

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Danville.—George Boyer, aged 51, was almost instantly killed in a hard thunder shower when struck by the automobile of John Sees, of South Danville. He stepped from behind another machine in front of Sees' car on Mill street, a crowd of thirty persons witnessing the accident. He died soon after aid reached him, his skull having been fractured.

Pottsville.—Paul Ballgo, of Shenandoah, serving a thirty-day sentence for vagrancy, escaped from the Schuylkill county jail by letting himself down from his cell window on a rope, but was captured when the rope broke and he fell thirty feet and fractured both legs above the ankles. The right foot was amputated at the Pottsville Hospital.

Pittsburgh.—A gang of bandits, wearing red hoods, held up a coffee house in the downtown section and robbed the patrons of \$79. As they stepped from the establishment they met two policemen and opened fire, but the officers gave chase and captured Steve Tsaganos. The red hoods, drawn down over the men's faces, with small openings for the eyes, were something new in the line of masks, the police said.

Uniontown.—Murder charges were lodged against Lige Robinson and Andrew Coontz, both of Morgantown, W. Va., by the coroner after an inquest into the death of Constable Lon Sutton, of Fairchance. The constable, it is testified, was pushed from the running board of an automobile by Robinson and Coontz, after he had arrested them for operating the machine without a driver's license. The officer was killed instantly.

York.—The will of Charles H. Hay, who died suddenly in a physician's office last week, probated, disposes of an estate of \$40,000. The bulk of it is left in trust to a niece, Miss Mary Hay. At her death \$10,000 will go for a building on the York Hospital grounds, to be known as the Dr. John and Mary Jane Hay memorial.

Pottsville.—The Philadelphia board of city trusts gave the town of Frackville a boost, when a deed of sixty-eight acres was recorded at the court house from the Girard estate to S. A. Romanant. The latter is at the head of a syndicate which will sell lots to home builders. The land is part of the original tract bought by Stephen Girard. The sale involves only the surface rights and does not include any of the valuable coal deposits.

West Chester.—According to a decision handed down by the Chester county court, Charles Furlong, a Downingtown business man, must pay \$2000 to Charles H. Pierce, of the same place. Pierce was struck by an automobile driven by Furlong in Downingtown in January and brought suit for \$10,000, being awarded \$2000 damages by a jury. A new trial was asked by attorneys for Furlong, but the court denied it.

Harrisburg.—Seventy-six persons were killed and 582 injured on state highways in the six months ending March 31, officials of the department of highways announced. Of those killed, nineteen were pedestrians. Within six months, 698 accidents were reported to the department. In sixty-eight cases the drivers were intoxicated. The accidents involved 902 motor vehicles, occupied by 2206 persons, of whom 57 were killed, 559 injured and 1590 not injured. October with 224 accidents, led the list; November had 149; December, 92; January, 104; February, 63, and March 66. One hundred and forty-four of the accidents occurred on Sundays, 81 on Mondays, 69 on Tuesdays, 102 on Wednesdays, 103 on Thursdays, 80 on Fridays, and 119 on Saturdays.

Lewistown.—The river memorial war bridge over the Juniata here will be thrown open about May 15.

Altoona.—Struck by a bale of wire, which rolled from a truck, Robert Harpster, 6-year-old Altoona school boy, suffered a broken back.

Carlisle.—Only two women members of the graduating class of Dickinson College are planning to become housewives, according to a poll announced by college officials. There are forty women who will be graduated with fifty-two men in June.

Doylstown.—Miss Sarah Tomlinson, aged 20, night operator for the Keystone Telephone company, was found dead from gas escaping from a heater in the exchange headquarters of the Lenape building. Miss Irene Cassey, manager of the exchange, reporting for duty, was unable to gain admittance to the room, and noticing the odor of gas, summoned Leon Stump, a plumber, who broke through a window. Miss Tomlinson's body was found in an easy chair, with the gas pouring from the heater nearby.

Harrisburg.—Return of all escheat moneys where original depositors have been found was ordered by the board of revenue and finance.

Altoona.—Fire, caused by a defective flue, destroyed the home of Joseph Sprizman, in Juniata Gap, leaving a family of thirteen homeless and causing \$5000 loss.

West Chester.—A road jury recommended to the Chester county court that a road in Charlestown and Schuylkill townships be vacated and closed. It leads from Tinker Hill to Pickering Station and is used but little.

Hazleton.—The East End Fire company was disturbed at a banquet in honor of its thirtieth anniversary by a fire alarm and the firemen "rolled out," leaving the music unheard, the guests to entertain themselves and the viands untasted. They returned later with their best clothes soaked with water and chemicals. The program was then resumed. The fire was at the Joseph Arnold garage, where \$7000 worth of Easter goods belonging to John Schumann, a wholesale confectioner, was destroyed with \$4000 damage to the building.

Lewistown.—James F. Mabon, aged 82 years, ended his life by shooting himself through the head with a revolver in his room in the presence of his daughter, Mrs. F. M. Chestnut.

Montrose.—The founding of Montrose 100 years ago will be celebrated in July, this year, with an historical pageant and a home-coming week during the July 2-6 period. The committee are planning a big celebration.

Lansford.—Rev. Francis J. Dutko, a native of Allentown and for the last year assistant rector of St. Michael's Slavish Catholic church here, has been transferred to Coatesville, to become the rector of St. Joseph's Slavish church at that place.

Allentown.—Several New York capitalists who have large interests in this city have informed Mayor Gross that they have completed plans for the erection of a \$1,000,000 hotel in Allentown, and that construction will be begun as soon as the question of the site is settled.

Hazleton.—The officers of the Luzerne County Sunday School Association have invited Governor Gifford Pinchot to address the annual convention here at Trinity church, April 30, the final date of a three-day convention.

Altoona.—Finding eighty-five assorted pint and quart bottles filled with whisky in a pocket of the back seat of an automobile, Altoona police arrested George E. Halow on the charge of violating the liquor laws. Later Amos Richardson was arrested on a similar charge and four gallons of moonshine found at his home was confiscated.

York.—An automobile truck belonging to E. F. Wilhelm, a green grocer, skidded and upset on the road near New Freedom, twenty-one miles from this place. Nine hundred dozens, or more than 10,000 eggs, were smashed. They were scattered promiscuously along the highway. Both men riding in the machine were slightly injured.

Hazleton.—As the anthracite industry nears its usual spring dull season a peculiar condition develops, with many applicants appearing for miners' certificates. More than a score took the tests, the largest number in years. When the mines are going full blast, there are many other jobs open besides those of miners and the operators are handicapped by a scarcity of men holding certificates. But when the slump comes the miners' places are in demand.

Allentown.—A small mantel clock that suddenly stopped more than thirteen years ago on the day and almost on the minute that its owner, Jonas Brown, died and which refused to run, although members of the family had sent it to the repair shop many times, suddenly resumed its task of ticking off the seconds, minutes and hours and promises to keep good time. Members of the household say that no effort was made for many months to induce the clock to run and that it started of its own volition.

Lancaster.—The greatest problem confronting the church today is to restore American business ideals and integrity, which broke down in the aftermath of the war, Dr. E. C. Guthrie, corresponding secretary of the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal church, told more than 1000 Methodists in his conference Sunday sermon. Following a custom of recent years, Bishop Joseph F. Berry invited a distinguished visitor to preach the sermon.

North Scranton.—Run down by a Delaware and Hudson passenger train here, Michael Shanley, aged 40, of Olyphant, was killed.

Sharon.—Accidentally shot while several of his companions were handling a rifle near Trout Corners, Joseph Mehler, aged 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mehler, of Sharon, died in Buhl Hospital. The bullet struck him in the left side and passed through both lungs. Coroner William McGrath is conducting an investigation. Mehler was a student at St. Joseph's parochial school and a member of the graduating class.

Wilkes-Barre.—A reduction of fifty cents a day in the wages of twenty-five laborers employed at the Lores No. 5 colliery of the Hudson coal company resulted in a general walk-out at that colliery, while approximately 5000 men employed at other collieries of the same company in this section joined in a sympathy strike upon hearing of the action of the Lores employes. District President Cappellin, of the United Mine Workers, announced that he will give the matter immediate attention. A meeting has been called, and the men will decide definitely whether or not the strike shall be continued.

Yardley.—Authorities are going after the Japanese beetle early this year. The Bucks county commissioners have appropriated \$1500 toward the fund being raised in the state to fight the pest. Officers have been stationed at bridges to prevent transportation of merchandise that might lead to the propagation of the beetles.

Kittanning.—A good gasser has been brought in on the W. W. Barr farm, near Shelcta, by the Peoples' Gas company. The American Gas company is sinking the third well on the J. S. Coulter farm in the same locality.

Harvard Rowing Crews Get in Trim for the Coming Season



The Harvard freshman crew waiting for the ice to break has to be content with rowing practice in the tank. Left to right—Rice, Bowles, Harrison, Shattuck, Newbury, Pierce, Perkins and Barry. Coach Stevens is shown on the left and Captain Henry of the varsity crew is on the right.

POOR PUTTS DUE TO FLAW IN GOLF BALL

Washington Doctor Finds Centers Not Round.

A physician in Washington has made the discovery that poor putting is not always due to a faulty stroke, but to the fact that the centers of golf balls are not always round.

His experiment was made carefully. He putted several balls on the green, and in many instances the golf ball rolled straight for the cup, only to roll on one side or the other just as it was about to drop.

While this change in the course of the ball at the very end of its run could be traced to more than one mistake in his stroke or to some defect in the turf, the putts were tried often enough to convince the player that the fault might be with the ball.

He made several X-ray photographs of the golf balls and found that the centers in several of the balls were not round.

He discovered an alibi that golfers have been searching for. A new alibi is always welcome in golf. In nine golf balls with which the experiment was made only one had a perfectly round center.

The only trouble with a discovery of this kind is that every time a golfer misses a putt he will immediately tell his opponent that the center isn't round. An X-ray outfit may become a part of the golfer's equipment.

Major League Players Over 30 Years of Age

There are no fewer than 25 players in the major leagues in the 30-year-old class. These men will be ranked among the brightest stars in the big circuits. Among the prominent players are Babe Adams, Walter Johnson, Grover Alexander, Urban Shocker, George Daus, Adolfo Luque, Sam Jones, Stanley Coveleski, Hank Severeld, Ray Schalk, Irvy Wingo, Wally Schang, George Sisk, Eddie Collins, Dave Bancroft, Heinie Groh, Jake Daubert, Everett Scott, Ty Cobb, Tris Speaker, Ed Roush, Irish Meusel, Johnny Tobin and Cy Williams.

Olympic Boxers to Get Extra Accommodations

Running hot and cold water in the dressing rooms is to be one of the novel accommodations the French Olympic committee is going to provide for the boxers who compete in the Paris games next summer.

Running water in the corners and a sink in which to empty the dirty water from the buckets also will be provided.

Electric fans and radio ear attachments to carry words from the coaches during the rounds, for some strange reason, have been overlooked.

Paul Strand Is Slugger



Paul Strand, outfielder of the Salt Lake team of the Pacific Coast league, who holds all the slugging records out there, is a holdout from the Athletics, demanding a piece of his purchase price. Connie Mack expects to make a strong outfield with Paul in the lineup.

Effective Southpaws Are Quite Rare Now

Where are the left-handers of yesteryear? Where are claps like Nap Rucker, Rube Waddell, Doc White, Eddie Plank, Jesse Tannehill and so on?

Up and down the list of major league southpaws today chaps of the caliber of some of these old timers are few and even farther between. Rucker, with a chronic second division ball club—Brooklyn—hurled winning stuff season after season; Waddell, when right, was invincible; Doc White was an enigma most of the time. Plank and Tannehill were just as good. And there were many others, too.

Surely, there is a shortage of fork-handed flingers nowadays.

Marty McManus Signs



Marty McManus, star second baseman of the St. Louis Browns, who at one time threatened to quit the team, finally reached an agreement with Business Manager Friel and signed his contract.

Want United States Boxers in Australia

At a recent dinner of the New South Wales Amateur Sports club the question of inviting amateur boxing teams from the United States and South Africa for a tour of the Australian states was discussed and a committee was finally named to investigate the possibility of making the necessary financial arrangements.

It was reported that the boxing team of Stanford university in California has agreed to make the tour if arrangements can be made to pay its expenses and the same assurance was had from the South African boxers.

Sport Notes

Boxing is now given encouragement in the elementary schools in England.

It is estimated that 2,100 golf clubs with full membership are operating in the United States.

Leland Stanford recently scored a double victory over the University of California water-polo teams.

Miss Ruth Ringer, a player on an Indiana high school basketball team, tossed in 46 goals from the floor in a recent game.

Century Millstead, now that he has definitely decided not to attend West Point in the fall, will report for the Yale track squad.

Among the large field of horses being groomed for the Kentucky Derby, May 17, no fewer than six are the property of women.

Indiana university has a one-legged wrestler who is declared to be able to hold his own on the mat with the best of student grapplers.

Baseball Notes

Clifford Colee, a Florida semi-pro, has been signed by the Toledo club.

John Dowell of Harrisburg, Ill., has been named manager of the Calro club of the Kitty league.

Jack Cabiness, a semi-pro outfielder, will be given a chance by Oklahoma City of the Western league.

William (Lefty) Lindberg, pitcher of the St. Joseph Western league club, has been sold to Des Moines.

Harry Weaver, a pitcher, taken over by the Columbus club from Indianapolis, has been sold to Galveston.

Vernon, of the Pacific Coast league, has signed two more pitchers, Gerald Wear and Frank Kane, for tryouts.

The Bridgeport club has signed Memitz, a left-handed pitcher, who formerly pitched in the Cotton States league.

Joseph Heckle, star pitcher of the Syracuse university team last year, has been signed by the Detroit Tigers.

Jimmy Austin is to replace Lefty Liefeld as first lieutenant to the St. Louis Browns' new manager, George Sisler.

Leo (Red) Page, an infielder from Ironton, Mich., has been taken on by the Toledo club of the American association.

Dallas Locker, first baseman with the Vernon club of the Pacific Coast league, has been given his unconditional release.

Vernon, of the Pacific Coast league, has taken on Perry Callahan, a south-paw, formerly with a Los Angeles semi-pro club.

Little Rock has released Outfielders Storey and Tucker and Pitcher Johnson to the Muskogee club of the Western association.

Pitcher Claude Thomas, who was recently purchased by Shreveport from Los Angeles, has retired from baseball rather than play in the Texas league.

A. Lundquist, a 220-pound right-handed pitcher, has signed with the Kansas City Blues. Lundquist was with Salt Lake for a tryout several seasons ago.

The Hartford club of the Eastern league has signed a catcher named Ward, who was in the Boston Twilight league last year. Shrew, a New York semi-pro pitcher, also has been signed.



Walter Johnson, star pitcher of the Washington Americans, who, it is authentically reported, is ready to retire from "big league" playing. It is known that he is negotiating for a ball club in the Pacific coast league, and if he is successful will give up "big time" and devote himself to managing the team and taking his turn on the mound.

LIFE'S LITTLE JESTS



NO ALLIGATORS

The Florida beach and blue sea looked inviting to the tourist, but before going to swim he thought he would make sure.

"You're certain there are no alligators here?" he inquired of the guide.

"Nossuh," replied the latter, grinning broadly. "Ain't no 'gators nyah."

Reassured, the tourist started out. As the water lapped about his chest he called back. "What makes you so sure there aren't any alligators?"

"Deys got too much sense," belittled the guide. "De sharks done askeered dem all away."—Houston Post.



THE MAGIC TOUCH

"In the old days whatever King Midas touched turned into gold."

"Yes; but in these days whatever King Gold touches turns into anything you want."

An Expert

As on and on the question flows, 'Tis plainly seen, An expert is a man who knows What lawyers mean.

Its Unnecessary

"Hoss swapping is a mighty uncertain business," remarked Og Onken of Slippery Slap.

"Think so?" returned one of the prominent and influential citizens assembled in the crossroads store.

"I know so! I tried to stick Zeke Yawkey tuther day, and burhning if he didn't stick me!"

One of the Radio Fans

Micelli—Come in and tell me what you think of my loud speaker.

Albertson—Should love to, old man, but I promised faithfully to meet mine at seven o'clock sharp.



WITH CHECKERED CAREERS

The kings of Europe are mere pawns now.

"Yes—with checkered careers."

Polar Research

The old North pole is lost again. Though in the same position. To get discovered now and then would seem its only mission.

That Accounts for It

Visitor (at studio)—How did you get that actress to do such wonderful grief in the new picture?

Director—I told her I was going to cut down her salary.

What Does He Think It Is?

Autolist (after killing lady's poodle)—I'm sorry, madam, but I'll replace the animal.

Angry Lady—Sir, you flatter yourself.

Friendly Agreement

Comedian—Look here! I object to going on just after the monkey act.

Manager—Well, perhaps you're right. They might think you were an encore.

Worth a Whistle

"Hear the north wind whistling!"

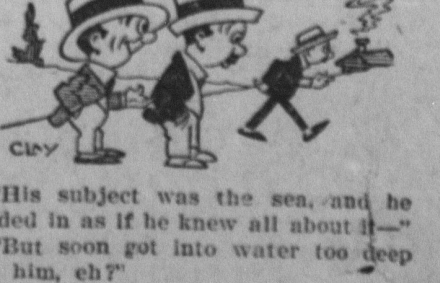
"Why shouldn't it? It's on its way south, where the weather is nice and warm."

Gosh!

"Yesterday Salerno suddenly lost control of his car."

"How so?"

"He couldn't pay his installments."



The Shining Exception

"Did any of your family ever make a brilliant marriage?"

"Only my wife."

WATER TOO DEEP

"His subject was the sea, and he waded in as if he knew all about it."

"But soon got into water too deep for him, eh?"