

PENNSYLVANIA NEWS IN BRIEF

Interesting Items From All Sections of the State.

GULLED FOR QUICK READING

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout the Keystone State.

All parts of the anthracite mining regions complain of shortages of labor and cars.

The American Iron and Steel company will run its Reading plant day and night.

Donald Sewell, twelve years, lost his right arm in printing press machinery at Loysville.

Pittsburgh's Smoke and Dust Abatement League again is trying to size up to its name.

The Pottsville district has benefited to the extent of \$81,000 under the compensation law.

Albert Buscavage, twenty, was killed at Kehley Run colliery when a brake lever flew loose.

The Cumberland Valley Normal school opened with the largest enrollment in its history.

Lansford merchants have decided to organize a shirt factory stock company and employ 200 girls.

Turkey buzzards by the thousands are seen in Berks county, and farmers predict a late winter.

Professor J. G. Sanders, the new state economic zoologist, has arrived and assumed his duties.

Warden Schwartz of the Berks county prison is trying out the "golden rule" system of outdoor work.

Ten-year-old Donald Stech has died at Carlisle, following three fractures of an arm while playing leapfrog.

Lansford's new \$200,000 public high school building will be completed and ready for occupancy November 1.

Mrs. John Sworbill, aged thirty-eight, who left her home at Coleraine for church in Hazleton, is still missing.

Joseph Beckel, seventeen, of Barry's, was killed by a bolt of lightning, and his clothing torn from his body.

At the risk of his life, George Gattas, a merchant and horseman, stopped a runaway team at Shenandoah.

Leaping from a train near home, after it had started, Louis Zinn, of Carlisle, sustained brain concussion.

Jolted from a farm wagon, George Bortner, of Rockville, in lower York county, was probably fatally injured.

Hazleton's school district offers to boys and girls from fourteen to sixteen years old an industrial training course.

James Dugan, a fourteen-year-old Freeland boy, sustained fractures of both arms by a fall from a chestnut tree.

T. A. Wilson & Co., Reading, have a contract from the United States government to supply 50,000 goggles for troops.

Daniel Diehl, of Clayton, picked 2577 baskets of peaches, which were sold at fifty to seventy-five cents a basket.

Northampton county commissioners decided to have erected adjoining the county prison a house of detention for juveniles.

The Weatherly Weaving company granted its fifty employes an increase from five and a half cents a yard to six cents.

Car shortage in Pittsburgh and adjacent territory is reported by shippers and railroad men to be the worst ever known.

Dickinson College, Carlisle, tenth oldest in the United States, has opened with one of the largest classes in its history.

Bitten on the neck by a caterpillar, Harry Schoener, a Locust Valley farmer, is suffering from a bad case of blood poison.

At several of the extensive cigar factories in Lancaster a voluntary increase in wages has been made—fifty cents a thousand.

Paul Brown, a Pottstown boy, who enlisted in the United States navy four years ago, has won a lieutenantcy in the Marine Corps.

John Gergo, a Philadelphia runaway youth, was taken into custody at Freeland when an injury to his eyes drove him to the hospital.

Confectioner E. J. Burket discovered and killed at Altoona a tiny snake that had come from Jamaica in a bunch of bananas.

The Schuykill Navigation company and Montgomery county commissioners will erect a new bridge over the canal at Monte Clare.

While plowing on Wilson Dietrick's farm, near Weatherly, Lewis Steigerwalt, a civil war veteran, was taken suddenly ill and died.

Peter Boves, a lake man, address unknown, fell downstairs in a saloon in Erie, breaking his neck. He is dying at Hamot hospital.

David Johnson, of Towanda, who found \$300 and kept it, and was convicted of larceny, was sentenced to a year in the penitentiary.

The public service commission has returned without approval an application for a charter for the Bethlehem Conduit company.

Within two weeks, Maurice Mauger, of near Pine Forge, shipped ten cars of peaches and he has averaged \$1 per basket on his entire crop.

After thirty-six hours of intense suffering, Mrs. Anthony Gausch, of Phoenixville, died from burns when her clothing caught at a bonfire.

Irvin Cobb disse:



Un nero seduto fuori la fattoria, affamato senza un soldo proprio in quel tempo suonava il fischio ed il nero balbetto' Questo e' mezzogiorno per qualcuno, ma per me son solo le dodici.

Non e' cosi' che sente qualcuno di voi, difficili ad accontentarsi, riguardo al vesito quest' autunno.

La moda l'esatezza del nuovo costume e' per qualcuno per me e' solo ottobre.

Questo voi non avete ragione di dirlo—poiche' non e' necessario di soffrire il ritardo dei sarti; pagare un costume

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prezzi alti e non esser serviti bene—VOI VENITE DA NOI OGGI per indossare un' elegante abito "HART SCHAFFNER & MARX" fatto con tutta precisione sul vostro modello non vi costa che pochi minuti a provarlo ed un \$20 a portarlo via.

La nostra casa ha un grade emporio di vestiti, che si adattano a qualsiasi individuo grasso o magro, corto o lungo che egli sia.

Quello ch'e' meglio avrete la miglior qualita' di stoffa garantita.

VENITE E VEDRETE I VESTIARI PIU' FINI IN QUESTO GRANDE MAGAZZINO.

MOORHEAD Brothers

Facts Versus Fallacies

FACT is a real state of things. FALLACY is an apparently genuine but really illogical statement or argument.

MANY Pennsylvanians are being misled into the belief that a Local Option law would empower certain counties to vote out the present legalized and regulated dispensaries of alcoholic drinks, and thereby lessen or eliminate the use of liquor. But the experience of Venango County, this State, positively shows the idea to be a FALLACY. Here are the FACTS that tell Venango's story:

IN the city of Franklin, Venango County, there is a leading representative organ of the Prohibition Party, the *Venango Herald*, edited by W. P. F. Ferguson, candidate of the "dry" for United States Senator from Pennsylvania. Under the caption, "Shall the Scandal be Tolerated," that paper editorially confesses that the refusal of licenses in Venango County has not improved conditions, and that the authorities are indifferent to the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors. Extracts from a lengthy review in that journal read:

"IT is a notorious FACT that liquor is being unlawfully sold in Franklin and Oil City."

"IN Franklin the sale of liquor is so open that dozens of reputable people assert they can give the names of the parties engaged in the unlawful traffic and can point out where their headquarters are located."

"THE number of drunken men arrested plainly indicates that there is something more than talk."

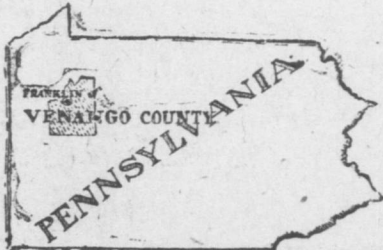
"AND in the presence of such a situation, so far as the public knows, both the county government and the governments of the two cities, if not wholly inactive, are almost wholly inactive."

"FURTHER pushed, all hands of the public officials who are charged with the responsibility in this matter shrug their shoulders and say, 'Let the people who got us into this trouble attend to it.'"

"WE do not make the charge that the public officials of these cities and of Venango County are necessarily 'wet,' in that they desire to see liquor sold in violation of law."

WHAT could be offered more convincing than the above-quoted testimony in a Prohibition organ to prove the fallacy of "no license" benefit, or show by FACTS that a Local Option law would serve no good purpose? For Local Option is nothing more than Prohibition in spots—and, like Prohibition, does not lessen the consumption of alcoholic beverages, but only prevents the regulated and legalized sale of liquor.

Pennsylvania State Brewers' Association



Notice to Owners of Dogs

The tax on dogs for 1917 has been fixed at \$1.00 for males and \$2.00 for females. The assessors will call on all owners of dogs within the next few months of 1916 for the collection of taxes for 1917, which must be paid prior to December 31st, 1916. Should the assessor not see you, hunt him up and secure a tag for your dog, for there will be no extension of time, and dogs not provided with tags are outlawed and will be killed on and after January 1st, 1917.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

and an "Old Home day," at which hand concerts sporting events and a big picnic were features.

An anthracite operator who bought railroad tickets at Pittsburgh for fifty soft coal miners, recruited to help out during the labor famine in the hard coal regions, was deserted by forty-nine of his men at Harrisburg.

Lightning ran along the telephone wires in Macungie, entering the office of the furnace company, and O. J. Knauss, a bookkeeper, was stunned. At about the same time R. J. Ritter's furniture store was struck by a bolt of lightning.

There was tremendous excitement in the Mt. Bethel section of Northampton county when men drilling a well on the property of Miss Dorothy Schemp struck water that was covered with an oily substance, unfit to drink. The well had been driven through greasy clay.

The Hibernians, at a county convention held at Lansford, elected Patrick Barry, of Nesquehoning, president; John B. McFadden, of Summit Hill, vice president; Daniel Coll, of Nesquehoning, recording secretary; John O'Donnell, of Lansford, financial secretary; Thomas Gallagher, of Lansford, treasurer, and Rev. H. J. Bowen, of Lansford, county chaplain.

PRAISES WILSON'S STAND IN BEHALF OF SUFFRAGE

The action of the National Woman Suffrage association at Atlantic City, N. J., in rejecting by an overwhelming vote the proposal to make the suffrage movement a partisan annex of the Republican campaign was further emphasized by Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, "the sage of suffrage," in an interview published in the Philadelphia Press, a staunch Republican organ.

"The president in his speech to the convention promised all he could carry out," said Dr. Shaw. "If he had promised more we would have known that he could not carry it out."

"Not the Republicans alone, nor the Democrats alone, can bring suffrage. If it could be done that way I would favor it. But it can't. We must get enough Democrats and Republicans together to do it."

Going Some—and Still After Him



—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The reopening of the Hill school, Pottstown, has been further postponed from October 3 to October 10, as an infantile paralysis precaution.

Owen Noon and Samuel Wittner, both of Locust Gap, were struck by a runaway mine car at Locust Spring colliery and seriously injured.

Northampton county commissioners have awarded a \$4825 contract for fire escapes at the county almshouse to Brownworth & Co., Philadelphia.

The name of the Union party has been pre-empted for the first legislative district of Blair county and for the legislative district of Bedford.

Montgomery county has instituted civil actions against S. B. Drake, ex-prothonotary, who was sent to jail for eighteen months for embezzlement.

Tony Michele received a bullet in his chest, and Tony Julian was shot below the chest during a beer quarrel at a Shoemakersville brick plant.

The First National Bank of Bethlehem has given a \$5000 contribution to the new bridge project at Bethlehem, and the Bethlehem Trust company \$1000.

Yeggmen invaded Meshoppen, knocked down, bound and gagged the only man on the streets, and then robbed the postoffice; but little booty was secured.

The war department has notified District Attorney Setzer that it wants John Smith, a deserter, now in Carbon county jail on the charge of highway robbery.

While visiting his brother, a clergyman in Phoenixville, Rev. Louis Kovachy, a Hungarian Reformed minister of New York city, died at the local hospital.

At Pittsburgh the Steel Trust announces that it has found powdered soft coal ("slack") a good substitute for natural gas when the latter fuel runs short.

The Reading Railway company has purchased at sheriff's sale the American hotel, opposite its station at Royersford, for \$10,400, subject to a \$15,000 mortgage.

For fatally injuring Mrs. Morris J. Geiss in West Reading, John Smith, an autoist, must spend fifteen months in Reading jail, besides paying \$100 fine and costs.

McAdoo police notified poolrooms not to harbor boys because George Salaviga is in jail, charged with taking \$85 from his father and gambling \$35 of it away.

Adam Brinker & Co., South Bethlehem, have just shipped to a Chester customer a set of gold mounted harness, which will adorn a pair of horses, which cost \$2800.

Carbon county, which furnished more than 2000 volunteers during the war of the rebellion, has still more than 100 widows of soldiers who will benefit by their pensions.

Gilbert Rinebold, Charles Rinebold and John Cunningham, supervisors of Overton township, were convicted in court at Towanda of neglect of duty, the first case of the kind.

Miss Frances Elizabeth Hobson, for thirty-five years a teacher in Reading, died after being confined to her home for ten years with illness, three years of which she was bedfast.

The attorney general's department has brought suit against the commissioners of Fulton county to compel them to establish the office of sealer of weights and measures.

Receipt of several carloads of machinery has given rise to the belief in Mount Holly that the paper mills, recently purchased by a firm of Boston capitalists, will soon be reopened.

The Lehigh Valley Light and Power company, whose current runs all the way from Slattington to Sixty-third and Market streets, Philadelphia, has announced a ten per cent reduction in rates.

H. F. Stittler, a freight brakeman on the Pennsylvania railroad, was struck by a passenger train near Dalmatia, and died a few minutes later, having stepped on an adjoining track to signal his train.

The Potts Brothers' iron plant, oldest in Pottstown, including a plate and puddle mill, both idle for a number of years; three houses and five acres of land, was bid up to \$38,500 at a public sale and withdrawn.

Fear of the L. W. W. disorders in the anthracite region has driven away Lithuanians, Slavs and Poles by the hundreds, thus aggravating a labor scarcity which already perplexes the big coal companies.

In honor of its fiftieth anniversary,