Odd and Curious News

Hauled His Hay

The hay had to be put up and Oliver Fairbrass, of Omaha, Neb., had no money to buy another horse So, he related, he hitched himself with his 16-year-old horse, Queen, pulled until his eyes stuck out-and got the hay in. Fairbrass, 51, who farms a small tract north of Omaha, explained that was the only thing to do. Four horses had died one after the other, and he could dig no more from slender cash resources to buy another. "It took five hours to do what I could have done in an hour with a team," he said. "I guess I can't kick though. I've still got Queen. I don't know what I'd do without her." Mrs. Fairbrass drove the heavy hay rack while her husband and Queen strained at the tugs. They used the family automobile to mow and rake the alfalfa, but the car could not negotiate steep hills with the rick. A daughter, Ell, 19, helped chuck the wheels on the down slopes, but it was Queen and her master who did the pulling.

Two Out!

were the victims of a strange baseball accident which occurred Saturday afternoon at Huntingdon as the Southy Twilight League team of the animals under it. played against the Reformatory squad. Red Wood was playing on first base and his brother Ab was playing right field when a hard hit low ball was placed between them. Both went for it. It was a tie, as, both bent over, Red's mouth collided with Ab's forehead. Red had four teeth knocked out and two or three more broken off so that they had to be pulled. It took five stitches to close the wound in his lip. Seven stitches were reto close Ab's forehead

Mary Bathed Often

mus, had a long and warm ride Highland Park Zoo at Pittsburgh Pittsburgh zoo, began its journey by truck Thursday from Frank Buck's 'jungle Camp" in Long Island. Mary, weighing 6000 pounds, was the ambulance to the Philipsburg given a drenching and fed every State Hospital. Surgeons found it necessary to amputate the leg above took several days.

Gives Away \$500

bag containing the half dozen raisin equares he bought, John Cardello clerk in a store at Providence, R. I., handed the unidentified customer a bag containing \$500—the day's receipts from the cash regiswhere he can deliver the raisin squares and collect the \$500.

Knocks Self Out

Here's where a burglar captured Water Street, Huntingdon county stories of the kind. himself. Climbing into the home early Saturday morning when a of Harry Pettit, at Camden, N. J., truck, used in making their get- ate in coming into possession of an through a kitchen window, the burglar stepped on a table which upset and threw him to the floor.

Snake Kills Charmer

Although he had made a practice for fifteen years of carrying rattlesnakes around in his short-bosom. Lee Mooney, 77, was struck by one he was exhibiting before a sportsmen's club at Logan, W. Va. Paying little attention to the wound at first. Mooney finally applied a home remedy to the spot but later died at a hospital.

Pedalled To Fair

Two Altoona youths wanted to see the New York World's Fair so badly they pedalled 977 miles to do it. Richared Runyen and William Scholl returned Saturday from the bicycle jaunt on which they also took in Atlantic City. They left Alon the trip, covering the entire distance without a blowout.

Two Strikes

Vince Griffin, of Philadelphia, got nine horned toads and three variehit by a baseball going and coming ties of green cactus from the Texas ials and reserved necessary sections A foul ball clipped Griffin on the thumb, dislocating the member, and continued on bouncing into a gird- Harry Lannan. er behind him. Griffin turned to see where the ball went just in time north, is about the size of an or- ic Clubs, is expected to draw 10,- to decorate the park for the politito get hit between the eyes as it dinary human hand and its shell is | 000 people from Centre, Clearfield, cal holiday. quite like human flesh. bounced off the girder.

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LOWLY SKUNK'S POWER OF DEFENSE AROUSES STIR IN BEECH CREEK

Residents of That Community Have Long Been Pestered by Unwelcome Varmints-**Breed and Thrive Under Churches**

McDowell Tibbins on the main young ones, two in one trap. after Deputy Game Warden "Bob" one due to skunks.

Following this decision, brought in his traps and Tuesday This community has been pesterevening caught a very large mother ed much by the presence of skunks. skunk at an outlet from under the which are proving themselves a adjoining woodhouse. Somebody's nuisance in more ways than one us-Two South Philipsburg brothers tame cat was also caught in one of the traps but not seriously hurt. A summer on a hot night, some young peep under the building with the men stoned a skunk to death on aid of a flashlight revealed more Main street and within a very few

Miner Loses Leg in **Cutting Machine**

Morrisdale Man Victim of Unfortunate Accident at Mine Plant

risdale miner, lost his right leg as is everybody gives them a wide a result of a mine accident last berth, and they survive and con-Wednesday morning in the Cunard tinue to propagate their species. Slope of the Morrisdale Coal Com- Animals that would destroy them

Sibol was operating a cutting ma- skunk's power of defense. from Long Island, N. Y., to the chine which bucked and caught his leg, nearly severing it, between the last week. The hippo, a gift of knee and ankle. Only a shred of Ringling Brothers Circus to the skin connected his badly mutilated lower leg with the upper part. Emergency if st aid treatment

was given and Sibol was rushed in

Water Street Gas

Station Robbed

Bandits Secure \$50 From

Proprietor and Escape

in Stolen Car

away, was found near that city.

their escape.

ing Sunday morning.

MILL HALL BOY GETS

ODD GIFT FROM TEXAS

A soft shelled turtle with web

feet and a head like that of an ant-

eater was the gift of Reed Lannan

home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

The turtle, unknown here in the

Two men were held in Syracuse.

When something killed three! Setting the traps again, the catch ring-neck pheasants in the pen in the next morning in four traps was the rear of the residence of Dr. P. another big mother skunk and four

street of Beech Creek, the other When Bob appeared on the scene night, where he has been raising he found Mrs. Tibbins and Perry pheasants successfully for a num- each with a 22 rifle shooting away ber of years, he sent his son Perry at the trapped skunks from a safe distance. Bob is not convinced that Farwell. Bob diagnosed the case as they have them all, as he says a mother skunk will have as many as he 10 in one litter.

ually associated with a skunk. Last minutes the windows in the entire neighborhood went down with a bang in the bedrooms about midnight, and the group of men ocpying the row of chairs in front of Lyle McKean's restaurant beat hasty retreat inside and shut the loor against the gas attack.,

A favorite hideout for these animals appears to be under the Methodist and Presbyterian churches through vent holes in the foundations. Their presence is most often George Sibol, a 38-year-old Mor- scented at night and the trouble have a great deal of respect for the

5,000,000,000 Pennies Lost.

than five billion pennies since the admission would be in effect. The jall sentence and a wayfarer ar-Government started making them. directors have since corrected the rested for a similar crime in Centre Of the rare two-cent pieces, once plan to allow school children to coffied upwards of \$7,000,000 are complete their enjoyment of the sentence. still missing, and of the 94,000,000 day by attending the night grandthree-cent pieces coined years ago, stand show for ten cents upon

Since the appearance of several

recent articles in these columns



CHILDREN'S DAY AT FAIR

be represented in exhibits headed state are again invited to enter the by E. E. Sipe, County Superinten- daily pony races, another feature dent of Schools, at the Mifflin which affords the youngsters an County Fair, July 31 to August 5. opportunity of active participation Judging of the exhibits will be instead of being just railbirds. started Tuesday, August 1, the day on which more than 50,000 school children will be guests of the association on the annual Children's Day. While the exhibits represent just Mifflin county, the guest list will include youngsters from Mif-

By means of the school children's ticket the young boys and cently been cut off the relief, when girls will be admitted to the grounds and grandstand free of charge on that day and to the grounds at killing is the third in recent weeks Mint officials estimate that night. When the premium book was Americans have displaced more printed earlier it was stated that coming County man is serving a

Well over 5000 school children will Boys and girls from all over the

Another Calf Killer Arrested James Pursley, 37, of near Weikert, was lodged in the Union Coun-ty jail, charged with the killing of a heifer in a field on the farm of flin and seven surrounding coun- his uncle, D. R. Pursley. The calf was the property of Linn Wert. The man, who lived alone, had re-

he was offered a home and refused to move, it is alleged. The calf in this section of the state. A Ly-

MUTILATED BODY OF MAN FOUND ALONG R R TRACKS NEAR TYRONE

Victim, Whose Residence Remains Undetermined, is Thought to Have Fallen From

night and was killed. Examination and indicating membership in the of the body indicated that he had Carpenters and Joiners Union, was been almost instantly killed, his found. ight leg severed.

been killed when he fell from a friends or relatives.

Plunging down the steep steps of an observation tower at Central Oak Heights camp, West Milton, Miss Mary I. Cocks, of Wellsboro, was injured Friday afternoon. Miss Cocks, daughter of the Rev O. G. Cocks, Presbyterian minister at Wellsboro, and Mrs. Cocks, had

charge of a recreational class at the camp grounds, many of them game commission decided.

reported, and the young woman

fered a badly fractured arm. She is reported from the Wil-It is very hard to say something liamsport Hospital as resting fairly

Freight Train During Night

identified as Wade H. Snyder, adhas been complicated by the man ing his place regularly, buying quite dress unknown, was found along having in his possession two certhe track of the Bald Eagle Valley tificates or cards that bore differbranch of the Pennsylvania Rail- ent names. An honorable discharge road company, seven miles east of from the United States Army show-Tyrone, near Vail Station, Monday ed the name of Wade H. Snyder, morning at about 6 o'clock by a First Ordinance Supply Company, The man, whose body was badly ing service from April 25, 1918 to mutilated, had evidently fallen February 9, 1919. Also a card bear-

ight side being mutilated and his The fingerprints of the man will Investigation was conducted by cords at Washington, D. C., to as-Blair county Coroner Chester Roth- certain if the man is Wade H. Snyrock and Railroad Policeman Fred der, former army member. Until Giles. It was determined that the positive identity is made the authman had been a trespasser and had orities will be unable to notify any

STEPS AT OAK HEIGHTS

Her heel caught in one of the game will be from Nov. 1 to Nov. iron steps leading from the observation platform, fellow instructors grouse, bob-white, quall and Hun-

fell to a concrete walk below. X-ray pictures disclosed she suf-

creased and six per season to two per day

HARDSHIPS OF THE PIONEER crop sown on new land, unless the rel six and 20. homesteader wished to clear a patch | The raccoon season starts Nov. initials of Ralph Owens, owner of for potatoes. The average crop 1 and closes Dec. 31, and the sea- the electrical appliance store was from 12 to 20 bushels per acre The second crop was rye; oats followed, then corn. This was the

usual course, as it probably is to

some extent today. "When the ground became pretty well covered with old and fallen timber, the farmer started in to 'nigger it off.' This was effected by trees across the logs and putting fire to it. The boys and the women would follow to chunk up the

fire. niggered off' to the length of 12 or Fourth of July weekend. While 15 feet. Sometimes the entire tree other kiddies his age were out was consumed.

"When they were thus reduced to lengths that could be handled by the men, the owner had a loghis neighbors, and when they as- And then the pain began. Dr. G. A. sembled they generally divided the Rickner of Osceola was called in force into two companies. "Captains were selected for each

their companies, each naming a only machine of its kind in this en- craft a tryout on Black Moshar (Continued on page four)

Meeting of 4-H Club.

The Gatesburg 4-H Food and Health Club met at the home of Leona Burns on Wednesday morn-The fifth annual Central Penn- Blair, Mifflin, Cambria, Clinton, pective testers of dairy products ing, July 12, with ten of the memtoona June 18 and spent just \$24 of Texas to Bobbie Bitner, 18-year-sylvania Democratic Picnic will be Lycoming. Huntingdon, Jefferson, will be given at the Pennsylvania bers present. The girls made State College beginning Monday cheese souffle and carrot-peanut A partial program outlined by Mr. morning, July 24, according to W. salad. Vivian Barso was selected ing Club Week at State College from August 16 to 19. The next regular meeting of the local club fell backwards down the flight and ly because their music is the kindfireworks. The speaking program ceiving, weighing, sampling, and will be held at the home of Vivian fractured her skull.

> Baby Drowns in Shallow Pond A 20-month-old baby toddled kitchen where she was found unout the unlocked screen door of her conscious by a painter who had school director of Bellefonte, conhome at Lewistown, Priday, and come to paint the porch. She was trary to rumors abroad on the drowned in a shallow goldfish pond taken to the Philipsburg State Hos- streets. William B. Troupe, recenten into the water. Physicians at sketchbook, supperbly drawn, where F. Cook is reliably reported to be the hospital worked more than an you meet the folks next door, the hour in an unsuccessful effort to re-kids across the street, your family President George Hazel is a vive the child. vive the child.

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The body of a man, tentatively, However, positive identification Raritan Arsenal, New York, showfrom a train sometime during the ing the name of Alfred F. Mandell

be taken to be compared with re-

GIRL PLUNGES DOWN TOWER Hunters Will Have Month of Gunning

Game Commission Promises to "experience. 'More Liberal' Bag Limits

Hunters will have a full month of gunning for most kinds of game this season, "with more liberal bag About 130 Presbyterians are on limits for a number of species," the

The season for all small upland 30, inclusive, except for ruffed garian partridges, the latter in three counties only, where the season will close November 21. Bag limits for this game was in-

four and 12 to five and 15; ringneck pheasants two and ten to two Democratic Headquarters" from the and 12; raccoons, two and ten to windows of the room on West High

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Peanut Removed From Boy's Lung

Sandy Ridge Lad's Life Saved By Timely Use of Bron-

choscope

Little Thomas Renwick, Jr., of once, lady!" Sandy Ridge, had a miserable WHAT NEXT? whooping it up, Tommy was bent Fourth while eating peanuts the normal size when moist and that land-bound region. the lodged peanut would have caus- NICE MUSIC ed an abscess in the lung.

FRACTURES SKULL IN. FALL DOWN STEPS

Thought to have lost her balance while ascending the cellar steps at school commons, was that it didn't nesday morning, Mrs. George Stott was stingy with its music, but sole-

Sometime after the fall, in which POLITICAL GOSSIP he was seriously injured. Mrs. Stott crawled up the steps into the

"Family Portrait."

Random Items

HE DESERVED IT

When Charles Gates, of the Dem ocratic Watchman, failed to put in an appearance at a regular meeting of Bellefonte Borough Council, Monday, July 3, it was the first time in 35 years that he'd missed a regular meeting of that body. Asked the reason for his absence, Charlie answered: "Well, I was on vacation and decided to make it a

GRATITUDE

A month ago a local taproom proprietor began to notice that a certain Bellefonte man was frequenterally agreeable. This continued for three weeks, during which time the proprietor and the liberal spender became quite chummy. Then late one night the customer entered the place and confided to the owner "We just got some unexpected guests at our place and I'm caught without any refreshments. The liquor store is closed, and I don't know what to do. Could you let me have two quarts of whiskey and a dozen cans of beer?" The taproom proprietor thought he could, and in the deal the customer paid by check. Then came the dawn, and word from the bank that the check was no good. The trate taproom owner searched out the customer and asked for an explanation. Said the customer. "So the check's no good, eh? Well, I'm not going to do anything about it! So what?" So what, indeed. The liquor dispenser, having stretched the law by giving the customer the goods, could only grit his teeth and chalk up the loss

State Motor Police Officer G. L. Finkbeiner, who herewith becomes a member of the "I've Quit Smoking Club," reports a gain in weight of about 20 pounds since he gave up the weed last December . . . Leo Boden does fine as an announcer. As caller at a bingo game at the high school festival during the weekend he succeeded in putting a certain amount of "umph" into the tiring job . . . A contemporary local columnist complains the annoyance caused in the movies by persons who read titles aloud Yeh? Maybe they should tune the piano, too . . . Bank calendar slo-Ruffed grouse from two per day gan reads, "Your bank account is your personal declaration of inde and 10 per season; bob-white quail, pendence." How naive moving the signs reading "Centre street which housed the County's The limit for turkeys remains at Democratic forces until recently. one, rabbits four and 20, and squir-rel six and 20. some wag left on each window the letters "R" and "O," which are the located in the rooms

THEY'RE FUNNY THAT WAY Sunday a tourist looking at Belle-

fonte's famous trout below the falls noticed one of the fish flopping on its side. "What's wrong with that one?" she asked. Karl E. Kusse, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who was standing nearby, explained that it was dying. "How often do they do that?" the excited tourist queried. That was too much for Kusse, who answered. 'Only

Dr. Richards H. Hoffman, who is probably Bellefonte's hobbingest over in pain. Friday before the person, has built himself a boat. "Dick," who fishes, hunts, flies, is child started laughing at a joke a camera fiend, raconteur and what He gave the word to all and down went a whole peanut, not, last year bought one of these knocked-down two-seated kyaks, which he assembled and finished and diagnosed the case. The child himself. The rack you see on top was taken to Huntingdon, where a of his car was put there expressly company, and the captains chose bronchoscope, believed to be the for carrying the boat. He gave the tire area, removed the lodged peadam last week and reports that it mut which in time would have not only handles nicely, but doesn't caused the boy's death. Dr. Rick- leak. The kyak is as trim a little etts said peanuts swell twice their ship as you'll find anywhere in this

The only fault we could find with the concert given Friday night by the American Legion Band Clearfield, as a feature of the Bellefonte High school fiests on the her home in Philipsburg late Wed- last long enough. Not that the band you don't tire of.

O. B. Malin informs this department that he is not a candidate for ly appointed to the board to take the place made vacant by James R. Hughes' resignation, probably will "Family Portrait," a hilarious be a candidate for election. Charles uninterested in another term, and President George Hazel is generalthe Comic Weekly, distributed with withdrawal from the board when (Continued on page four)

By POP MOMAND

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' - A Poser for Dolan







"GRANGEDAY"



The first Granges' Pionic was ried on throughout the years. An tine Frederick, eminent authority "Grange Day" because it was a enlarged "Grange Day" program on household efficiency, will be one-day affair. But when the on Thursday, August 31, has been found in the July 30th issue of The three-day picnic and camp estab- planned for this year's Grange En- American Weekly, the big magazine lished in the '70s, one day was re- campment and Centre County Fair. distributed with the Baltimore Sunserved for a special Grange pro- scheduled for Grange Park, Centre day American. On sale at all newsgram, and this idea has been car-

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logging bees and husking bees which eer settlers who braved the perils flourished in the days of our great-grandparents, were of the Seven Mountains in travelgreat events in their time. Modern customs have wiped out N. Y., Monday in connection with ing to and from Centre county, the once-popular sports, leaving nothing but their memory. the holdup of a gas station at there have been requests for more It will be refreshing, however, to the younger generation

This department has been fortun- to read how their projenitors enjoyed themselves in their article on the early customs of the The robbery occurred at 3:25 Sat- hardy first settlers, as told by "one urday morning. The two men, who was there." It describes the brush was picked in heaps and must penetrate through the sap, laying the broken limbs and smaller When he started to get up, he are identified as Andrew J. Frenak, method used in clearing the dense work started on chopping the sap- but it is not thought necessary to bumped his head against the kitch- 21, of Pickville, Pa., and Joseph J. forests and the way crude homes lings-that is, every thing was cut chop out more than the bark of oak en sink and was knocked uncon- Nichols, 20, of Olyphant, Pa., en- were built with the lumber hewn down that did not exceed twelve timber.

> According to Deputy Sheriff Har- follows: "When the early settlers wished of the grubs.

their attempt to break into a build- and forwards.

old naturalist of Mill Hall, who's held at Black Moshannon State and Elk counties.

growing gray trying to protect his park, Wednesday, August 30. The

latest pet from his 16-inch blowing date was announced by Walter E.

viper. Reed, who recently paid a Beezer, Philipsburg, general chair-

visit to his home town, also brought man, who has contacted Depart-

plains which are on display at the of the park for that day.

tered John Royer's gas station and from the fallen timber. Probably inches across the stump. Such "As soon as the brush was dry took \$50 from him, using a car some of the present readers of The parts of the saplings as were fit enough to burn it was fired and owned by R. J. Martin, of Spruce Centre Democrat have heard their for ground poles were chopped at every particle consumed. After Creek, parked near the gas station at the time of the hold-up, to make they went about erecting homes on parts as were fit for firewood were timber was chopped and logged off. the frontiers. The old-timer's story left for that purpose, and the top the rails mauled and the tops of the

DEMOCRATIC PICNIC

ry Rebeck, of Syracuse, the men were picked up while hitch-hiking to clear a piece of land they first "Next the trees were weadened." The truck, owned by Martin, was

ment of Forests and Waters offic-

BANKS WARNED OF NEW

of the state.

RACKET BEING PRACTICED

Banks in this section have been

warned of a new racket being oper-

ated by two men in other sections

First determining the name of

one of the tellers in a bank, one of

the men goes to an outside tele-

rear of the bank belonging to some

prominent person in the commu-

the racket goes to the teller's win

the past few weeks.

phone and calls the teller asking all right

brush thrown upon the heaps made rail timber hauled home for fire-

"After the land was grubbed, the it is cut to the red-that is, the axe

Logging Bees Were Strenuous Sport

Timber Cutting Near Loganton

A Watsontown firm has purchas-

woods, southwest of Loganton,

Big business is all right if it

"At any time between the first of and denied any connection with the staked it off; then, provided with a leaving one or two for shade. This September and the middle of Ocgrubbing hoe, took up by the roots process of deadening was called tober, the ground was 'scratched'—every sapling which a stout man "belting." It was done like this: that is rough plowed. A bushel of abandoned at Mattydale. N. Y., could shake in the root, by grasping You chopped around the tree a wheat per acre was sown broadcast when two bandits were foiled in the stem and bending backwards curve of three or four inches wide. harrowed in and crossed. New A tree is not well deadened unless ground was sometimes plowed twice.

PENN STATE TO OFFER

"Wheat was generally the first

DAIRY SHORT COURSE

Beezer includes band concerts by D. Swope, professor of dairy hus- to represent the organization durthree well known bands, soft ball bandry, who is in charge of the

games and other sports, and in all course. Instruction will be given in reprobability an evening display of will be headed by outstanding Dem- testing dairy products and a careful Barto, at 9:30 a. m. July 26. The picnic, sponsored by the Cen- ocratic orators of state and nationstudy of these products will be tre County Young Men's Democrat- al fame. Arrangements will be made made

The course is designed especially for those who plan to test dairy products or who wish to prepare for an examination leading to certifica-

crew led by Donald Walshans busy in what was once the Old Houtz Makes First Catch of Season Violet Fox, 11, fishing with her father, Jacob L. Fox, of Mill Hall, is caught a 16-inch pike, the first to be reported this season.

and hemlock and is now keeping a examination July 29. Control Commission will give this

AL MEGINIS

BILLS-EDDIE IS

JUST SORT OF

A NON-PAYING

BOARDER!

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tion for weighing, sampling and on the lawn. She was the daughter pital for treatment, testing milk and cream. A repre- of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clinger. ed the T. A. DeLong tract of pine sentative of the Pennsylvania Milk The mother found her baby about twenty-minutes after she had fall-

> If you must follow a vision in the Baltimore Sunday American, his term expires this year. life be sure that you see a vision. On sale at all newsstands.