

# PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

**Hazleton.**—The members of St. John's Greek Catholic church here will erect a \$200,000 terra cotta and brick edifice to seat 1000 persons.

**Roaring Springs.**—As the result of a fall on October 5, in which she dislocated a hip, Mrs. Sarah Berkstreser, aged 51, died.

**Uniontown.**—Samuel and Lee Stern and John McIntyre have purchased the Masonic building from the Fayette Title and Trust company for \$92,500.

**Lancaster.**—A civil service examination for postmaster at Strasburg, this county, will be held November 10.

**DuBois.**—William C. Sampson, superintendent of public schools, of Columbia, recently resigned to accept a similar position here.

**Lancaster.**—When he slipped down a steep thirty-foot embankment at the rear of his home near Terre Hill, Parke Sommers, 3 years old, fell into the Conestoga creek and was drowned. The body was recovered by a neighbor in a row boat.

**Reading.**—Charged with embezzlement of \$900 from the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, Charles L. Cully, aged 29, a former ticket agent, was arrested by the Reading police on request of railroad detectives, who arrived here armed with warrants. He was engaged in the roofing business here.

**Philadelphia.**—An undefended breach of promise suit brought by Margaret Coane against John F. Ross was tried before Judge Audenried and resulted in a verdict of \$2200 for the plaintiff. The defendant, Ross, lived at 5718 Westminster avenue, when the suit was brought, and was engaged in the huckstering business.

**Uniontown.**—Shot in the back by Officer Norman Burkett as he attempted to escape after slaying James Fleming, whom he accused of being intimate with his wife, Edward Johnson died in the Uniontown Hospital. Johnson succumbed to a wound in the back.

**State College.**—The dairy products judging team of State College captured first honors in the national dairy products judging contest at the National Dairy Show at Syracuse, with Ohio state, last year's winner, second and Connecticut ranking third. One member of the team, William Borst, of Media, was awarded a gold medal for being the best judge of the entire contest.

**Lansdale.**—A miscellaneous engagement shower for a supposed bride-to-be was turned into a belated wedding reception when guests who gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Krupp to surprise their daughter, Miss Emma Krupp, were met with the announcement that she had been married on September 19 to John H. Proctor, of North Wales, at Easton, by Rev. J. N. Levan, a former pastor of the North Wales Reformed church. The marriage was known only to members of the immediate families until the announcement was made.

**Pottsville.**—Miss Emma Lord, of Mount Pleasant, has been appointed by the state forestry department to have charge of the watch tower in her district. She is the first woman ever appointed to such a position in Schuylkill county and there is only one other woman in the state so employed. Miss Lord is a graduate of Minersville high school.

**Butler.**—Real estate valued at more than \$1,000,000 was involved in an order handed down in common pleas court here by Judge Reiber. When Charles Duffy, a merchant, died 12 years ago, he stipulated in his will that his property be held intact until his youngest grandchild was 21 years of age. The real estate is located in this city. The heirs brought amicable proceedings in equity to have the will set aside. In his order Judge Reiber directed that the provisions of the will be set aside and the property be divided among the heirs.

**Lewisburg.**—Harry Raldbaugh, 69 years old, a retired mail agent, dropped dead while taking a bath.

**Pittsburgh.**—Five persons were injured seriously and a large number of others sustained bruises and cuts when an acetylene gas generator exploded in the Air-tight Steel Tank company plant in the Hazlewood district. The entire section was rocked by the blast and a number of residences were damaged. The plant was damaged to the extent of \$15,000. Only one employe was hurt, but men, women and children, in houses near the plant, were cut by flying glass or bruised by falling plaster.

**Pottsville.**—Four state policemen have resigned from Troop C and others are preparing to do so. The men say their wages are inadequate and a conference will be held by Governor Pinchot and Superintendent Adams this week to see if the men can be better compensated. Lieutenant E. C. Rucker, of troop C, was transferred from this city to Butler.

**Marietta.**—Mrs. Mary Ann King celebrated her 100th anniversary and is enjoying good health.

**Kittanning.**—While exploding dynamite caps, Theodore Mowrey, aged 11, of Kittanning Point, lost three fingers and the thumb of his right hand.

**Shenandoah.**—Edward Jackonak, 20 years old, of Turkey Run, near here, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a revolver.

**Chambersburg.**—Founders' Day and the laying of a cornerstone of John Stewart Memorial Library were jointly celebrated at Wilson College with a large attendance.

**Lewistown.**—J. Harry Saxton has been appointed district president of the P. O. S. of A. for Mifflin county.

**Olyphant.**—Rev. N. White was elected president of the Wyoming district of the Primitive Methodist church.

**Norristown.**—In adjudicating the estate of the late former Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker, President Judge Solly, of the Montgomery county orphans' court, found that the balance for distribution was about \$50,000. His will, made four months before he died on September 2, 1916, provided that upon the death of his wife, who passed away last December, his estate was to be divided into four parts, one each for his children, Bevan, Eliza and Anna, and the other to be held in trust for his daughter, Josephine. No claims were presented and it was represented that all debts had been paid.

**Hazleton.**—Erie was selected as the 1924 convention city at the closing session of the State Sons and Daughters of Liberty here.

**Cory.**—Charles D. Hyland, a Pennsylvania railroad brakeman, signaled his train to back, and was caught between bumpers and crushed to death.

**New Castle.**—Frank Kline, of Trenton, general foreman of the Rust Construction company of Pittsburgh, and Scott Wehman, of Pittsburgh, were killed here when a scaffold on a 270-foot stack under construction at the Cernegie Steel company's plant collapsed. Three other men saved themselves by grabbing ropes suspended from the top of the stack.

**Easton.**—Mrs. Rosena Best, of Walnutport, was awarded \$2000 damages for the death of her husband, William Best, who died during an epidemic of typhoid fever in the borough of Walnutport, and which, it is charged, was caused by his drinking water supplied by the Blue Ridge Water company. She asked for \$20,000 damages. This is the first of about twenty similar cases which are listed for trial in the local court as a result of deaths which occurred during the epidemic.

**Jennette.**—The plant of the G. N. Johnson company, manufacturers of mine safety devices, was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin. The loss was estimated at \$50,000. One fireman was injured seriously when he was caught under a falling wall.

**Hazleton.**—The home of Dominic Carisa was dynamited and the property was damaged to a considerable extent, the rear porch having been torn off. Carisa cannot account for the outrage, and the police have no clue.

**Pittsburgh.**—An unidentified assassin shot and killed Phillip Germano. The victim was seated on a keg in the rear of his fruit store when the assassin, who posed as a customer, fired on him. The slayer escaped. Germano had applied for a license to marry Miss Angelina Masternonico. Police department officials said they believed Germano was killed by members of a "Black Hand" gang, or by a man who was a rival for the affections of Miss Masternonico.

**Allentown.**—The Allentown Hospital, for nearly a quarter of a century conducted upon which is known to the medical profession as the "closed" plan, in the near future will adopt a modified form of "open" policy, it was announced by the trustees. Under the new system all physicians will be permitted to perform operations and attend their patients at the hospital.

**Uniontown.**—To the long list of casualties in Fayette county, caused by automobiles, have been added seven, according to the monthly report of Coroner Baum, just issued. In September seven persons were killed either by being struck or while occupants of wrecked cars. It is estimated that at least fifty were hurt in the month.

**Hazleton.**—Vincent Torchia, aged 32, one of two competitors in a fireworks display here marking the close of the Columbus Day celebration, lost his left hand as a result of an accident while putting off a set piece. He also sustained burns of the face and body.

**Altoona.**—Thomas Hart, of Wilkes-Barre, was elected president of the Pennsylvania Real Estate Association at the closing session of the organization here. Other officers elected were: Robert J. Nash, Philadelphia; James W. Cree, Jr., Pittsburgh; William Christian, Washington, and Earl S. York, vice presidents, and Samuel D. Clyde, Chester, treasurer.

**Lansdale.**—Ninety-two moulders from three Lansdale plants, who have been on a strike since the latter part of August have returned to work. Their demand for a wage of \$7.75 a day has been met. They formerly received \$6.25. The plants that they were affected are the Abram Cox Stove company, the Krupp Foundry and the Werner Iron Foundry.

**Altoona.**—Because they averted accidents which might have resulted seriously, commendatory letters have been sent by Superintendent Elmer, of the middle division of the Pennsylvania railroad, to C. Del Bronde, track foreman in the Altoona yard; W. A. McGraw, gang foreman, at Mifflin; C. H. Pines, block operator; T. F. Delancy and H. W. Estricher, brakemen, and William Cramer, assistant yardmaster.

**Dallastown.**—After forty-three years of active service in the ministry, Rev. A. R. Ayres was granted retirement by the Pennsylvania Conference of the United Brethren church, in session here.

**Brownsville.**—L. F. Arensburg, of near here, was named to head the Fayette County Veterans' Association at the annual assembly of the civil war veterans from various sections of Fayette county.

**Latrobe.**—Paul Showalter was killed by falling from a pole while in the employ of the Latrobe Electric company.

## WEST POINT TEAM READY FOR A BIG FOOTBALL SEASON



The United States Military academy football team is ready for a big season. Every afternoon the football candidates are out for a strenuous session with the pigskin. Photograph shows the team at work under the direction of Head Coach J. J. McEwan, who has succeeded Captain Daly. McEwan is shown in the inset.

## Sport Notes

Once more Babe Ruth is 'the fair-haired boy.'

Jack Dempsey isn't handsome, but the size of the purse he can demand is.

University of Virginia, in 1888, was one of the first Southern colleges to take up football.

The St. Paul Saints in 1920 set an American association record for number of victories with 115.

The world's record for the standing broad jump for men is 11 feet 4 1/2 inches. The woman's record is 8 feet 10 inches.

Among others obtained by the Boston Nationals is Joe Batchelder, south-paw pitcher, from Pittsfield of the Eastern league.

The revenue office reports indicate Dempsey is fighting much more effectively for his country in the ring than he did in the shipyards.

C. R. (Pat) Olson, sold by Des Moines to the New York Americans, is a college product, hailing from the Texas A. and M. university.

Fifteen colleges make up the Kansas conference, which is regarded as one of the best of the sectional football organizations in the country.

Of course, if Jack Dempsey doesn't shave for a week before his big fights he couldn't go to war with an army that prescribes one every morning.

In addition to First Baseman Bill Terry the New York Nationals brought in from Toledo Pitcher Pat Malone and Second Baseman Fred Lindstrom.

Coffeyville found Hutchinson rather easy pickings in the playoff for the Southwestern league championship, taking four straight games of the series.

Another way in which football is better than prize-fighting is that it costs less and lasts longer. They never end a football game in the second round.

Dempsey will in all probability retire from the ring wealthier than any other fighter ever did before. He should easily have a million or more stowed away.

On some of the municipal golf courses in England a player may enjoy a round of the game for the modest fee of four cents, for which sum clubs and balls are provided.

Jimmy Delaney, the lightweight battler, bids fair to develop into a brilliant addition to the constellation of boxing stars which has helped to put the city of St. Paul on the sport map.

Although with a sixth-place club, Wiz Kremer of Oakland has made an impressive record among pitchers in the Pacific Coast league, leading the whole circuit in number of games won.

Umpire Jack O'Heerne, finishing up the season in the Western association, was chosen to officiate in the playoff series between Ardmore and Okmulgee, with Frank Cole as his partner in the games.

The Brooklyn club, just before the close of the sales period, purchased three players from Richmond of the Virginia league. They are Nelson Greene, a southpaw pitcher; H. B. Malone, outfielder, and Abe Hood, shortstop.

Scotland is credited with the development of golf to its present standards. The word, derived from the German "kolbe" (in Dutch, "kolff"), signifies a club. "Kolf" is an olden pastime in Holland and Belgium, where it is usually played on the ice.

Waddy McPhee, the former Princeton infielder, recalled by the New York Nationals from Denver, is to be shipped to Little Rock for next season. George Sullivan, recalled by the Giants from Raleigh, is to be sent to Portsmouth in the Virginia league next year.

## Must Retain Poise

Presidents of the two major leagues do not consider it is ever within a player's right to attack an umpire.

Like in the army, where an enlisted man is supposed to accept any indignity and report it, the theory is carried out in baseball that the player should report grievances, and examples are numerous where the umpire was disciplined for transgressing his rights.

## UMPIRES DINEEN AND CONNOLLY HIT SCORER

Arbiters Say Ehmke Should Have Had No-Hit Game.

Official scorers often take umpires to task as to their decisions. Seldom, however, do umpires have an opportunity to criticize the scorer.

In the September 11 game at New York Howard Ehmke of the Boston Red Sox shut out the Yankees 3 to 0, allowing only one hit. It is on this hit that the umpires disagree with the official scorer.

Witt, first batter, sent a bounder to Third Baseman Howard Shanks. The ball struck Shanks' glove, bounded against his chest, then dropped to the ground.

After Shanks had booted the ball several times, Witt was finally declared safe on a very close play at first.

The grounder was scored a hit by the official scorer. During the rest of the game not another New Yorker made anything that looked like a base hit.

Tommy Connolly, veteran big league umpire, who has been doing duty for 25 years in the majors and who umpired the game, has this to say about it:

"If ever a pitcher worked a no-hit game, Ehmke did against New York. If ever an infielder made an error, Shanks did on Witt's grounder. It was a great pitching exhibition that will fall to get its proper place in the Hall of Fame, because the scorer erred."

Bill Dineen, former star pitcher, now American league umpire, who officiated in the game with Connolly, said:

"I have made lots of bad decisions, but never one that compared with scoring Witt's grounder to Shanks a base hit. It was a bad error on an easy chance."

In Ehmke's previous game on September 7 he pitched a no-hit game against the Athletics.

## Browns Land Real Jewel From Danville 3-I Club

Out in the Three-I league, playing with Danville, there is a third baseman named Rice of whom the boss of the Three-I writes that he has not seen a more prepossessing ball player in twenty years. Scouts need not prick up their ears, however, for this rare bird belongs to the St. Louis Americans. Rice leads the league in just everything, from batting to baserunning and fielding. On paper it looks as if the Browns' hot corner was pretty well taken care of for 1924.

## Makes Unique Wager on Gibbons Fight and Wins

Perhaps the freakiest wager on record was made on the Dempsey-Gibbons fight at one of the exclusive clubs in Manhattan a few nights before the great fracas by a young blood and a prominent millionaire sporting man. The young blood did not have much cash to spare, his bank roll having reached the small amount of \$25; but, becoming excited, he made bold to risk the said amount at what seemed a reckless and one-sided bet. He proposed to lay his 25 simoleons this way:

If Gibbons was stopped in five rounds he would lose, but if said Gibbons lasted the five rounds his bet was to double round after round for the remainder of the bout, with the proviso that if Gibbons was knocked out in any of the 15 rounds he would lose all. Another part of the bet was that the party of the second part could stop at any round and pay him his side of the bet, but at no time could he draw down his wager.

The young blood had only one way to win, which was for Gibbons to last the 15 rounds. The result, of course, shows that he did. The millionaire, being a game sport, would not draw out before the limit. Hence, the young blood won the sum of \$25,000, which he received in the shape of a check drawn to his order immediately after the news was verified.

## His Neck Broken



Ivan Williams, a student at the Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, Ga., who seems certain for a regular back-field player for the "Golden Tornado" eleven, despite the fact that he will have to wear a head brace throughout his entire football career. Williams suffered a dislocation in scrimmage and through the newly-adapted head gear hopes to keep in the game.

## Major League Clubs Use Large Number of Balls

It is estimated that about 105,000 baseballs were disposed of by the 16 major league clubs this season. In addition, many more thousands were used up by the minor leagues throughout the United States and Canada. Surely the business of manufacturing baseballs for the professional clubs is a profitable one.

## Young Golf Champs

Persons who claim that golf is a game for old men are all wet, as noted curbsstone literary lights would put it. Bobby Jones, open champion of the United States, is twenty-one years old. Gene Sarazen was twenty-one when he won the open title in 1922. Frances O'Net captured the championship when he was only twenty. Chick Evans has been one of the game's most brilliant stars for the past ten years and he is still under thirty.

Walter Hagen became champion at twenty-five. Jess Sweetser, winner of the American amateur championship this year, is twenty-one, while Roger Wethered, amateur champion of England, is twenty-seven.

## CAP AND BELLS

COULDN'T EVEN WHISTLE

Doctor McKinnon was a physician who had the greatest opinion of the good effect of cheerfulness on sick persons.

"You must drive away this depression," he remarked to one particularly discouraged patient. "Practice cheerfulness. Sing at your work, you know, and that sort of thing."

"Sing at my work, doctor?" grumbled the patient. "How do you think I can? I'm a glass blower."

Forgot the Golden Rule. Poet—I propose to publish my poems under the name of John Smith. Candid Friend—Well, I don't think that's playing the game. Poet—Why not? Candid Friend—Just think of the thousands of innocent men who will be suspected!

An Eye to the Picturesque. "Didn't you object to that hostile party from Snake Ridge wearing disguises?" "No," answered Cactus Joe. "The disguises didn't make 'em any harder to lick an' ruther improved their appearance."—Washington Star.

A Line on Values. "Fifteen cents for a quart of blackberries?" "Yes, mum."

"Seems high."

"Did you ever try picking a quart?" "No, I never did."

"I advise you to try it."

MATTER OF MONEY. Hubby—What did you marry me for? Wifey—Mamma figured it up at the time and said it was about a million and three-quarters.

Conferences. The "world's a fleeting show, we fear. As on our way we jog; The public pays too much to hear The same old dialogue."

They Compromised. Rural Magistrate—I'll have to fine ye a dollar, Jeff. Jeff—I'll have to borrow it of ye, jedge.

Magistrate—Great snakes! It was only to get the dollar that I was finin' ye. Git out! Ye ain't guilty anyway.

Defined. "Dad, what's a monologue?" "A monologue is a conversation between husband and wife."

"I thought that was a dialogue?" "No; a dialogue is where two persons are speaking."

Enterprise. "Is bootleg liquor expensive around here?" "It is in Crimson Gulch," replied Cactus Joe. "But I understand up to Snake Ridge there's an undertaker willing to treat all comers so's to boom business."—Washington Star.

COULDN'T HELP IT. Monk—I don't see anything to laugh at! Hyena—If you were a laughing hyena you would.

Ever Meet Him? Let poets sing their little song And gaily smite the lyre; Give me the man who whistles while He's putting on a tire.

No Bands. An English weaver went to his pastor and said: "T've coom to tell ye I'm getting married."

"You mean you've come to give notice for the banns," said the minister. "Na, that I haven't," was the reply. "We're no havin' n' bands; we're only havin' a concertina after tea."

The Supreme Optimist. He—I know Janie has been engaged to Jim for fifteen years, but why does that make her the greatest optimist in the world?

She—Well, he's forty now and earning \$30 a week and she swears she'll never marry a man unless he's making \$20,000 a year.

Nobody's Fault. Customer—Ouch! This towel is scalding hot. Barber—Sorry, sir! I couldn't hold it any longer.—Palatka (Fla.) News.