

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Greensburg.—Seneca G. Lewis, vice president and general manager of the Pennsylvania Rubber company, shot and killed himself at his home on Jack's Hill, near here. The case was reported to the coroner as a suicide.

Hazleton.—Women employes in the traffic department of the Lehigh Valley railroad are to be dropped from the service, an order issued by J. A. Middleton, vice president of the road, stated. Many of the women will be transferred to other departments.

Pittsburgh.—Four buildings of the Pittsburgh Field Club in O'Hara township were destroyed by fire with a loss of \$250,000. Three club employes narrowly escaped when they were trapped in the main building.

State College.—Fifty thousand public school teachers in Pennsylvania have received the preliminary announcement of the annual summer session to be held at the college beginning July 5.

Pottsville.—Mrs. William Davis, of Minersville, tripped over an upturned carpet at the head of a stairs and fell to the bottom. She was injured to such an extent that she died in a few hours.

Harrisburg.—Activity of the state highway patrol in March resulted in 558 arrests. Fines assessed the offenders totaled \$6227, all of which was returnable to the state treasury.

Hershey.—Farmers in this vicinity who are specializing in potatoes are starting a series of experiments to determine whether cocoa hulls can be used profitably as fertilizer.

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Scranton.—Gangs of men exploring the flooded mines of the Glen Alden company recovered the body of Simon Jones, aged 55, in a shaft a considerable distance from the point where he was working when the Lackawanna river broke into the mines.

State College.—Invitations to attend the fourth annual Fathers' Day celebration at the college on May 3 were mailed to more than 3000 fathers of students by President Thomas. A student committee is already at work preparing an entertainment program.

Greensburg.—Suit to recover \$10,000 damages has been filed against the borough of Greensburg by Brady McClure Williams and wife for the death of their son, Jehu, aged 2 years, who fell into an open hole in an alley filled with water and was drowned, April 25, 1923.

Wilkes-Barre.—Charged with striking a match in a gaseous mine chamber while at work, John Novishinski, of Hanover township, employed at the Truesdale Colliery of the Glen Alden company, was fined \$50 and sentenced to one month. Later the prison term was taken off providing the defendant within thirty days, brings \$25 into court for discretionary distribution.

Harrisburg.—Appointments of Dr. Jessie Taft, of Flourtown, as a member of the board of trustees of Pennhurst State School, and Edward W. Warren, of Scranton, as a member of the commission to investigate the condition of disabled Pennsylvania world war veterans, were announced by Governor Pinchot.

Allentown.—Felton P. Peters, aged 28 years, of this city, was struck by a Philadelphia and Reading Railway train at Emmaus as he was walking on the tracks on his way home from work. His skull was crushed and he died as he was being brought to the Allentown Hospital.

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The photograph shows the regular infield squad of the Boston Braves as they are expected to play during the coming season. Left to right: James Tierney, second base; "Stuffy" McInnis, first base; Kelleher, third base; Dave Bancroft, shortstop and manager.

Policemen Control Play on Golf Links

An innovation in golf will be introduced on the Cleveland municipal links this season if plans of John J. Tyla, recreation commissioner, materialize. Mr. Tyla proposes to station traffic policemen at points of congestion.

Acting as patrol judges, the officers will blow whistles to signal players to shoot after the courses have been cleared. This, it is hoped, will remedy the practice of playing through without regard to the customary signal to pass from players in front.

Expect Fur to Fly When Red Sox Tackle Browns

There will be no love lost this summer when the Boston Red Sox meet the St. Louis Browns.

Lee Fohl, former manager of the Browns, will lead the Red Sox this season. No doubt Fohl will get more pleasure out of beating his former club than any other aggregation in the league.

The Red Sox players will soon get the angle of their manager and naturally will go the limit to triumph over the Browns.

Last season when Dave Danforth was put out of a game at Philadelphia because Umpire Moriarty was satisfied that he doctored the ball, Manager Fohl refused to champion the cause of Danforth. This caused a number of players to turn against Fohl.

With his reputation for honesty at stake, Fohl, having the courage of his convictions, refused to take up sides with Danforth. The inference, of course, is that Fohl believed him at fault.

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Dawson at Princeton



Fred Dawson, for two years the football coach at Nebraska university, who, it is rumored, will go to Princeton as successor to Bill Roper. Dawson has had great success since being with Nebraska, his team beating the crack Notre Dame eleven for two successive seasons, a record no other team can boast of. Dawson is a Princeton grad and at present a member of the advisory athletic committee.

Joe McGinnity Retires

Although it was generally understood that John McGraw had arranged with Joe McGinnity, who managed and helped pitch the Dubuque team of the Mississippi Valley league to a championship last year, to aid him in developing the Giants' pitching staff for this year, the Iron Man decided not to accept the offer made him by the Giants' manager, McGinnity, who is now a millwright at Decatur, Ill. says he is through with the game, after 31 years in professional baseball.

Pirates Hope to See Cooper Back in Form

Wilbur Cooper, Pittsburgh, was one of the biggest pitching disappointments in the National league last season. Counted upon to keep the Pirates in the running, Cooper failed completely. He lost more games than any other hurler in the league. This year Pittsburgh expects much better assistance from its star of two campaigns ago. Should he return to winning form the Pirates' fight for top honors will be greatly enhanced.

NEW FIRST SACKERS ALSO CAN HIT PILL

Majority of Stars Last Year Well Over .300 Mark

In the olden days a first baseman couldn't hold a place on a big league team unless he knocked the ball over the fence every so often, and, surely, he must be a bona fide .300 hitter. Cap Anson, Roger Connor, Dan Brouthers, Al McKinnon, Otto Shoberg, Dave Orr, Ted Larkin, Perry Werden and Jack Doyle were the popular type of first sackers during the '80s and early '90s. All were powerful batsmen, but rather slow on the paths, barring Roger Connor who, for a large man, was exceedingly fast on the base lines.

In 1887 every first baseman in the National league batted 300 or better. This is the only instance in major league baseball where all the guardians of the initial sack registered the mark of .300 in batting.

Last season the first basemen working in the circuit ruled over by Ban Johnson came within one, or five points, of producing eight of the regular first basemen who hit .300 individually or collectively. Sisler, Pipp, Hauser, Sheeley, McInnis, Burns and Blue came under the wire at a .300 clip. Judge, of Washington, was the only one who lagged, and he had a mark of .295.

In the National last season only three of the regular first basemen hit as first sackers are supposed to hit. Jake Daubert, Kelly and Grimes are the only regulars to live up to traditions. Rookie Bottomley, of the Cardinals, was well within the .300 circle but he played in only thirty games.

Baseball Notes

Tris Speaker has been in the major leagues since 1908, Cobb since 1905.

The city of Mexico has two baseball leagues and ten first-class diamonds.

President Leopold of the Galveston club has turned John Miljus back to Brooklyn.

Bert H. Ellison has signed as manager of the Enid (Okla.) club of the Southwestern league.

Roxey Middleton, an outfielder, has accepted terms with the Albany club of the Eastern league.

Pitcher Sylvester Niles has been sold by Spartanburg of the South Atlantic league to Indianapolis.

Jack Hendricks, manager of the Cincinnati Reds, has released Joe Aubach, the Louisville semi-pro pitcher.

Ray Fischer, baseball coach at the University of Michigan, is confronted with the poorest crop of baseball material in years.

Bob Coltrin, manager of Moline last year, has signed a contract to play short for Bloomington of the Mississippi Valley league.

Earl Hamilton, left-handed pitcher with Pittsburgh since 1918, and formerly a member of the St. Louis Browns, has joined the Phillies. He was a free agent.

Miller Huggins says he is going to carry six outfielders in the 1924 pennant race. The men he will retain are, Ruth, Meusel, Witt, Hendrick, Haines and Combs.

Jack Wakefield, a young infielder, who was a star athlete at Vanderbilt university last year, was lost to the St. Louis Cardinals when he fractured his left leg in practice.

Catcher Ernie Vick, former Michigan university football star and catcher for the Houston club last season, has been traded to the St. Louis Cardinals for Shortstop Johnny Kane.

While the words "athlete" and "football" have been accepted by the French academy, the highest dictionary authority in the world, it has refused to admit the word "baseball."

Neal Brady has obtained his release from the Birmingham club of the Southern league and has signed to pitch for the Ludlow team of the Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio league.

A. H. "Red" Wingo, can hit them as far as anybody in the business with the exception of Babe Ruth, according to Dan Howley, manager of the Toronto club, who sent the outfielder to Detroit.

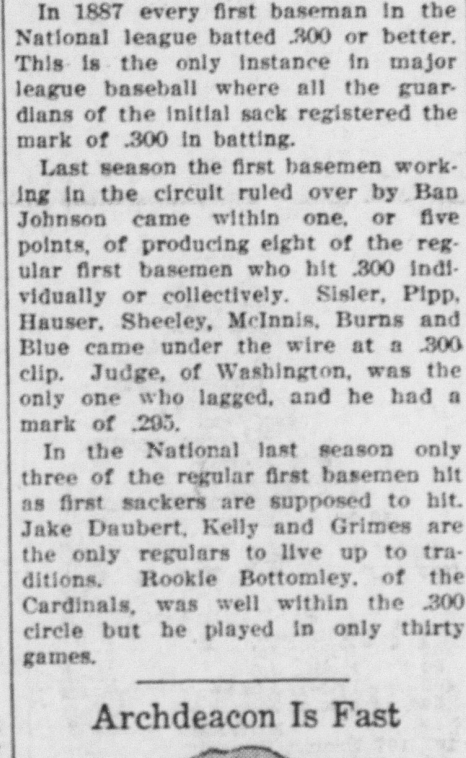
Edward "Tubby" Spencer, veteran catcher, has been signed by President Jack Holland of the Oklahoma City Indians. Holland believes the rotund one still has some good baseball in his system.

Manager Shollenberger has finally signed a first sacker for his Mobile Mississippi Valley league team. The newcomer is George M. Henshaw. He has played for the last three years with industrial teams.

Wally Dash, who was to play with Joplin in the Western association this year, has been sent to the Orlando club of the Florida State league in part payment for Al Greene who is returning to the Joplin fold.

Archdeacon Is Fast

"Archie" Archdeacon of the White Sox, who came to the Chicago White Sox from the Rochester Internationals and is to be used as a regular with the Sox this season. Archdeacon is regarded as the fastest man in baseball and holds the record for circling the bases. He had one of the highest batting averages in the International league last season. Several years ago he was up before the Boston Braves but was sent back for more training.



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Sporting Squibs

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On the Funny Side

SHE'D TOLD HIM SO
The professor and his wife were talking over the remarkable discoveries in King Tutankhamen's tomb. "Isn't it wonderful, my dear," said the professor. "They've actually found in the tomb couches and chairs thirty centuries old and in good condition." "Well," replied his wife. "I've always said it pays in the long run to buy the best."



CAUSE FOR JOY

A Farmer's Experience
If crops have failed and times are hard, Now, don't it beat the dickens The way it helps a fellow out To have a flock of chickens?

No Particular Character
Butler, at fancy-dress ball, who has been told to announce people by the characters they represent—What character? Guests—Oh, no particular character. Butler (at the top of his voice)—Two ladies of no character in particular.

Hard Luck
Young Lady—Were you pleased with the new school, little boy? Little Boy—Now! They made me wash my face and when I went home de dorg bit me 'cause he didn't know me.

Newest in Furniture
Old Lady—Goodness, my old set of teeth don't fit any more. Dentist—In that case, madam, I'll have to make you a new set of dining-room furniture.



EVIDENTLY WORTH A LOT
"Always thought Jones didn't think his wife worth much; but I hear he's bought her a fine piece of ground." "In that case he evidently thinks she's worth a lot."

Any Times
Any times are good times— Be they old or new? Any time when Love says: "Good mornin'. Howdy do?"

Not Improbable
Judge—This man says that after he fired a shot, he saw you run from his chicken coop. Rastus Johnson—He could easy be mistaken, Judge. Fast ez Ah was runnin', it mought have been someone else what faintly resembles me.

Does He "Short-Circuit"?
He—Here comes a friend of mine. He's a human dynamo. She—Really? He—Yes, everything he has on is charged.

If You Please—
"I see by your catalogue that you have just received two thousand pairs of ladies' court shoes from Vienna." "Yes, madam." "I wish to try them on!"

Getting Better
"How is your wife getting on?" "She's improving slowly. She isn't well enough to attend to her household duties yet, but yesterday she was out shopping."



HARD TIMES
Mouse—Good gracious, cheese gets higher in price, and the holes get larger.