

PENNSYLVANIA NEWS IN BRIEF

Interesting Items From All Sections of the State.

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

Carlisle Christmas club checks aggregated \$75,000.

Hazleton shoe shines have gone to ten cents in price.

A prohibition rally, with prominent speakers, was held at Carlisle.

Hazleton street parkways will be flooded for skating this winter.

Pittsburgh butter and eggs have tumbled nicely under the boycott.

Pennsylvania bakers, in convention at Harrisburg, favored the six-cent loaf.

Farmers in the vicinity of Skippack have to drive their cattle a mile for water.

With a buck and doe, C. W. Erb, Pottsville, has arrived home from Maine.

Revenue Collector Davis, Lancaster, will reorganize his office force January 1.

The Denver-Ephrata Street railway, five miles, capital \$130,000, has been chartered.

Scarlet fever among the children has caused the Gilbertsville school to be closed.

Hazleton merchants who observe the Sabbath are waging war on others who do not.

The mild weather has brought out snakes, Griffith Jones killing seven near Freeland.

Dr. Andrew Lewis, aged eighty-two, of New Castle, died of wounds sustained when his clothing caught fire from a gas stove.

More than \$57,000 has been spent so far by the Lehigh Coal & Navigation company on improvements at the Cranberry colliery.

Earl Richards, of Jersey Shore, a hunter, narrowly escaped serious injury when attacked by a wounded bear in a cave near Haneyville.

After 52½ years of service for the Reading railway, Jacob Butz, of Reading, has retired as freight conductor and is on the pension roll.

All but ten per cent of the mines in the Broad Top region have resumed operations, and it is expected that the others will follow soon.

Farmers in the onion belt in western Pennsylvania received from \$1 to \$1.25 a bushel for their crop this year, the highest price in years.

Mrs. Diana Montanye Vandegriff Young has given the George Clymer Chapter, D. A. A., as a Christmas present the Montanye home in Towanda as a home for the chapter.

Residents of Upper Mauch Chunk unanimously favor a community Christmas tree this year, and a committee will make it a success.

Blood poisoning developing from a minor wound sustained one month ago caused the death of Delbert M. Ross, aged thirty-seven, of Burgettstown.

Sheriff Thomas S. Vanzandt, Lewistown, carries his right arm in a sling as the result of his automobile back firing when he attempted to crank it.

Thieves stripped pajamas off a dummy in one of the brilliantly lighted show windows of a Hazleton store, and escaped with this loot and other clothing.

Delegates to the National Reform association, Pittsburgh, declare that Mormon runners in Europe are persuading soldiers' widows to come to Utah.

Mrs. Charles Schlimmer, fifty-six, of Jackson's, Schuylkill county, fell dead in Shenandoah in the arms of her daughter, who was taking her to a trolley.

The size of New Cumberland probably will be increased by 1500 persons and the property value raised \$300,000 by annexation of part of Lower Allen township.

Because he lived with his wife after suing J. Frank Book for \$5000 damages for alienating her affections John M. Lafevre was non-suited at Lancaster.

Walter W. Schultz, of New York, has been elected secretary of Hazleton chamber of commerce, succeeding Harry H. Freeman, who went to Kalamazoo, Mich.

The Lehigh Valley Coal company will rush its Jeanesville No. 5 culm banks through the breaker by the aid of steam shovels to aid in reducing the fuel famine.

Claiming that four men from Carlisle took a deer from his sons after they had shot it, W. D. Markley, of Harrisburg, has brought legal charges against them.

Speaking at Carlisle, National Prohibition Chairman O. W. Stewart said that when either old party adopted the prohibition plank his party would cease to exist.

The public service commission has dismissed the complaint of the borough of Mount Union on behalf of its residents against the Mount Union Water company.

H. B. Supper, Lewistown, has retired from active service to the Pennsylvania railroad pension system at sixty-five years, after forty-four years' service on locomotives.

Washington county's third annual farm products show in Washington closed with a revival of the old "square dance." One of the features was a chicken exhibition.

Asserting that 15,000 nickel novels are sold in Easton every year, the Easton Public Library has issued an appeal to parents to join in a campaign against this kind of fiction.

A young stranger, known as Louis Berger, is missing from Easton, and four merchants to whom he gave bogus checks under various aliases have asked the police to locate him.

Charles Graver, of Palmerton, hunting at Little Gap, shot an owl four and one-half feet from tip to tip of its wings, which farmers say they had heard hooting for ten years.

Prof. J. M. Keefer, aged thirty-one, is under bail for court in Conneville, on charges of aggravated assault and battery for alleged chastisement of fifteen-year-old Frances Stephens.

Firing his revolver in an effort to frighten Paul Waymen, aged twenty-six, into surrender, Patrolman Charles Himebaugh, of Meadville, fatally injured the man. He died soon after.

The payroll of the Pittsburgh Construction company's Dunbar slag mill was stolen from the office of the Adams Express company. The package contained between \$600 and \$700.

A short time after Samuel Laurus, of Pottstown, had died in the County home, a letter came saying that one of his three sons in the Italian army had been killed and another badly wounded.

Sealer of Weights and Measures H. H. Seltzer reported to Pottsville council that 104 scales and measures have been found faulty within the last month and seized, and fifty of them destroyed.

President A. T. Dice, of the Reading railway, now of Reading, will make his future home in Philadelphia, and his son-in-law, Attorney Randolph Stauffer and family are taking possession of the Dice residence in Reading.

A Grant Richwine, of Philadelphia, was sentenced at Williamsport to eighteen months in jail and fined \$100 for conspiracy to defraud in a transaction for the Jersey Shore Water & Gas company, of which he was a director.

Wyomissing club awarded the contract for its \$100,000 house to A. J. Fink, of Reading.

Coopersburg teachers have demanded salary increases ranging from \$10 to \$13 a month.

Farmer William Zeigler was run over and severely injured by a load of wheat, near Carlisle.

The Christmas pay of workers in the Pittsburgh industrial district will go above \$16,000,000.

Clarence Moore, a Waterville farmer, pleaded guilty to killing a doe deer and was fined \$100.

Larry Zentner, aged nine, died in Indiana from the effects of gunshot wounds sustained a week ago.

The Reading company is shipping on an average 1600 cars of coal daily from mines and storage yards.

Arthur J. Lans died in Oil City as a result of injuries sustained when he was hit by a Pennsylvania train.

Approximately \$1,000,000 will be disbursed to industrial workers in Sharon and Parrel for the holiday season.

W. L. Shaffer, of Bluefield, W. Va., has been elected managing secretary of Lebanon chamber of commerce.

The state game commission has eighteen wardens engaged in Penn Forest, Carbon county, to protect deer.

Pottsville pupils will have their Christmas holidays, despite the delay for infantile paralysis in the autumn.

Mine workers of the anthracite field won't be permitted by their union to form locals for particular nationalities.

Lycoming County Grange has extended an invitation to the State Grange to meet in Williamsport in 1917.

Batteries B. E. and F. First Pennsylvania Field Artillery, were mustered out of the federal service at Pittsburgh.

Falling into a chasm, where he lay unconscious until morning, Owen Walters, of Audenreid, died at Hazleton hospital.

The bread baking contest conducted by the girls of the Petersburg public schools was won by Miss Margaret Lobaugh.

The resignation of William J. Weber, first lieutenant and assistant surgeon of the First Infantry, has been accepted.

Billy Atherton's Christmas Money

By WILLIAM CHANDLER

When Billy Atherton was about to start home at noon on the day before Christmas from the office of Stuart & Co., he was called into Mr. Stuart's office.

"Billy, here's a Christmas gift for you," said his employer and handed him a check for \$25.

Billy's face lighted with joy. He had not been with the firm long, and his salary was meager. He had been hoping that it would be raised on the first of the new year, but had not counted on receiving anything besides his ten dollar weekly pay before that time.

"Next year we'll give you an additional \$5 a week," added Mr. Stuart.

Billy left the office rejoicing. His mother was a widow and poor. There were several little children in the family and nothing with which to celebrate Christmas. Billy's first impulse was to buy a lot of gifts to take home with him. Then he remembered that he must first get his check cashed. While he was going to the bank he concluded to take the money home and give it to his mother to spend as she thought best.

He was known at the bank, having often made deposits there for his employers, and had no difficulty in getting the money. He rolled the bills together and crammed them into his trousers pocket. Then, giving place at the paying teller's window to the next person in line, he ran outside and stood waiting for a trolley car to take him home. The first car that came along was crowded, but Billy forced his way through those on the platform and hung on to a strap.

Billy was thinking of the pleasure in store for his mother at seeing his roll of bills when a man standing next to him cried out:

"Give me my money!"

He was looking straight at Billy, and yet Billy was some time getting on to the fact that the man referred to him.

"You give me back them bills you took out of my pocket!" the man reiterated.

"If you mean me," said Billy, "you've made a mistake."

"No, I haven't. I thought there was something up when you jostled me. When I got my hand down into my pocket my money was gone."

Billy protested that he was innocent, but the man was immovable and cried out to the conductor to stop the car at the next corner. The car was stopped, and a traffic policeman called a roundsman, who took Billy and his accuser off the car. There the latter told his story.

"Shall I run him in?" asked the officer.

"Sure!"

"Well, you'll have to come along too."

Poor Billy was marched to a police station and placed before a sergeant at the desk. When his accuser had stated his case the sergeant asked him how much money had been taken from him.

"Twenty-five dollars."

Billy turned pale. The sergeant or-

dered him to turn out his pockets. He responded by taking out the roll of bills he had drawn from the bank and handing them to the officer. They were counted and corresponded exactly with the amount the man said he had lost.

The sergeant looked somewhat surprised. Billy did not look like a thief.

"How long have you been a crook?" asked the sergeant of Billy.

"I'm not a crook," replied the boy with a tremor in his voice. "That \$25 I have just drawn from the bank. It was given me for Christmas."

"What bank?"

"The Tenth National."

The sergeant took up a telephone and asked if a check had recently been paid to William Atherton. The paying teller replied in the affirmative. The amount was \$25.

"I thought so," remarked the sergeant and, looking at the accuser, added: "I reckon you're the crook and this young man is the victim. You saw him draw the money, got on the same car with him and played your game."

At that moment a policeman entered the station and, seeing Billy's accuser, looked hard at him. Then he said:

"Hello, Tom Flynn! When did you get out?"

At this the man owned up. He had stood in line before the cashier's window, saw Billy draw the money, felt in his pocket for a check he didn't find and, running out, was in time to get on the car with Billy.

He was put back in the penitentiary from which he had recently come.

When Billy reached home he had so much to tell his mother that he scarcely knew where to begin.

"Mother, I've been accused of robbery," he said.

"Great heaven!"

"I was taken to the police station."

"Oh, dear!"

"My salary has been raised for next year."

"Do tell!"

"And Mr. Stuart gave me \$25 for Christmas."

"Mercy on us! What else has happened?"

Billy, having got out the main points, settled down to the story, beginning at the right end and ending with his discharge from custody.

Mrs. Atherton at the close of the recital embraced her son, then hurried out to spend a part of his money for such articles as were necessary to a happy Christmas.

Joseph Billingham, watchman at the Lebanon Chain works, was fatally crushed beneath the wheels of a freight car.

Farmer Camp's horses, from Ringtown, ran away in Shenandoah and perhaps fatally injured Mrs. Frank Shrisnitsky.

Larry Zentner, of Indiana, has died from injuries received when his gun was accidentally discharged while he was hunting.

Hazleton police lockers are being rifled, a cow has been stolen from the pound and a slot machine from the chief's office.

While riding a wagon from Centralia to Ashland, William Derr, of Mt. Carmel, fell dead in his seat from heart failure.

Miss Emma J. Keating, superintendent of the Oil City hospital, and Miss Mary J. Ames, assistant, have resigned their positions.

Carpenter Evan Williams, of Fountain Springs, died at the hospital there of a fractured skull sustained in a fall from a scaffold.

SELF DECEPTION.

Of all solitary games the soonest learned is self deception. The duller mind can grasp it. The wisest have ever enjoyed it. We all find solace in its blandishments. No sweeter substitute for courage, conscience and self denial is yet discovered. But the awakening when it comes, if it does come in time, is humiliating.

Javanese Music.

The angkwang orchestra is a peculiar Javanese institution. The instrument known as the angkwang is made of a Java bamboo tree. Different instruments have bamboo tubes of different tones, and they are played like the chimes one sees in vaudeville or the musical glasses. The airs are simple, but characteristic. When Dwight Elmendorf was in Java he wrote out the music of an angkwang air and brought a set of the instruments to the United States. This orchestra makes music for the characteristic "hobby-horse" dance of Java. The dancers beset their paper designs, decorated to represent the head, neck, mane and tail of a horse, and gallop wildly about.

Rossini's Jealousy.

Rossini was intolerably jealous of all his musical contemporaries and particularly of Meyerbeer. In 1836 he heard "The Huguenots," and on listening to the performance from the beginning to the end he made up his mind that Meyerbeer had excelled him and determined to write no more operatic music. He lived until 1868, but produced nothing for the lyric stage. His thirty-two years of retirement were spent in the pleasures of a voluptuary. He was particularly fond of good eating and drinking and assembled about him the youngest and gayest society he could attract to his house.

Iron in Plants.

Iron is the substance which gives the green appearance to foliage. It forms a constituent part of chlorophyll and is the green coloring matter which stains the bodies inside the cells of leaves, called plastids. When the first organized food is being formed in the leaves from water and carbonic acid gas a certain amount of energy is required. This is obtained from the sun's rays, but the work of absorbing it is carried out by the chlorophyll. It requires very little iron for the production of all the chlorophyll found in a crop, and nearly all soils contain an abundant supply.—London Standard.

Burying the Hatchet.

This expression, meaning "let bygones be bygones," is derived from a custom once in vogue among the North American Indians. According to a command of the "great spirit," they were obliged, when they smoked the pipe of peace, to bury in the ground their tomahawks, scalping knives and war clubs in token that all enmity was at an end.

It costs Holland about \$3,000,000 a year to maintain its dikes.

Economy is a virtue, but with most people it is also a necessity.

Scacciate il Fumo Dalla Vostra Casa

Riscaldare la stanza da letto o il camerino da bagno, la mattina in cinque minuti ed abbiate una casa piacevole e calda per l'intera giornata e durante la notte senza accendere il gran fuoco di carbone.

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Facts Versus Fallacies

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

FOR over 65 years Maine has been a Prohibition State. It was the first State to embrace Prohibition, and is still in the list of "dry" States. But how "dry" it is is strikingly shown by the photographed clipping reproduced to the right, and taken from the Boston Globe.

WHEN the thirsty citizen of Bangor—the capital city of "dry" Maine—wants a drink he goes to a saloon and gets it. And when the mayor of that municipality is asked to abolish the saloons in the city over which he exercises jurisdiction, he calmly admits that conditions far worse than exist with them would be certain to follow without them.

TWO things are made manifest here: first, that saloons exist in "dry" Maine, and their existence is winked at by the authorities; second: that better order prevails by having the saloon in a community than by not having it.

AND these conclusions are arrived at by the impartial, judicial mind of a man called upon to face a condition—the "dry" mayor of the "dry" capital of the "dry" State of Maine.

AGAIN it demonstrates what has so often been shown in this series of articles, that it is a FALLACY to say that Prohibition has ever successfully prohibited; but that it is a FACT that all that Prohibition ever does is to prevent the legalized and regulated sale of liquor.

Pennsylvania State Brewers' Association.

MAYOR OF BANGOR SAYS HE CANNOT ABOLISH SALOONS

Fumeshops in "Prohibition" City Closed "by Courtesy."

BANGOR, Me., Aug. 29.—Mayor John F. Woodman explained the existence of liquor saloons in the city today by declaring that to attempt to abolish them meant the creating of a situation "worse than exists with the saloons." He said it is "impossible" to drive them out, when asked to explain the seemingly illogical situation wherein the mayor demanded that, to meet an emergency, the saloons be closed in a city of "prohibition" Maine.

Almost every saloon in the city is closed on account of the car strike here. The mayor said the proprietors shut their places as "an act of courtesy."

Four dealers who did not comply with the request that the places be closed during the strike were in court here today and were fined \$100 each and costs, for illegal sale.

"If you shut up the respectable places in the city, 'blind tigers' will spring up through all the residential sections and there will be more lawlessness than ever," said Mayor Woodman. "Of course it is against the law to have saloons here but they cannot be driven out. Conditions far worse than exist with them here would be certain to result."

CONDITIONS WITH THE SALOON ARE BETTER THAN WITHOUT IT.