

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Carlisle.—A. L. Bierbower, has been re-elected head of the Cumberland County Agricultural Extension Association.

Shenandoah.—Wassel Straslavage, 87 years old, was buried alive behind a fall of coal and rock at Turkey Run colliery for thirty-one hours before he was rescued uninjured.

Palmira.—Rev. Dr. Stanley Wilhelm, president of the Eastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran church, was elected pastor of the Palmira charge of the Lutheran church.

Hazleton.—Knocked down by a fall of rock in the Hazleton No. 1 mine of the Lehigh Valley Coal company, Joseph Luchl dragged himself twenty feet toward safety just in time to avoid being crushed by tons of coal and stone which came down where he had stood when hit. At the State Hospital a cut in his scalp which required thirteen stitches to close was dressed.

Pottsville.—State Mine Inspector M. J. Brennan, of the nineteenth district, covering a portion of Schuylkill county, forwarded his annual report to Harrisburg, showing fifteen fatal accidents last year. A total of 2,292,302 tons of coal were shipped to market and 329,021 tons used for steam and heat at the mines, so that 158,406 were mined for each fatal accident.

Hazleton.—Acting under the strictest anti-gambling ordinance recently enacted by council, the police continued raids on slot machines and punch boards. Mayor Harvey imposed fines of \$100 and \$10 costs on four of nine persons arrested and the others will be given hearings later. Police raided the home of Leonard Mancelet, where they found a seventy-five gallon still, forty-five gallons of white mule and three barrels of hooch.

Reading.—Henry S. Strunk, cashier of the Neversink State Bank, this city, committed suicide by firing a shot into his temple. Clerks in the Reading clearing house, where Strunk shot himself, rushed to his side, but he died instantly. James M. Tate, president of the bank, found no discrepancies in Strunk's accounts. The only reason Mr. Tate and friends of the cashier could assign for his act was that he had been ill for several weeks.

Williamsport.—The Pennsylvania State Physical Directors' Association, in annual conference in this city, elected the following officers: President, John J. Murray, of Pottsville; vice president, G. W. Glosch, Lancaster; secretary and treasurer, E. R. Yoemans, of Philadelphia. These officers, together with C. W. Miller, of Harrisburg, and W. A. Rogers, of Wilkes-Barre, constitute the executive committee of the association.

Pittsburgh.—An indictment charging murder was returned by the Allegheny county grand jury against Patrick J. McDermott in connection with the killing of Thomas R. Abbott, a member of the Ku Klux Klan, during a riot between klansmen and citizens of Carnegie, a suburb, September 3 last. The charge against McDermott was made by Mrs. Emma Abbott, wife of the slain klansman.

Harrisburg.—Individual contributions of \$150,000 by citizens of Titusville and vicinity toward the cost of construction induced Secretary of Highway Wright to agree to build a 10 1/2 mile road connecting Oil City and Titusville. The state will pay one-half the cost. Secretary Wright said that of the amount pledged, \$65,000 was given by J. C. McKinney and family, of Titusville.

Pittsburgh.—A number of Bravosburg residents have been warned by mail and telephone not to assist county detectives in their investigation of the kidnaping of Andrew Dunsho by a band of armed men, who wore masks and robes, it was announced by the detectives. Efforts to trace the calls and the writers of the letters have failed. The officers expect to make arrests in the case soon.

York.—Allen Butler Frysinger, 61, a manufacturer, was found dead in the living room of his home by a niece.

Brownsville.—Frank Whitehead, a West Brownsville business man, killed himself with a shotgun. He had been suspected in connection with a fire which destroyed his garage recently. In a note to state fire inspectors, he denied knowledge of the fire and said he feared that the circumstantial evidence would result in a prison sentence, adding "this is the best way out."

Northumberland.—Charles Steel, Republican member of the state senate, is in the field for renomination.

Northumberland.—Walter Orwig fell fourteen feet to the cement floor of a locomotive repair pit at the shops and suffered a broken leg and internal hurts.

Cochranville.—Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Albright celebrated their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary with a family reunion.

Mount Carmel.—John Kiley, Jr., was rendered unconscious for a half hour when overcome by carbon monoxide gas in his garage.

Lewistown.—Carpenters here have organized a union with an initial membership of twenty-five.

Uniontown.—Shot by her daughter, who mistook her for a burglar, Mrs. Mary Dolan, aged 90, is making a gallant fight for life in the Uniontown Hospital.

New Castle.—Walking into a South Side chain store at the closing hour, a bandit apparently about 20 years old, at the point of a revolver held up the proprietor, D. W. Axe, and robbed him of the day's receipts, more than \$100. Backing out of the store, still covering Axe, the youth sped away in a waiting car. Axe was alone at the time.

Pittsburgh.—The Allegheny County Bar Association presented a petition in federal court asking that Attorney Louis V. Barach be debarred from practicing in that court. A citation was issued against him, returnable on March 1, to show cause why the petition should not be granted. He already has been debarred from practicing in the common pleas court, according to the petition, which alleges that Barach aided witnesses to commit perjury in the trial of a case on November 13, 1922.

Altoona.—Believed to have been implicated in dynamiting the wall of the Western Penitentiary, Pittsburgh, Thomas Manos, a Greek, was arrested here at the request of Warden Egen and held for the penitentiary authorities. He denies complicity in the attempted jail delivery, declaring he has been in Altoona several weeks. Manos was paroled from the penitentiary last October after serving a term for robbing two Altoona stores.

Chambersburg.—William Nicholls, aged 19, is dying in Chambersburg Hospital as the result of being shot by Harry Demas, who lives near Fayetteville. Demas claims Nicholls had entered his home and threatened his life when ordered to leave. Demas is in jail here.

Reading.—Luke A. Snyder, aged 24, of Jacksonwald, a woolen weaver, employed at Stony Creek, died suddenly at his home at Jacksonwald, in Oley. He had just partaken of a hearty meal, when he burst a blood vessel in his head. The flow of blood could not be checked and he bled to death before a doctor could arrive. He leaves a widow.

McAdoo.—Burgess Fog has begun a crusade against the operation of slot machines.

Lancaster.—Boy Scouts placed a wreath on the grave of President Buchanan in Woodward Hill Cemetery.

Hazleton.—A slot machine was stolen from the saloon of Andrew Grushesky while the family was asleep and rifled of \$16 after being carried to the rear of the lot.

Lewistown.—Charles Hoover Night-singer, aged 73, died suddenly on the street from an attack of heart disease.

Harrisburg.—The appointment of Louis G. Krause, of Milton, as assistant chief engineer of the public service commission, was announced.

Bloomsburg.—The Kiwanis Club presented its service medal to Mrs. Earl Crawford for her consistent charitable work last year.

Irwin.—Eight men arrested at Rilton and convicted of violating the state dry laws were escorted to the Methodist church here. After attending the services the prisoners were taken back to their cells. Police officials said that hereafter all persons convicted under the liquor laws would be taken to church twice a week.

Altoona.—The timely return from a store of his mother saved the life of Charles Crum, aged 4. The lad's clothing was ignited at a gas heater and the mother, Mrs. Arthur Crum, beat out the flames. She was painfully burned in so doing.

Allentown.—Alleging that D. George Dery, owner of nearly sixty silk mills scattered all over the eastern section of the United States, who failed for several million dollars a year ago, had illegally transferred to his wife thousands of dollars' worth of real estate that properly belongs to the creditors, attorneys filed objections to the manufacturer's discharge as a bankrupt with the referee and the case will be carried to the United States district court at Philadelphia. Among the properties in the controversy is the magnificent Dery mansion at Catasauqua, which is said to have cost nearly \$1,000,000.

Uniontown.—Benjamin B. Howell, aged 60, cashier of the National Bank of Fayette County, died suddenly at the banking house from an attack of apoplexy. He had been associated with the bank for many years and had been cashier for twelve years.

Harrisburg.—Respite in the cases of three men convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be executed were announced at Governor Pinchot's office. Execution of Domenick Delino, Lackawanna county, was postponed from the week of February 25 to that of March 10; that of George Bland, Dauphin county, from the week of March 3 to that of March 17, and that of John Barnes, Fayette county, from the week of March 3 to March 24.

Altoona.—Smashing the glass in the display window of Joseph Giambolo's jewelry store, a robber took jewelry valued at \$2400, and escaped.

Pittsburgh.—A carload of beer, shipped from Pittston to McKeesport, was confiscated by state police from Greensburg. The car contained 154 half-barrels and thirty-two barrels. Three McKeesport men were arrested and turned over to Federal authorities.

Wilkes-Barre.—Eight divorces were granted by Judge Woodward in the first review of petitions for the month.

Hazleton.—Despondent because of ill-health, Frank Stefanick, aged 23, committed suicide by shooting at the home of his widowed mother.

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

Olyphant.—Mrs. Thomas Hitchings, aged 38, committed suicide by hanging in the cellar of her brother's home here.

TWO STAR OHIO BASKETBALL PLAYERS



Right to Left "Cookie" Cunningham and Captain Miner.

Capt. Johnny Miner and "Cookie" Cunningham are the short and long, respectively, of the Ohio State university basketball team. Miner, considered one of the star forwards of the Big Ten, blossomed into stardom a year ago just as he was on the verge of being dropped from the varsity squad because of his diminutive stature and lack of weight.

In the Western conference campaign that followed, Miner, single-handed, scored as many points as all of his teammates combined. This winter he is the only veteran on the squad. All of his four regular teammates are sophomores.

Miner, in addition to starring in basketball, is a kingly in his "dukes." In fact, he made his mark on the campus as a champion "swat"

artist long before he attained to fame in basketball. He won the university boxing championship at his weight in intramural bouts.

In Cunningham, Ohio State for the first time in years has a center who has height and brawn enough to get the ball on the jump-off. Cunningham, who also was an end on last fall's football team, was a star on the Mt. Vernon (O.) high school quintet some years ago.

Miner weighs 145 pounds and stands 5 feet 8 inches in his togs. Cunningham depresses the scales just 40 pounds more and towers six inches over his captain. They have been two of the big cogs in the Buckeye quintet which has won five and lost two games so far this winter.

Is After Diving Honors



Phil Patterson, Olympic club, San Francisco, diver, aspires to a place on the American Olympiad team. He is held the greatest exponent in the United States of "twist" dives and in 1921 was Pacific coast champion. Three times he has been second to Al White, national indoor springboard champion.

San Francisco Club Has Signed Crack Collegian

The San Francisco club has signed a California collegian who is said to be a better prospect than Jimmy O'Connell, Willie Kamm or any of the notable list of Coast graduates. He is Byron (Dud) Smith, who comes from St. Ignatius college in San Francisco. He is a big fellow who has made good in college athletics, can play first base or the outfield, or even third in a pinch. He does not report to the Seals until he completes his college course in May.

English Boxing Differs

A boxing fan points out American referees have a hard job separating opponents in bouts. In England the referee does not enter the ring at all and controls the fighters from a raised seat outside the ropes. But they enforce the rules in England.

Sporting Squibs

Pigeon shooting became a fashionable sport in England about 1859.

Wrist action in golf is a cultivated art, but chin action comes naturally.

The standard distance for cross-country running in England is ten miles.

The Louisville club announces the sale of Pitcher Sam Reid to the Terre Haute club.

Frank Chance of the Chicago White Sox will have nine outfielders in his Florida camp this spring.

If Bill Tilden carries out his threat to become a movie star he will not be the first one to raise a racket.

Orval Overall, former star pitcher for the Chicago Cubs, has been elected president of the Visalia Golf club.

Some colleges have star football teams and others get their publicity by throwing hymn books at the president.

Gertrude Ederle of the Women's Swimming association of New York, established five new world swimming records during 1923.

Marquette university made final payment of \$40,000 for the city circus grounds, where the new Marquette stadium will be built.

Hans Wagner says the Pirates of 1903 had 'em all beat. It is evident that Hans never did business with a used car salesman.

Charles "Chick" Shorten, former Tyner outfielder, purchased by the Minneapolis American association club from the Cincinnati Nationals.

Late report is that Dick Hobitzel, who managed the Charlotte team in the South Atlantic league last year, will return to Reading and play first base for that team.

England's Crack Shot



Major Richard Barnett, the champion rifle shot of Great Britain, will represent the United Kingdom at the Olympic games in France this year.

Eastern Golfers to Qualify May 28-29

The eastern qualifying round for the national open golf championship will be played on May 28 and 29, according to an announcement made by the Professional Golfers' Association of America recently. The tournament will be played on the course of the Worcester (Mass.) Country club, which was selected some time ago. The western qualifying round will be held in Chicago, but neither the course nor the dates have yet been fixed. According to the new arrangement adopted for trial this year the seventy-nine low scores and those tied for eightieth place in the qualifying rounds will be eligible to compete in the national open, which will be held at Oakland Hills, Detroit, on June 5 and 6.

Italian Heavyweight Is Going to Return

Spalla Is Coming Backed by Stentorian Ballyhoo.

Now that it seems certain that Ermanno Spalla, the Italian heavyweight, is going to return to this country with the backing of a stentorian ballyhoo, a word or two concerning this alleged champion of Europe will be in order.

Spalla, then, is a fine-looking Italian who came to this country two or three years ago and hung around Newark, working out in gymnasiums and occasionally fighting. He was very quick to pick up things and such boxers as Charley Weinert and Young Bob Fitzsimmons were willing to show him tricks of the trade.

The consequence was that he developed more than a fair knowledge of boxing, and in the gym he looked to be as clever as any of them. In fact, as a gymnasium battler he came to be quite impressive. It was when he went into the ring against third raters that he did not appear too good.

As for Spalla, he showed signs of being able to develop into a good hitter, and if he had been in this country in the last fifteen months instead of Europe he might have sized up by now as a good second rater. That is, he would have, had he controlled his rapacity whenever he saw a sign of food.

Like Firpo, Spalla is an artist with the knife and fork—that is to say, he is an artist so far as making these implements move rapidly is concerned. These foreigners don't seem to realize that in this climate one cannot eat and drink as one does in other climates.

Nick Kline, who probably will manage Spalla, may be able to make him cut down on his fish and soup and spaghetti stuff, and if so, he may be carried along until he gets into the ring against some real performer. He is a likable young man and always willing to take advice, so perhaps his manager will not have the tough sailing that Siki's manager, for instance, is having.

Son Is at Pennsylvania



James Rice, Jr., son of the universally known Jim Rice, former Columbia rowing coach, who, according to latest reports, will enter the University of Pennsylvania after he graduates from high school in New York city. The youngster is a big fellow, and at the age of seventeen stands 6 feet 4 in his stocking feet. His father will be first assistant to Joe Wright at Penn the coming season.

Illini Star Overlooked

One of the best guards in the country in 1923 was McMillan, the Zuppke leader. In every game the Suckers played the giant lineman's performance was one of the big features. Much of Grange's success at lugging the leather was due to McMillan's assistance. But the Illini star didn't place on any of Camp's three All-America teams. McMillan may not have been as good a man as Hubbard of Harvard or Bedenk, Penn States, but he certainly seemed to have enough stuff to earn a position on at least one of the three selections.

Adrift With Humor

NEVER HEARD OF HER

The movies look to all sorts of sources for their material and there have been diggings in many strange fields. One talented young writer thought of trying out mythology. So he went to his general manager with the story of Diana.

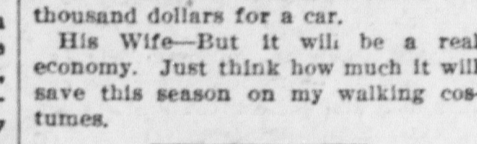
The general manager viewed, with some interest the illustration presented.

"Who is she?"

"Diana, goddess of the chase."

"Well, she's a pretty fair looker, but we ain't making any more chase pictures."

A SOUND ARGUMENT



Mr. Pester—No! I can't afford two thousand dollars for a car.

His Wife—But it will be a real economy. Just think how much it will save this season on my walking costumes.

A Wallflower

"And how do you like codfish balls?" I said to Sister Jennie.

She said, "I really couldn't say—I've never been to any."

No Ear for Music

"Has your daughter finished her musical education?"

"I suppose so," answered Mr. Twobble, "but sometimes when she is playing one of those classical pieces it seems to me that she is starting to learn all over again."

Answer, Short and Snappy

Housewife—Every morning it's the same story, Lena, always late. How many more times am I to fret about this?

Lena—Ten times, Mrs. Sharp. Today is the twentieth, I leave on the first.

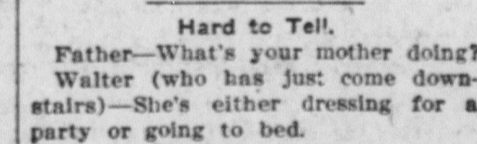
The Very Place

Sweet Young Thing Driving Through Suburb—Would you like to see where I was vaccinated?

He (with enthusiasm)—Sure.

S. Y. T. (pointing toward house they had just passed)—Well, right in there.

NOT LIKE THE MEN



Woman's work is never done. And she doesn't get time and a half for overtime, either.

May It Be Ever Thus. With glowing cheeks and sparkling eyes.

That youth vivacious bath—Attended by her stately groom. She took the bridal path.

Hard to Tell

Father—What's your mother doing? Walter (who has just come downstairs)—She's either dressing for a party or going to bed.

Generous Terms

Mrs. Newgilt—Yes, I advertised for a competent instructor to teach me to play craps. What do you charge?

The Crap Expert—When they shoot for real money, lady, I don't make no charge for the lessons.

At Sea

Old Mald—I suppose you have been in the navy so long you are accustomed to sea legs.

Middle—Lady, I wasn't even lookin'.—Mutual Magazine.

Fortissimo

"Phwat's that noise, Mrs. Mulcahy?"

"It's me daughter Maggie runnin' up and down th' scales."

"Begorra, she must weigh a ton."

Whaddja Mean?

"Pa, how did those prehistoric monsters look?"

"I really can't remember that, sonny, ask your mother."

Knew It Already

"Now, Johnny, don't your conscience tell you you have done wrong?"

"No, grandma; I knew it already."

AFTER THE SHOW



"His voice has remarkable timbre. I've always wondered why it reminded me of a sawmill."