

PENNSYLVANIA BRIEFS

Six residents of western Pennsylvania pre-empted the name of the American party, under which nominations for state treasurer, auditor general, members of congress, state senator and members of the house of representatives will be made. Signers of the pre-emption papers, which were filed with the Dauphin county probonatory, included George E. Briggs, E. V. Bowken, W. M. Devlinney and G. B. Snyder, Pittsburgh; E. M. Ltkins, Uniontown, and S. Horner Wood, Wilkingsburg.

When highwaymen appeared on the road near Vanderbilt, five members of a gypsy orchestra of Uniontown and a taxicab driver, Bob Sickness, were robbed of an amount said to be about \$500. It is understood that the musicians lost more than \$400, which had been deposited in their violins by the dancers and friends, and the taxi driver was relieved of about \$70, collected during the day. When the robbers appeared on the scene a general battle ensued, in which the stringed musical instruments were used as weapons. As a result many of the instruments were badly damaged, some beyond repair.

The Carbon County Motor Club and the Carbon County Good Roads Association are advocating the use of the abandoned Lehigh Canal from Mauch Chunk to Seligried as the site of a state highway. Very little engineering work would be required and the New Jersey Zinc company has offered all the cinders needed to fill up the channel of the canal, which has been abandoned. The present highway, especially between Bowmanstown and Mauch Chunk, on account of treacherous curves and dangerous precipices, is the most uninviting road in Carbon county. Tourists traverse it with fear and many go miles out of their way to avoid it.

Cosmo Hinch is lodged in the county jail, at New Castle, facing the charge of attempting to bribe an officer, as the result of his offer to give County Detective Dunlap \$700 to water whisky seized in a raid on his home, and thus reduce the alcoholic content. Hinch was arrested by other officers planted by Dunlap, as he was in the act of delivering the money.

With Mayor Yeakel, of Bethlehem, and Mayor Hesberger, of Easton, lending the grand march, the annual policemen's ball was held, more than 1200 attending. As a result the police pension fund will be enriched by \$2000.

The lives of 1394 children attending eight schools in New Castle county are endangered by fire hazards, according to a report issued by a committee of firemen representing the volunteer fire association. The committee has only partially finished its survey of the rural schools in the county. In all probability the schools will be ordered closed until steps to correct the present situation have been made.

Dorsey Eichelberger, aged 71, of Altoona, retired by the Pennsylvania railroad after forty-six years' continuous service as a painter, was found dead sitting on a chair at his home.

Robert Talte, president of the Weatherly board of health, was notified of his dismissal by council on the claim that he had gone ahead in enforcing clean-ups without consulting other members. The issue has raised a big controversy.

While Samuel D. Mickel, 50 years old, a Frankstown farmer, of near Altoona, was operating a corn-shredder the machine exploded from some unknown cause and he suffered leg lacerations. It is believed a stick of dynamite was placed among the fodder and exploded by coming in contact with the knives.

Pennsylvania will have 251 delegates on the floor of the national convention of the Prohibition party in Columbus, Ohio, June 5, it was determined at a meeting of the state prohibition committee meeting in Pittsburgh. More than fifty county chairmen and representatives of the W. C. T. U. took part in the session, at which a tentative state party platform also was discussed.

The Lehigh Coal and Navigation company was instructed by Secretary of Mines Walsh to remedy "certain dangerous" conditions in its Carbon county mines, employing approximately 4500 men. The action was taken as the result of an inspection by three department inspectors, Secretary Walsh's announcement said. The Nesquehoning, Greenwood and Lansford mines were named in the report of the inspectors.

Elijah Manwiller, passenger conductor on the Lebanon and Tremont division of the Reading, has lost a toe as the result of cutting a corn.

Samuel Sonnon, a section hand, suffered internal injuries, a fractured leg and a crushed foot when run down by a Reading yard engine at Sheridan.

Jacob L. Tracey, formerly a shoe merchant at Dallastown, dropped dead at his York home from an attack of heart disease.

William W. Hurley, of New Hope, was re-elected president of the Bucks county arm bureau.

The appointment of Jacob Schwartz, Philadelphia, as director of public information, was announced at the Governor's office at Harrisburg.

Richard Jenkins, 53 years old, slipped on the ice at the Weston Mine, Shenandoah, and was instantly killed. When a trip of mine cars passed over his body.

Robert Leight, aged 19, pleaded guilty in Judge Bailey's court, Huntingdon, to killing his brother, Frank, aged 31, near Alexandria, on December 30. The brothers, indulging in moonshine whisky, quarreled, and Frank knocked his brother down, Robert procured a gun, went to Frank's home and shot him through the window. He died in a few hours. The court sentenced him to serve from seven to fourteen years in the Western penitentiary.

The heaviest sentence yet pronounced by the Huntingdon county court on any person charged with operating a motorcar while intoxicated was given to William Clark, of Mount Union. It was the second time he has appeared, and he was fined \$300 and given eighteen months in jail.

Ninety divorcees were granted in Northumberland county last year.

A profit of \$7391 was turned into Blair county by Sheriff Cherry's office last year.

Oema Anspach, 9-year-old daughter of George Anspach, of Lebanon, died from terrible burns which she suffered when her clothing ignited from the flames of a bonfire. In her play she stepped into the blaze.

Kenneth Pringle, aged 30, is in the Lawrence county jail charged with an attack on a well-known woman in New Castle, according to the police. The woman, whose name is being withheld, is in a serious condition at her home. Posing as a coal salesman, Pringle, according to the police, entered the home while the woman's husband was at work. She left the front room to secure a piece of paper on which to write her name for him and he followed her to the back of the house, where the crime was committed. Brandishing a revolver, he forced a 7-year-old daughter into a corner from where she witnessed the attack upon her mother.

Freeland police officers working on the dynamiting of the hall of the Sons of Italy have received threatening letters, ordering them to withdraw from the case. The missives are signed with skulls and crossbones and have black hands drawn on them.

Struck by an automobile driven by Harry Mervin, of Mortonville, Harry Smale, aged 9, died in the Coatesville Hospital from a fractured skull. The accident happened within one square of the boy's home in Westwood. Coroner Bunting is conducting an investigation.

"Pistol Pete" Taylor, a negro, confessed that he killed Patrolman D. J. Conley, in Pittsburgh a year ago, according to city detective bureau officials. Taylor, arrested in Steubenville, Ohio, was taken to the alleyway in which the officer's body was found and he re-enacted the killing of the officer. Taylor, they added, told them he shot the policeman because he thought Conley was about to arrest him. He was turned over to the coroner.

Dr. John J. Light, of Lebanon, who on January 7 qualified as treasurer of Lebanon county, had Judge Henry issue a writ of mandamus to compel the county commissioners to fix his salary and submit it to the county auditors for their approval. Dr. Light claims the commissioners sitting as a salary board under the new law, declined to fix his compensation or the salaries of his two deputies, despite the fact that he made repeated demands upon them to do so. The commissioners on January 15 decided that the new law does not provide for the payment by the county of the deputies and clerks of such officers whose salaries are not fixed by the act and, the county treasurer's salary not being fixed by it, they had no jurisdiction.

The body of Harry L. Tiley, 52 years old, who lately inherited \$50,000, was found hanging to a beam in his barn at Tamaqua.

Gordon Williams 18 years old, of Slatington, died from a wound in the neck resulting from the discharge of a revolver that he was handling.

Representatives of the state department of health fumigated for hoof and mouth disease a shipment of toys received from Europe by a Shamokin department store.

When the Lehigh-Pennsylvania express, Pittsburgh bound, struck an automobile driven by E. A. Bashore, a Sunbury salesman, Bashore came to with his head sticking through the windshield of the debris, unhurt.

The directors of the Altoona chamber of commerce elected Harry L. Johnston president.

Joseph Wychaunas, aged 13, of West Hazleton, found on the Pennsylvania railroad with both legs off, died at the State Hospital.

Eighteen automobiles, housed in the postoffice garage in Warren, were destroyed by fire. The loss was estimated at \$30,000.

Charged with robbing the Sewickley postoffice, near Pittsburgh, three negro girls were arrested. A negro boy is being sought. The prisoners, Allen Ingram, 14; Daisy Ingram, 16, and Estella Trainman, 12, the police charge, secreted themselves in the postoffice before it was closed for the night. After rifling a number of letters and parcel post packages they escaped through a window, the police said.

The Lewistown Automobile Trades Association formed a permanent organization with William T. Bowen president.

Caught under a stream of boiling water in a Johnstown slaughter house, Webster Clark, a watchman, was scalded to death.

The owners of five Etna hotels and saloons were ordered to remove bars and other fixtures from their establishments, otherwise they will be held in contempt of court in Pittsburgh.

Lewistown council fixed the tax rate at twelve mills, an increase of one mill.

MAGNATES OF INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE



Left to right—George Stallings, president of the Rochester club; John C. Toole, president of the International league; and Jack Dunn of the Baltimore club, at Pinehurst, N. C., arranging the schedule of the International league and incidentally a few rounds of golf.

National League Ump Is Good Golf Player

Ernest Claiborne Quigley, National league umpire, and director of athletics at St. Mary's college, Kansas, is an ardent golfer. He is likewise a pretty good player, as shown by his victory in the tournament which the Kansas conference coaches and officials held at the Topeka Country club recently. Quigley won the event with a 70. He is well known as a football official, having been one of the arbiters in the Harvard-Yale game at Cambridge this year.

Murchison Is Winner



Loren Murchison, wearing the colors of the Newark A. C., won all three of the special sprint races held by the Silk A. C. at the armory of the One Hundred and Second engineers, New York city. He ran to his best form and beat a quintet of the best sprinters in the country in sensational style in each event.

Sporting Squibs

The largest football stadium in the country is the Yale bowl, seating 82,000 people.

Basketball is getting so popular in Indiana that parents who once named their boys James will be changing it to Gym.

A tennis player who recently appeared in a north of England tournament played with racquet in each hand.

The first royal jockey to ride in the flat races of England and France was the Comte d'Artois, between 1770 and 1780.

There is no standard size for a basketball court, but it must be between 60 and 94 feet long and 35 to 50 feet wide.

Football, formerly considered by Germans as being too rough, has become one of the most popular games in that country.

A scientist has gone to Haiti to study ants, which closely resemble fight promoters in that their strength lies in their jaws.

Joe Devine, scouting in California for the Pittsburgh club, has signed a young catcher named Dan Ailey, who hails from around Oakland.

Nearly the entire population of the state of Nevada could find seating accommodations in the new stadium of the University of California.

Boston probably has the strongest newspaper men's golf association in the country. Its membership numbers more than a hundred players, many of whom are capable of qualifying in the major championships.

Boxer Must Not Kiss His Opponent in Ring

The boxer's kiss has been placed under the ban. For some time it has been the fashion for two fighters to exchange kisses—one on each cheek—at the conclusion of a ring battle, but the French Boxing federation has decided that for hygienic reasons the practice must go and has issued an official decree ordering its abolition.

Originating in southern France, the custom gradually spread to all French rings until it threatened to become a mania even among the professional fighters.

PETER MANNING NOW TRAINED BY GEERS

"Grand Old Man" Will Try for 1:56 1-2 or Better.

From Memphis come the glad tidings that Peter Manning, 1:56 1/2, the fastest trotting horse ever foaled, is wintering in the fettle in the hands of his new trainer, Ed Geers, and may surprise the knowing ones next summer by setting a new record for harness horses with his veteran driver in the sulky.

Geers is seventy-three years old, yet his inborn gift of getting out of horses the last ounce of effort that is in them seems to be as effective today as it was when he first came into prominence more than forty years ago, says a writer in the New York Herald.

Monroe Salisbury, himself a horseman who has had few peers and perhaps no superior, once said to the writer that in a lifetime of experience with stage horses on the plains and race horses on the Grand Circuit, he had never seen more than about half a dozen men that he could call great drivers, and he mentioned Geers as one of them—all the rest were stage drivers—largely because of this singular magnetic influence over horses, as shown by the way in which he could, without whip or voice, make a trotter do more for him than he would or could do for any other driver when the silent man from Tennessee set that strong face of his in a close finish.

Peter Manning, now eight years old, passed into Geers' hands after Thomas W. Murphy, "the wizard of the sulky," had trained and driven him with consummate skill four years for the purchase of giving him the fastest record he was capable of making. It would indeed be wonderful if "the grand old man," as Geers is now called by the followers of trotting, could take such a horse under such conditions from such a master as Murphy is universally conceded to be and improve his record after he had failed last season to equal it in the hands of the younger man. Stranger things have happened, however, than that the magic of the veteran's touch should get a mile out of the long-eared grandson of Peter the Great which would cap the climax of the careers of both man and horse. There was a time in October of 1922 when Peter Manning gave evidence of being able to beat 1:56 1/2, perhaps by a second or more. But he was not so fast a horse last year. Can a man who is well past the allotted age of three score years and ten condition him and train him and drive him so perfectly that he will come back to his best form of two years ago? The harness racing world will wait eagerly to see.



Ed. Geers.

COBB STILL ATHLETE AFTER TWENTY YEARS

Finished Strong Last Fall and Can Go Another Year.

Ty Cobb came striding down Peacock alley at the Congress hotel, in Chicago. There was no mistaking the Georgia Peach. There was grace in his walk. There was suggestion of the strength and dash he has shown on the bases all his baseball life.

Even the flappers adorning Peacock alley gave him an extra glance. He was different from the other athletes in the hotel parade, writes Roger Phippen in the Baltimore News.

Twenty years of baseball, 20 years of desperate sliding, 20 years of giving every ounce of his energy, didn't show in the frame of this star from the South.

As Ty draws closer his face tells what his well-knit frame hides. He is perceptibly getting old. Lines are creeping out from the eyes, fat is filling out the jaws. The 20 years are plainly mirrored.

The Georgia Peach stops and answers a question about the recent report that he would retire from active competition next spring and manage Detroit from the bench.

No! He will play just one more year. He finished strong in the race last fall and feels that he can go one more year at top speed.

He has determined upon one thing—he will not drag out his career until he is but a shadow of his former greatness and the fans jeer him for being unable to run, to slide and to hit as of old. He never wants to hear the word "has-been" ringing in his ears. "Without a bit of bragadoos, he says he will quit while he is still good.

Hart Gets Tangled With Giants' First Baseman

Commenting on the umpires and their mistakes, which as usual featured the world's series, a sport scribe tells of one play: "Umpire Beh Hart got himself all tangled up with George Kelly in a mixup on an attempted double play by the New York infield.

"With one out and Witt on first Dugan crashed a savage drive in the direction of Groh, who snatched up the ball and threw quickly to Frisch with the idea of getting two men. Hart was so anxious to get close to the play that he collided with Kelly. The ball fell out of Kelly's hands.

"From the press box it appeared as if a double play would have resulted had Hart kept out of the way. His action was hardly excusable. Anyhow, four umpires on one playing field does not add to the game by any means. If they must have four they should chase two of them down the foul lines to judge balls driven to the pastures."

Letters Are Given Girls



Ruth Smith, shown in the photograph, with her sister, received letter awards from the Women's Athletic Association of Ohio, for their swimming prowess, and at once raised a storm of protest among the male athletes of Ohio State university, who claim that girls should not receive "letters" formed the same as football insignias.

LIFE'S LITTLE JESTS



WILLING SACRIFICE

"Mamma," said little Elsie, "I do wish I had some money to give you for the poor children."

Her mother, wishing to teach her the lesson of self-sacrifice, said: "Very well, dear; if you would like to go without sugar for a week I'll give you the money instead, and then you will have some."

The little one considered solemnly for a moment and then said: "Must it be sugar, mamma?"

"Why, no, darling, not necessarily. What would you like to do without?"

"Soap, mamma," was Elsie's answer. —Boston Transcript.

Wasting Money.

Hi Snodgrass (wrought up)—Yep, Jim; here I goes an' buys a steamship ticket for my son Tom to South America, he goes aboard, the ship goes under an' he drowns.

Jim Peters—Ain't it terrible!

Hi Snodgrass—Yep, money just thrown right out o' the window.

No Way Out for Him.

Doctor—That's a bad razor cut in your head, Rastus. Why don't you profit by this lesson and keep out of bad company?

Rastus—Ah would, doctah, but ah ain't got no money to get er divorce.—Life.

THE CRYING NEED



The Speaker—Our population has decreased! The crying need of this community is—

Voice in Rear—More babies, old top!

Heard on the Highway.

The burdens will be lighter
And all the work well done,
If you make the country brighter
By following the Sun.

Almost Too Hard.

"So your daughter's married, I hear. I expect you found it very hard to part with her."

"Hard! I should think so. Between you and me, my boy, I began to think it was impossible!"—Ainwick Guardian.

It's Come to This.

"What a perfectly adorable hat you've got on, dear?"

"Isn't it sweet? Cook's just given me it for a birthday present, as it's too shabby for her to wear."

Big Time.

Mr. Jackson—What you all tote such a big watch fo'?

Mr. Johnson—Cause I've an important man an' my time is valuable.

Her Only Hope.

"Miss Oldun clings to the idea that marriages are made in heaven."

"Well, it must be comforting to her. She hasn't much chance down here."



STILL FAT

"Has your sister's horseback riding reduced her weight?"

"Can't say it has. She's fallen off a good deal, but is still fat."

According to History.

"When Caesar crossed the Rubicon, it looks to me," writes Dennett, "As though he kinda double-crossed That bunch, the Roman senate."

Kid Working Ahead Too Fast.

Visitor—Have you started to teach the little one to talk?

Father—Yes, we've started to teach him to be silent.

Justice.

Composer—Ah, how pathetic. How those old songs do haunt me!

Gert—Why shouldn't they? You've dug up some old ones.

Reform.

Passenger—Your trains always used to be late. Today I arrived ten minutes before departure time and find my train gone.

Station Master—Ah! Since our new manager took charge we are trying to make up for lost time.

Of Course.

Client—I want to find out if I have grounds for divorce.

Attorney—Are you married?

Client—Of course I am.

Attorney—You have.