

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Bradford.—Fire at the Mars Gasoline company plant at Lewis Run, near here, was still burning. The Bradford fire department fought the blaze all night, but was unable to obtain sufficient water pressure. The pump house, with its valuable machinery, and a nearby building were destroyed. C. J. Weaver, an engineer, was the only victim of the fire, which started when an electric spark ignited the gasoline.

Harrisburg.—The Pinchot enforcement act, whose constitutionality is now under attack because enforcement officers seized whiskey without a warrant from a huckster's basket, bobbed up in court. Joseph Gilbert asked for a rule to show why state police should not be restrained from testifying against him and be compelled to return his automobile. Gilbert avers his machine was searched without a warrant and seized after a small quantity of liquor was found.

Grove City.—Lieutenant Oakley Kelley, of Grove City, the non-stop transcontinental airman, will fly his big plane over his home town on the return trip from California, he advised his parents. According to Kelley he will pass over Grove City on the leg of the journey from Dayton to Washington some day next week.

New Castle.—Mrs. Cecelia Rymarz, mother of six small children, was instantly killed when struck by a Pennsylvania passenger train at Mahoning avenue here. She was en route to her work at a tin mill at the time, and stepped out of the path of a freight train in front of a passenger.

Easton.—School boards in this vicinity seem to be having trouble about their taxes. At a meeting of the city school board action was taken increasing the school tax rate on property from 13 mills to 15 mills and doubling the per capita tax on each individual, now making it \$2 a person. At a meeting of the Bangor school board announcement was made that fully 1500 women in that town have not paid their school per capita tax, and it was decided that suit shall be started against these people by the school solicitor. Their names will be placed on the minutes of the board and published once a week for three weeks.

Franklin.—Declaring the position of the Erie railroad seemingly to be "unreasonable," State Highway Commissioner Paul D. Wright has written to the county commissioners of Venango, explaining that it is the railroad and its attitude that is holding up completion of the main-traveled highway between Franklin and Oil City.

Alientown.—Lehigh county's now famous "pollywog" farm, the object of numerous raids by prohibition enforcement officers, resulting in the seizure of a number of stills and materials for making liquor, formerly occupied by Clarence Pollentzsch, was destroyed by fire, believed to be of incendiary origin, causing several thousand dollars' loss.

Uniontown.—John Kamensky, court interpreter here, has been elected supreme president of the Pennsylvania Greek Union.

Pottsville.—Twin babies were offered Undertaker Claude Lord for burial when he called at a home on Mill Creek avenue in response to a message. The undertaker was not asked into the home, but the babies, which were alleged to have died, were handed out through a door. Mrs. Viola Haas, said the twins died at the same time from natural causes, but City Coroner Dierschedl is making an investigation.

Connellsville.—Society received a jar when it became known that Mrs. Katherine M. Luce, daughter of Wash Herd, a wealthy coal operator, had been granted a divorce from Eugene M. Luce, to whom she was married October 22, 1922. They were married only four days before their matrimonial troubles began, according to the testimony of Mrs. Luce, and lived together only four months.

Burnham.—The board of education has fixed the school tax at twenty mills and the per capita tax at \$3.

West Hazleton.—Burgess Martin has established a junior police force of boys from 10 to 14 years of age.

Sunbury.—The Sunbury alumnae of Wilson College held a dinner to consider plans for raising funds for an endowment fund for the institution.

Sunbury.—Burglars who ransacked the Temple Club's quarters in the Sunbury Masonic Temple, obtained a few five-cent pieces from a cigar vending machine for their trouble.

Altoona.—Charged with illegally transporting liquor, Joseph Bosela, of South Fork, was arrested here and held in \$2500 bail for a hearing.

Tamaqua.—Lawrence Murphy, aged 19, whose skull was fractured by timber in a mine, died at the Coaldale Hospital.

Northumberland.—H. A. Hall has resigned as cashier of the Farmers' and Mechanics' National Bank of this place, and Earl M. Boyd, of Steelton, will take his place.

Morewood.—Thought to have fractured his skull in a twelve-foot fall from the roof of a barn near here, Harrison Fox, aged 71, died.

Pottsville.—Prosperity in the steel trade is causing the Eastern Steel company to make extensive additions to its plant here, whereas two years ago there was talk of closing. An addition is to be built to give the mill greater capacity.

Hazleton.—Teamsters here have formed a union and will make a demand for more wages.

Altoona.—Struck by an automobile while crossing a street, Mrs. Mary Peters suffered several fractured ribs, a dislocated shoulder and possible internal injuries.

Siglerville.—Fern Michael, aged 7 years, probably lost the sight of one eye and the thumb and three fingers of his left hand when a dynamite cap which he found exploded in his hands.

Tamaqua.—Nels Nelsen's greenhouses here were sold to Clyde Kepner of Orwigsburg, and James Doak, of Nesquehoning, for \$40,000.

Pittsburgh.—William Fullerton, a patrolman, was released under \$2500 bail to await an inquest into the death of Thomas Richardson, a negro. The policeman reported that he shot the man when he tried to escape after being arrested.

Pittsburgh.—A motion filed in Court here asking a new trial for Joseph Valotta, convicted of killing a Pittsburgh policeman, will test the act of 1921 by which women are declared eligible for jury service, legal authorities declared. Valotta in his petition said that two members of the jury which brought in the verdict against him were women, and under the act of 1890 women are not allowed to serve on juries.

Harrisburg.—Application for approval of plans and apportionment of costs for the Schuylkill avenue overhead bridge, Reading, which will carry the street cars over the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia and Reading Railway companies' tracks will be granted by the public service commission, John S. Rillings, a member of the commission announced. The announcement was made after the Berks county commissioners had appeared before the commission and announced that opposition of the railway companies had been withdrawn.

Elizabethtown.—Pennsylvania Masons dedicated the W. Harry Brown Home for Boys, a \$95,000 structure, erected on the Masonic Home grounds here. The presentation was made by George C. Berwin, who was selected by Mrs. Harry Brown and approved by Grand Master Beltler of Philadelphia, on behalf of the Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge officers conducted the ceremony in the presence of a large delegation from lodges in Pittsburgh, late home of the donor. Many friends from Lancaster, Philadelphia and other places also were present. The home has facilities for sixty boys; is a three-story brick structure with two wings, and is for the physical, mental and moral education of dependent orphan sons of Masons in Pennsylvania, who are less than 10 years of age at the time of admission.

Wilkes-Barre.—James Oliver, 15 years was twice shot in the thigh while watching a fight between two men in Laffin. The boy saw the fight start and remained for the finish. Guns were unexpectedly drawn and the bullets went wide of their mark, the fighters running away as the boy fell. The police have arrested Charles Chenetti as one of the men engaged in the fight.

Harrisburg.—Officials of Mercy Hospital, Johnstown, filed in the Dauphin county court alternative mandamus proceedings against Auditor General Samuel A. Lewis, in which he is called on to pay the institution \$31,208.00, or show why he should not do so. The rule granted by Judge Frank B. Wickersham, was made returnable June 25.

Connellsville.—Members of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen rejected the proposal of a flat three-cent wage increase made recently by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad.

Hazleton.—Fourteen hundred girls from the schools here took part in a pageant at Hazle Park.

Latrobe.—Mrs. Elizabeth Frye, of this place has sued the Ligonier Valley railroad for \$20,000 damages for the death of her husband killed by a passenger train last August.

Hollidaysburg.—Disease-free seed potatoes from Michigan have been distributed among sixty-three Blair county farmers to improve the quality of local potatoes.

Harrisburg.—The public service commission announced its approval of the application of the Pennsylvania Railroad company for permission to alter and reconstruct an overhead crossing on Main street between East Conemaugh and Franklin, Cambria county. The application was contested by the two boroughs on the ground that the type of structure proposed by the railroad company does not conform to that portion of the structure already erected by the boroughs. The commission says that "the non-conformity in design will not seriously offend the artistic sense," pointing out that the Bethlehem viaduct costing approximately \$3,000,000, is not uniform in design.

Tamaqua.—The Chamberlain Amusement company has purchased ground at East Broad and Centre streets from S. G. Sellman, for a theatre and business block.

Hazleton.—Roads in this district were patrolled by state police conducting a campaign to enforce regulations in lights, signals, speeding and licenses.

Bethlehem.—Falling from a second-story porch at her home here, Julia Szolot, aged 6 years, broke both legs.

Seranton.—Gomer Morgan and Andrew Auckuna, both footmen at Richmond No. 3 shaft of the Seranton Coal company, were killed when they fell 300 feet down the shaft.

Pottsville.—Harriet Caslos, a Pottsville high school girl, died at a hospital after a minor operation for the removal of her tonsils.

Uniontown.—A campaign soon will be started for the erection of a county tubercular sanitarium in the mountains near here.

"KID" GLEASON AND COACH WALSH



"Kid" Gleason of the White Sox and Ed Walsh, former White Sox star pitcher of nearly a score of years ago, hope to help make the team a pennant winner for owner Comiskey this year.

Inside Baseball as Played by Orioles

"Inside baseball" has had a lot of publicity since the game took a firm foothold in the affections of the American public.

The Baltimore Orioles, the wonder team that developed McGraw and Robinson and Jennings into the leading strategists of the present, thoroughly believed in the "inside" game, but a lot of their stuff looked like ordinary trickery to modern eyes.

For instance: The Giants were playing a closely contested game in Baltimore. In one of the late innings Hugh Jennings hit a sharp bouncer to Ely, the New York shortstop, who threw wildly to first base.

In those days the clubhouse of the old Union park grounds in Baltimore was situated directly behind first. Tom Murphy, the Baltimore groundskeeper, was watching the game at the open door.

He saw the ball come rolling toward him. He allowed it to roll into the locker room and then slammed the door and locked it. Roger Connor, the Giants' first sacker, swearing like a trooper, tried to tear the door down, while Jennings raced around the bases and scored the deciding run.

"That was inside ball," said McGraw, in recounting the story, "but just try to get away with anything like that in these calm and effete days!"

Coach Spike Webb



Spike Webb, boxing coach of the United States Naval academy, which defeated the University of Pennsylvania for the intercollegiate championship of America, after going through a season without a defeat. Webb coached the American Olympic team winners at Antwerp, Belgium, in 1920.

John McGraw Would Take Ball Team to Far East

J. J. McGraw, manager of the world's champion New York Giants, has laid plans for taking a baseball team to Australia and New Zealand either late this year or in 1924. B. J. Kortland of Sydney, N. S. W., proposed such a trip to the Giant leader, who expressed enthusiasm at the project. It is probable that the team selected will also play in Japan, Hawaii and the Philippine Islands.

Willie Ritola Seeking His Citizenship Papers

Willie Ritola, the famous runner of New York, came to the United States from Finland in 1914. He started running in 1919. He received his first citizenship papers a year ago, and should receive his final papers next April. He will then be eligible to carry the American shield in the Paris Olympic games.

CONSIDER BACKSTOP IMPORTANT PLAYER

By Keeping Cool He Becomes Great Steadying Influence on the Pitcher.

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

The catcher is one of the most important players on the team. He should be a cool, alert individual, always ready to pick out any weakness that the other team discloses in its batting, and always ready to take advantage of these weaknesses. If he can remain calm and collected through the worst batting rallies that his opponent may start, he becomes a great steadying influence on the pitcher. On the other hand, if he gets excited and loses his head, he will become a great hindrance to the team's success.

The catcher should be able at all times to handle thrown or pitched balls without dropping or fumbling. He should never allow himself, whether in a game or during practice, get into the habit of dropping the ball.

Many catchers keep their hands in a continual state of pain by carelessness in the position in which they hold their hands when receiving a ball. The fingers should be held close together and pointing either upward or downward. In other words, if your hands were planes, the surfaces should be parallel to the course of the ball coming toward you or very nearly so, and never perpendicular to it if possible to avoid it. This method of handling your hands will save many injuries to your fingers and will also enable you to handle the ball easier and cleaner.

The position the catcher takes behind the plate is very important. He should stand directly behind the plate, as closely as possible to the batter without likelihood of being hit by the bat or interfering with the batter. His feet and legs should be placed comfortably under him, and should not be spread too far apart or kept too close together. The left foot should be placed a little in advance of the right foot which brings you that much closer to your shifted or throwing position. Try to keep your body behind all pitched balls, if possible unless so doing you place yourself in a position where the batter will interfere with your throwing. In such cases the ball must be caught and brought out or away from the batter in order to make throwing easier. In going after wild pitches to the right, move your right foot out far enough that you will retain your balance. For wild throws to the left side, move the left foot out.

Squat only enough to be able to carry your mitt comfortably at about the batter's waist from which position you can change the fastest to catch either a high or low pitched ball.

Pitcher Tom Willis is back in the Western association, the Memphis club having released him to Springfield.

Frank Reiger, home-run king of the Western association, was among the players turned over by Kansas City to End.

If there are any better first basemen than Lefty Grimm, the fans of Pittsburgh would like to get a glimpse of them.

Manager Kid Gleason of the Chicago White Sox, well supplied with outfielders, wants Bib Falk to take up pitching.

Catcher Rip King, turned back to Portland by Shreveport, has been indefinitely suspended for alleged failure to keep in condition.

Outfielder Gene Valla of the San Francisco Seals is making good on all predictions and is out to make a few records for consistent hitting.

The Omaha club has given the Sioux City club another lift by transferring Southpaw Frank Okrie from the Omaha payroll to that of the Sioux.

Rumors on the Coast circuit are that Marty Krug offered Art Griggs to Sacramento in exchange for Fred Mollwitz, but was turned down.

A critic in Washington suggests that Allan Russell, obtained from the Red Sox to do relief work, has been given more of it than he can stand.

The Kansas City club has sold Catcher Dave Lamb to Toledo. Last year Lamb was out under option to Decatur of the Three-I league.

Despite some heavy explosions of hitting the Southern is still in control of the pitchers. Latest batting averages show no team hitting .300.

Joe Dillard, the Southwestern university infielder taken on by the Giants while in Texas, has been shipped to the Waco club of the Texas association.

Muskegon's ball club is community owned. A stock company was formed with \$12,000 paid up in small lots, there being several hundred stockholders in the club.

The St. Paul club recalled Outfielder Morrison and McGee and Catcher Dougan from Des Moines, and McGee was shipped to Springfield of the Western association.

Del Gainer, veteran first baseman, announces his retirement from baseball, following an attempt by the St. Louis Cardinals recently to shunt him off to the Houston farm.

The Kansas City club continues to supply Oklahoma City with pitching material. One of the late ones sent down is Radliff, who, according to Jack Holland, looks good.

Hugo Bezdek, former manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates and now athletic director of Penn State college, has been elected president of a little independent league of four clubs operating in the vicinity of Pittsburgh.



BOTH HAD REGRETS

He—Believe me, frauiein, I would gladly have paid double fare for the pleasure of having you for a traveling companion.

She—How unfortunate I didn't know that before now.

He—Frauiein, I am overcome with joy.

She—For then I need not have purchased a ticket.—Jugend.

Just Go. The lecturer declared that we could learn something from all peoples. At this a heckler in the audience spoke up.

"How about the Eskimo?" "Oh, he has the best icehouse," stated the lecturer.

Confusion of Tongues. Asked by his Sunday school teacher about the Tower of Babel, Tommy said:

"Wasn't that the place where Solomon kept his 500 wives?"



EXPLAIN IT IF HE CAN "Everything should be a stepping stone to something better." "How do you account for the fact that engagements usually lead to marriage?"

Athlete Moves Two Feet. It almost makes me laugh So wonderful the treat! To see an athlete run a mile, And only move two feet.

Page Dr. Coue. "Fred's been glum since he was arrested for autosuggestion." "Autosuggestion?" "Yes, he asked a girl to go riding."—Wisconsin Octopus.

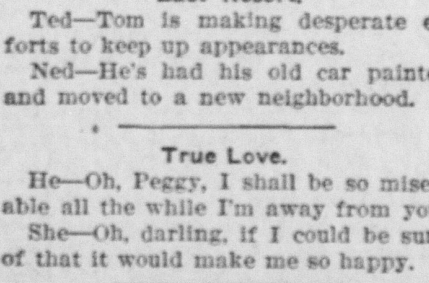
His Very Hide Wanted. Dave—What's the matter, Lou—you look peeved this morning? Lou—Oh! My wife is just fleecing me—she wants a fur cloak of monkey skin!

Yah! "What are you crying for?" "Because Nina won't play with me." "Why won't she play with you?" "Because I'm crying."—Le Journal Amusant (Paris).

Another Costly Commodity. Customer—How much is smoked ham? Dealer—Sixty-five cents a pound. Customer—What makes it so high? Dealer—The scarcity of smoke.

Last Resort. Ted—Tom is making desperate efforts to keep up appearances. Ned—He's had his old car painted and moved to a new neighborhood.

True Love. He—Oh, Peggy, I shall be so miserable all the while I'm away from you. She—Oh, darling, if I could be sure that it would make me so happy.



BEHIND THE TIMES She: I tell yuh there's nothing like the old time remedies 't cure a body's ills. He: Yeal They're all right fer some troubles, but I tell yuh they ain't no good fer these up-to-date diseases.

Chicken Dressed to Eat. A "chicken" dressed to kill May be, oh, very sweet, But still I would prefer A chicken dressed to eat.

Caged. His Wife—Remember, when poverty comes in at the door love flies out through the window. Mr. Everbroke—Then love can't get far away from us because all our windows open on a light shaft.

A Rued Bargain. "My wife saved \$10 at a bargain sale today." "Did she give you back the \$10." "Not much! She demanded \$15 more to buy a new hat. Her old one was trampled on in the rush."

Astute. "How does Owens manage to keep up his extravagant mode of living?" "He has credit." "How does he get it?" "By pretending to be worried almost to death over the income tax."

Jockey Lyne in Spain



Jockey Lyne, the American rider, has turned in numerous winners for the king of Spain.

Sporting Squibs of All Kinds

Perhaps they could make chess a little livelier by putting rubber cores into the pieces or else into the players.

J. H. Wallack of Brooklyn, N. Y., a Sheffield junior, has been elected captain of the Yale wrestling team.

Glen Carberry, captain of 1922 Notre Dame football team, has been secured to coach football next season at St. Bonaventure college, Allegany, N. Y.

Jack Corbett, former national sculling champion and coach of the Grand Rapids Boat Club, has been signed as coach of the Lincoln Park Boat Club at Chicago.

C. C. Mosher, '24, of New York and R. A. Newby, '24, of Washington have been elected captains of the Princeton varsity swimming and water polo teams, respectively.

Announcement that Gilmour Doble's contract to coach Cornell football teams has been extended to May 1, 1933, was made by Graduate Manager of Athletics Romeyn Berry.

Having been barred from the Olympic games in Paris in 1924, Germany will hold its own Olympic games beginning July 15 this year. French and Belgium athletes have not been invited to compete in the sports.