

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

**Pottsville.**—Oak Hill breaker and coal separator, one of the main components of the extensive workings of the Pine Hill Coal company, near Minersville, was almost totally destroyed by fire. Estimates place the loss at \$400,000.

**Dunmore.**—Gas which followed a water pipe into her home was responsible for the death of Mrs. Anna Murray, aged 50, found dead in her home here, according to a coroner's jury.

**Mifflinburg.**—A class of 200 members was initiated by the local P. O. S. of A.

**Stroudsburg.**—The Monroe County Automobile Club is making elaborate preparations for its annual meeting April 7.

**Unityville.**—While attending a public sale G. Higger, aged 43, a widely known apple grower, dropped dead from acute indigestion.

**Sunbury.**—The body of a white girl child, possibly a day old, was found in a field on the outskirts of the town.

**Pottsville.**—A number of underwear factories here and in Schuylkill Haven have closed down because of a dullness in trade.

**Brackenridge.**—Drinking from a nippled bottle, Joseph Kiseliza, Jr., about 8 months old, was found strangled to death by his mother.

**Montedon.**—Driving a wagon across the tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad here, Charles Belcamp, aged 50, of Pottsgrove, was struck by a passenger train, but escaped with minor injuries.

**Harrisburg.**—Automobile thieves reaped their greatest harvest in Pennsylvania last year, when 14,610 cars, having an estimated value of \$17,533,000, were stolen. Only 3061 cars were reported recovered.

**Bloomsburg.**—A section of the state highway from Bloomsburg toward Benton, just outside Bloomsburg, caved in falling twelve feet into an iron mine that has been abandoned for many years. About half the width of the road was affected, but traffic was able to pass around the edge of the cave-in. About 100 loads of stone will be required to fill the hole.

**Bloomsburg.**—After this year there will be no sports of any kind in Bloomsburg on Memorial Day to detract from a complete and solemn observance, as far as council has control, it was decided when a petition of the American Legion and G. A. R. protesting against a circus parade and automobile races this year was presented. Contracts already had been signed, and council was powerless to take action, but it went on record as opposing even base ball games in future years.

**Scranton.**—Dominick Batch, aged 38, died in the State Hospital, where he had been confined for more than three years with a broken back, sustained in a mine accident. A year ago Batch attracted nation-wide attention by offering his four small children for sale. He said he wanted to get them good homes, as his wife was too sick to care for them.

**Shenandoah.**—State police raided the home of Samuel Itzkowitz and confiscated 198 quarts of what is said to be good whisky. Itzkowitz was taken before Squire Mernick and held on charges of having liquor in his possession and of peddling it. Bail was fixed at \$4000.

**Allentown.**—Losing his balance as he stood on an overhanging ledge of rock overhanging operations in the quarry of the Lawrence Portland Cement company at Northampton, Eldin O. Beahm, aged 30, foreman of the plant, fell eighty feet and was so badly injured that he died at a hospital soon after he reached there.

**Allentown.**—Struck by an automobile as they were about to board a trolley car on the outskirts of this city, following a visit to the office of a local doctor, H. L. Self and wife, of Bethlehem, were seriously injured. The police are making an investigation.

**Uniontown.**—Fred Grim, of Fairchance, was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter, with a recommendation of extreme mercy, by a jury here. He was indicted for the murder of Ralph Goldsboro, and his wife, mother of ten children, took the stand and told of her intimate relations with Goldsboro for a period of four years.

**Williamsport.**—A resolution that the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist church appoint a committee to suggest a plan to the state council of education for the further religious training of children was adopted at the fifty-sixth annual meeting in this city. Dr. Robert Bagnell, of Harrisburg, spoke in support of the resolution, pointing out the need of further religious training in accepted Bible truths, and stated that the plan to be suggested would not be a substitute for the weekday religious schools of education now in operation.

**Hazleton.**—Eagles here held memorial services in honor of deceased members at the Grand Theatre.

**Pittston.**—Shirts, shoes and rubbers valued at more than \$300 were taken from the store of Max Goodman when burglars visited the establishment.

**Hollidaysburg.**—The Blair county commissioners have appointed Charles E. Ehret, former Altoona hotel keeper, deputy jail warden.

**Andenried.**—When Andrew Augustines returned home from work in the mines he found his wife gone with their two children and all their household furniture.

**Freesport.**—Lawrence Nolt fractured his skull in a fall from a signal tower of the Pennsylvania railroad.

**Altoona.**—The plant of the Glass Casket corporation, consisting of a fully equipped glass plant and six acres of ground near here, was sold at foreclosure sale for \$35,000 to Oliver H. Hewitt, of Hollidaysburg; Worth Kilpatrick, of Conneville; and F. B. Hess, of Uniontown, trustees for the bondholders. The plant was built to make glass caskets, but never was operated, owing to lack of working capital.

**Uniontown.**—Despondent because his wife, on a visit to Europe, remained away longer than she had planned, was given as the cause of the suicide of George Lokas in his home at West Masontown. For several weeks Lokas was despondent, relatives reported. He would sit for hours looking at a photograph of his wife, George Lokas, Jr., discovered his father's body. In the left hand was a picture of the wife, while the right hand clutched a pistol.

**Chester.**—Discovery was made of the robbery of a number of cars belonging to the Walter L. Main Shows, which are quartered in the Pennsylvania railroad yards at Essington. A steel safe was blown open and a number of valuable papers taken, but no cash. Lead pipes, electric lighting fixtures and brass trimmings were stripped from the cars and carried off by the thieves.

**Harrisburg.**—A special committee of the Reading chamber of commerce, headed by Frank Livingood, conferred with Governor Pinchot relative to pollution of the Schuylkill river, caused by silt from coal mine culm banks. Governor Pinchot promised all cooperation possible and said he was considering the appointment of a special commission to study stream pollution throughout the state, at the same time pointing out the state's industries must be considered in whatever action may be taken.

**Pittsburgh.**—A kick from a mule ended the life of Abraham S. Lanz, aged 90, at his home in Clinton. Twenty years ago a robber entered his cabin in the wilds of Beaver county, beat, bound and gagged Lanz, his brother and sister and demanded their money. Getting only \$500, he threatened to kill again. When he reached the house the second time he was shot and killed by a man named McKendrie, whom Lanz had hired, and was identified as a highly respected citizen of Midway. The case at the time attracted nation-wide attention.

**Pittsburgh.**—Dennis Cush, a Homestead policeman, was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter in connection with the death of John Ward, assistant fire chief in the town. The jury deliberated more than forty-eight hours. Cush and Ward were rival candidates for constable in a recent election. The shooting occurred on November 2 last. Cush admitted that he shot Ward, but pleaded self-defense.

**McEwensville.**—Miss Clarissa Shook, aged 97, believed to be the oldest woman in Northumberland county, died here of injuries she suffered in a fall.

**Catasauqua.**—E. Daniel Meckley, aged 60, dropped dead of heart disease as he was calling on the family of George Gemmel, in this borough.

**Bloomsburg.**—A settlement is in prospect in the long-standing dispute between coal companies and the county commissioners on the assessed valuation of Columbia coal lands. The lands involved are in Coyneham township, Centralia borough and Beaver township, and in the assessment were given a value of approximately \$20,000,000. Under the settlement being planned the valuation will be materially decreased, it is understood.

**Harrisburg.**—Governor Pinchot announced the appointment of the following as members of the state board of osteopathic examiners: E. N. Downing, York; C. J. Snyder, Philadelphia; L. S. Irwin, Washington; H. M. Vastine, Harrisburg, and E. Clair Jones, Lancaster.

**Easton.**—Six men were burned, one seriously, when coal dust in an elevator at the Martins Creek plant of the Alpha Portland Cement company exploded. Three of the men were brought to the Easton Hospital for treatment, and the condition of one of them, James Sylvester, of Martins Creek, is considered serious. He is badly burned about the face and arms. The other three were sent to their homes after being treated by a physician.

**Pottsville.**—Joseph Stapanak, of Pine Grove, who poisoned 250 chickens belonging to a neighbor, was sentenced in court to pay \$100 fine and serve sixty days in jail. The defendant alleged the chickens were ruining his garden, and fed them mash which they ate greedily, and from which none of the fowls recovered.

**Pittsburgh.**—A soda fountain which spouts moonshine whisky was located by the police in a Wylie avenue soft drink parlor. Three spigots, the police said, controlled the liquor. One gave off white moonshine, a second colored moonshine and a third gin. A. T. and James Beatty, brothers, owners of the establishment, were held for court.

**Sunbury.**—Women who do not pay their taxes may be seized and committed to jail, according to an edict of the city officials.

**Danville.**—A smokestack, 225 feet high, 11 feet in diameter and weighing 900 tons is nearing completion at the Danville State Hospital for the Insane.

**Shamokin.**—R. Y. Schrader is in the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, for his ninety-eighth surgical operation for relief of an injury he suffered at the Enterprise colliery, near Shamokin, thirteen years ago.

## Swimming Stars Ready for Summer



Johnny Weismuller, world's champion swimmer, with other noted aquatic stars, is at Miami Beach, Fla., where they are keeping themselves in condition for the summer season. Left to right: Stubby Kruger, back stroke champion and holder of a number of titles; Johnny Weismuller, greatest of them all; and Ben Skelton, national breast stroke champion, photographed at Miami Beach.

### Bill Roper to Quit as Princeton Coach

William W. Roper will retire as coach of the Princeton football team at the close of the 1924 season. Pressure of his counsellor and law business were given as the reason. "I'm beginning to feel," said Mr. Roper, "that I have been in the coaching business long enough and will be ready to step out at the close of the 1924 season. I might have been ready to retire this year, but did not feel like getting out after such a season. Next year we hope to do much better at Princeton."

### Bobby Lowe Still Holds Record for Home Runs

In looking over the baseball records of Babe Ruth it has been found that the Bambino still has one record to go and that one record is still held by a New Castle player of the old days, Bobbie Lowe. In the year 1894, May 30, to be exact, Boston was playing Cincinnati, on the Boston grounds. Elton Chambers was pitching for Cincinnati. On his first time up in the third inning Bobby poled out a homer and his mate took a batting rally. Lowe got a second time at bat in the inning and drove out a homer. Two homers in one inning seems to be about the only record that Lowe still holds, but so far Babe has been unable to better it.

### Wants to Rejoin Sox



"Buck" Weaver, one of the famous players of the Chicago White Sox who was released at the time of the baseball scandal and who is at present conducting a drug store in Chicago, is anxious to rejoin his old club and a petition signed by prominent business men and baseball fans is to be presented to Comiskey.

### Yankee Stadium Improved

Changes made in the playing field of the Yankee stadium, New York, have improved the view of spectators along the first and third base lines, removed dark shadows in autumn, lengthened both foul lines and eliminated a pocket where the grandstand and bleachers join the right field. The diamond has been moved outward ten feet, allowing more room for the catcher, first and third basemen.

### Plays Every Game

Harry Lunte, former member of the Cleveland Indians, now with Rochester in the American association, was the only player in that organization to take part in every game in which his team participated. When in the American league Lunte was the original hard-luck guy, injuries putting him out of it every time he got a chance to show.

## SET OF GOLF DON'TS CAUSES MUCH TALK

Just What Not to Do Minute-by-Minute Described in Bulletin.

In a recent issue of the green section bulletin of the United States Golf association is contained a set of "don'ts in golf" that embody much feeling. It reads as follows:

"Don't move, whistle, talk, sneeze, cough, groan, grunt or even think aloud, while a stroke is being played. "Don't stand close to, in front of, behind or cast shadows across the player's line, while he is addressing a putt. If the ball rims the cup it then becomes your duty to restrain the player from any acts of violence. "Don't play from a tee until the party in front have all played their second shots, replaced their divots, re-lighted their pipes, concluded their golf stories, collected their caddies, selected their next clubs and are well out of range.

"Don't play up to a putting green until the party in front have all holed out, practiced their missed putts, replaced the flag, fixed up the score cards, exchanged their putters for drivers, and all players and caddies are off the green.

"Don't be vexed if the players in front can't find their lost ball. Should they eventually signal you to play through and then play along with you, show appreciation by giving each of them a cigar. The 'Flor de Kildead' is made for this purpose and sold by all fireworks stores.

"Don't fall to fill up and to smooth over nearly all footprints in the bunker sand. If you carry in your bag a small garden rake, a bricklayer's trowel and a wire broom, the operation will require only about half an hour.

"Don't neglect immediately and properly to replace the turf. A small sprinkling can, a canteen of water, an ordinary rolling pin, a package of grass seeds added to your equipment will reduce this obligation to a mere pleasure."

### Sybil Sets New Mark



Miss Sybil Bauer of the Illinois A. C., Chicago, Ill., who, at the swimming carnival recently held at Miami, Fla., broke the world's record for the 100-meter backstroke swim, setting a new mark of 1 minute 22.5 seconds. Her old world's record was 1:26 1-5.

### McEwan, Army Coach, to Retire at End of Season

Capt. John J. McEwan, head coach of the Army football eleven of 1923, will not be in charge of gridiron affairs next fall, according to a recent announcement.

Captain McEwan has been ordered to foreign service and will be far from the plains while football is being played. His successor has not been named, but it is reported that the post will be filled by Maj. C. D. Daly, coach from 1913 to 1922, or by Captain Prichard, former quarterback star, who has served as an assistant coach.

Captain McEwan has been identified with army football since 1913, barring the time he spent in the service during the war. He played on the teams from 1913 to 1916 and was rated as one of the greatest centers in the game. He was assigned to assist Major Daly in 1919 and for four years was line coach, succeeding Daly as head coach when the latter resigned a year ago.

### Chadbourne First to Sign

The first player to sign a contract with the Vernon club for the season of 1924 was the oldest player in point of service, Chester Chadbourne. The veteran had a big year in the Coast league last season, but it is said he will be traded off for a younger man if a deal can be made that pleases him. There is nothing wrong with him, but Manager Bill Esick of Vernon wants new blood all around.

### Dixon Manager of Waterloo

Cletus Dixon, former University of Chicago star and for two years past with the Cedar Rapids team, has been traded to Waterloo that he might become manager of that team, succeeding Bert Whalen. Dixon started his baseball career as an outfielder, but last year played most of his games at first base for Cedar Rapids.

## Sport Notes

Chicago has 100 active golf clubs.

Stanley Ketchel held the middle-weight title from 1908 to 1919.

Jai-alai, a novel Cuban game, is being played in hotel courts at Miami, Fla.

Baseball schedules are out and the crocus is pounding the plate with its bat.

Of the ten home runs made in the last year's world's series Babe Ruth knocked out four.

The National Boxing commission is represented by 19 states where legalized boxing is in effect.

This year's golf ball will be a little lighter, which should afford the duffers an excellent alibi.

Boxing has been adopted as a part of the training for football candidates at Harvard, Princeton and Yale.

Ivan Parke, one of the leading jockeys, is seventeen years old, and lives at Delco, Idaho. His weight is 93.

Golf is the only major sport in which the players range from youths to men and women past eighty years.

Centre college, with an enrollment of only about 400 students, played football before more than 100,000 fans last year.

If the college needs any pupils, there are a lot of umpires in major leagues who ought to take a post-graduate course.

The Mud Hens have new owners, but it is too early to tell whether they will be able to scratch their way out of the A. A. cellar.

Judge Landis says he will root for a team in a cellar next year. Other fans are expected to do all their rooting on the bleachers.

Heavyweight boxing champions, since John L. Sullivan held the title, have been Corbett, Fitzsimmons, Jeffries, Burns, Johnson, Willard and Dempsey.

France has 47 golf courses in active eruption, with long waiting lists of ambitious club swingers awaiting to be admitted to membership. Before the war France could boast of only 16 courses.

### Making of Footballs



Little is known of the manufacture of footballs, one of the most important parts that the ball must play. It passes through various hands, and every bit of work has to be done just so, due to the hard wear and usage which it will go through. The photograph shows an apprentice pumping up the finished articles in a factory at Newcastle, England.

## Scraps of Humor



LIKES IT STRONG

A judge on a certain circuit was accustomed to doze during the speeches of counsel. On one occasion counsel was addressing him on the subject of certain town commissioners' rights to obtain water from a river, water being scarce at the time.

During his speech he made use of the words, "But my lord, we must have water—we must have water." Whereupon the judge woke up, exclaiming: "Well, just a little; I like it fairly strong."

Fraill Report.

"How did you come to be lying there in the gutter?" demanded the policeman.

"Ish all right," replied the inebriated one. "I jush happen to walk between two lamphs and leant against the wrong one."—Pearson's Weekly (London).

Overheard by J. M. R.

Clerk—This, madam, is the most correct writing paper for polite correspondence.

Customer—But I wish to write to my husband.

Queered.

Lawyer—Well, what shall we ask for—trial by judge or jury?

Client—Take the judge, Doc. I've done plumbing for nearly everybody in this town.—Colonel.

BETTER CALLED A HOP



First Frog—Do you think we should advertise our club dance?  
Second Frog—By all means, but hadn't we better call it a hop?

Free for All.

You'd like to travel and perhaps you fret because you're kept at home—but you forget. A daily ride earth gives to every one. And once a year a trip around the sun.

As the Boatman Views It.  
Seashore Visitor—I suppose you know all the sights down here.

Boatman—Well, mostly, but there are always new ones comin' down.—Boston Evening Transcript.

First Speed.

Stenog—Don't you like the way I run the typewriter?  
Boss—Can't tell till I see you run it. So far I haven't seen you push it beyond a slow walk.

A Conscientious Man.  
Contractor—Don't you see that sign, "No help wanted"?  
Colored Applicant—Yessah. Ah promised mah of woman I'd ask fo' a job today an' dass why Ah applied.

Going Down.

"Oh, yes," said Mrs. Gadgett, proudly, "we can trace our ancestors back to—to—well, I don't know exactly who, but we've been descending for centuries."

HAD THE SKELETON IN MIND



Student—Professor, have you planned your new book on anatomy yet?

Professor—Well, I have the skeleton in mind.

Then He Flu.

Where are you going, my pretty maid? I'm going to sn-neeze, good air, she said.  
Who will you sneeze at, pretty maid?  
At—Chew! At—Chew! At—Chew! she said.

A Mean Insinuation.  
Alice—I don't think he knows enough to propose.

Edith—What if you should hear that he and I are engaged?  
Alice—Well, my opinion would still be the same.

Precaution.

"Gimme just two quarts of gas," said Mr. Chuggins.  
"Only two quarts!" exclaimed the man at the pump.

"Yes, My wife is learning to run the fiver, and I want to make sure that if it gets away from her it'll stop pretty soon of its own accord."

Long Drawn Out.

Madge—Did you say, "This is no sudden" when Tom proposed?  
Maud—I didn't have the nerve. You know how he stutters.