave for that city in a few days. Eby holds two legs on the Millrose "600" and had hoped to win per-



manent possession of the cup. His business, however, will not permit of further training and for this reason he retired. His home is in Chicago.

HIGH JUMPERS' NOVEL TRICK

Dick Landon Wears Heavy Clothing and Shoes Before Attempting to Lower Record.

Dick Landon, the famous college high jumper, snatched a page from the book of the heaving-hitting baseball player who swings three bats before taking his place at the plate in order to make the one bat he is allowed to use seem lighter than it is. Before Landon was able to jump to record heights he practiced for a long period, clad in heavy clothing and wearing heavy shoes. When Landon thought he had arrived he discarded the heavy clothing and shoes for a light track suit and shoes and began to establish records as a high jumper.

DIGGS SIGNED BY NATIONALS

Youngster Hailing From Clarendon, Va., Is Expected to Develop Into Star Hurrier.

President Clark Griffith, of the Nationals, has just signed a right-handed pitcher in whom he thinks he may find another Walter Johnson. The party in question is Ed Diggs, a husky twenty-five-year-old youngster, hailing from Clarendon, Va. Diggs is a former Virginia Poly star and also pitched winning ball with the A. E. F., as a member of the American graves registration bureau.

Champion's Path Not Always Bed of Roses

Glory of the champions is always offset with much grief. Owing a title in anything makes the owner a mark to shoot at. Sometimes the sharpshooters may be right. More often they are wrong.

Jack Dempsey was once a carefree, happy-go-lucky boy riding trains and letting the world go by. Today lawsuits follow in his wake. Everybody seems to take pleasure in "kicking his dog around."

Jock Hutchinson imagined all golfers were nice folk until he won England's trophy cup and they shoved it at him like a spiteful child shares its bread and butter with another.

Babe Ruth never had a worry until he proved that he could sock out about four times as many home runs as any other man living.

Charles Paddock broke a lot of records out on the Pacific coast, but the skeptical East tried to kid itself into believing that the stop watches were on the blink.

Big Bill Tilden beat the world in tennis and then even some of his best friends suddenly discovered he had a temperament.

You can have a lot more fun by being just an ordinary guy than a super.

GREAT SCARCITY OF BASEBALL MATERIAL

Untried Minor Leaguer Brings Big Amount of Money.

Sam Crawford Comments on Present Playing of Major Leagues—Thinks War Had Something to Do With Situation.

Sam Crawford was discussing the present playing standard of the major leagues a few days ago.

"You would think," said Sam, "that among 130,000,000 people you would be able to find 500 good ball players, wouldn't you? That would be one in every 260,000 inhabitants."

"But, they evidently don't find them. And it is funny when you consider how much money a boy can make by playing ball well. It isn't that they are unable physically because a man does not have to be a perfect specimen to become a great ball player."

"Maybe the war had something to do with it. Not alone the fact that during the war the boys who were developing could not continue doing so, but because of the different aspect on things the war gave them. Many boys who went into training camps, just about ready to break into organized base ball, came back with no further desire to follow the game."

"The tip-off on the scarcity of base ball material can be found in the prices that are being paid today for players. Why, they pay more for an untried



Sam Crawford.

minor leaguer today than they used to pay for an entire club. That would not happen if they could get plenty of good players.

"And they are hiring a lot of veterans. There was a time when they did not care so much for veterans because there were good men coming up constantly, but apparently there are not many in sight now."

STRONG GRID TEAM AT YALE

Apparently Has Brightest Prospects of "Big Three" Teams for Coming Season.

Yale, with all but six of the 1921 first string men who played against Harvard available, has apparently the brightest prospects of big three teams for 1922. Coach Fisher of Harvard will have to build a new line and find some new backfield material while Princeton will be without its greatest stars. Captain Malcolm Aldrich, hailed as one of the greatest captains that ever led the blue, will be graduated in June, as will Gurnsey, the right guard, and Strum, right end.

FARM CHEAP LAND

Why Western Canada Agriculturists Are Smiling.

Low Overhead Expense and Bountiful Crops Have Enabled Them to Overcome Agricultural Depression.

The recent agricultural depression brought to the eyes of the world the fact that one of its basic industries was likely to suffer a severe blow unless steps were taken to secure a remedy. Physician after physician applied remedies, but even parliamentarians and newspapers were unable to place their finger on the pulse that would respond. As it appears today, it was a spasmodic wave due to the ebb and flow of the tide of readjustment that was bound to follow a disturbance such as the Great War caused.

Psychologically it was bound to change; there was certain to be a reflex movement that would bring agricultural conditions back to the place where they normally and rightly belong.

Efficiency and sound business judgment are needed more in agriculture today than ever before and are as important to the farmer as to a railroad company, or to a great steel corporation.

The farmer must endeavor to secure an equal footing in the competition for a lower cost of production. In Western Canada the farmer has come through the dark era with that fortitude and determination so peculiar to a new country, and is meeting the changed situation with energy and a smile. In Western Canada the farmer is not hampered by an annual overhead expense of heavy interest on high-priced land. He is able to produce at a minimum, because his land value seldom exceeds \$50 an acre.

Owing to the fact that he is farming land the price of which is from \$25 to \$50 an acre, producing crops of wheat running from 20 to 40 bushels per acre, and other grains in proportion, he is able to produce at a low cost. In addition to this, a fact which should not be lost sight of, is the large area that he can farm at low cost, giving him an added advantage in reducing the cost of production.

The corn that the farmer fully expected to bring him over a dollar a bushel, he saw carried away to the market, and bring back a 30 or 40 cent check. Wheat for the whole of Canada averaged 86 cents a bushel in 1921 as compared with \$1.62 in 1920; oats 37 cents as against 53 cents; barley 47 cents as against 83 cents. Other grain prices similarly fell. While other parts of the continent, where grain-growing is carried on, have suffered in like manner by deflation in prices, they have had to face a much higher cost in production, such as high rents, high-priced farms, and high taxes. Farmers had calculated on receiving war or nearly war figures for their grain and therefore were amply justified in submitting to the tax that soaring land prices set upon them. Western Canada fortunately did not suffer from inflated land prices. Therefore, when grain prices fell, the losses sustained were not so great; they did not cut out the margin of profit, excepting in some cases where some climatic conditions caused it.

Why not take advantage of the Homesteaders' rate to any point in Western Canada, of return rate single fare plus \$2.00, and get information from the nearest Canadian Government agent?—Advertisement.

Then He Ought To.
Simpkins—Why is Trevor winding up his affairs?
Blenkins—Oh, just because the doctor told him he is all run down!

Long Sight.
Guesses are being hazarded at the length of range of human vision. Forty-five miles has been suggested as a good radius, but geographers have calculated that ten times that distance is within range from Mount Everest—when you get there. Yet these computations deal only with horizons. Our actual range of vision appears to be limitless, extending to the farthest star, which is big enough and bright enough to make an impression on the retina. The mileage of our vision runs into many millions of miles, at an extremely modest estimate.

Odd Experience.
One day I went skating. The creek was about a mile away from home. After I had been skating for some time it began to snow very hard. I thought I would skate down the branch of the creek to a bridge just a few steps from the house. I skated and skated before finding I had gone down the wrong branch and was about three miles from home. It was a strange experience, I must say.—Exchange.

Nature Looks After That.
It has been estimated that at the present rate of consumption the green plants of the world would exhaust the air of carbon dioxide in about thirty years if it were not constantly being replaced.

For Women Only.
The Baltimore woman who pushed her obstreperous husband into a trunk, and threw away the key has apparently solved the ancient problem—"How can I hold my husband?"—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.