

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Austin.—Picking up a supposed empty revolver here, Robert Keene killed his 13-year-old brother, Raymond, while playing "Wild West."

Bethlehem.—Reappointment of Thomas J. Lynch, of this place, as a member of the state water supply commission, was announced by Governor Sprout.

Troxelstown.—Horace Lichten wagner, aged 56 years, a farmer of this place, was found dead in his pig stable, having expired from heart disease.

Youngwood.—Dr. A. H. Cavin, of this place, was killed instantly when the Uniontown express on the Pennsylvania railroad struck his automobile at a grade crossing.

York.—Heirs of the late Mrs. Mary A. Bell, whose will disposed of an estate of \$75,000, have instituted a contest. Mrs. Bell, who left most of her money to local Catholic churches, was 85 years old when she died.

Harrisburg.—Amicable liquidation proceedings were instituted in the Dauphin county court by Insurance Commissioner Donaldson against the Independent Order of Seals, a secret beneficial organization, with offices in Scranton, on the ground that the organization is insolvent. The commissioner was given full authority to proceed with the liquidation, as representatives of the order agreed to a decree to that effect.

Pittsburgh.—Frank R. N. Cunningham, former cashier of the Broad Top National Bank at Hopewell, Bedford county, pleaded guilty to misappropriation of \$40,974.01 and was sentenced in federal court here to serve eight months in the county jail. A statement was made to the court that some of this amount had been returned to the bank.

Harrisburg.—Philadelphia led all counties in gasoline tax for October sales, its payments to the state treasury being \$30,759.33, while Allegheny was next with \$27,214.64. Berks paid \$7,731.24; Erie, \$5,074.86; Luzerne, \$8,157.97; Montgomery, \$7,726.11; Lancaster, \$4,497.80, and Westmoreland, \$6,291.60, and York, \$5,470.84.

Harrisburg.—Premium rates on compensation insurance will be cut on an average of 10 per cent again, according to officials of the state insurance department, who have completed the annual review of rates. The new rates will apply to all compensation policies on January 1. The rates have been cut 10 per cent almost every year from the start of compensation, the continued reduction being based on experience and the systematic efforts in industry for prevention of accidents. It is estimated \$15,000,000 of annual premiums for compensation insurance are affected by these rates, which differ according to the cost of work accidents in the separate industries. A few classes have been increased. Pennsylvania experience is used exclusively in the calculations, a simple system of classification is employed and recent experience noted. The average rate per \$100 of payroll has been: 1919, \$1.01; 1920, \$1.02; 1921, 73c.; 1922, 67c., estimated, and 1923, 61c., estimated.

Pottsville.—Judge Koch was given 284 appeals of coal companies from the tax assessment of this county, which boosted the total valuation of the companies \$500,000,000. The coal companies have declared they will file the biggest series of lawsuits in the history of the county and this action indicates they are making good their declaration. One suit of this character, the Thompson case, occupied the court for eighteen months, and Judge Koch said he did not know when the court will get through hearing 284 cases, as all must be heard separately. They bid fair to rival the hundreds of suits for damages from culms washing along streams, which clogged the courts for years.

Harrisburg.—State forestry authorities have notified district foresters to be ready to assist timberland owners in selection of trees to be cut for Christmas. The department says an eight-foot tree is just starting to grow, and if permitted to stand, soon would grow into a merchantable timber tree.

Uniontown.—District Attorney Miller, of Fayette county, launched an injunction drive against violators of the Woner law by beginning injunction proceedings against a brewery and five restaurants. Four of the restaurants were closed immediately, and he said the other restaurant and the brewery would be shut down. The court order directed the defendants to show cause why their places of business should not be closed because of alleged violation of the Woner act. A state policeman, who confiscated beer from the brewery, said the manager of the plant offered him \$100 if he permitted substitution of near-beer for the beverage seized.

McKeesport.—William Howser died in a hospital here from burns received in a powder explosion November 23, when two other miners were killed.

Erie.—The Model Bakery has taken bankruptcy proceedings with \$13,424 assets and only \$986 liabilities.

New Derry.—Mrs. Irene Henderson, postmaster here, is under \$3000 bail because \$9636 is said to have disappeared from her office.

Lauraytown.—Inmates at the Lauray town almshouse enjoyed a dance through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gangwer, steward and matron.

Uniontown.—All records for fall commitments for one month at the Fayette county jail were broken during November. The total was more than 400 for the men's department alone. More than the usual number also was admitted to the women's and boys' department. The record for the men's department up until last month was 334. On one day this week there were 55 men committed. Conditions in the county jail are such that the prison soon will have to put out the S. R. O. sign.

Uniontown.—On their way from Union town to their headquarters in New Salem, members of the state police noted a rather suspicious looking automobile and stopped it. A search revealed a dozen bottles of beer and a quart of wine in the car. Five deputy sheriffs, giving their names as William Fleming, John Tracey, Peter C. Berry, George Sanders and George Enore, were arrested and committed to the Fayette county jail to await a hearing.

Harrisburg.—An abutting property owner cannot remove coal or any other material from under or adjacent to an established highway in such a manner as to cause the surface of the road to sink or be otherwise injured, because the highway is entitled to support that it will keep it in place both lateral and vertical. If the removal of the coal at the surface or under the road will destroy the highway it may not be done. This ruling has been given to Township Commissioner Joseph W. Hunter by Deputy Attorney General J. W. Brown in the case of a road in Susquehanna township, Cambria county, and the supervisors of the township are advised to apply for an injunction requiring the road to be restored. Brown in giving a number of citations says the coal cannot be removed so as to disturb the surface because the owner's right to do so is subordinate to the right of the public to use the highway. The encroachment is illegal and an invasion of public rights.

Lewistown.—Henry High, 91 years old, said to be the oldest member of the Independent Order of Red Men in the state, was the guest of Oogpatonga Tribe at a banquet given in his honor. He was initiated at Bellefonte in 1858, and is a close contestant for honors with Joseph A. Fildthorn, of this place. High became the ward of the local tribe when his wife died several years ago, and a year ago was sent to the Cheltenham Home for Aged Red Men. He returned here for the event without escort and was able to tramp about the scenes of his boyhood.

Harrisburg.—Auditor General Lewis announced that with \$1,250,000 in state taxes paid by the Pennsylvania railroad and \$226,000 from other sources receipts for the general fund of the state exceeded the \$55,000,000 mark, establishing a new record.

Erie.—Henry Ford arrived from Detroit to visit the General Electric plant here with a view to the electrification of the Toledo, Detroit and Ironton railway. He was guest at luncheon at the plant and inspected the huge locomotive built there.

Sunbury.—A coroner's jury decided Grant I. Kline, a Northumberland paper hanger, who was found dead in Frank Starr's hotel here, died of alcoholism. A report on an analysis made of the man's stomach at the Geisinger Hospital was to the effect that synthetic gin was found in it. There was no evidence that the man had obtained the gin in Starr's place, and George H. Deppen, the bartender, said he had given him nothing stronger than near beer.

Harrisburg.—Expense of keeping after violators of the Volstead act has caused Steinton council to seriously consider an ordinance fining persons caught operating stills \$100. As the law now operates, the borough police force does a lot of work ferreting out stills in homes and the borough pays the bill and gets no revenue.

Harrisburg.—Predictions that by 1923 there will be enough trained teachers to meet the new Pennsylvania standard for teachers are made by the department of public instruction in an announcement that 5500 students are enrolled in teaching courses in the normal schools, an increase of 2000, the statement says: "In view of the fact that only graduates of four-year high schools or students with an equivalent training have been admitted to Pennsylvania normal schools the past two years, while in 1919 many students were enrolled for academic work and special courses, this increase in attendance is very remarkable. A further evidence of how interest in higher education has been stimulated during the past few years is found in the enrollment at the 47 colleges and universities in the state which carry educational courses. The total number of students now registered at these institutions is 53,500, an increase of 7500 over the figures for 1919.

Pittsburgh.—A coroner's jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide in the case of Mrs. Antonia Postucha. The woman said she killed her husband after he had threatened her. They had been living apart for several months.

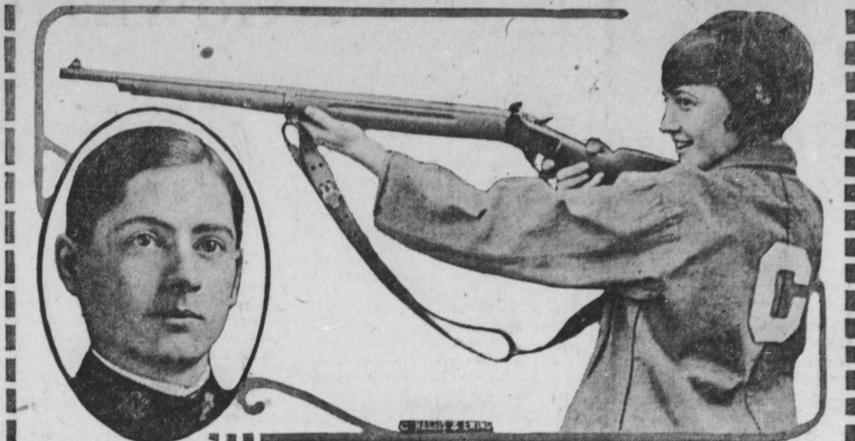
CConnellsville.—While taking off his coat in his boarding house, C. W. Fairchild, aged 74, employed at a mine here, was stricken with heart disease and died.

Altoona.—To avoid drives for funds the Lions' Altoona Club has suggested a community chest.

Drums.—Federal enforcement officers raided the barroom of Frank Fousser here and seized seventy gallons of wine and some whisky.

Huntingdon.—Louis R. Leister sold the Leister House here to J. G. Stewart and David H. Hagan, of Tyrone, for \$80,000.

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL GIRL IS CRACK RIFLE SHOT



Miss Helen Stokes of Washington, a crack shot of the Central High School Girls' rifle team of that city, who is following in the footsteps of her brother, Walter Stokes, who won the individual rifle shot championship of the world for 1922. She was a member of the team winning the John Jacob Astor cup in 1921. The inset shows Walter R. Stokes, champion rifle shot of the world.

SEASON'S BONE PLAY GOES TO DICKINSON

Rutgers College Star Grid Player Is Given Credit.

After Recovering a Fumble He Loses Sense of Direction and Starts for Opponents' Goal and Is Tackled by Them.

What was the prize bonehead play of the year in baseball? The Yankees in the world series pulled enough to last them a couple of seasons.

Bob Meusel, when he failed to run out a hit on which he would have easily been safe, only to have the next batter follow with a home run that would have tied up the game, was a thing of beauty.

There were scores of others in both major leagues that are eligible for first prize, but most of the experts concede the honor of pulling the prize bone of the year in baseball to Toporcer of the Cardinals.

Sent up as a pinch hitter in a game at Philadelphia he hit the ball over the right field wall for a home run. There was a man on first base at the time. The runner on first feared the ball would be caught and stopped between first and second awaiting results. In the meantime, Toporcer, positive he had made a home run, dashed around the bases at full speed, passing the runner on first between that base and second.

For so doing Toporcer was, of course, automatically out the moment he passed a preceding runner. Instead of a home run he received credit for only a single.

What about the biggest bone in football? That title goes to Dickinson of Rutgers college.

In a game with the University of West Virginia Dickinson, after recovering a fumble, lost his sense of direction and started for his opponent's goal.

Then to cap the climax, Setron and Howard of the West Virginia team completed the prize "bone" by tackling him instead of permitting him to go on his way.

BLOOMINGTON AFTER WILSON



It is reported that the first choice to manage the Bloomington team of the Three-I league was Jimmy Hamilton, but now that Hamilton has cast his lot with Nashville the Bloomington fans are interested in Art Wilson, veteran catcher, who had notable success as a manager in the Kitty league the past season.

WHEN WILHELM TWIRLED

Former Manager of Phillies Pitched 41 Games for Boston Braves—Salary Limit \$2,400.

Manager Wilhelm, formerly with the Phillies, points out that in 1904, when he was a member of the Boston Braves, he, together with Vic Willis and Charley Pittinger, pitched 102 of the 154-game schedule.

Willis pitched 43 games, Wilhelm 41 and Pittinger 30. The salary limit was \$2,400.

Youth Asked Howard for Job as Fighter

Kid Howard, boss of the Arcade gymnasium in Chicago, was near the door of his place recently when a little chap weighing about 110 pounds popped in.

"Well, what do you want?" asked Howard. "A job," answered the lad. "What kind of a job?" "Fighting."

"It nearly knocked me off my feet," said Howard afterwards. "I've heard about fellows asking for jobs cleaning up, or rubbing boxers or something else, but it was the first time anybody ever asked me for a job fighting."

"Grab that mop and you'll get plenty of good fighting," but that wasn't the kind of stuff he wanted, and the last I saw of the boy was his back as he closed the door behind him.

Sporting Squibs of All Kinds

There are 70 new 2:10 trotters this season.

Single sculling as a minor sport is to be adopted at Harvard.

University of Maryland co-eds have organized rifle and track teams.

Los Angeles will open its school for baseball instruction January 10.

Brooklyn National League team has 39 players, including 15 pitchers, on the reserve list.

It is proposed to hold a British Empire sports program at the great exhibition in London in 1924.

Earle "Greasy" Neale, coach of the Washington and Jefferson football team, is twenty-nine years of age.

Carpenter has gone to Russia to sell kitchenware. But as a salesman he may not have the right kind of "punch."

Harvard is considering limiting its intercollegiate football contests to its annual games with Yale. That might be safer.

Georgetown university's rifle team has been scheduled by the University of Vermont marksmen for a match March 2, 1923.

Probably the most celebrated of woman chess experts are Senorita Mora of Cuba and Mme. Katerina Reskow of Stockholm.

Criminal instincts found in an author in New York are attributed to a fall from a horse. Maybe this excuses a lot of race track jockeys.

A Nebraska cigar store owner is so tired of the fans leaning on the counter that he plans to install bleachers and by so doing give them plenty of space for argument.

Otto Miller, who has caught for the Brooklyn Nationals since 1910, has been given his unconditional release as a part of the move to gain new blood for the Dodgers.

Without his middle finger, there are probably a lot of tennis players whom Tilden can beat. In fact, according to the surgeons, the loss of part of his finger likely won't injure his master stroke.

Bobby Jones of Atlanta, now a student at Harvard, won the Harvard Golf association title by defeating Clarke Hodder, Massachusetts junior champion, over the Woodland course at Cambridge, Mass., 3 and 2.

Appalachian league probably boasts the only ball player who is son of the governor of the state in which he plays. He is Dave Taylor, star catcher of the Appalachian circuit, who is a son of Gov. Alfred A. Taylor of Tennessee.

INDIANAPOLIS SIGNS KIRKE

Hard-Hitting First Baseman Is Traded for Tex Covington—Led League in Batting.

Jayson Kirke, first baseman of the Louisville Colonels, who last year set a world's record for hits made during a regulation season, has been traded to the Indianapolis club of the American association. The Colonels receive Tex Covington, first baseman of the Indianapolis team, in exchange.

Kirke never has batted under 300 since joining the Colonels seven years ago. Last year he led the league with a mark of 386, while in the past season he batted 355.

WHITEY NEALE IS "FIND"



When Tad Jones, coach of the Yale football team, needed a man to fill the space left vacant by the injury to O'Hearne, left halfback, he searched the school for some temporary find. Fortunately, he came upon Whitey Neale, brother to Greasy Neale, coach of W. & J., and Cincinnati baseball player, and was glad to discover that Neale could fill O'Hearne's shoes almost as well as the Yale halfback himself. Neale proved himself one of the fastest men ever to play for old ELL. Photograph shows Whitey Neale.

HURLER RUETHER IS HOLDOUT

Brooklyn Southpaw Twirler Refuses to Sign Contract Calling for \$9,000 for 1923.

The initial holdout for 1923, at least the first one to get publicity, is Pitcher Walter Ruether of the Brooklyn club. He got \$8,000 the past season and has asked President Ebbets for \$12,000 for next year. The Brooklyn president announces to the world that Ruether has been offered \$9,000 for next year, with a bonus of \$1,000 at the end of the season if he shows he has been worth it.

INSPECT NEW TRAINING CAMP

President and Manager of St. Louis Cardinals Pay Visit to Bradenton, Fla.

President Sam Bradenton and Manager Branch Rickey of the Cardinals recently went to Bradenton, Fla., to look over the prospective training camp for the Cardinals next spring. Manager Rickey will have some 40 or 50 players in camp in the spring and it is necessary that arrangements be made with Bradenton hotels to accommodate the mob.

JIM AUSTIN INDISPENSABLE

St. Louis Browns Have Tried Out Many Prospects at Third Base, but Veteran Holds On.

The Browns apparently cannot get along without the services of James Austin. Year in and year out the management tries out some new prospect at third, yet the pinch seems inevitably to arise wherein this veteran, at an age when most players have been ten years retired, is injected into the fray.



THE SILVER LINING
"Has anyone seen my b-b-blanket?" demanded a shivering buck on one of those typically sunny French mornings. Nobody had—for purposes of publication, anyway.
"Has anyone seen my b-b-blouse?" Nope.
"Well," said the buck, after a moment's deliberation, "I'm g-g-glad I've g-g-got on a nice warm b-b-belt, at any rate."—American Legion Weekly.



AUNTIE DIDN'T SMILE
"The Bible says they went into the ark, two by two, doesn't it, Auntie?"
"Yes, dear."
"Well, who went in with you?"
Musings of a Motor Cop.
I signaled to Hortense to pause. She did so with a pout. And said, "I had to stop because my gas has just gone out!"—Washington Star.

The Smashup.
A man came into the club the other day with his face half-hidden by sticking plaster.
"A motorist friend of mine has just met with a nasty accident," he explained.
"But what have you been doing?" we asked in chorus.
"Oh, I was the nasty accident!"—Eve (London).

Shaken Belief.
"Do you feel a sense of unworthiness in the presence of a multi-millionaire?"
"Not of unworthiness," replied the impecunious citizen. "It is more a feeling of acute depression. At another time do I have as little faith in the old saying that virtue is its own reward."

Just Beginning.
Man—Do you collect pennies?
Teenie—Yes, sir.
Man—Well, here are two for your collection. Now, how many have you?
Teenie—Two.

Hardly Fair.
"A movie kiss must not last more than 15 feet."
"Aw, it's mean to give a poor heroine 500 feet of trouble and only 15 feet of bliss."

Truthful Farmer.
"Are these eggs fresh?"
"Yes, ma'am. They wouldn't have been laid till tomorrow if I hadn't made a mistake and torn an extra leaf off the calendar."

In Constant Touch.
"Since you have become rich I suppose you are out of touch with your old friends?"
"Not at all. Some of 'em touch me every day."



LICKED
"He's the cream of the pugilistic profession."
"He will be whipped cream before he knows it."

A Bachelor's Complaint.
I'd like to be a farmer
And live among the trees,
I'd sit beneath a peach tree
With peaches on my knees.

Maybe He Would.
Wife (indignantly)—If I were that young man down front I'd hug that girl outside the theater.
Hubby—So would I.

Fatal.
"What became of the terror of Nose-paint Gulch?"
"He's gone."
"Natural demise?"
"Liver complaint."
"Heh?"
"Had a white liver."

A Ray of Hope.
Would-Be Contributor—Do you think there is any chance of getting my poems in your magazine?
Weary Editor—There may be, I shan't live forever.