

PENNSYLVANIA

Interesting Items from All Sections of the Keystone State.

80 MILES NEW HIGHWAYS

Pennsylvania Will Spend About \$675,000, Adding to 626 Miles Completed.

Harrisburg—Pennsylvania will add between 70 and 80 miles of improved highways this year to the roads built under the supervision of the state highway department. The unusually early season has enabled contractors for road work to begin work in 20 counties and every effort is being made to push construction rapidly.

The state has built 626 miles of road since the creation of the highway department, the bulk of the work in the last two years. The construction is handled entirely by the state, but townships and boroughs choose roads to be improved.

Lately steps have been taken to connect isolated links of road and several stretches of 10 or 12 miles soon will be ready for traffic. More attention also is being given to the use of brick on roads.

The state has 96.6 miles of road under contract and about \$675,000 to spend on construction this year. The average cost per mile is between \$8,500 and \$9,000.

JILTED LOVER STABS GIRL

Former Sweetheart Is Cut With Knife When She Spurns Marriage Offer.

New Castle—His offers of marriage rejected, the unfavored suitor is alleged to have stabbed Mary Ferringe, 18 years old, at Wampum. A posse is seeking a man by the name of Dominick Carosse.

The girl had just stepped from the house when she was attacked with a knife, and slashed about the head. Her hands were cut in her efforts to defend herself. Carosse had drawn \$115, all his money, from a bank, but he left behind nearly a month's pay due from the Pennsylvania railroad.

Fatal Duel.

Greensburg—A pistol duel following a trivial argument at supper table in the boarding house of Pasquale Stiller, at Shire Oaks, terminated fatally for Vincenzo Trimbo, 35 years old, shot through the heart, abdomen and right shoulder. Antony Trucucy, 30 years old, was wounded in the abdomen. Both men were employed as section hands on the Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston railroad and boarded at the home of Pasquale Stiller.

B. of T. Ask for More Wages.

Scranton—Grand Lodge President A. B. Garrettson, of the Order of Railway Conductors, and President W. G. Lee, of the Brotherhood of Trainmen, submitted to General Superintendent T. E. Clarke of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad, here the demands of the conductors and trainmen of that road for an increase in wages.

Collieries Resume Work.

Pottsville—Work was resumed at the Blackwood colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, which has been idle for a year and a half. Employment will be given to 700 men. It is reported that two other collieries of the company at Centralia, which have been idle for two years, will also resume. Two thousand men were employed at the latter collieries.

Franklin Third Class Now.

Franklin—Franklin has become a city of the third class, with Attorney Robert F. Glenn as the new mayor. He was elected on a fusion ticket. He is the first Democratic mayor for more than 15 years. Both councils are Republican. The controller is Phil Engelskirger and the new treasurer is C. A. Steele. The mayor's salary has been increased from \$1 to \$300.

Brings Back Wrong Man.

Sharon—After an Italian had been brought from Marion, Ill., to Mercer county, at a cost of nearly \$250, to answer the charge of murdering Carmello Bombaco, at Pardoe last May, it was discovered that he is not the man wanted. It is probable the man will be sent back at the expense of the county. Giuseppe Costanzo is the man wanted on the murder charge.

Loses Suit.

Franklin—In Common Pleas Court here a jury returned a verdict for the defendants in the case of T. Clifton Jenkins of Pittsburg against Dr. J. M. Wallace, S. R. Smith and Henry Wilson of Franklin. The action was brought to compel the defendants to pay \$18,000 for an oil farm in Warren county.

Peanut Factory Burns.

Bedford—The Fort Bedford peanut roasting factory, owned by H. C. Heckerman, of Bedford, said to have been the largest concern of its kind in the United States, was totally destroyed by fire. The factory and contents were valued at \$30,000, with \$13,500 insurance.

Wages Increase Six Per Cent.

Kittanning—The Pittsburg and Buffalo Company of Johnetta has voluntarily increased the wages of its men six per cent and all are working. Nearly all other miners in Armstrong county are working, pending a settlement of the wage scale.

VOTE TO KEEP UP FIGHT

Leaders Say Peace Proposal of Mayor Was Unanimously Rejected by Car Men.

Philadelphia—The striking car men of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company voted to remain on strike until their demands have been granted by the company.

According to the strike leaders, it was unanimously voted to ignore the proposition of the company, made through Mayor Reburn two weeks ago. Many men left the meeting before the vote was taken, but Peter Driscoll, president of the local car men's union, denied that there had been any wholesale desertions. Other accounts of the meeting, which was secret, state that Secretary Pratt and other leaders had difficulty in restraining the men from accepting the company's offer.

DEPUTY SHERIFFS ROUTED

Miners at Avonmore Disarm Them and State Police Are Called Upon.

Kittanning—Deputies sent by Sheriff Thomas of Indiana county, to quell striking foreigners at the Hicks Company mine, near Avonmore, were driven away from the mine in ignominious rout. Surrounded on their arrival at the mine by jeering strikers, they were stripped of revolvers and police sticks, separated and jostled until compelled to give up trying to control the situation. The strikers refrained from injuring the deputies.

The sheriff appealed to the state constabulary at Punxsutawney and 16 of the state police responded. As they advanced to the mine the strikers dispersed. The state constabulary are in charge.

HUSTON ADMITS CONSPIRACY

Accused State Capitol Architect Denies He Was a Party to Fraud.

Harrisburg—The trial of Joseph M. Houston, architect of the State capitol, on the charge that he conspired to defraud the state by certifying to a padded bill for desks for the building's equipment was virtually narrowed down to the architect's part in a conspiracy, which the defendant admitted did exist among the men who have been convicted, but to which he contends he was not a party.

This admission caused a ripple, but the attorneys for the Commonwealth declined to be restricted in their evidence as much as desired. George S. Graham, who made the offer in behalf of Houston, declared that it was solely for the purpose of saving time, to which James Scarlet retorted that the state was just as anxious to shorten the trial, but that it was bound to prove its case and would put in evidence to do so.

DROPS DIVORCE SUIT

Wife Not Reached by Process Servers Before Action Was Discontinued.

Franklin—The suit for divorce, instituted by Major General Charles Miller last January against his wife, Mrs. Emma A. Miller, has been discontinued. The subpoena in the suit was never served, Mrs. Miller having led the process servers a merry chase when in this state.

Mrs. Miller has not been in Franklin since last November and it is believed she is in New York.

GODDA GETS FIVE YEARS

Quaker City Man Guilty of Putting Explosives on Car Tracks.

Philadelphia—Having pleaded guilty to placing explosives on the tracks of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, Frank Godda, a strike sympathizer, was sentenced to five years in the Eastern penitentiary.

Godda is an Australian and has been in America only two months. He said he found a dynamite cap and was told by boys to place it on the car tracks.

Advance Granted in Butler District.

Butler—An increase of 5.55 per cent on mining and day labor, the amount demanded by the United Mine Workers in convention at Cincinnati, was granted all miners in the Butler county district. The operators of the three union mines joined with the owners and open-show mines in agreement on the new scale. All non-union mines in Butler and Mercer counties will be operated without interruption.

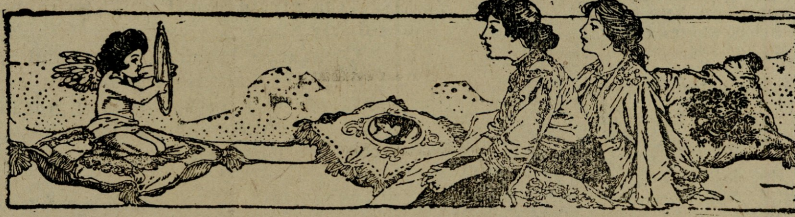
Miners Go on Strike.

Butler—One hundred men employed in the Bessemer Company collieries at Russelltown, 30 miles south of here, quit work when the company refused to sign the scale. At Kaylor, where the Great Lakes Coal Company operates several mines with a force of 300, the miners have voted to quit.

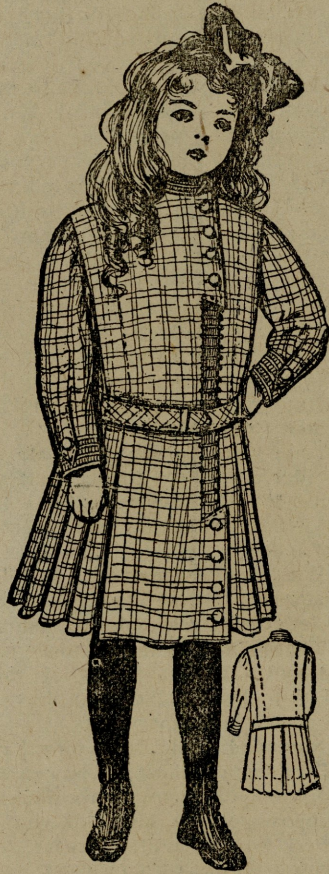
Struck By Train and Killed.

Rochester—Wilbur Means, 25 years old, of Freedom, Pa., was struck by the Conway relief train on the Pennsylvania railroad at this place and sustained injuries from which he died a few minutes later. Means had just alighted from a street car and was crossing the railroad tracks to go to the home of a brother.

THE SEASON'S NEW DESIGNS



New York City.—Closings at the left of the front make the latest feature of fashion and children's dresses are shown so quite as well as the



wools of immediate wear. Plaid wool material with trimming of black velvet ribbon is always smart and attractive and suits the design admirably well. Blouse and skirt portions are separate and are joined beneath a belt. The pleats over the shoulders give becoming breadth and the pleats at the back and sides of the skirt mean graceful fullness.

The dress is made with blouse and skirt portions, which are joined and closed at the left of the front. The skirt is straight and the sleeves are made in one piece each.



"Something Russian and something new," has a queer button and chain effect on each side of the coat. It isn't clanky and prison-like, but very dandy.

The hat shown here is of the extreme rolled type, a winter straw and rose creation from the South.



THE HOUSEKEEPER

Mushrooms Baked Under Glass.
Peel and remove the stems from good sized firm mushrooms. Soak lightly in plenty of butter and season with salt and pepper. Put round slices of toast in the dish, cover with the mushrooms and the liquor from the pan in which they have been sautéed, cover with the bells and bake from fifteen to twenty minutes. When ready to serve add a tablespoonful hot cream to each dish and serve under the bells.—Washington Star.

Coffee Cake.

This can be made almost while you wait. Take two scant tablespoonsful of butter, or one of butter and one of lard, one-quarter cup of sugar, one egg and three-fourths of a cup of milk. After this is well mixed add enough flour to make a batter about the same as for cup cake. It will require about two cups of flour, sifted with a teaspoonful and a half of baking powder. Stir to a soft dough and spread in a dripping pan. Sprinkle with sugar, mixed with cinnamon and fine cut almonds. Little lumps of butter about the size of a small marble may also be added at intervals. Bake in a moderate oven and remove hot and fresh.—Washington Star.

Mangoes.

These good, old-fashioned, home-made pickles, which our grandmothers patterned after East Indian preparations, are again in the height of gastronomic style, and the woman who knows how to make them may be sure that they will never go to waste on her hands. They may be made from small green melons, water or musk melons, green tomatoes, large cucumbers, peppers, peaches—any fruit, in fact, from which the inside seeds or stone can be removed, the cavity filled with a sweet or sour pickle mixture and the opening closed so as to give the appearance of a whole fruit. When melons are used, cut out a wedge large enough to scoop out the seeds and soft portions.

For peppers or green tomatoes, cut a circular piece from the stem end and remove the seeds. Then put the pieces in place again and soak overnight in brine. In the morning drain, taking pains to keep the separated parts of the same fruit or vegetables together. For the filling use firm white cabbage, chopped very fine, with a quarter as much celery, cucumber, green tomato or green peppers. Sprinkle well with salt and stand aside for several hours.

Drain, and to each pint of the vegetables, add a small onion, a few mustard seeds, a teaspoonful of mustard seed and salt, pepper, ginger, cloves, allspice and cinnamon to taste. Mix thoroughly, fill the cavities, packing in closely, fit in the pieces that follow in and wrap firmly with twine. Cover with vinegar and let the pickles stand over night. In the morning heat all together and simmer for half an hour. Remove carefully, put in a stone jar and cover with cold vinegar. The next morning pour off the vinegar and allow a half cup of sugar to each quart of the vinegar. Scald and pour over the mangoes. Repeat the scaldings for several mornings, and when quite cold cover and set away in a cool place.—Washington Star.

Hints.

Cut skirt long enough to turn hem and chalk around bottom; never fails to hang perfectly. If shorter length be desired, measure one, two or three inches from chalk mark.

To serve the yams that one finds in the fine groceryes, wash and scrub them with their skins on and then peel, cut into convenient lengths and send very hot to the table.

Grease on a kitchen floor can be softened by pouring kerosene over it and letting it remain 15 or 20 minutes. Later scrub with hot soda water or borax and water.—Selected.

Many women waste gas and fill the air with poisonous vapors by turning the gas too high when cooking. The food cooks no better, often burns, or dishes are injured when cooked over the high flame.

The famous Southern flapjack is nothing more or less than the Northern apple turnover fried instead of baked. It is made with apple sauce, not the uncooked fruit, and is seasoned to suit the family taste. Ordinary pie paste is used.

Woodwork which has been finished in dull black or other dark, dull colors can be cleaned to look like a new finish by simply washing with cold black coffee and rubbing with dry cloth. Every finger mark is removed and the woodwork appears as though newly finished.

See to it that your liver is kept in good order by right diet. Unless the liver works well you will have cold hands and feet, and will feel chilly even in a warm room. Avoid animal fats and pies and cakes, also coffee and beer. In place of animal fat use corn meal and ripe olives and water.