

PENNSYLVANIA BRIEFS

The state revenue commission has named the Harrisburg Trust company as the third active state depository in Dauphin county.

The Lewistown school board refused to reconsider its action in electing Walter F. Fisher to succeed C. D. Booher as principal of the high school. Expenditure of the \$40,000 appropriated by the legislature of 1917 as an emergency fund and never used was authorized for construction of the formal entrance to the State Capitol Park and completing terraces and changes necessitated by the laying out of new driveways now approaching completion by the board of public grounds and buildings. Plans have been made for a granite entrance, but the funds available will not cover the cost. The board will not award contracts for supplies until the return of Governor Spruiell. The building at the Western Penitentiary burned last spring will be replaced from the state insurance fund.

As if prohibition were not enough to take the joy out of life, the Lehigh County Humane Society decided to put a stop to the sport of rooster chasing at picnics. At almost every Sunday school outing and family reunion a rooster chase has been one of the chief events on the program. The Humane Society thinks it cruel, and will invoke the most drastic measures to put the pastime into the list of has-beens.

Pennsylvania's types of highway construction have been studied this year by officials from a dozen states where extensive road programs are about to be undertaken. The "experimental" roads in this state have been carefully gone over, and copies of the results of tests have been made for the officers elsewhere.

Six citizens of Girardville, were arrested and placed under bail for court by Alderman Davies, of Pottsville, charged with diverting the electric current from the meters in their homes, hoping to reduce their monthly light bills. The Eastern Pennsylvania Light, Heat and Power company was the complainant.

Oliver Parr, aged 42, a former boarder at Second and Price streets, Chester, was committed to jail without bail by Justice Anderson, of Trainer, charged with enticing minor children and attempting a more serious crime. Three bobbed-hair girls gave damage testimony against him.

Scores of foreigners who applied for naturalization papers in Pottsville were refused because they dodged the draft during the war by claiming exemption on the ground that they were subjects of other countries. The government had representatives present with the records of the war department and, whenever objections were made on this ground, the court sustained them. Objections were filed even to those who failed to fill out their questionnaires. A number of other applicants were held up because they have families living in Europe. This, the government contends, does not indicate a stable residence here.

General John Sedgwick Post G. A. R., of York, will conduct a campaign to raise \$10,000 for the purchase of a modest post home. The woman's relief corps will assist in the campaign. The civil war veterans at present lease quarters several flights up, and few of them are able to climb the stairs to the meeting rooms.

Mrs. Julia Traupman was fined \$8.50 and costs for violating the school code in Bethelhem. She and her husband work, the latter went out of the city, and let their six children, ranging in age from 15 to 20, get their own meals and take care of themselves. While getting their breakfast the youngsters usually decide whether to play truant or not.

Grand chiefs of the Great Council of Pennsylvania Improved Order of Red Men, were raised to the offices to which they were elected by Thomas Sedgwick, of Indiana, the great senior sagamore of the great council of the United States. Past and new officers were presented with gifts after the ceremony, which was held in York, and Charles Shaffer, of Pottsville, was elected a great sachem to fill the unexpired term of John M. Coombe, of Mahanoy City, who died the past year. An amendment was approved to reduce the per capita tax next year for the state orphan's board from \$1 to fifty cents. There at present are 1000 orphans being cared for by the state body, and it is estimated that their cost of maintenance will not exceed \$5,000.

Mrs. Amanda Leiser, of Pottsville, died from burns caused by her efforts to prevent a bonfire from igniting the clothes of a number of children. While Mrs. Leiser was putting the children out of reach of the flames a breeze wafted the fire in her direction. The question whether Carlisle should have jitney service was taken up by the public service commission. While learning to walk on crutches following a fall, Mr. Thomas Grove, of Red Lion, fell again, breaking her right arm.

Rev. Walter H. Traub, pastor of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran church, of Hughesville, has accepted a call to Christ Lutheran church, of York. Roy Walker, of Burnham, and John Uish, of Beaver Springs, were shocked by lightning as they sat eating their lunch in the Pennsylvania railroad shops at Lewistown.

Joseph Kuwicz, a Shenandoah boy, who is in all in Pottsville, confessed to County Detective Davis that he robbed John Krusinsky, a Shenandoah saloonkeeper, of \$650, most of which money he got from a family Bible, where the money had been placed for safe keeping. The boy got entrance to the house by a window and after ransacking the place and finding only a small sum, he struck it rich when he opened the Bible purely out of curiosity.

Arthur Wise, of Hope Hose company, was unanimously elected chief of the Lock Haven fire department. Jake Wilker, a New Kensington negro, pleaded guilty to second degree murder for shooting C. B. Klapp, manager of the Gilchrist Drug company's store in Greensburg, last September, and Judge Whitten sentenced him to from 15 to 20 years in the Western Penitentiary.

Stricken with heart trouble at her home in Bethelboro, Miss Frances Cameron, aged 68, for forty-four years a Fayette county school teacher, died before medical aid could be summoned.

Being held for court without bail is fast becoming an every day occurrence in the life of Paul Swiger, who has a long string of aliases. Swiger, who hails from near Philadelphia, told the Pittsburgh police, when arrested, that he had robbed 200 houses in this county recently. A South Side magistrate held him on fourteen charges of burglary several days ago. Swiger has made the rounds of Pittsburgh police courts, being held on ten charges at the East End police station and six charges at Wilkensburg. He will be given hearings later at the North Side police station and by county authorities. According to the police, the man is wanted in Delaware county on a charge of bigamy. He was married at Wellsburg, W. Va., the day before his arrest.

Striking linemen in the employ of the New C. Electric company in New Castle, returned to work. They had been out since June 1, after a dispute about working conditions, and will receive the old scale, \$2½ cents an hour.

Several Bethlehem institutions are beneficiaries under the will of the late Mrs. M. B. Hoppe, whose estate is valued at more than \$200,000. Lehigh University will get \$10,000 to establish a scholarship and St. Luke's Hospital \$10,000 to endow a bed. The Children's Home will receive \$3000. Several colored employes at the hotels run by the deceased will get \$3000 each, and Trinity Episcopal church will receive \$3000. The bulk will go to Millard F. Church, a nephew, and Grace D. Baylies and David Rees, Mrs. Hoppe's secretary and business manager.

Seventeen-year locusts have been found by agents of the state agricultural department in Dauphin county. One of the locusts which was captured and is on exhibition has a "W" on each wing.

Gilbert W. Kelly, 19-year-old Swissvale youth, convicted in connection with the robbery and killing of a department store bank messenger, in Pittsburgh, was sentenced to from 19 years and 11 months to 20 years in the Western Penitentiary. Similar sentences were imposed some time ago on Rufus Costner and Liarry Brooks, members of the gang which held up the messenger. Their leader, Benjamin Stokes, escaped with the money. Two petitions urging leniency, signed by 400 residents of Swissvale and sixty-four doctors, were presented to Judge Kline before he passed sentence. The physicians expressed the belief that Kelly had grown so rapidly as a boy that his mind did not develop, and that he was used as a "tool" by Stokes.

Theodore Benedicto and Charles Trevano, of La Salle street, Berwick, were arrested and held under bail on charges of violating the liquor law, following a fire which destroyed Benedicto's garage. An automobile was burned, and in the ruins was found a charred keg, which still contained three gallons of whisky, unharmed by the fire.

Five men in an automobile drove up to the hotel of Dominick Parry, at Thropp, near Scranton, smashed in the door and shot Parry through the thigh with a charge from a shotgun. The men fled in their machine and a search is being made for them by the state police and county authorities. Parry is in a serious condition at a Scranton hospital.

State highway department officers are looking for numerous bidders when the figures are submitted on the June projects in the latter part of the month. Many applications for plans and specifications have been requested and in some cases bidding blanks have been asked on a dozen projects.

A walnut tree more than 100 years old, on the property of Wood Helwig, near Catawissa, was struck by lightning and shattered.

Mrs. Samuel Hart, aged 44, and the city's heaviest woman, weighing 400 pounds, dropped dead in Holy Infancy Catholic church, at Bethlehem.

An examination for filling the vacant McAdoo postmastership will be held July 8.

Freeland Knights of Columbus sent an orchestra to White Haven sanitarium to entertain gassed service men under treatment. Notwithstanding the high cost of materials and labor Hazleton is enjoying a building boom. Fewer fatalities were called to the attention of the coroner of Fayette county in May than for many months. Only 22 deaths were investigated by Coroner Baum, of Uniontown, and ten of these were found to be due to natural causes. Only two murders, a low figure for the county, were reported.

MANAGER TRIS SPEAKER WAS USED FOR SETTLEMENT OF GROUND RENT



It is a long call from being turned over as ground rent to being the manager of a pennant-winning ball team, but such is the story of Tris Speaker. The Boston Red Sox bought Speaker in 1907 from Houston, Texas, and trained the following spring at Hot Springs. It frequently happens that a major league team gets its ground rent for training purposes in an agreement to leave a player when the training season ends. That was the system followed by the Boston club of 1908.

When the Red Sox started for home Speaker was singled out to remain in Little Rock. Mike Finn, later a scout for the Giants and Tigers, was managing the Little Rock Travelers of the Southern association. Finn got many offers that year for Speaker, who developed rapidly into a star, and though he had no written agreement with Boston about returning the player, Finn felt that Boston should have first call on Tris. He turned down all offers, put the case up to John I. Taylor, then the owner of the Red Sox, and Speaker was repurchased.

So the ground rental paid by the Boston owner in 1908 developed into the manager of a world's series winner.

PASSING OF PITCHER ELLER

Former Cincinnati Star Lost His Effectiveness When Freak Deliveries Were Barred.

The abolition of all freak deliveries was largely instrumental in the passing of "Hod" Eller from the majors. Eller, who was sent to the Oakland club of the Pacific Coast league by Cincinnati, was the sensation of the National league in 1919.

In the world series with the Chicago White Sox he won national fame by striking out six of the White Sox in succession.

Eller was a trick pitcher. That is, he got a hop or break on his fast ball



"Hod" Eller.

by means of doctoring the sphere. National leaguers always insisted he used powdered emery on the ball.

This was always denied by Eller, but the fact remains that after the freak deliveries were abolished he lost his effectiveness.

ERECT BIG GYM AT WILLIAMS

Structure to Cost \$500,000 to Be Built for Physical Education of Undergraduates.

Williams college will erect a \$500,000 field gymnasium for the physical education of its 600 undergraduates. It was announced at local Williams headquarters.

Williams, which claims the distinction of being the first college in America to build a gymnasium or to train the student body as a whole, now will have a structure with all facilities for outdoor and indoor exercises, including indoor diamond, squash court, tennis courts and basketball floors, hockey rink, gridiron and tracks.

BOWLING ONCE AGAINST LAW

Game Was Originally Nine-Pins and Was Called "Closhe"—Popular Gambling Sport.

Bowling once was forbidden by law. The game was originally nine-pins, and was called "closhe," the definition being given as "Closhe, the game at nine-pins; forbidden by statute, anno 17 Edward IV." The prohibition was afterward withdrawn and the game became popular. It was once also a popular gambling game in the United States, and in some states was prohibited by law. The law was evaded by adding another pin and calling it ten-pins.

Baseball Notes

St. Paul American Association club sold infielder Mark Koenig to the Watertown (S. D.) club of the Dakota league.

Jimmy Mattox, former Rochester backstop, looks good in a Pittsburgh uniform this year. He is booked for a long stay in the majors.

The world's supply of ivory obtained from elephants is said to be almost exhausted, but why worry with an annual growth in the number of baseball umpires?

Rees ("Steamboat") Williams, pitcher with the St. Paul American association baseball team, has jumped to the Eveleth team of the Mesaba Range league.

Walter Hammond, second baseman, purchased by Cleveland from the Pittsfield, Mass., Eastern league team last winter, has been released to the Pittsburgh Nationals.

Sometimes the comedy stuff of baseball becomes a reality. Heathcote, centerfielder for the Cards, was knocked out by a fly which struck him on the head.

This is Pilette's first year in the big show. He is a strapping right-hander with a fast-breaking curve. His control isn't much to brag of, but outside that he looks pretty good.

The poor showing of the Detroit team has not caused President Navin of the Detroit club to change his plans for adding another deck to the grand stand at Navin field.

Southpaw Harry Courtney, from the Senators, joined the Chicago, via the well-known waiver route. He was ridden by district fans and ought to get better with the Gleasons.

The Pittsburgh Pirates are said to have offered the Minneapolis club \$20,000 for Red Russell, with the idea of using the former White Sox pitcher in the outfield if he can be landed.

The shock of the season in the Coast league is the rise of Duffy Lewis' Salt Lake Bees. They were generally picked for the cellar, but now are considered a troublesome bunch.

Connie Mack's pitching and the club's hitting has surprised the critics this season, with the result they are picking the Philadelphia entry to make things hot for the other second division entries.

Art Fletcher of the Phillies does not seem to have been affected by his year's layoff. The former Giant star is hitting the ball right on the nose and is the key to Wilhelm's fast and youthful infield.

Wilbert Robinson's hopes for good pitching may come true after all the bad start. It will be remembered that Brooklyn's chances were said to depend almost entirely on the sort of pitching it got.

Press agent stuff, say envious critics when San Francisco boosts Gene Vaila, but propaganda doesn't make hits or catch long flies, and they have to admit that the box score tells a story that can't be denied.

Three Great Years.

Charles ("Chuck") Carney, football and basketball star at the University of Illinois, has just completed a three-year athletic career which is undoubtedly more brilliant than that of any other Illinois athlete. He took part in sixteen Big Ten football games and, in 1920, he was selected as end on Walter Camp's All-American team.

VETERAN OF PIRATES IS LEADING PITCHER

"Babe" Adams of Pittsburgh Takes Care of Himself.

Hasn't Any Special Rules for Keeping Himself in Shape, but Goes Along Smoothly About His Work—Loves Baseball.

"Pitchers may come and pitchers may go, but I go on forever." That might well be the slogan of Babe Adams, veteran Pirate hurler who is one of the leading National league stars and who is largely responsible for keeping the Pirates in the pennant race.

Babe is forty. For 13 years he has been feeding 'em over in the big league, and for nine years before that he was in the minors.

"I haven't any special rules for keeping in shape," he says. "I eat what I want, but regularly, and I get plenty of sleep. I have always taken good care of myself, and it has mighty well repaid me. When other fellows



"Babe" Adams.

with whom I started are all in, their physical powers burned up, I go along feeling like a youngster.

"I love baseball, and I'm going to keep on playing as long as the old wing will stand for it."

"I don't know why my arm holds up so well unless it's the way I grip the ball. Most pitchers, you know, grip the ball as tightly as possible, thinking they can get more break on it that way."

"I always have made it a practice to hold the ball loosely. I believe it gives me better control, and it certainly is easier on the arm."

INTERESTING SPORT NOTES

Jack Dempsey, wearing that English monocle, could probably get a job in any shipyard.

Marshall Field III of Chicago has purchased the three-year-old filly, Emotion, by Friar Rock-Affection, for \$25,000.

The Williams track team has elected Clifton H. Stowers, '23, of South Weymouth, Mass., as captain for next year.

Rumors of a \$50,000 match race between Morrish and Sennings Park, handicap horse of the Westmount stable, are false.

"Jack Dempsey to Marry American Girl." And this after his return from Europe, where he was "courted by royalty." There's a patriot for you!

Miss Cecil Leitch, British woman golf champion, won over Mrs. Norman Craig in the ladies' open golf championship tournament at Sandwich, England.

Milton Romney, former Maroon star, has signed to assist in coaching at the University of Texas at Austin. He will report to University of Texas on September 10.

For the first time in the history of the Italian Lawn Tennis association that organization will be officially represented in the British tennis championships at Wimbledon this summer.

Charges made by the Todd's Shipyard soccer team that they were mistreated in the final national cup game at St. Louis were not substantiated by the United States Soccer Foot Ball association.

Wit and Humor



NOT ALWAYS A SIGN

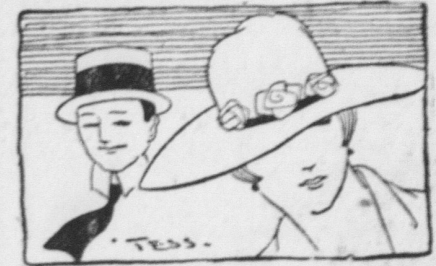
As usual, Mrs. Sububbs enlivened the dinner table conversation with an account of the new servant.

"I don't know much about her yet," she said, "but she is good-natured and harmless, at any rate."

"How did you find that out?"

"By her singing. She is always singing at her work."

"That's no sign," said Mrs. Sububbs. "A mosquito does that."



SWEET

"The sweetest girl I ever kissed," said gay young Malcolm, "Used powdered sugar on her face instead of talcum."

Mixed Spelling.

If you and I and ewe and eye and yew and aye (dear me!) Were to be spelled u and I, How mixed up we should be!

More Strategy.

"Do you ever suspect Mr. Jibway of running around with other women?"

"Certainly," said Mrs. Jibway. "You don't let him know it, do you?"

"I take particular pains to let him know it. When I want a check an ounce of suspicion is worth a pound of pleading."

Somebody to Pick On.

"I understand Mr. Peckton has taken up golf."

"Yes, and it has made a new man out of him."

"The exercise?"

"Not exactly. After years of subjection in the home, it would do your heart good to see the way he worries a caddy."

A Correct Diagnosis.

"This is no girl-and-man show," said the inebriated person to his friend when the curtain went up.

"Blest if I don't believe it's Shakespeare!"

"But the box-office man said it was just the thing for us."

"Yeah! He thought we needed sleep."

What Didn't Go Together.

Prison Visitor—And what brought you here, my man?

Convict—Well, madam, my father said when I was a boy that he hoped I would marry beauty and brains, and I wanted to please him.

Visitor—Yes.

Convict—I committed bigamy.

Only Way to Reach Him.

"Mr. Jagsby has a telephone in his cellar."

"It's a house phone."

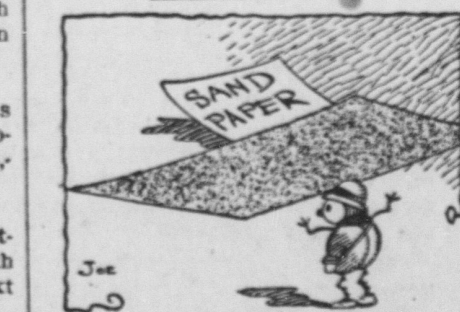
"What's the idea?"

"Mrs. Jagsby occasionally likes to exchange a word with him when he's about the premises."

Objectors.

"But why do your parents object so to Mr. Wilkins?"

"Mamma objects to his shortcomings and papa to his long stayings."



BLOCKED.

Bug Explorer—My, I'll never be able to cross that desert.

Mary's Little Lamb.

Mary had a little lamb. Her father shot it dead. And now it goes to school with her. Between two hunks of bread.

Unsolicited Advice.

"Do too many cooks spoil the broth?"

"I've never experimented with broth," said Mr. Bibbles, "but too many solicitous neighbors who regard themselves as experts certainly do muss up the home brew."

Can't Catch Her.

Mrs. Youngmother—Why, the baby might have been kidnapped while you dozed on that park bench!

The Nursemaid—Oh, no, ma'am. I ain't afraid of kidnappers, 'cause I take only catnaps.

Wrong Tack.

The dean had a hardboiled freshman on the carpet. The dean decided to take a fatherly attitude.

"If you were in my place," he asked kindly, "what would you do?"

"I'd resign."—Wesleyan Advance