

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Pottsville.—City council has authorized advertising for bids for the paving of all the principal streets of this city which are macadamized. The work will involve the largest sum this city ever has expended in the letting of a single contract. Asphalt and brick will be the material used. Several Philadelphia contractors have indicated they will bid.

Port Allegheny.—The special election approved a bond issue of \$80,000 to build a new high school to take the place of the one recently burned.

Lancaster.—Dr. Park P. Breneman, one of this city's oldest and best-known physicians, fell dead while administering to a patient in his private office. Doctor Breneman was an authority on the use of the X-ray and a pioneer in the use of the machine in this section of Pennsylvania.

Pottstown.—Fire supposed to have been caused by an explosion of oil in a heating device of his own invention destroyed the home and garage of Warren Koch. He was severely burned in fighting the flames.

Pittsburgh.—Mrs. Claire Dell Signor, of Renton, Pa., is the first woman of Allegheny county to be sent to jail for non-payment of taxes. She was placed in prison on a commitment signed by Tax Collector G. R. Smith, of Plum township, who charged that she refused to pay taxes amounting to \$5.25. After spending the night and half of a day in jail, Mrs. Signor decided to pay the taxes and was released.

Chambersburg.—Samuel Shockey, aged 22, of Beartown, a mountain village near here, confessed, the police said, that he shot and killed his brother, Jacob, aged 26, in a gun fight on a lonely mountain trail. He then covered the body with leaves and fled in company with a girl companion of the slain man. He and the girl, whose name is said to be Iva Wills, aged 20, were captured by state police, after a ten-hour search, and brought to the Franklin county jail here.

Coatesville.—Marion Nostrand, 15, New London, Conn., sought by police for several weeks, was found here at the home of George and Lewis Barton, circus performers, where she was leaning tight-rope walking. The girl was removed to a hospital suffering complete nervous exhaustion.

Sunbury.—Eggs appear to be a glut on the market here, selling as low as twenty and twenty-four cents a dozen. In the country districts, it is claimed, that they have been bought as low as eighteen cents per dozen.

Uniontown.—Two women have been enrolled as members of the Mount Braddock local of the Fayette County Fish and Game Protective Association. This is the first instance of where women have been admitted to membership in the organization.

Farmington.—Jacob Polich was bound over to court by Justice Joseph Frank on a charge of transporting liquor. He had two quarts of white mule in his possession, is the charge, and furnished bail.

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Bellefonte.—Because of the meager allowance given for maintenance to the Bellefonte Hospital by the last legislature, the board of managers faces the proposition of appealing to the public for support of the institution. They will undertake a drive for the sum of \$100,000, with which to construct a small addition to the present buildings, make much-needed improvements, pay off the indebtedness and have sufficient to tide the hospital over until the next meeting of the legislature.

Bloomsburg.—The contract for the erection of a new church for St. Matthew's Lutheran congregation was awarded to H. A. Moore & Co., of Milton, for \$124,301. F. P. Edwards, of Bloomsburg, won the electrical contract and W. F. Hartman, of Bloomsburg, the plumbing and heating. The cost will be about \$138,000.

York.—A coroner's jury placed the blame for the death of Solomon Jacobs on liquor furnished him by Hanover bootleggers. Jacobs died within half an hour after he drank some liquor, and physicians who conducted a post-mortem examination testified death was caused by alcoholism.

Lancaster.—Private Ernest Koerner, a member of troop E, state police, has resigned to become chief of the police department at Dallastown, in York county.

Pottsville.—Pastors of the Philadelphia conference of the Methodist church in this section closed the conference year, and all united in stating that never before had the church had such a year of prosperity in the coal region. The contributions were the largest in the history of the church, and the number of new members received also broke all records.

Perkasie.—School directors of Sellersville and Perkasie, in joint session here approved a proposal for the joint erection of a consolidated high school to serve both towns and the adjoining townships.

Harrisburg.—Award of the following contracts for highway construction were announced by the department of highways: Fayette county, 16,770 feet in North and South Union and Menallen townships, to Colonial Construction company, Pittsburgh, for \$169,288. Tioga county, 28,212 feet in Richmond and Sullivan townships and Mansfield borough, to H. W. Hinaman, Canton, for \$295,521.

Uniontown.—Called as a prospective juror in the Foltz-Youngkin murder trial, J. C. Henry, of Brownsville, created a furor in court when he was reprimanded by the court clerk for failing to answer to his name. When he was called, a man sitting next to him motioned and Henry arose without responding to his name. Later it was discovered that he was deaf.

Lancaster.—Charles Hess, general manager of a tobacco warehouse here, and William H. Burkman, whose minor children were alleged to have helped strip tobacco at the Burkman home, were each fined \$10 when arraigned on a charge of violating the state child labor laws. The prosecution was at the instance of the state department of labor and industry as a test case. In imposing fines, Alderman Doebler, before whom the case was heard, ruled that if homes are to be used as factory extensions the same laws that govern child labor in factories must apply there. Both Hess and Burkman paid the fines.

Wilkes-Barre.—En route to work at the No. 6 colliery of the Pennsylvania Coal company ten miners had a narrow escape from serious injury when the touring car in which they were riding collapsed after one of the front wheels struck a curbing along the road. Five of the miners were so badly injured that they were taken to the Pittston Hospital, where their condition was reported as not being serious. The overcrowded condition of the machine made it impossible for the driver to operate the machine properly, and this is said to have been responsible for the accident.

Hazleton.—A "button" strike occurred at the Weston colliery of the C. M. Dodson Coal company, due to failure of some of the men to pay their union dues. About 400 employees are affected.

Wilkes-Barre.—Danger of a strike at the Woodward colliery of the Glen Alden company for the reinstatement of a discharged miner passed. The man in question had been discharged for stealing copper. At a mass-meeting of the miners they were informing the accused man had confessed.

Chester.—As he was closing his restaurant, William Kallan, of 205 Reaney street, was accosted by two negro highwaymen armed with revolvers. They poked the guns at Kallan and compelled him to turn over his receipts for the day, nearly \$100.

Hazleton.—Rev. Thomas F. Ripple, reappointed at the Central Pennsylvania conference as pastor of the Diamond Methodist Episcopal church, of this city, was transferred to the Epworth M. E. church, at Harrisburg. Rev. George H. Knox, of Harrisburg, has been sent here.

Easton.—A temporary injunction was granted by Judge Robert A. Stotz restraining various county officials and officials of Washington and plainfield townships and the borough of Bangor from doing anything toward the construction of a cement highway between Belfast and Bangor. The injunction was sought on the grounds that the contract is illegal and that it was granted on the basis of fraudulent representations by officials of the townships, in which they stated that they had sufficient borrowing capacity to pay their share of the cost of construction, when this was not the case. Judge Stotz fixed March 31 as the date for final hearing on the injunction.

West Chester.—An engine and four cars were derailed in the Pomeroy yards of the Pennsylvania railroad when some unknown person threw a switch while the train was backing onto the main line. A wrecking crew from Parkersburg worked four hours to clear up the wreckage. No one was injured.

Lancaster.—Search is being instituted for Miss Ruth M. Henry, one of the proprietors of the Golden Cup Tea Room, this city, who strangely disappeared while on a visit to Harrisburg. She thrust a note in the hands of her aunt in which it was stated "she would be gone forever." Her relatives here say she was worried over business conditions. State police have been notified of her disappearance. She was a former school teacher at Chester and Johnstown.

Lancaster.—While turning to avoid crashing into a trolley car, a motorcycle carrying a side car and three passengers was overturned at the corner of North Duke and New streets. The victims, all of whom are in the General Hospital, are: Clifford Deckman, in a critical condition with scalp wounds; Roy Burkens, driver of the motorcycle, arm and leg lacerations, and Benjamin Kuhns, lacerations of the scalp.

Lancaster.—While in the act of robbing the lock box of the Hamilton Watch company in the local post-office, Aldus Hawthorne, of 115 Duke street, was arrested by detectives. Postoffice employes testified before United States Commissioner S. R. Weaver that they had seen the man at the box. When searched, a watch movement was found in his pocket which authorities claim was taken from the box. In default of bail, Hawthorne is in the county prison awaiting the arrival of a United States marshal to remove him to Philadelphia.

Cambridge Crew Out for a Spin



Here is a most excellent camera shot of the Cambridge varsity crew taken recently while out for a spin on the Thames. The water was rough and the going not so good, but the oarsmen, who meet the Oxford varsity in the annual historic race, slipped little water.

Knight Unable to Emit Cheers About His Club

Jack Knight, former infielder for various clubs in the major leagues and for Minneapolis and Toledo in the American association, has been traded by Oakland of the Pacific Coast league to Shreveport, Texas league.

Knight will play first base and act as a field manager for Ira Thomas, who will devote his entire attention to the business duties of the club.

Knight was a member of the Miller team of 1915, 1916 and 1917. He pulled a remark while managing Cleveland in the American association that was a classic of its kind. It will be remembered that Toledo was transferred to Cleveland in 1913 and 1914. During the latter season, Knight had a classy looking team, but the Mud Hens could not win.

A friend of Knight's said to him one day: "I don't see why your team fails to win. On paper, at least, you have the best team in the league." "You're right," answered Knight. "They're the best team on paper, but the rottenest on grass."

Carl Mays Makes Life Hard for the Umpire

National league umpires are bound to experience some hectic afternoons the coming season now that Carl Mays will pitch for the Cincinnati Reds.

He always has been a tough fellow for the arbiters to handle. To begin with, Mays' style of pitching causes the ump's plenty of grief. He throws underhand, all of his shoots starting near the ground, and keeps the ball around the batter's knees. Carl alternates between a fast ball that breaks like a spitter and a curve that rises as it nears the plate.

Mays has a bad temper, too, and in his attempts to get all of the close decisions, makes life miserable for the umpires.

Walter Hagen Aims to Play in British Open

Walter Hagen will compete again for the British open golf championship. The former titleholder plans to sail for England on June 10, which will give him about a week over there in which to prepare for the championship at Hoylake.

Hagen expressed himself as being highly pleased with the date set for the American open, which will be played at his former course, Oakland Hills Country club, at Detroit. He and Alec Smith, who shared the honor of being the only two competing players who have won the American open title twice, think that the early date will bring about the best golf possible.

Champion Will Retire



Charles Gorman, Canada's speed skating marvel, returning to his home at St. John, N. B., with the American national and international outdoor titles, was greeted by a cheering crowd of 10,000 sports people. In reply to their greeting he waved his skates over his head and announced that he would retire from competition. "I have achieved my greatest ambition in the winning of these titles," he said, "and now I am content to rest on my laurels."

Jack Renault Training



Jack Renault, Canada's heavyweight champion and contender for the world's heavyweight title, is at Hot Springs, Ark., where he is getting into shape for the coming evening season in the baseball parks.

Baseball Notes

The real sign of spring is the lineup for seats at the opener.

A. Rankin Johnson has signed to manage the Temple team of the Texas association.

Louisville has added another Cuban to its roster, signing Vincent Taracho, a first baseman.

Dallas has signed Bill Matlock, third baseman of the Southwestern university of Georgetown, Tex.

As a baseball training field Florida apparently does everything except guarantee pennant winners.

Old-line politicians go on the theory that it is all right to cut second base if one is sure the umpire isn't looking.

Charley Deal, third baseman of the Vernon club of the Pacific Coast league, has decided to report to his team.

Joe Gleason, pitcher for the Columbus American association team, has been sold to Galveston of the Texas league.

The New York Yankees have released pitcher Elbert Johnson to the Des Moines club of the Western league.

The St. Louis Browns have taken on for trial Milton Hyland, a New Britain (Conn.) semi-pro pitcher. Hyland is a left-hander.

Norman Williamson of Hampton, Va., senior and all-round athlete, has been elected captain of the Boston university baseball team.

Republican politicians are considering the nomination of Nap Lajoie, former American league baseball star, for sheriff of Cuyahoga county, Ohio.

Mark Purtell, manager of Hutchinson, has traded pitcher Bob Good to Beatrice of the Nebraska State league for Ben Wiggins, a catcher and outfielder.

George Sleser, manager of the St. Louis Americans, plans to return to the game this season in the capacity of manager, first baseman and pitcher.

Among new umpires signed for the Mississippi Valley league is Tinker Driscoll of Peoria, Ill., well known in independent circles as the handler of an indicator.

Kid Elberfeld of Little Rock and Johnny Dobbs of Memphis are out with announcements that they will stick to the bench. The idea is to give their teams an extra player.

OLD-TIME BASEBALL RECORDS STILL HOLD

Marks for Throwing and Running Made Years Ago.

Who is the fastest baseball player? Who can encircle the bases in the shortest time? Who can throw a baseball the greatest distance?

Who is the greatest fungo hitter? Names of major league players will come in bunches in answer to these several questions. Babe Ruth of the Yankees, Cy Williams of the Phillies, Ken Williams of the Browns and Harry Hellmann of the Tigers are all past masters of the art of fungo hitting.

Bob Meusel of the Yankees is known nationally as having one of the greatest whips in baseball. Eddie Collins of the White Sox, George Grantham of the Cubs and Frank Frisch of the Giants are all wonderfully fast players. Do they hold the record for the best time in encircling the bases? Take a look at the records.

The record for fungo hitting is 354 feet 10 inches and was made by C. R. Partridge of Hanover, N. H., in October, 1880.

The record has probably never been beaten, because no longer are official records taken of fungo hitting. Then, too, it is doubtful whether any of the parks is large enough to permit a fungo hitting contest. Nevertheless, it is interesting to note that the fungo hitting record has remained untouched since 1880.

The record for throwing a baseball is 381 feet 2 1/2 inches and is held by R. C. Campbell of North Adams, Mass., and was made in 1887.

This record will probably stand for a long time to come because of the possibility of injury to players competing in a long-distance throwing contest.

The record for circling the bases is held by C. Fulforth of Racine, Wis. His time of 15 1/4 seconds was made in 1879.

Sporting Squibs

The boxing matches in the Olympic games will be held from July 15 to 20.

John L. Sullivan was 5 feet 10 1/2 inches in height and weighed 196 pounds.

In the announcement that Dempsey and Gibbons will fight again, just what do they mean by "again?"

The United States amateur golf tournament will be held at the Marlon Cricket club, Philadelphia, September 20-27.

The first intercollegiate regatta this season will be University of Washington vs. University of California, at Seattle.

Bulgaria will have teams entered in the Olympic games in athletics, fencing, association football, horsemanship and gymnastics.

Naval academy crews will row against Massachusetts Tech, Syracuse, and Princeton on the Severn river course this season.

The University of Princeton will broadcast the Yale-Princeton football game next fall from a broadcasting station erected on the campus.

Max Marston, national amateur golf champion, plans to compete this year in the national open championship for the first time in his career.

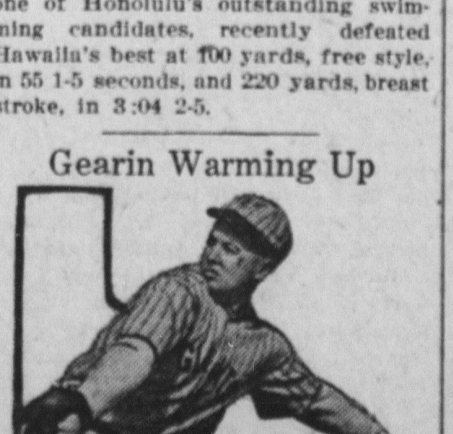
The government has issued a warning of the danger of automobile fumes in closed garages. But that's not where the automobiles are most dangerous.

The new world's record for indoor rifle shooting is held by Raymond C. Smith of Boston university. He made a perfect score of 1,200 at 50 feet distance.

Bobby Jones, national open golf champion, has settled down to business at the ripe old age of twenty-two. His office is in Atlanta and he is connected with the Adair Trust company of that city.

Sam Kahanamoku, younger son of the famous Hawaiian swimmer, and one of Honolulu's outstanding swimming candidates, recently defeated Hawaii's best at 100 yards, free style, in 55 1-5 seconds, and 220 yards, breast stroke, in 3:04 2-5.

Gearin Warming Up



Dennis J. ("Dinty") Gearin, the Giants' 1923 acquisition from Milwaukee, limbering up his arm under the wiltering rays of the Florida sun at the Giants' camp. "Dinty" is showing good form.

Incas Use Coca Leaves When on Long Jaunts

When the Spaniards first came to the highlands of South Africa they found many strange things being done by the couple of million inhabitants who lived all the way from what is now Ecuador to the northern part of Chile. These people smelted copper, wove cloth, built houses of heavy masonry, embalmed dead bodies and used gold for household cooking, eating and drinking vessels. This last was their undoing, for while they put a value on gold only as something to use like any other metal, the Spaniards prized it as we do and went crazy over it.

These people had a large sheep they used for packing, but it was too small for a riding animal and not very swift, so all the swift errands were performed by runners. It is said that the Inca king each day ate fresh fish caught from the sea and hurried to him by relays of fast runners. Incredible records were made by these men, who had been trained from infancy almost to run.

The high altitude develops huge lung power after generations have been bred in it, but for you and me it makes for short-windedness. But the people who are born and brought up in the rarefied air are short and stocky and with very large lungs. They lived in a country ranging from 10,000 to 14,000 feet high with mountains running up at intervals to over 22,000 feet.

All were—and are yet—inveterate users of coca. This is leaves from the tree of the plant from which cocaine is extracted. For long feats of endurance they took a small package of these leaves and constantly kept a wad of them in their mouths wrapped around a small bit of unslaked lime to free the cocaine and other alkaloids contained in the coca leaves.

One American doctor who investigated the subject and wrote a large book on it and a famous American writer (Doctor Monzans) claim that coca leaf used in this fashion appears to free great reserves of strength and is not attended with the pernicious results following use of the drug cocaine, which has not the balancing chemicals found in the entire leaf. Be that as it may, the Indian runners and packers used and still use this leaf when on their long jaunts.—Adventure Magazine.

Hebrew Language

Owing to the efforts of Ben Yehudah, an enthusiast for Jewish nationalism, the ancient Hebrew is being revived. This language was not spoken even so late as the time of Christ. In those days the inhabitants of Judea spoke Aramaic. For more than forty years Ben Yehudah worked. Besides all his propaganda in the schools, in the press and on the platform he set to work on a tremendous lexicon or thesaurus in ten volumes, almost as great a work as the great Oxford dictionary, on which a corps of English scholars have been at work for a generation. He died with that work uncompleted, but so far advanced that his disciples can readily finish it. Most of the Jews in the Holy Land now speak Hebrew and are proud to call it their "mother tongue." The British government, which holds a mandate over Palestine under the treaty of Versailles, recognizes Hebrew as an official language and publishes a Hebrew copy of all legal governmental papers.

Strindberg's Genius

Genius, in the case of Strindberg, is the capacity for dramatizing infinite pains. There is no major ache, whether of psyche or toe, that does not claim its moment of his enthusiasm. Life, to him, in the panorama of a great and encompassing colic. His tragedy does not so much purge the emotions and leave in its wake the beauty that is ever the residuum of profound sorrow, as dissipate hope, and resolution, and human faith. Where Ibsen is the mocking dramatist of tragedy, Strindberg is the tragedian of mocking drama. He looks on the world as a child looks at the skeleton of some prehistoric monster, simultaneously beset by awe and disbelief and seeking relief from its bewilderment in a nervous and unconvincing laughter.—George Jean Nathan in the American Mercury.

Preparedness

Willie was under orders never to go in swimming. And mother meant to see that he obeyed. So one day she became suspicious.

"Willie, your clothes are wet," she said. "You have been in the water again."

"Yes, mother, I went in to save Charlie Jones."

"My noble darling! Did you jump in after him?"

"No, mother. I jumped in first so as to be there when he fell in."—Youth's Companion.

Blasting Words

Inveterate Correspondent (about to post yet another scathing criticism of a newspaper's policy)—What do you think of that, my dear? Pretty hot, eh?

Devoted Spouse—Splendid, George! Do you think they will dare publish the paper in the morning?—London Opinion.

Not Alone

The lecturer had been describing some of the sights he had seen abroad. "There are some spectacles," he said, "that one never forgets." "I wish you would tell me where I can get a pair!" exclaimed an old lady in the audience. "I am always forgetting mine."—Punch Bowl.