

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Lewistown.—The Eagles will build a \$50,000 home in the near future. Bloomsburg.—Council decided to pave Fifth street from East street to Leonard street this year. Bloomsburg.—The congregation of the First Baptist church decided to construct a new auditorium immediately. Wilkes-Barre.—S. G. Musury, who conducts a small business establishment on South Main street, has been marked for death, according to a letter received by him. The information was to the effect that a man and woman are watching him constantly and will take his life at the earliest opportunity. The man can give no reason for the letter. Harrisburg.—A traffic census on all main roads in Pennsylvania has been begun by the highway department to make a highway transport survey by which the department will ascertain the types of construction necessary for the various roads. The census will continue through the remainder of May, for sixteen days in July, during the month of October and during next January. The census takers classify passenger cars and trucks as "light" and "heavy." The results of the survey, which will take into consideration agricultural, industrial and tourist conditions, will be carefully checked and the department will be enabled to definitely determine the service each section of road must render. Wilkes-Barre.—James Kolowski, aged 32, who was lost for three days in the Stanton mine and has been in the Mercy Hospital since his rescue, about two months ago, was discharged from the local institution. Though still weak, the man has been practically cured from the effects of his experience. Connellsville.—Robert M. Grimm, a Connellsville business man, lost a race with death across the continent when his son, Thomas, aged 14 years, died. The father was in Los Angeles when he was notified that his son had been seriously injured in an automobile accident. Traveling by fast train, he arrived twelve hours after the boy died. Harrisburg.—Governor Pinchot signed the Woodward measure placing control of the legislative reference bureau with the legislature. The bill provides that biennially the senate and house in joint session shall appoint the director of the bureau, at a salary of \$6,000 a year. The director shall appoint an assistant at \$6,000, as well as all other employees, whose salaries are fixed by the law. An appropriation of \$72,000 is carried. Milton.—Council signed a contract for the installation of an automatic electric fire alarm system to cost \$15,000. Waynesburg.—Directors of the Citizens' National and the Peoples' National Banks have voted to submit to the stockholders a merger proposition. Harrisburg.—Twenty thousand more industrial accidents were reported to the workmen's compensation bureau for the first four months of the year than for a corresponding period in 1922. Commissioner Meeker announced. On May 1 a total of 65,190 accident reports had been received by the bureau. Of 48,303 accidents, including 664 fatalities, the industries with the largest percentages were in order of accident frequency, metals, bituminous mines, public service, anthracite mines, building, glass, mercantile establishments, food manufacturers and lumber manufacturers. State College.—Sleeping sickness caused the death of a second Centre county man within two months. Ernest E. Royer, aged 25, died at his home two miles from here after a year's illness. Orrin Barger, of Spring Mills, a freshman at the college died at the University Hospital, Philadelphia, in March. Wilkes-Barre.—Representing himself as a priest, a man giving the name of William Hall, of California, was arrested shortly after he attempted to pass two fraudulent checks in a local bank. The checks were signed with the name of Rev. J. E. Lynott, of this city, and were payable to Rev. Dr. A. E. Brennan, who recently was consecrated a bishop at Scranton. Following Hall's arrest two other checks were found on his person, each made payable to Bishop Brennan. They aggregated about \$500 and have been identified as a part of the loot stolen from the Cathedral rectory at Scranton on the night following the consecration ceremonies. Williamsport.—Rev. Charles H. Broscious, of Sunbury, for many years a missionary to Africa, has accepted a call to the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer here. Hazleton.—The budget for the new fiscal year of this district will force a raise in taxes from 17 1/2 to 19 1/2 mills. Scranton.—Three hundred employees of the Maccar Truck company were granted a voluntary increase in wages of 10 per cent. Fort Marion.—Suspected of starting several forest fires, James Clegg was arrested by state troopers. Ganister.—Scott Graham, an 8-year old boy, while fishing in the Juniata river near his home, caught a 16 1/2-inch trout. Altoona.—James Dinwiddie, lineman for the Penn Central Light and Power company, was killed here when he came in contact with a wire carrying 6,000 volts.

Mendville.—Edward Williams, an Erie railroad switchman, was killed here when he fell under a trestle on which he was working. Harrisburg.—A contract for construction of a state highway in Elm-hurst, Lackawanna county, has been awarded the H. B. Sproul Construction company, of Scranton, for \$14,534.50. Carlisle.—Brethren from all sections of central and southeastern Pennsylvania attended the dedication of the new children's home of the denomination here. Reading.—General George W. Goethals, builder of the Panama canal, accepted the offer of city council to become consulting engineer in the elimination of the Seventh street grade crossing of the Reading Railway company. By resolution of city council he will be paid \$1500 for looking over the plans, covering a period of six days, beginning May 28, during which time he will be here to examine the territory, and after that will receive \$250 a day for any additional service necessary. Uniontown.—Turnkey in the Fayette county jail is a better job at \$150 a month for eight hours than assistant chief of police working twelve hours a day for \$155 a month, according to Richard Moorehouse's line of reasoning. For this reason he resigned from the city police force and was chosen turnkey at the jail. Mauch Chunk.—The new \$500,000 New Jersey Central railroad bridge across the Lehigh river, at Nesquehoning Junction, a mile above Mauch Chunk, is completed, and the first passenger train passed over it. This is a magnificent structure and required a year and a half to complete it. It spans the river alongside of the old structure, which had become inadequate to meet the demand of modern railroad traffic and equipment and will be razed. The New Jersey Central is now using many of the heaviest locomotives built, making it necessary to strengthen bridges along the entire system. Bloomsburg.—A settlement is likely in the suits against the county by nine coal companies owning lands in the county, as well as in the appeals from the valuations made by the county. Counsel for the coal companies in court obtained a continuance until September of the preliminary injunction against them from commissioners, restraining them from paying W. F. Sekol, a mining engineer, whose valuation on coal lands was taken by the commissioners. Another engineer has been employed by the county and an adjustment is near, counsel told the court, declaring that hearings in either the appeals or the equity suit would probably be averted. Pottsville.—The washing of culm from this region far past Reading and even threatening river lands bordering on the Schuylkill not far above Philadelphia has ceased for the time being, city officials stated. The river has receded to an extent that the culm now is being deposited on Schuylkill county lands, which welcome the coal for fuel. The old conditions are apt to occur again, however, when the river rises. Pittsburg.—A few minutes after a man staggered from a meat market in Rankin, a suburb, and told a story of being bound, gagged and placed in a refrigerator, the establishment was discovered to be on fire. Before the flames were brought under control the market and four other business places were destroyed and six families rendered homeless. The loss is \$60,000. The name of the man who staggered from the market was not divulged, but the police said he owned the place. He told them, authorities said, that two negroes robbed him of \$60 and then trussed him up and made him a prisoner in the ice box. Reading.—The fourth annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of Philadelphia North Presbyterian was held here. Rev. Merle C. Winn spoke on Japan. This was followed by the introduction of missionaries by Mrs. Albert M. Barnes. A questionnaire was conducted by Mrs. John Harvey Lee. Miss Helen Streeter, field secretary of the board of national missions, spoke on "The North American Indian."

SEVENTEEN YEARS WITH SENATORS



Walter Johnson of speed ball fame, who, when he finishes 1923 baseball season, will have served seventeen years as pitcher for the Washington Senators.

Catcher Tom Daly Almost Hit King

Tom Daly, now a Pacific Coast league catcher, was a kid catcher with the White Sox when the Sox and Giants went around the world in 1913. The tourists stopped off in England for a game and the king and queen attended. In that particular game Daly drove a home run into the crowd. The ball fell close by the box occupied by the king. As Daly came in to the bench, under a barrage of cheering, one of his pals remarked: "Gee whiz, Tom—you almost hit the king!" "That's hard luck," Daly replied. "Maybe I'll get him the next time."

Rainbow Division Clubs Hope to Make Advance

Before every baseball race the clubs might be separated into two divisions. There are the first division clubs and the rainbow division clubs—rainbow signifying hope, writes Walter Trumbull in the New York Herald. There are always clubs which have been second division teams, but which hope that they have strengthened enough to climb into the first division. The only trouble about that is the first division will accommodate only four clubs in each league. To make concrete examples, both the White Sox and the Athletics this season say that they expect to finish in the first division. Fair enough! But the four narrow top steps now are occupied by New York, St. Louis, Detroit and Cleveland. Just which one do they expect to kick down stairs? And in the National league the chances look pretty slim for any of the second division clubs to head off the Giants, Cincinnati, St. Louis or Pittsburgh. In fact, it is just as well for a couple of those second division teams that the league provides only eight places in which to finish—otherwise one of them might finish ninth.

INTERESTING SPORT NOTES

Pennsylvania State expects its new track house to be ready in the fall. Bill Johnston advises tennis learners to play often as a means of mastering the game. Jack Dempsey in the coal business should be able to hit the ultimate consumers some awful wallops. J. H. Haas, 24, has been elected captain of the Yale varsity basketball team for the 1923-24 season. Ruel D. Warriner of Philadelphia has been elected captain of the wrestling team at Lehigh for next year. Sam Barry, coach of Iowa university's basketball and baseball teams, has contracted to remain for five years more. Bayes Marshall Norton of Vineyard Haven, Mass., has been elected captain of the Yale track team for next season. William M. Johnston, second among America's star tennis players, will compete in the British national championships at Wimbledon. Walter Hagen denies that he has challenged Gene Sarazen, American open champion, to play a special golf match for a side bet of \$10,000 before going to England. With the exception of the Harvard-Yale track team, which is slated for a meet with Oxford-Cambridge in England next July, permission will be refused to all athletes under A. A. U. jurisdiction to take part in international contests abroad this year.

IN FIELDING GROUND BALLS ACT QUICKLY

Player Should Come Up on His Toes and Be Ready to Start on Every Pitched Ball.

(By CARL LUNDGREN, Baseball Coach, University of Illinois.)

I believe players should observe six fundamentals in fielding ground balls; that is, they should start fast, get square in front of all balls that they can; keep their body low; watch the ball go into their hands; use their feet properly and make every effort to catch the ball on a long bound or on a pickup.

On every pitched ball fielders should come up off their heels and onto their toes ready to start as fast as they can run in a direction that will put them in front of the ball. Usually a player should be able to tell on which side of him the ball will be hit before the batter hits, by watching the swing of the bat and the position of the pitched ball relative to the batter. Oftentimes, if you will watch infielders, you will observe that many will leap forward and to one side or the other and often take a full step even though the ball is not hit. This means a fast start in fielding the ball if it is hit and the ability to cover much more territory. It also means that they may slow up when they come to the point where they can take the ball on a long bound or a pickup if it is hit down the infield with ordinary speed and not to the limits of their fielding area. In other words, they can play the ball and not allow the ball to play them. You should get square in front of all balls, if possible, in order to reach as far as possible to either side if the ball bounds badly to one side on the last bound before catching it and also to use your body and feet to keep the ball in front of you in case it cannot be played with your hands. Many assists are made over balls that drop in front of you that have been stopped by body and feet. One of the fundamentals of all baseball is to keep the ball in front of you. There are balls at the limits of your fielding area that you can play only with your hands because you cannot get your body in front of them, also slow-hit balls that you must go in as fast as you can and take in any way that they come to you in order to get the putout, also long bounding that you can play on the side in order to be in a better position to throw, but on ordinary ground balls it should be easy to understand that, if you play them on the side and they bound a little farther to that side than you expected, you will be unable to knock them down and play them. They will go to the outfield, possibly between them, and if it is an outfielder playing the ball, it seems an extra base hit.

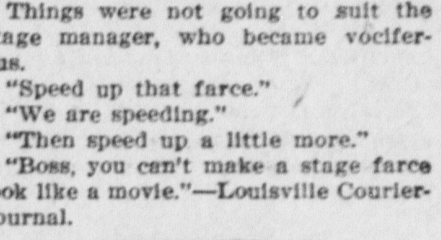
Baseball Notes

Harvard may send its baseball team to Japan in July. University of Pennsylvania has a great pitcher in W. H. Huntzinger '22. Outfielder B. Shaner has been sold to the Cleveland Americans by the New Orleans club. Bunny Brief, who had a tryout with the Sox and Pirates, is a mighty slugger in the association. The University of California varsity baseball team will tour the Hawaiian islands during the summer. Wilbur Good, old Cub outfielder, seems to have made good as a manager of the Kansas City Blues. "Doll" Derr, umpire in the International league last season, has been added to the National league staff. The Galveston club has traded Outfielder Jim Thrash to the Rockford Three-I club for Pitcher Krank Wehrli. George Walsh will be among swimming experts from this country to try the English channel swim this summer. Manager Harry Clark of the Milwaukee American association club predicts his team will be a pennant contender. An all-Japanese baseball league to include practically all the important cities of central California, is being organized. The return of Outfielder Robert Ostergard to the Chicago White Sox is announced by officers of the Nashville baseball club. The Pittsburgh Pirates have released Shortstop Ralph Michaels, Outfielder Hazen Cuyler and Pitcher John Wright to Nashville. Return of Jim Roberts, pitcher, to the San Antonio club of the Texas league is announced by Pat Moran, manager of the Reds. Bill Stumpf, veteran infielder, won't be exactly a stranger with the Portland team. He has spent most of his career in the Northwest. Bill Maher, 1922 captain and catcher of the University of Pennsylvania baseball team, has been declared eligible for all games this year. Howard Ehmke is the only ray of light Frank Chance sees in right-handed pitching for the Red Sox and Menosky and Goebel please him in the outfield. Most Errors Made by Oscar Stange Oscar Stange, once with Detroit, made the most errors in one season that were ever the lot of an American league catcher. He had 41. Ira Thomas, J. Peters and J. Styles had four errors charged against them in a single game. At the time, Thomas was with Philadelphia, Peters with Cleveland, and Styles with Philadelphia.



ALWAYS SOMETHING A man who had wheeled a dealer out of a ton of coal for the long arctic spring went away grinning, but came back the next day looking glum. "What's the matter, now?" asked the dealer. "Didn't you get the coal?" "I got the coal, but now I want a book of instructions on how to burn it."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Only Human. Things were not going to suit the stage manager, who became vociferous. "Speed up that farce." "We are speeding." "Then speed up a little more." "Boss, you can't make a stage farce look like a movie."—Louisville Courier-Journal.



Booker, the Agent: I know you. You never gave a performance where your audience didn't walk out on you. Hamsley, the Monologue Man: That's all you know about it. I was on the program of the last annual entertainment given to the inmates of the State Penitentiary and they stayed to a man.

Said the Patient: "It's all me, Doc, to call you so far from your happy home." "Never mind, man, your neighbor is sick. I can kill two birds with one stone." Man—the Necessary Evil. "How is Nell doing in her marriage?" "Oh, perfectly lovely! She has a beautiful home and garden—everything exquisitely furnished—her own runabout—stunning gowns and so on—but she can't stand her husband. However, I suppose we all have our troubles."

Cub Reporter "a Rough One." "How's that new cub reporter?" asked the city editor. "He's a rough one," replied the copy reader. "He breaks all the rules of grammar, murders the English and splits his infinitives."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Caught With the Goods. Carrie—Is it true that you put a lead quarter in the plate when the collection was taken up in church? Harry—Yes, I figured that it was a good chance to get rid of the darn thing, but the cashier of the bank happened to be passing the plate.

Underestimated. "It says here the manufacture of chewing gum gives employment to over 25,000 persons in the United States," remarked Brown. "Huh, there are more than 25,000 girls who chew it in this country," remarked Black.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Office Must Know. Brown—I believe in the office seeking the man. White—Yes, yes, go on. "But I also believe in letting the office know that you are willing to be sought."—London Answers.



"I see you took the pretty girl into the conservatory. Did you propose?" "No, we both kind of got cold feet. There was a married couple in there having a family talk." A Modern Romance. They went to school together. They grew up side by side. But he never knew he loved her Till her rich uncle died.

Had to Do Something. Child—Mother, may I have some water to christen my dolly? Mother—No, dear. Child—Then may I have some wax to waxinate her?—London Bystander.

Always 'Talking. Lady—Why did you become a tramp? Hercules—The doctor's fault, mum. He told me to take walks after meals, an' I've been walking after 'em ever since.—Medical Quip. A Serious Matter. Old Man—You have something important to say to my daughter? Young Man—Oh, no! I was just going to propose to her. The important conversation I should like to have with you afterward.

Two Fairy "Oarsmen"



Now who dare oppose us, say these fair oarswomen, said to be the first of their sex, Misses Ruth Sharpless and Helen Morton, students of Swarthmore (Pa.) college, after they successfully essayed a trial spin on the Schuylkill river at Philadelphia, Pa.