

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Lebanon.—Henry Habecker went to jail for two days rather than pay a fine under the compulsory school attendance law.

Altoona.—When his clothing was caught on a bar of iron in the Pennsylvania railroad shops, the left arm of Ralph Shaffer, 18, was drawn into the machine and terribly mutilated.

Waynesburg.—School directors of Monongahela township, have awarded the contract for the erection of a modern new high school building at Mapletown, at a cost of \$93,300.

Hazleton.—Hazleton teachers tendered a farewell to Miss Mary Coffman, head of the English department of the high school 23 years, who retires this month.

Chambersburg.—Samuel Shockey, convicted of having shot and killed his brother, Jacob, on March 30, was sentenced to serve from nine to eighteen years in the eastern state penitentiary after Judge Biddle, of Cumberland county, refused to grant him a new trial.

Pittsburgh.—Three Pittsburgh girls were killed in two automobile accidents, in one of which a machine turned a somersault. The victims were Miss Catharine Lux, 20, and Miss Margaret Bradley, 21, and Miss Ruth Filer, 19. Miss Lux and Miss Bradley met death when a motorcycle side car in which they were riding collided head-on with an automobile. Miss Filer was killed when a taxicab in which she was riding struck a touring car and somersaulted over it.

Stroudsburg.—The congregation of the Presbyterian church here has voted to erect an addition 60x65 feet to the present structure for the purpose of taking care of the very large Sunday school. Grace Lutheran church, in East Stroudsburg, is preparing to erect a new structure to cost \$100,000. It is proposed to raze the present church.

Pittsburgh.—The police are making an effort to get three robbers who held up A. R. Kramer, proprietor of a meat market in Wilkensburg, and, locking him in a refrigerator, stole \$1030 in cash and a number of checks from him and \$157 from the cash register in the store. After remaining in the refrigerator for some time he broke the glass with a foot and crawled into the store. He ran to the street, but found no trace of the bandits.

Mt. Carmel.—John Zilinski, aged 14, who was badly burned by an explosion of powder while at play a week ago, died.

Honesdale.—The Pennsylvania Power and Light Company will start work at once on its \$8,000,000 power project at Hawley, near here.

Pottsville.—Council granted a 10 per cent salary increase to the entire police force and to Fire Chief Stevenson and Health Officer Kleckner.

Scranton.—John Torti, alias Frank de Martini, arrested a few weeks ago at Tiltonville, O., was identified at an alderman's hearing as the man who shot and killed Edward Murphy, a passenger on a Laurel Line car, when it was held up and robbed of a pay roll of \$70,000 at Moosic, Pa., last July. Another passenger made the identification.

Mahanoy City.—Mr. and Mrs. Lesco Chubak, of Trenton, reported to state police that while visiting here they had been swindled by a band of gypsies out of their life savings of more than \$3000. One of the fortune tellers, they asserted, predicted that Chubak would die and that his wife would go insane unless the fates were propitiated with money. The couple said they turned the money over to win the gypsies' intercession.

Pittsburgh.—Mrs. Abraham Lavinsky, whose husband, a wealthy jeweler, was found shot to death in their home here May 31, was held by a coroner on a charge of murder for grand jury action.

Harrisburg.—Bids received June 3 for construction of a bridge across the Susquehanna river in Northumberland, Snyder and Union counties have been rejected, the highway department announced. Award of a contract for road construction in Doylestown and New Britain townships and Chalfont borough, Bucks county, to E. Riley Mixer Company, of Goshen, N. J., was announced.

Pottsville.—As the result of advance examinations by government agents, nearly 200 foreigners were added to Schuylkill county's list of voters.

Berwick.—The Bower Memorial Evangelical congregation voted to erect a \$40,000 addition to the church to be used for social activities.

Greenville.—A wage reduction of 10 per cent, affecting 600 employees of the Greenville Steel Car Company, was announced.

Lewistown.—Sergeant M. A. Davis, of the Pennsylvania railroad police, was appointed Millin county detective by District Attorney Wilson.

Altoona.—Falling from a car in the Pennsylvania railroad yard Brakenman George Willemet lost both legs, dying several hours later.

Wilkes-Barre.—Dope addicts are believed to have looted the Flanagan drug store of heroin, cocaine and morphine.

Washington.—The Crescent Brewing Company of Washington was fined \$2000 and its plant here was ordered confiscated for a period of one year by Judge Erwin Cummins in the Washington county court, the concern having entered a plea to violation of the state prohibition law in making and selling beer of proved alcoholic content greater than one-half of 1 per cent.

Philadelphia.—More bad booze is being sold now than at any time since General Butler has been director of public safety, although there is not one good quart of liquor in the hands of any bootlegger in the city, according to Frank Paul, chief investigator for Coroner Knight, who said that on a tour of the city last Sunday he saw boys between the ages of 14 and 19 years intoxicated.

Sunbury.—Beaten and robbed of \$10 by highwaymen, Charles Waldschmidt, of Milton, was taken to the Sunbury Hospital.

Shamokin.—Steps were taken by mergerite members of Trinity United Evangelical church to form a church of their own.

York.—Henry Kochenour was found dead on the farm of Deaver Helm, in Washington township, a victim of apoplexy.

William Penn.—Joseph Valowsky, 14 years old, was terribly bitten by a police dog that attacked the boy in front of his home.

Mauch Chunk.—Flagstaff mountain, near here, virtually is of solid rock. It is proposed to erect a stone crusher on the summit and market the mountain. The idea was conceived by J. Waterman, a member of the board of directors of the local street car company. The rock has been tested and found to be of best grade for various uses, particularly in road making. It is planned to build chutes down the mountain side to deliver the stone to cars. As the mountain rears 850 feet above the railroad tracks and the grade of the chutes will be about 80 per cent, it has been pointed out that the noise will be almost deafening for miles when the chutes are in operation.

Allentown.—Another attempt to destroy the Catholic Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the second in two weeks, was discovered by Rev. Ernest Santoro, the rector. A fuse and several candles were found in the eaves and charred timbers showed that the fire had obtained some headway, but had burned itself out before much damage was done. In the first attempt at incendiarism the fire was started near the altar.

Butler.—The new \$900,000 Butler County Memorial Hospital, under construction for the last year, has been completed and a campaign is now under way to raise funds by popular subscription to equip the institution.

Sheffield.—O. Milton Beer, a lumberman, is held in the Warren county jail at Warren as a result of the findings of a coroner's jury, which held him accountable for the killing of William M. Beatty, his neighbor. Beatty, it was said, was shot and killed by Beer when he made advances to Beer's wife in the kitchen of her home. Beer was said to have heard his wife cry for help.

Reading.—The State Odd Fellows convention closed after electing officers. The following new officers were installed: Grand master, Fred W. Magrady, of Mount Carmel; deputy grand master, William T. Fowden, of Chester; grand warden, John N. Merk, of Oil City; grand secretary, Usher A. Hall, of Philadelphia; grand treasurer, Fred C. Hanyan, of Scranton; grand representative, Wilson K. Mohr.

Pottsville.—A number of warrants were sworn out here for the arrest of citizens who have failed to pay taxes the last two years. Citizens who could have escaped by paying \$4 taxes must now pay \$12.

Pittsburgh.—Federal Judge W. H. E. Thomson ruled that the United States government must return \$108,637.38, collected as inheritance tax, to the Henry C. Frick estate. The sum was collected by the government as tax on life insurance policies of Mr. Frick. The widow and daughter were named beneficiaries in the policies. W. H. Van Kirk, assistant United States attorney, who represented the government, said that as the question involved is of great importance to the entire country, he will appeal it to the United States circuit court of appeals.

Hazleton.—Paul Defino, a section hand, was instantly killed and John Zarko, a section foreman of the Lehigh Valley railroad, seriously injured when they were struck by an engine as they stepped out of the way of an approaching train.

Bridgeport.—A plan is being considered by the councilmen of Bridgeport, which it is thought will prove a saving to the borough, in the building of the Ford street sewer. The idea is to install the sewer with councilmen overseeing the work, in place of giving it out by contract.

Lancaster.—Rev. Robert J. Pilgrim formally accepted the alumni secretaryship of Franklin and Marshall College.

Greensburg.—After two days of effort, Dr. John W. Fairing removed a nickel from the throat of a small baby without resorting to an operation.

Harrisburg.—Appointment of Ella J. Stevenson, of Williamsport, as a trustee of the State Industrial Home for Women at Muncy, was announced at the governor's office.

Sunbury.—William H. Deppen, Republican chairman, was appointed postmaster of this city.

Lebanon.—Roy M. Bowman and William Davis were re-elected city solicitor and city engineer, respectively.



Travis Jackson, shortstop of the New York Giants, is here seen talking to Manager Dave Bancroft of the Boston Braves, and former shortstop of the Giants. Davey says he can see no better man than Jackson to fill the berth on the New York team.

DIAMOND PICK-UPS

The veteran, Ty Cobb, still swings a wicked bat.

Hoinie Groh's bad knee seems to be O. K. again.

Babe Ruth has never received two bases on balls in one inning.

Christy Mathewson is vice president of the American Checker association.

Oille Fuhrman leads the Evansville batters, with Clayton, Jay Hughes and Thompson right up around the top with him.

William Shettsline, secretary of the Phillies, has been an official of that club for 41 years. They call him Shetts for short.

Pitcher Guy Bush has been released to the Wichita Falls club to be recalled at the option of the Cubs on 24 hours' notice.

Have the baseball writers ever determined just when it ceases to be a slump that the team is in and becomes bad baseball?

Lefty Grove, strikeout king of the Athletics, has virtually recovered from being hit on the wrist by a pitched ball.

Owen Carroll, Holy Cross pitcher, has pitched against Harvard four consecutive years and four times has Harvard lost to him.

Ike Boone, the big fellow in Boston's right garden, is a graduate of the Texas league. He always was a hard hitter in the minors.

Ray Morgan, former senatorial second sacker, recently attached to the Washington pay roll, has entered upon his duties as scout.

Outfielder Frank Wetzal, released by Oakland and Portland because of a broken leg, seems to have struck his old stride with Syracuse.

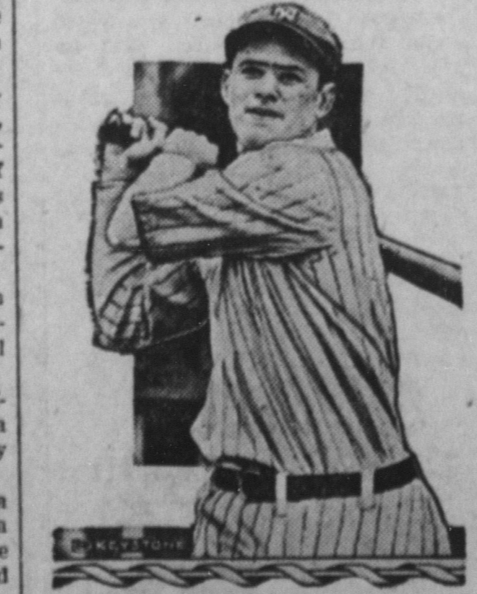
Charles Caldwell, Princeton's pitcher, nearly twirled a no-hit game against Dartmouth, a scratch single by Jack Lyons, the big Dagmouth pitcher, being the only hit.

After playing 25 years of professional baseball, Bert Humphries, veteran pitcher of the Orlando club of the Florida State league, has decided to quit the game.

Newspaper writers throughout the International league circuit are unanimous in their claims that the Baltimore Orioles are not within 20 per cent of the team they were last year.

Since Jack Fournier left the Cardinals to play with the Dodgers he has hit .350 against St. Louis pitching. During the last series in St. Louis he hit his sixth and seventh home runs in one game.

Earl Combs Is Star



Earl Combs, the high-priced Louisville "slugger," is making a big bid for a regular place on the Yankee team. Earl is a natural hitter and fielder, and the way he runs around the four corners is a thing to comment on favorably.

Training for Olympics



Jake Driscoll, Boston track star, is hard at training in order to be ready for the Olympic tryouts. Driscoll showed up well in the special 400-meter race held at University Heights and is confident of winning a place on the American team that will sail for Paris.

Ruth Says Base Running Revival Is Simply Bunk

Babe Ruth is inclined to believe that all the talk about a revival of base running is the bunk.

"The pennant in the two major leagues this year is going to be won by the club that can make base hits in the old pinch rather than stealing second more often than the opposition.

"Speed is a desirable asset in a ball player, but not so much merely to steal bases as to take advantage of the opportunities that are offered in the field as well as on the bases.

"With the lively ball still in use, few ball games are going to be decided by a one-run margin. Stealing second base is a one-run system.

"The pitching in both major leagues must get much tighter before base running becomes a big factor in deciding ball games."

Pirates to Use Veteran Pitcher Adams as Coach

Babe Adams, veteran mound artist of the Pirates, will not be the dependable pitcher this year as heretofore, according to the rumors in baseball circles.

The Babe has visited "Bonesetter" Reese, who has tried to repair the "old souper" and bring the Pirates "grand old man" back into shape.

According to reports the arm failed to respond to treatment, and now Manager McKechnie is not counting on Adams to do more than coach the young pitchers and fill in occasionally in a pinch.

Too Many New Balls, Claims Ban Johnson

Home-run hitters in the American league this season are going to have to earn their four-base clouts, President Ban Johnson says.

An epidemic of home runs during the last season was due to the large number of new balls thrown into the games, President Johnson claims. He has instructed umpires to use more judgment in tossing out the spheres, in order that not too many of the snappy new variety get served to batters.

McGraw's Catchers Are Oldest in Game

Did you ever hear of a ninety-seven-year-old catching staff? Well, step up, boys, and meet Mr. McGraw's trio.

Hank Gowdy, who started to play ball before the first double-jointed peanut was invented, is thirty-four years old by his own admission.

Eddie Ainsmith, who has caught in every league, professes to be thirty-two, and Frank Snyder, who used to run around with one of the original Floradora sextet, says he's thirty-one.

We submit this trio as the oldest catching staff in the world.

GOLF BALLS GETTING BETTER EVERY YEAR

Thanks to X-rays, golf balls get better every year. They drive farther and retain their truth longer. And when they do become "sick" an operation performed in time rarely fails in restoring their balance, whereas they formerly had to be scrapped, says A Golf Ball Worker in the London Daily Mail.

The time which elapses between balance-testing and X-raying a golf ball down to the actual surgical operation necessary may not exceed two or three minutes, but the whole process teems with interest.

First, any inaccuracy in a ball is determined by floating it in a trough of mercury. Immediately the heavy part comes in contact with the fluid the ball turns, sways for a second and then remains at the bottom.

The ball is now marked at the point where it is heaviest, and finally tested in a further trough of mercury. Should the same defect be revealed, the ball is X-rayed to determine the extent of the flaw in the core and what form of operation is necessary to restore the balance of the ball.

In undergoing an operation the defective ball is placed in a rubber jawed vise so as to hold it securely. The golf-ball "doctor" now takes up his hypodermic syringe and, turning to the point previously marked for operation, makes the necessary injection.

After the ball has stood for about forty-eight hours in a rack, so that the affected part lies uppermost, the "cure" is complete and the ball ready for play.

Because a golf ball owes its "life" to the rubber core, the greatest trouble that manufacturers have to contend with is the possibility that a core, however perfect in appearance, may be slightly out of balance at some point when the ball is built up complete.

The actual making of a core consists, of course, in winding and guiding rubber thread into the shape of a core in the same way as a ball of wool is wound. As a core weighs only about one ounce and contains upward of 1,500 yards of thread wound under tension, obtaining the perfect balance necessary is not so easy as it seems.

From time to time inventors have substituted rubber golf ball cores by liquid jelly, leather, cork, wood, vulcanite and even steel cores. But, despite the advantages claimed, the rubber core still retains its popularity.

Sport Notes

The horse race track at Columbus, Ga., is said to be the oldest in the world.

The record for ski jumping—229 feet—is held by Harry Hall of British Columbia.

There is a movement in Scotland for a fixed scale of pay for professional football players.

It appears from the Kentucky Derby that some horses can run faster than others, at great expense.

Coach John Hoyle of the Cornell rowing squad builds the shells and oars for the crews which he coaches.

Princeton university contributed \$2,400 to the Olympic fund. This amount exceeds her quota by more than \$400.

In some of the sweepstake races promoted in Europe, prizes of \$200,000, \$250,000 and even \$500,000 have been offered.

A billiard champion is subject to challenge every 30 days. All championship games are for 1,500 points, playing 500 points per night.

The American Olympic women's tennis team will consist of Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman, Helen Wills, Eleanor Goss and Mrs. Marion Jessup.

Percy Collins, formerly national amateur balk-line billiard champion, has been entered in the Olympic billiard tournament in Paris, the only American entrant.

The alumni of the University of Michigan at a recent meeting at Saginaw, Mich., decided to send Steve Farrell, coach of the Wolverine track teams to the Olympics.



HOME TOWN PHILOSOPHY

The world is going so fast you'll never have the rheumatism if you keep up with it. Winter's at the home door but he's always willin' to give autumn a chance to make good. Even if he isn't paved with good intentions, it'll be hot enough to make some folks hop high. If the work has got the right ring, you needn't worry about the dream comin' true.

TRAINING A HUSBAND



Mrs. Pester—Do you consult your husband's tastes in furnishing the table? Mrs. Knagg—Always. How else would I find out what he shouldn't have?

Continuous Parade

One person in ten has an auto. And he sure is a favored guy; The t. c. holds up the other nine; So they can watch the tenth go by.

Farsightedness

"Our friend Piper is a farsighted man, is he not?" "Yes, very much so. Since he borrowed the \$50 off me he spies me a half mile off."

MUSIC ENOUGH



Friend—But the brass band has always been employed in campaigning! Senator Gassaway—The mouth-organ, sir, is the only instrument I will ever use!

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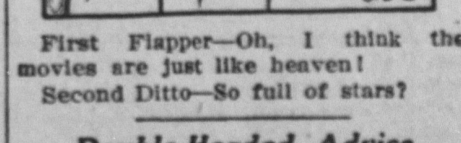
This ox-eyed girl is very fair, A beautiful doll baby. With lustrous orbs and golden hair, Peroxide, maybe.

Beating Him

"Heck Tarry stopped me in the big road as I was coming home from town yesterday, and I beat him out of a dollar, slick and clean!" related Gabe Soggins of Slippery Slap.

"How'd you do that?" asked an acquaintance. "He wanted to borrow a dollar off me, and I didn't have it."

FULL OF STARS



First Flapper—Oh, I think the movies are just like heaven! Second Ditto—So full of stars?

Double-Headed Advice

"Man, know thyself" and thus secure The good that doth from knowledge flow; But when you know yourself, be sure You don't tell people all you know.

Prompted by Love

"So Alice married the rich Mr. Gilder. Was it a love match?" "Yes, Alice loves money."

A Different Man

Neat Housewife—Ain't you the same man I gave a mince pie to last Christmas? Tramp (bitterly)—No, mum; I'm not, and, wot's more, the doctor says I never will be.

Using Her Privilege

She (taking advantage of leap year)—Will you be mine? He—You will have to ask father first. She—I did, but he rejected me.