

PENNSYLVANIA BRIEFS

Bishop McCort turned the first shovelful of dirt in breaking ground for the \$1,000,000 Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at Altoona.

The Keystone Hotel and an adjoining building were destroyed by fire at Marienville with a loss of \$70,000. The Marienville fire department was aided by companies from Clarion and Kane when the flames threatened to spread through the business section. Twelve guests in the hotel escaped uninjured.

Charged with involuntary manslaughter in connection with the death of two girls, who were killed when their motorcycle crashed into his automobile, Anton Sparcle was acquitted. The accident occurred when Sparcle backed his automobile into the highway from a side road.

Mrs. Gladys Moon was shot and seriously wounded following an argument with her husband, Wesley Moon, of McKeesport, on a street in Connellsville. Moon is being held pending the outcome of his wife's injuries. The couple, who have been separated for five months, have one son, Kenneth, aged 4, and the trouble is said to have started over which should have possession of the child.

Rev. Charles H. Trusty, negro pastor of Grace Memorial Church, was elected moderator of the Pittsburgh Presbytery. It was the first time in the history of the presbytery that a negro was elevated to the position.

Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster opened with an enrollment well beyond the 500 mark.

C. A. Graff, postmaster and storekeeper at Churchtown, Lancaster county, committed suicide by shooting.

The Hazleton school board has decided to have 40 classrooms and an auditorium to seat 1200 in its new \$600,000 high school.

Lackawanna county and Carbon-dale have been ordered to pay \$30,200 damages awarded property owners in the elimination of a grade crossing of the Delaware & Hudson Company by the public service commission.

Judge Bailey, in Huntingdon, fined Wassel Cucu, convicted of violating the liquor laws, \$500 and costs and gave him from one to two years in the Western Penitentiary. His wife was fined \$200 and costs. May Bell received six months in the county jail and \$100 and costs fine; Joe Deco, three months in the county jail and \$100 costs and fine, and Joe Bailey, a fine of \$200 and costs, and a year in the county prison.

After deliberating for 175 hours the jury in the case of Duff Shortt, an Erie railroad detective, at Meadville, charged with the murder of Emmet Plummer, a negro trespasser, returned a verdict of not guilty. It was the longest any jury ever had deliberated in the Crawford county courts.

Opening a closet door of an empty house in Philadelphia he had just purchased and was inspecting before moving in, Edward Jones was startled to discover a withered human arm and hand lying on a shelf. The house is located in the 1800 block of North Bouvier street. The human specimen may have been the property of a medical student taken from a dissecting table in one of the colleges and abandoned in the house.

Five prizes were won at the Sovereign Grand Lodge sessions in Jacksonville, Fla., by Pottstown Odd Fellows, who are known throughout Pennsylvania for their high standard in degree work. More than 150 attended the sessions. The degree team of Ex-les-or Encampment captured first prize of the Patriarchal, Golden Rule and Royal Purple degrees, first prize for the encampment making the finest appearance in the parade and first for the encampment coming the longest distance. Canton No. 6, Patriarchs Militant, won first prize in the competitive drill and first prize for the canton making the finest appearance in the parade. The prizes for the degree work and for the drills were for \$1000 each.

Sheriff W. G. Andrews and other officers continued to search in the vicinity of West Pittsburgh in Lawrence county for the trace of the colored man who entered the home of Mrs. John Mills, near West Pittsburgh, bound and gagged her, tied her to a bed, robbed the place and escaped. Two small children were in the house at the time Mrs. Mills battled against the man and after being tied, got loose, kicked a pane of glass from a window and shouted for help. Men came from a plant in the district, but the intruder fled into the woods. Mrs. Mills, who is about 20 years of age, is suffering from the shock.

Joseph Yuhcs, a Freehold schoolboy, fractured his right leg in a football scrimmage.

Miss Arminta Herrold, who died at Tamagua, bequeathed \$2000 to Cavalry Episcopal Church and \$1000 to the Coaldale State Hospital.

Registration at the Bloomsburg State Normal School was completed with more than 600 students ready for classes.

Bucknell University officially opened its doors with the largest freshmen class in its history.

As Walter Doyle, of Minersville, stepped off the rails of a mine gangway to allow a trip of cars to pass the cars jumped the track and killed him.

Joseph Hairston, who was convicted of murder in the second degree at Uniontown for killing Isaac Foskey by shooting, after Hairston had been robbed and attacked, was given from three to six years in the Western Penitentiary, and George Wiston, who used an axe to kill Emery Sallis and was convicted of voluntary manslaughter, was sentenced to from six to 12 years.

George M. Hisko, aged 23, was killed on the state highway near Mauch Chunk when thrown from his machine after it left the highway and bounced over a railway track. His brother was killed in the same manner two weeks ago.

While explaining a fairy story to her two grandchildren, Mrs. Frederick C. Botterbusch, aged 63, of York, fell dead on the kitchen floor from apoplexy. Karl Frederick and Mildred Louise Botterbusch were sitting at her feet reading the fairy tale to her.

Anna McHale, Byrnesville, near Mt. Carmel, while walking along a lonely path was attacked by three young men. She lay unconscious on the mountain all night. A passerby found her. Walter Hadesty, Davidford and Harold Long, Ashland youths, were charged with criminal assault and jailed at Bloomsburg. If it thought the girl will die.

Driving along an unfrequented road near Shenandoah, Charles Cavick, driver of a motor truck, came to a suspicious looking box. On examining it he found a dozen pair of new gum boots and other merchandise amounting to several hundred dollars. He loaded the box on the truck and turned it over to the police.

Officials in the department of highways, at Harrisburg, warned motorists that although delivery of the 1925 license plates had been started, they were illegal for use until January 1 next. The department has sent out 46,000 sets of the 1925 plates.

All loan companies failing to comply with requirements of the securities act will be prosecuted, Peter G. Cameron, state secretary of banking, in Harrisburg, announced in a notice to "small loan licensees." The attention of the department, the secretary said, has been called to the sale by small loan companies or associations of common and preferred stock and other forms of indebtedness without having obtained registration under the securities act.

Mrs. Thomas B. Nowids, 68 years old, was fatally burned in her apartment in Hamilton Court, Philadelphia, by the explosion of an alcohol torch and died six hours later in the Presbyterian Hospital. The screams of a colored maid, who was at work in an adjoining room, summoned the manager and Walter Kelley, a colored porter. They found Mrs. Nowids enveloped in flames, which were extinguished with difficulty.

The new Barbadors Island electric generating station, near Norristown, of the Counties Gas and Electric Company was formally opened. Members of the Rotary Club, several hundred citizens and borough, township and county officials were the company's guests and witnessed the releasing of the full 66,666 horse power which it made available.

Captain Gerhart, of the state police, closed the Orthlieb brewery, at East Mauch Chunk, against which there had been a temporary injunction. A truck load of beer owned by Andrew Wargo, of Lansford, was seized by the police as it was about to leave the brewery.

James and Robert Frazier, of Mifflin township, brothers, were killed when their motorcycle was struck by a Baltimore & Ohio passenger train at a crossing in Rankin, near Pittsburgh. They were en route to work when the accident occurred.

Rose Smith, who disappeared from her home two years ago and for whom a nation wide search was made without result, has returned to Danville as Mrs. Murray Gould, wife of a New York man. She left the home of her father, Peter Smith, without telling her destination and when she failed to return in two months the family informed the police, who sent photographs to newspapers throughout the country and circulars to the police of hundreds of cities and towns.

Married nearly six years to a man who had another wife from whom he had not obtained a divorce, Mrs. Ruth Campbell Bryson, of Uniontown, was granted a decree from Roy W. Bryson, whose last known address was Pittsburgh. Mrs. Bryson testified that when she heard of the first marriage her husband told her that he had been divorced, but at the suggestion of her mother the records were searched and it was learned that there had been no decree.

Louis Seif, who escaped two weeks ago from the Dauphin county poor farm, near Harrisburg, where he had been transferred while serving a two-year sentence for manufacturing moonshine, returned and surrendered to the jail authorities. He said his health was poor and he fled when he heard he was to be transferred back to prison.

Elimination of two grade crossings on the Pottsville-Sunbury Highway, near Paxinos, was ordered by the public service commission.

Fifteen hundred mine workers employed at the Butler colliery of the Pennsylvania Coal Company at Pitts-burg went on strike because of a grievance over wages.

William Grubb, 56 years old, committed suicide by hanging in his barn near Chestnut Level.

William Isaacs, 65 years old, living near Irwin, fell dead just after he had been admitted to the county home.

Stiff Opposition Is Needed in Training

Connie Mack, explaining the bad slump of his Philadelphia Athletics at the start of the season, says it was due to the lack of good practice games. He concludes that more important than warm weather in the Southern training camps is stiff opposition. In 1923 the Athletics were sent against major league teams in their spring practice games and the result was that Philadelphia got a flying start and was right on the heels of the pace-making Yankees until mid-season. This year the Athletics' practice games were mostly with high school teams and minor college nines. They started the major league season unprepared and immediately went on a long slump.

PITCHERS USE FEW CURVES IN DRILLS

Most Ball Players See Only Straight Stuff as Rule.

Baseball is a different game from any other in the world. The batting practice indulged in by the players is proof of this, writes Tom Swope in the Cincinnati Post.

Ideal batting practice pitching, in the opinion of all players with whom we have talked, is of a sort any novice should be able to hit.

Big leaguers without number have told me it is proper for the pitcher to lay the ball over the plate with nothing on it during batting practice. Any pitcher who tries to fool the batters during practice immediately is called down.

One player explains the policy of such batting practice in this way:

"When we can step up there and hit the ball a mile in practice it gives us confidence. We can do this only against straight pitching.

"And when we hit them solidly in practice the other team, seeing us do so, begins to worry.

"To my mind that explanation doesn't explain. It states the case from the ball player's point of view, but I don't understand why a player should think that way.

"Every ball player knows that those solid raps he hits in practice are made against 'nothing.' Why, then, should a batter feel good over one of that kind, or an opponent worry about it?"

"In nearly all things practice is held to gain perfection. Why, then, should not ball players who are weak against curve balls hit at curve balls exclusively in batting practice, so as to correct this weakness?"

Yanks Sign Another Star



Monroe Swartz, pitcher of the Atlanta Crackers, who has just been purchased by the New York American league team for the sum of \$10,000.

Sport Notes

Philadelphia, with a population of more than 2,000,000, has only one public golf course.

Nearly 300,000 persons play golf on the public links in Washington annually.

The new Olympic record for the high jump is 6 feet 6 inches, established by Harold Osborne, Illinois A. C.

Fred Martin, an old Oberlin college gridiron star, has been appointed coach of the Wesleyan football squad this fall.

Arne Borg established a world's record for 1,000 yards freestyle swimming. He made the distance in 12:06 9-10.

A \$100,000 swimming pool with pavilions, and club facilities for men and women, is to be constructed in City park, New Orleans.

When you build a light stadium be sure to install a large entrance to it, the larger the better. Then you are always sure of a "big gate."

The United States army polo team will visit England during the summer of 1925 for a series of matches with the Hurlingham club of London. The English army four played in this country last year.

Training Hard for Speed Classic



Ralph De Palma and John Bowers are seen training for the Thanksgiving road race to be run near Los Angeles. Bowers, of movie fame, has entered and will drive himself. James J. Corbett, former champion of the ring, is seen looking 'em over.

Bib Falk Hitting Hard



Bib Falk, the temperamental left-handed outfielder of the Chicago White Sox, continues to hit the ball hard and now ranks among the first five leaders. Efforts were made this spring to induce Falk to pitch but he refused.

Jump Finish Is Big Advantage to Star

Some sincere advisers have been trying to induce Charlie Paddock to abolish his jump finish. They have it figured out that Paddock, by staying "on the ground," can gain a fraction of a second that he loses by hurling himself over the finish line. Paddock does not agree with them. He says the jump finish is an advantage to him. He points to several of his important races, won in close finishes. In these he would have been beaten, Paddock says, had he run across the finish line instead of hurdling over it.

If Paddock is convinced that he can win only by the jump finish then that seems to be the style for him to follow. He has done fairly well so far.

Opposite End of Boner

Fred Merkle now knows how it feels to be on the opposite end of a bone-headed play. With Fred at bat and two out in a recent game against Baltimore, a hit-and-run signal was wiggled and Griffin and Gonzales, who were on base, started with the pitch. Griffin, hearing Merkle's bat come in contact with the ball, put on speed and passed Gonzales on the way to the plate. It so happened that Fred's smash, which went far over the fence was wasted. Rochester lost three runs and the game on the bone.

Deadlock in 800-Meter

The United States and England are now deadlocked in the matter of 800-meter victories in the Olympic games. Each of the countries has won the race four times. Lightbody, Pilgrim, Shepard and Ted Meredith have carried the American shield to the fore, while the British victors have been Flank in 1896, Tyso in 1900, Hill in 1920 and Lowe this year.

Bike Race Around France

A bicycle race around France is held annually. Sixty of the 157 competitors in this year's contest finished, having started from Paris and covered the 3,000 miles over mountains, valleys and plains. The winner was the Italian, Bottechia, whose time was 226 hours 18 minutes and 21 seconds. He led consistently throughout every stage of the long endurance test.

Kentucky Derby History

The Kentucky Derby was first run in 1875 and it has been held annually at Churchill Downs ever since that year. The distance of the race is one mile and a quarter and no horse has broken the time record in which Old Rosebud won the classic in 1914. The time was 2:03 2-5.

MAKING GOOD IN A SMALL TOWN

Real Stories About Real Girls

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TEACHING FOREIGN-BORN TO SPEAK "AMERICAN"

WHEN making good means making money, try teaching foreigners to speak the English language.

Ambitious foreign born men, anxious to make good in business; foreign born mothers, whose children are growing away from them with the adoption of a new tongue; foreigners who can't speak a word of English and foreigners who merely want to improve their speech—all these will be your prospective pupils.

So says a girl who, after graduation from college, spent nearly a year wondering "what on earth" she could do, since she didn't want to teach in the public schools, in her home town.

"The fact that there is a large element of foreign born people in here gave me my idea," she told me. "And I've made a good income ever since I started on my own" to give these people private lessons in English.

Since every small town is a part of the "melting pot" which is America, no matter where a girl lives, she is almost sure to find a good number of the foreign born who flock yearly to our shores. Here are her pupils. As for desks, chairs, chalk, blackboards and other customary school-room accessories, she needs none of these to be "school ma'am" in this kind of school. The lessons are all private ones, and may be given at the pupil's own home.

The would-be teacher should advertise for her pupils in the local paper. To those who answer the advertisement, she may say that the charge for each two-hour lesson is three dollars, and that two a week will probably be satisfactory. Of course, she may vary the price to meet the local situation. She should supply herself with good text books, and should keep her advertisement running. If she obtains, eventually, more pupils than she can manage, she may then branch out and hire other teachers to assist her.

However big her business grows, she should never give group lessons instead of private ones, for it is the element of privacy that will make her venture a success. The foreigner who has been backward in learning his English does not want to display his ignorance before a class. He wants private lessons. Even if the teacher should organize a class and persuade him to join, he will, in most cases, soon drop out.

There are very few towns where the foreign element in the population is negligible—and the girl who does happen to live in such a town should go into something else. But for the girl whose "Main Street" has its foreign sections, the risk is small, the possibilities great.

THE "CIRCULATING STENOGRAPHER"

"I HAD always wanted a business career," said the small-town girl whose mother was too feeble to be left entirely alone, "so I decided to be what I call a 'circulating steno.' Since circumstances prevented my taking a 'regular job,' I have several employers instead of one."

This ingenious "circulating steno" fitted herself for the work by means of a correspondence course. She visits the different offices on her list—there are ten of them—and takes dictation at each place. She makes a point to be at each office on schedule time, and, since her employers know she can be relied upon to do so, she is seldom kept waiting; her promptness conserves her own time, as well as theirs.

For the small-town girl who cannot leave home all day; who knows, or is willing to learn, stenography, here is an opportunity. Business men who do not have enough work to be done to justify their employing a full-time stenographer will welcome a part-time stenographer.

If she does the housework before she starts to work each day, she will probably leave home in the mid-morning and return in the mid-afternoon. She can type her letters at home, getting them done easily before six o'clock. She can sign and mail them in the evening. Should any one of her employers discover additional letters he wants sent out the same day, she can take his dictation over the telephone. In her home "office," she should keep supplies of stationery from each place of business she visits.

"The way to begin is to begin," simply calling on and applying to those business men whose work she thinks might justify their having some stenographic work done, but probably not full-time work. Some friend of the family may need a little stenographic work done regularly; he may be able to suggest her name to other business men who would be glad of her services.

She may enlarge her field, as more business men hear and approve her plan, by employing other girls to work under her. She would have them report each day at her headquarters, assigning them either to offices on the regular route, or to business men who may have telephoned to have a special piece of work done. There is a big future for the "circulating steno" with ambition.

Peck Sharpe Willing to Learn Card Trick

One of the funniest characters in sport is Peck Sharpe, who played baseball back in the Dark Ages. Several years ago Peck, Mike Cantillon, E. J. Archambault, well-known Milwaukeean, and Germany Schaefer went to Hot Springs together. The first night of their stay they started a card game, Cantillon and Archambault playing against Peck and Schaefer. Wishing to have a little sport with the comedians, Mike and Archie "framed" them, winning about \$200. The next morning Cantillon told Sharpe what they had done, at the same time tendering him the money.

"Keep the coin, but tell me how you did it," was Peck's quick comeback.

BASEBALL NOTES

Ken Douglas, left-hand pitcher, has been sold to Worcester by Albany.

Eddie Harlow, Connecticut State league player, is to be given a trial by Waterbury.

Pitcher Nelson Green of the Little Rock Travelers, has been obtained by New Orleans.

Infielder George Rhinehardt, purchased from Greenville of the Sally league, has joined Memphis.

Pitcher Sterling Stryker has been loaned to Springfield for the remainder of the season by Bridgeport.

New Orleans has purchased infielder Otto Lind from Temple of the Texas association. He is for spring delivery.

Pittsburgh has signed D. W. Deaton, a first baseman, who made a name for himself with Lenoir college last spring.

John Hollingsworth, New Orleans pitching ace, who was sold to Brooklyn some time ago, has joined the Dodgers.

San Francisco has purchased Bill Crockett, a pitcher, from Corsicana of the Texas association. He is twenty-four years old.

Mohle has obtained Outfielder Dick Reichle from the Boston Red Sox to take the place of Denny Williams, who has gone to the American league team.

Outfielder Joe Bratcher, recently obtained by the St. Louis Cardinals from Okmulgee of the Western association, has been turned over to Oakland of the Pacific Coast league.

Catcher Earl Smith, who, since joining the Pirates, has been doing a great deal to keep the team in the race, is out of the game with a dislocated finger on his right hand.

Seattle has signed Ray Johnson an outfielder, who hails from Everett, Wash., where he has been starring in semi-pro ranks. He will be given a chance to fill Billy Lane's place.

Pitcher Herbert Steed, late of the University of Alabama, has been signed by Mohle. Steed was a running mate of Ernie Wingard of the St. Louis Browns during his college days.

A Rankin Johnson, right-handed pitcher, who was with the Boston Red Sox ten years ago, and who has been managing the Temple team of the Texas association, has been signed by Vernon.

Doe Newton, right-hand pitcher, signed as a free agent by Little Rock in the spring, has been given his unconditional release by the Travelers. His home is in Birmingham.