

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.

James De Angelo died at the Oil City hospital from starvation.

Efforts are in progress to reorganize the Allentown chamber of commerce.

The Ridgway Firemen's Fund, which just closed, netted the firemen \$1100.

Johnstown's three daily newspapers will increase their price to two cents, December 1.

Eugene Mowrey, of Briggsville, lost his right hand climbing a fence with a loaded gun.

Berwick Car Works will hereafter use electrically driven locomotives, supplanting mules.

Cutting corn on the cob, Stella Reese, of Frederickville, severed a thumb with a hatchet.

The ten per cent wage increase by the Standard Chain company benefits 1200 workers at York.

Six hundred employees returned to work at Mahanoy City colliery after a week's button strike.

The nation's daylight savers are to convene with the Pittsburgh chamber of commerce, December 5.

Samuel D. Townsend, Hughesville, has been reappointed a trustee of the State hospital at Danville.

The powder strike at the Highland operations of C. B. Markle & Co. has been won by the miners.

A total of 2770 hunting licenses have been issued at the office of the Elk county treasurer in Ridgway.

Deposits in Reading banks gained \$4,500,000 in one year, and the total deposits amount to \$24,000,000.

The gun cotton plant of the Aetna Explosives company at Warren closed since August resumed operations.

Easton and Phillipsburg bakers will increase the price of bread after December 1 to six and twelve cents.

Thieves stole \$26 from the home of Alderman Joseph Moody, Hazleton, while the family was out of town.

Dragged by a train she was trying to board, Miss Lorena Kilmore, Mechanicsburg, was seriously injured.

Hazleton's American Red Cross Society elected T. D. Jones president, and Mrs. C. J. Kirschner, secretary.

The various collieries of the M. S. Kemmerer Coal company, near White Haven, will be operated by electricity.

West Fairview has raised the sum needed to insure the location of a shirt factory employing sixty persons.

Many Blair countians are cutting out exchanges of Christmas gifts as a needless addition to high cost of living.

Lloyd Blouch has been rearrested at Lebanon, charged with deadly assault upon and robbery of E. E. Arnold.

Strausstown women boycotted milk when it was increased two cents a quart, and it soon went back to five cents.

The American Iron and Steel company, Reading, will give its employees a bonus of five per cent on their earnings.

Ellis Kempfer, of Battery A, First Field Artillery, South Bethlehem, is ill with pleurisy in a Kansas City hospital.

Too deaf to hear warnings, Jacob Bottle, aged sixty, was run down by a freight train at Union Furnace, and killed.

Federal authorities have lodged a detainer at Easton against Herman A. Morton, charged with passing bogus checks.

West Hazleton teachers who went joy riding during the recent institute will be docked instead of being discharged.

A class in automobile operation and control started in the night school at Altoona conducted by the board of education.

It is announced that the Aetna Explosives company of Huntingdon will resume operations in full beginning December 1.

Falling with a fifty-foot scaffold at Carlisle, William E. Kitcher clung to a house cornice till a ladder was raised to rescue him.

Commoners believe they will be able to reduce the high cost of living in Sharon. They have formed a club of 190 members.

Harry Bussenger, of East Youngstown, the second victim of the scaffold collapse at the petroleum plant in Sharon, died.

Drinking a bottle of liquid stove polish, John, year-and-a-half-old son of Kerr Sterrett, near Oakville, is in a critical condition.

Franklin county teachers passed resolutions for prohibition, a teachers' retirement fund and a minimum wage of \$60 a month.

Determined to break up booze parties on the "meadows" in Pottstown, Burgess Fritz gave five offenders sixty days in jail each.

The state department of agriculture estimates that the acreage sown to wheat this fall is three per cent greater than last year.

Gustave Wickenhagen, aged seventy-three, a civil war veteran and for thirty years a resident of Butler, was found dead in bed.

Surgeons at Fountain Springs hospital removed a sunflower seed from the left ear of Mary Zelbon, whose hearing was affected.

The Lehigh county Christian Endeavor societies, meeting in Emaus Moravian church, elected E. E. Oplinger, Allentown, president.

Lansford's population is over 10,000—by far the largest municipality in Carbon county—and residents are advocating city government.

Former Lieutenant Governor John M. Reynolds is said to be favored for public service commissioner over congressman Lafean, of York.

The Aetna Explosives company, of Huntingdon, has posted notices that thousands of men are needed for the re-opening of their plants.

Disappointed in love, Mary Ritter, aged thirty-two, jumped from Market street bridge, Williamsport, and was drowned in the Susquehanna.

Jacob Weaver, aged ninety-six, of Washington, attended the golden wedding anniversary of his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Weaver.

Raymond Shore, aged fifty-two is dead at Monessen after being found unconscious on the Lafayette road as the result of an automobile accident.

Alfred Gohn, of Warren, has departed for New York city, driving his car with cheap kerosene as fuel, with a newly-invented kerosene carburetor.

Joseph Moschultas, Alexander Mantkus and Frank Washell were critically injured in a premature dynamite explosion at Shenandoah City colliery.

Kidnapping her child from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stople, of Allentown, who had legally adopted it, Mrs. Annie Sepski, of Catasauqua, was committed to Allentown jail, but later released on bail.

William H. Williams died as his home in Sharon as a result of injuries sustained when he was hit by an automobile driven by Dr. V. D. Viets, of Youngstown.

John Stein, aged thirty, was so badly injured when an acetylene tank exploded at the Erie shops at Meadville, that he will probably lose the sight of both eyes.

Caught under a mine locomotive which jumped the track at No. 11 colliery, Joseph Murphy, Tamaqua, aged twenty, was so badly scalded his death is expected.

Sustaining a fractured skull by leaping from an automobile when he thought the machine was about to turn over at Drifton, Ralph Natress, of Hazleton, has died.

Loring L. Gelbach, assistant cashier in the First National bank, and Miss Stella Fisher were married in Ellwood City by the Rev. Clarence C. Fisher, brother of the bride.

Supervisors of Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, were before Justice A. G. Shoener, at Trevorton, charged with neglect to keep their highways in order.

Ellis Schneebeli, a Nazarene, visiting Allentown, awoke under a railroad archway with the realization that two interesting young strangers had knocked him out and robbed him.

In a jitney-autobus collision at Pittston, George Wells, aged twenty-four, sole support of a widowed mother, was killed as he stood on the running board of the jitney.

The Mahoning Supply company store which houses the Walston post-office near Punsutawney was entered by thieves and robbed of \$1200 in money, stamps and merchandise.

Word was received at Latrobe of the death of Rev. Father Vitus Kratzer, which occurred in Pueblo, Col. He was a member of the faculty of St. Vincent's college for many years.

Quick work on the part of Deputy State Attorney General Horace Davis prevented his daughter from being fatally burned when her clothing caught fire from a gas stove in Sharon.

More than 200 employees of the Baker & Adamson chemical plant, Easton, will receive a bonus ranging from five to seventeen and a half per cent of their wages, or an average of over \$80 each.

For a splash of mud, the poison in which cost her the sight of an eye, Mrs. Mary E. Bruggeman was awarded \$2500 damages against the city of York and her husband \$100 for the loss of her services.

In co-operation with the postoffice department, the Pennsylvania department of forestry has prepared a big forest fire placard which will be placed in every postoffice in Pennsylvania in or near a forested area.

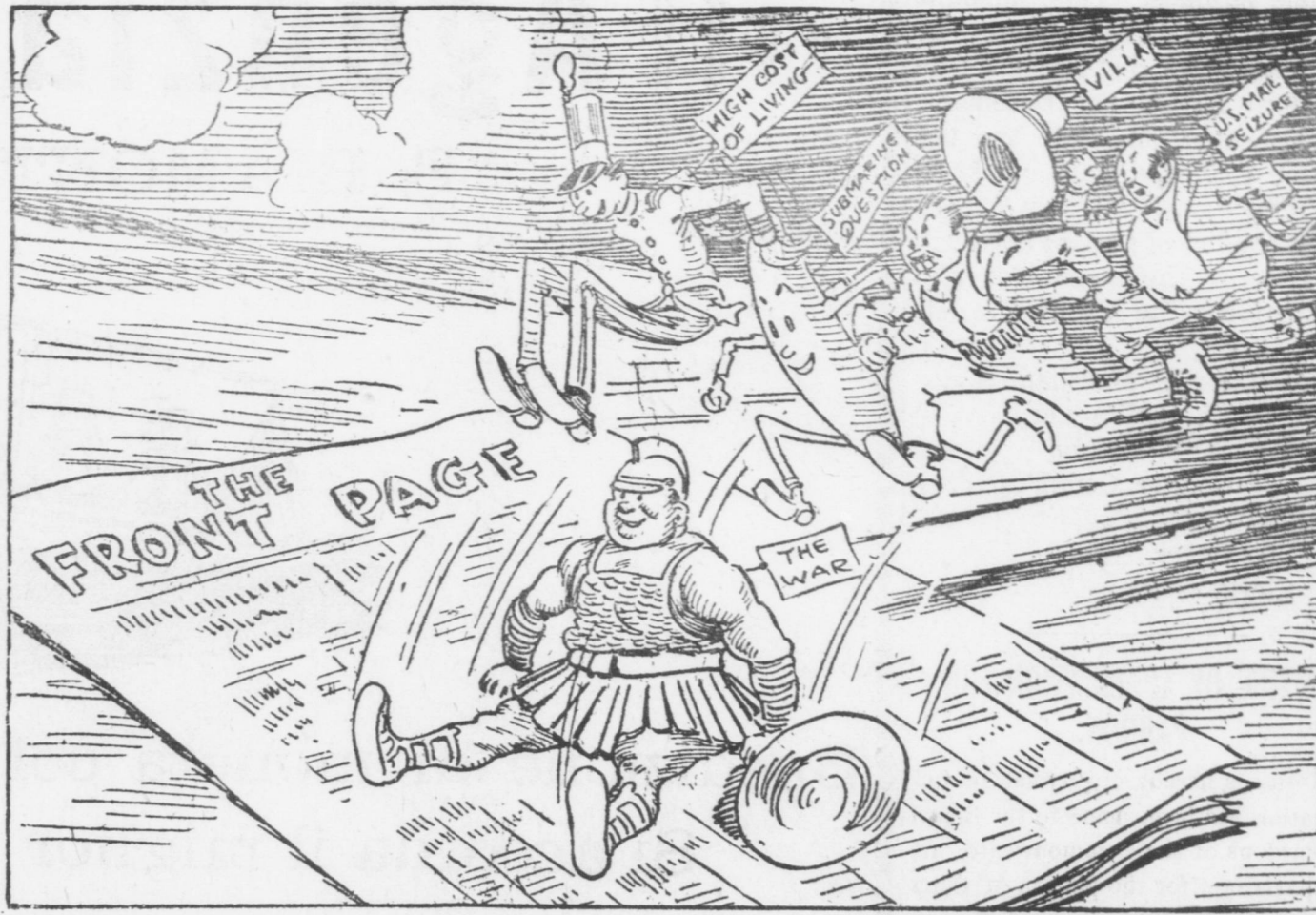
Former Councilman Peter S. Holl, of Reading, while passing a school house, was taken as Mr. Hughes, the recent presidential candidate, and it took some explaining before the school children would believe otherwise.

At the annual session of the Montgomery county farm bureau, at Norristown, Isalah T. Haldeman, Harleysville, was elected president; Harvey Murphy, Centre Square, vice president; A. R. Kriebel, Worcester, secretary, and Warren Schultz, East Greenville, treasurer.

Rev. D. H. Frederick, a Mt. Airy graduate, was installed as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, at Beaver Meadow, by Rev. Wilfred F. Heldt, of Conyngham, president of the Wilkes-Barre conference of the Lutheran ministerium, and Rev. Franklin Esterly, pastor of Christ Lutheran congregation, Hazleton.

Many independent iron and steel companies in the Shenango valley will increase wages on December 15, it was announced. The Sharon Steel Hoop company, employing 1300 men, will grant an increase of ten per cent and all blast furnace workers at independent plants in Sharon, Farrell, Sharpville and West Middlesex, numbering about 2000, will be granted a similar raise. It is intimated that 5000 men outside of those employed by the steel corporation will be affected in that vicinity.

BACK ON THE JOB.



—Lynch in Rocky Mountain News.

For a Pinch Of Snuff

By ESTHER VANDEVEER

In 176—Walter Watherspoon, a student at Kings (now Columbia) college, was crossing the campus, situated in the lower part of New York, not far from the city hall, when he met Gertrude Springstead, the daughter of a China merchant, going to her home on the Battery. The two were lovers and expected to be married after young Watherspoon's graduation, which was to occur in the following June. Before seeing his fiancée coming he took his snuffbox from a pocket in the voluminous skirt of his coat and, placing a pinch between his thumb and finger, crammed it up first into one nostril, then into another, sniffing lustily.

"Oh, Walter," said the girl when they met, "if father knew you snuffed it, would he all up with us! He detests the habit and would force me to break with you."

"In that case, Mistress Gertrude," replied Walter, "I must not let him see me snuffing."

"But suppose he hears that you snuff?"

"You are right. I must drop the habit till at least after we are married."

Taking a lacquered box from his pocket, he handed it to Gertrude, telling her to keep it till after the wedding, at the same time promising her that he would not buy another or more snuff till they had been married.

Now, Watherspoon was poor as a church mouse and was obliged to work his way through college, which he did by giving so much of his time as he could spare from his studies to a tall chandler. Gertrude, on the contrary, was the only child and heiress to what was then a large fortune. Naturally the young man was loth to lose his sweetheart and did not relish losing the fortune she would bring him.

Watherspoon worked hard all winter both at his studies and pouring melted tallow into candle molds. After a few weeks he found that he could get on very well without snuffing and assured Gertrude that there would be no trouble for them on that score. He even declared that taking tobacco into one's nose was a filthy habit, and he would never resume it, which was, of course, very pleasing to her.

A new convert is always an enthusiastic convert. Walter, having thrown off the shackles of a bad habit, called the attention of his friends to its disagreeableness to others than the snuffer. Why should one pause while chatting with another to cram a nasty powdered weed into his nose, making a disgusting noise through his nostrils and leaving his nose smeared with tobacco? His friends listened deferentially to his protests, but paid little attention to them, not infrequently taking out a snuffbox, offering it to him, then taking a pinch while he was speaking.

Walter kept his promise to his fiancée, nobly refraining from the habit he had eschewed. In due time he was graduated from college, and his father-in-law to be had consented that he should go into his counting room on the street facing the East river and begin preparation to take position as manager of the business when Mr. Springstead retired. While learning the business Walter was to draw a nominal salary.

Walter was the envy of all the young men in town. Engaged to a lovely girl and heir to a fine business. Surely providence had favored him.

The wedding day opened bright and beautiful. Walter, after breakfast, went to the Springstead home and was placed in a front room which faced the bay to await the hour for the ceremony. The sun glittered on the wavelets. The islands to the left, the right and in the distance stood out clear and green. Directly in the foreground was the old fort about which the city had grown and prospered. Walter was supremely happy.

The door opened and Gertrude came in bearing the snuffbox he had given her months before.

"I can't leave this here," she said. "After I have left mother will go through my room, and it will be discovered."

"Give it to me," said Walter. "I will take it away with me and get rid of it on our wedding trip."

Gertrude handed him the box and hastened away to be robed in her wedding garments. Walter opened it and held it under his nose. What a delicious fragrance! How pleasant it would be to take just one pinch! Taking a little of the snuff between his thumb and finger, he held it near his nostrils. Then he thought of the risk he would take if he indulged and put it back in the box. But he took another pinch, and again the aroma greeted his nostrils.

Mr. Springstead, passing through the hall, heard a violent sneeze. Opening the door of the room from which it seemed to come, there was Walter with an open snuffbox in one hand and his handkerchief in the other. He greeted his father-in-law to be with another sneeze.

When, a couple of hours later, guests arrived to witness the nuptials they were informed that there would be no nuptials. No reason was assigned. Mr. Springstead put a veto on his daughter's marriage, and the groom went to his own quarters.

For a pinch of snuff he had given a bride, a fortune and a splendid business.

Not long after his loss the Revolution broke out, and he joined the continental army. He was killed at the battle of Long Island.

Strict on the Proprieties.

"Now that I have given you something to eat," said the benevolent old lady, "will you not saw some wood for me?"

"I regret to say, madam," replied the weary wayfarer, "that I cannot saw wood without removing my coat, and I trust I am too much of a gentleman to appear before a lady in my shirt sleeves."—Philadelphia Record.

Danny—"I'm doing my best to get ahead. Dolly—Well, Danny, heaven knows you need one.—Puck.

Etching on Steel.

In the process of etching one's name on steel nitric acid is used diluted with four to six parts of water, according to depth of etching desired. First cover the steel to be etched with a ground wax composed of equal parts asphaltum, burgundy pitch and beeswax, melted together and thoroughly incorporated; warm steel and apply mixture evenly. When cold, scratch desired name or design through the coating on the surface and touch with a camel's hair brush dipped in the diluted acid. In a few minutes dip in hot water to wash off the acid, and clean off the wax mixture with benzine.

Not a Born Forger.

The indorsement of checks is a very simple thing; but, as the following story will show, it also has its difficulties:

A woman went into a bank where she had several times presented checks drawn to Mrs. Lucy B. Smith. This time the check was made to the order of Mrs. M. J. Smith. M. J. were her husband's initials. She explained this to the paying teller and asked what she should do.

"Oh, that is all right," he said. "Just indorse it as it is written there."

She took the check and after much hesitation said, "I don't think I can make an M like that."

Would Be a Help.

"Every cloud has a silver lining." "It would be nice if they also had arsenic deposits," said the farmer. "Then the rain would spray our crops as well as moisten them."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Might Be Worse.

"What do you know about Bill Hot-air?"

"Why, Bill travels for the same house I do."

"I know that, but is he all right otherwise?"—Exchange.

LIFE'S OPPORTUNITY.

The man who seizes in life the opportunity to express himself in the largest terms; who after ascertaining what faculties he has determines to develop them to the highest possible efficiency; who is capable of seeing the sweetness and joy that lie all about him; who, being proud, does not allow his body or mind to be defiled—he is the one who obtains the big rewards.—Oppenheim.

Gay Birds of the Olden Time.

Extravagance in dress prevailed in the reign of Edward III., who ascended the English throne early in the year 1327.

Men then wore silk hoods, particolored coats with deep sleeves and narrow waists, short hose, long pointed shoes, bushy beards and tails of hair at the back of their heads.

"The ladies," says a poet of that period, "are like peacocks and magpies." They were attired in turbans or lofty miters, with ribbons floating from them like streamers, tunics half of one color and half of another and deeply emblazoned zones or belts from the front of which daggers were suspended.

An Armed Truce.

Mrs. Knagg—Mr. Knagg and I have been married seven years, and the quarrel we had on our honeymoon is the only one we've ever had. Mrs. Knagg—I congratulate you. I suppose you kissed and made up? Mrs. Knagg—Not yet. Mr. Knagg hasn't yet admitted that he was wrong.—New York Globe.

Oh, That's Different.

"Who was that chap who just said 'Hello' to you?"

"That's the man who does most of my bill collecting."

"He wasn't very respectful, considering that you are his boss."

"Who said I was his boss? That fellow is employed by my creditors."—Exchange.

Although she had been married happily to another, a jury awarded Mrs. Josephine Santa, of Uniontown, \$400 heart balm for being left waiting at the church by Sigmund Rozorswsky, on June 10, 1914. Five thousand dollars was asked.

Miss Katherine Pardee, daughter of Frank Pardee, the retired millionaire anthracite coal operator, has become Y. M. C. A. secretary at Hazleton, and keeps the same hours and performs the same duties as her predecessor, Miss Emily Hill.

Fire which for a time threatened the business district of Warren destroyed a three-story brick building and damaged two other structures, causing a loss of \$100,000. Fireman John Reed suffered a probable fracture of the skull when he fell twenty feet.

Edwin Weyel, aged two, son of William Weyel, a butcher of Homestead, was strangled to death when he fell from his father's delivery wagon in a stable in the rear of his home, his head and neck becoming entangled in a strap. The boy's mother found him unconscious.

Facts Versus Fallacies

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

ONE of the many ridiculous charges made by the Prohibitionists is that the saloon is the main cause of poverty. If this were true all the "drys" would be riding in automobiles and the "wets" would not be able to afford mere carfare!

THE "drys" assume that the liquor business is the result of the saloon. Reasoning from this false premise they say that if it were not for the saloon there would be no liquor business, and therefore no place where the working man could squander his hard-earned wages. The Prohibitionists are wrong twice in the same place. They have put the cart before the horse. The saloon is the result, not the cause, of the demand for liquor. There are two men responsible for the saloon—the man in front of the bar and the man behind it. Take the man in front of the bar away and the saloon-keeper will go out of business. Take the saloon away and the man in front of the bar will go behind the bar to get a drink.

IT IS no more a waste of money to buy beer than it is to buy jewelry, diamonds, perfumes, laces, candy, silks and satins. It is just as foolish to squander the money you need for necessities on these things as it is to invest in liquid refreshment.

POOR judgment causes people to spend money for luxuries that they need for other things, but liquor is not the luxury that has crimped the pocketbook of the working man. The Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that working men spend on an average less than four cents a day for liquors. The "drys" ask you to believe that four cents a day is the difference between poverty and riches.

FALLACY

The Claim that
The Use of Liquor
is the Cause
of Poverty

FACT

Workingmen
Spend Less than
4 Cents a Day
for Liquor

If they are right, Rockefeller could make all of us rich by giving us back the wealth he does not need and cannot use.

THE main causes of poverty are poor wages and lack of employment. The average amount paid to unskilled workers in the United States is less than \$500 a year. Instead of spending around \$15 a year for liquor these men could save up for 30 years and buy a Ford. They could then, if they were careful with the gasoline, run it for a month on what they could save by not indulging in liquor for a year!

IT IS a FALLACY to say that indulgence in alcoholic beverages makes for poverty, when FACTS, given by United States Labor Statistics, show that workingmen spend on an average less than four cents a day for liquor!

FEDERAL BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

Pennsylvania State Brewers' Association