

REVIEW OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR NEWS READERS

Happenings of the Week in the Capitol Building and Throughout the State Reported for Our Readers in Fulton County and Elsewhere.

BIG REPORT ON STATE FARMING

William J. Rose's Statistics Show Important Crops Raised

VALUED AT \$168,899,000

Going at Good Gait for State Which is Foremost in Coal, Iron and Steel and Other Products.

(Special Harrisburg Correspondence.)

Harrisburg.—Pennsylvania's staple farm crops for 1913 represent a value of \$168,899,000 or 4.392 per cent. of the value of the nation's crops which is going a pretty good gait for a State which is foremost in coal, iron and steel and other lines. It has 7,914,900 acres being farmed or 3.289 per cent. of the national acreage of 240,617,100 and intensive agriculture is receiving greater attention than ever. These facts are set forth in a table of comparative farm statistics compiled by William J. Rose, division freight agent of the Pennsylvania railroad with headquarters in this city, who has made a special study of agriculture for twenty years. Mr. Rose's figures cover nine staples and include figures from the national government. The figures do not go into fruits, grapes, sweet potatoes or the like, but deal with the nine staples which are the backbone of agriculture in this state. The State acreage of winter wheat was 1,280,000, producing 21,862,000 bushels, or 17 bushels to the acre, yielding an average farm price on December 1 of 91 cents or a total value of \$19,894,000. The national yield was 523,561,000 on 31,699,000 acres.

Other staples given are:

Barley, 7,000 acres, 152,000 bushels, average price 71 cents, value of crop \$129,000.

Buckwheat, 250,000 acres out of 305,000 in the nation; 5,180,000 bushels of more than a third of all raised in the country, average price 73 cents or a total value of \$3,781,000 of the national crop valued at \$10,445,000.

Corn, shelled, 1,463,000 acres, average yield to the acre 30 bushels, total 47,967,000 bushels, value \$41,081,000.

Hay, 2,141,000 acres, yielding 4,145,000 tons or one-sixteenth of national crop; value \$61,775,000.

Oats, 1,154,000 acres with yield of 35,774,000 bushels valued at \$16,456,000.

Potatoes, 265,000 acres, yielding 23,320,000 bushels worth \$18,655,000.

Rye, 280,000 acres with yield of 4,900,000 bushels; worth \$3,626,000.

Tobacco, 38,500 acres, average yield per acre 1,200 pounds, or a total of 46,800,000 pounds; worth \$3,501,000.

Fount Calls Reports.

Dairy and Food Commissioner Jas. Fount has sent to seventy-nine cold storage warehouses blank reports calling upon the managers to make statements to him of all products in cold storage for the quarter ending January 6. This is the second quarterly report to be called for by the commissioner. The first report showed a large number of crates of eggs on which the limit expired in December and a large amount of butter on which the limit expires in January and February. There is considerable interest being shown in the coming reports because they will show the extent to which things are held in storage. Over 700 applications for oleomargarine licenses for 1914 have been filed with the dairy and food commissioner and it is expected that over 1,000 will be issued during the first week in January.

Anthracite Tax Blanks Issued.

The first blanks for reporting coal production at anthracite mines to the State for purposes of the anthracite coal tax were sent out from the Auditor-General's department and the statement was made that because operators did not receive blanks it did not absolve them from payment of the tax. The blanks will call for a statement of production during 1913 and the value with a special statement as to the amount used in operation of mines. These reports are to be filed in January when the tax will be computed. Officials of the department have made up a list of coal operators from State records and from information obtained through county officials.

Mothers' Pensions Paid.

The first payment of money under the appropriation for mothers' pensions has been made to the Allegheny county board and the test of the law will probably follow it. The money paid is \$500 for general administrative purposes and it is understood here that injunction proceedings will be started so that the opinion of the Supreme Court may be obtained.

Thorny Place Offered.

Mayor John C. Groome, head of the State police, who has been talked of for the thorny place of superintendent of the New York State police, is a familiar figure in this city. The major was captain of the First City Troop of Philadelphia, a cavalry organization known all over the world, and Major of the first squadron of cavalry. He has an office here, but spends most of his time going over the State and keeping in touch with his forces. What the major has created in this State is too well known to require mention.

FARMERS CROWD STATE COLLEGE

Institution Greets Large Number Eager to Learn the Latest

ATTESTS POPULAR APPEAL

Instruction Sought by Soil Tillers, Fruit and Stock Growers, Dairy-men and Housewives—600 Students Enrolled as Guests.

State College.—Double-length trains arriving here from North, East, South and West attested the popularity of "Farmers' Week" as the most ambitious effort in the annual program of State College's system of extensional education. At nightfall there were 600 student farmers enrolling as guests at the fraternity houses and private homes thrown open for their entertainment during the six days in which the Keystone Commonwealth hopes to impart through the medium of the State Experiment Station the concrete results of experimentation in the work of making the soil produce without lessening its original productivity. The prediction is that 800 and perhaps 1,000 tillers of the soil and raisers of cattle will take active part in the spreading of the "new agriculture." Mid-winter weather served up with a six-inch dressing of firm snow turned the State reserve into a picture of magazine cover gorgeousness. The pine grove about "Old Maine," where the official reception to the farmers took place, was clothed in Arctic glory, the boughs of the trees, recently wetted by heavy rains, bending low with lacy froscos that look not unlike the crowded fronts of giant white ferns.

There were 10 big hobsleds, fixed up in regulation straw-ride style, awaiting the visitors at the Lemont station, and the incoming host respired itself into a town sleigh-riding party.

At night, around the blazing logs of the fraternity houses, the practical students of soil culture were prophesying a week of unprecedented success for the men who have undertaken to guide them to a better era for the farmer. The seeker for the old-fashioned picture book "Hayseed" would find a quest among State College's guests during "Farmers' Week" unwarded. For the most part the men who have come to learn are men in every sense of the word. Instead of settling problems of the State and nation, as they are supposed to do in popular fiction, they compare among themselves the varied excellence of those papers devoted to their interests, and many of them are heard declaring simply that they are subscribers to not less than six daily, weekly and monthly publications.

Some of them boast that they have not missed the annual week of instruction since they first received an invitation to attend.

Wounds Fail to Win Love.

Connellsville.—Although they had fought for her favor until one was fatally wounded and the two others were seriously injured, pretty Bertha Tote, belle of Leisenring, spurned the love of Martin Kotozoh, John Patnody and Zig Paschar, while the men were taken to the hospital. Katzoch has a big hole through his neck and spine, and will die. Patnody stopped one of the bullets with his right arm and ribs, and Paschar has a gash running from his forehead to his chin. The fight occurred in the home of John Tote, the girl's father, both of whom were arrested as witnesses. When they were taken to jail the girl said: "They bungled; I cannot love either of the three 'old women.' Had one been a victor, ah! then I could have smiled on him; but now, bah!"

Auto Wreck Cripples Her.

Chester.—Miss Mildred Byer, of Media, was badly injured in an auto collision on Broad street. She and Charles Temple, of Swarthmore, occupied the machine, which was wrecked, the front wheels being demolished. Miss Byer was removed to the Chester Hospital. Her kneecap was split and she received other injuries. Temple escaped unhurt.

New Records Made in Pig Iron.

Pittsburgh.—Notwithstanding the drop in production of pig iron during sixty days, the year 1913 has established a new high record in pig iron produced by a wide margin. Total output for the year will be between 31,000,000 and 31,500,000 tons, as against the next best year's record, made in 1912, of 29,726,937 tons.

Mystery in Deadly Injuries.

Mahanoy City.—With his skull fractured and face burned, Daniel Van Horn, a pumpman, of Park place, was found at the door of the First Aid Hospital, Park place colliery, in a dying condition.

Misplaced Stickers Lose.

West Chester.—At the recent election in East Whiteland township, John Morris, candidate for supervisor on the Republican and Democratic tickets, received 56 votes, while Frank P. Reitenbaugh, Independent, received 79, and was returned as being elected. Morris contested the election of his opponent on the ground that 61 stickers for Reitenbaugh were used in places on the ballot not provided for in the laws. Court here sustained the contest and declared Morris entitled to the office.

SNAPSHOTS AT STATE NEWS

All Pennsylvania Gleaned for Items of Interest.

REPORTS ABOUT CROPS GOOD

Farmers Busy in Every Locality—Churches Raising Funds for Many Worthy Objects—Items of Business and Pleasure that Interest.

Mrs. Otto Huebner, of Allentown, sustained a broken collar-bone in a fall downstairs.

While Silas Anthony was attending church at Trachsville, a thief stole his horse and buggy.

A party of aliens at Palmerton murderously attacked Nichol Parski and left him lying in the gutter for dead.

Caught in the machinery at the Coplay cement plant, August Tykeda, an oiler, was whirled to death.

Perkasie School Board is having plans drawn for a \$40,000 addition to its schoolhouse.

The Commissioners of Chester County have appropriated \$1,000 to the Chester County Farm Bureau.

Struck by a Reading Railway train, Joshua Underwood, residing near Adamstown, was probably fatally injured.

Eight miles of stone pillars will be erected under Scranton in the hope of stopping cave-ins.

The Scranton schoolhouse, damaged to the extent of \$40,000 by a cave-in two years ago, is again similarly affected.

Slipping on ice near his home, Marcus A. Uhler, proprietor of a large truck farm near Easton, fell and fractured one of his legs.

The 8-year-old daughter of Charles Eddinger, of Berwick, pulled a kettle of water upon herself and was severely scalded.

Mrs. Henry Robinson died at Shammokin from burns received while igniting a pile of newspapers in front of her home.

The body of Z. A. Batt, of Benton, was found lying in the snow at his door, where he had been stricken immediately after he left home.

Trying new ice on Pond near Sunbury, George Moyer, seven years old, fell in, but his sister, Mary, aged 18, rescued him.

Hazleton Council proposes to stop the foolish habit of automobilists and garage-owners emptying gasoline into the sewers.

Although several weatherly industries have been working irregularly, the Iron and Steel Company, the town's newest industry, is working full time.

John Earle Beatty, of Easton, who stole half a carload of goods from the New Jersey Central freight station in that city, was sent to jail for two and a half years.

Austin Reinbold, of Hellertown, began suit at Easton against the Dieder-March Coke Company for \$20,000 damages for the loss of a hand while coupling cars in the company's yards.

An interesting ceremony in the South Bethlehem Moravian Church was the cremation of a \$300 mortgage on the new \$25,000 church, most of the debt on which has now been paid.

Elwood Davis, who, with a rifle, bombarded the house where his wife was staying after their separation, was paroled from the Allentown jail by Judge Trexler.

William Green, colored, aged 18 years, of the Welsh Mountain district, near Honeybrook, has been sent to the Huntingdon Reformatory for stealing a horse belonging to Mark Burkholder, of Gap.

District Attorney Boyer, of Doylestown, says the Bucks County authorities will proceed with the prosecution of Joseph Flewka for the murder of Captain Loughlin, the crime having been committed on Bucks County soil.

When firemen and others were unable to lead Charles Rhoades' horses from the burning ivery stable at Doylestown, Miss Edith Rhoades, a 17-year-old girl brought the horses one by one to the door until the eight animals were saved.

The movement is far advanced to consolidate the post office of Siegfried and Northampton.

Thrown from his motorcycle when a wheel came off, James West, a Pottstown electrician, suffered a broken leg.

Mrs. Mary D. Sternbergh, widow of James Hervey Sternbergh, has filed her election under the will of her late husband, whose estate is valued at \$2,283,366.49 in personal property and \$207,500 in real estate.

MORGAN BOWS TO PUBLIC SENTIMENT

Withdraws From More Than a Score of Great Corporations.

G. F. BAKER TO FOLLOW SUIT

Though Members of Morgan Firm Resign From Twenty-Seven Corporations, They Are Still in Directorates of Many Concerns.

New York.—The withdrawal of J. P. Morgan & Co. from more than a score of great corporations and the statement shortly afterward by George F. Baker, an almost equally dominant figure in American finance, that he soon would take similar action, gave Wall street generally a thrill which almost brought trading on the stock exchange to a halt.

While it is probably true that many of the prominent bankers had information foreshadowing this momentous move toward ending interlocking directorates, the public and brokers had no advance knowledge of what was taking place in the inner councils of the greatest of all American houses of finance. Wherever telephone and ticker flashed the news about the street groups of men gathered to discuss what was the all-absorbing topic.

Mr. Morgan, departing from his firm's traditional policy of silence, made a public statement announcing the withdrawal of five members of J. P. Morgan & Co. from directorships in 27 corporations and the intention to withdraw from more.

Change in Sentiment Cause.

Mr. Morgan's statement follows: "The necessity of attending many board meetings has been so serious a burden upon our time that we have long wished to withdraw from the directorates of many corporations. Most of these directorships we have accepted with reluctance, and only because we felt constrained to keep in touch with properties which we had reorganized, or whose securities we had recommended to the public, both here and abroad.

"An apparent change in public sentiment in regard to directorships seems now to warrant us in seeking to resign from some of these connections. Indeed, it may be, in view of the change in sentiment upon the subject, that we shall be in a better position to serve such properties and their security holders, if we are not directors. We have already resigned from the companies mentioned, and we expect from time to time to withdraw from other boards upon which we feel there is no special obligation to remain."

NO WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION.

Secretary Of State Bryan's Breakfast To The Diplomatic Corps.

Washington.—New Year's Day in the capital passed over without a White House reception for the first time in more than a century—for the first time since the day of President Monroe. In the absence of President Wilson, taking a holiday vacation in the South, a breakfast to the diplomatic corps by Secretary and Mrs. Bryan was the principal social function of the day. More than 300 guests gathered with the Secretary of State at his home. Practically all the ambassadors, ministers and members of the embassy and legation staffs, with the women of their families, were present. There were a few exceptions, among them the Turkish Ambassador, who is in mourning. The French Ambassador, Jules Jusserand, has become the dean of the corps during the last year, since the departure of the former ambassador from Great Britain, James Bryce. The Central and South American countries were brilliantly represented.

TWO BLOWN TO PIECES.

Dynamite Explodes While Men Are Thawing It.

Downingtown, Pa.—William Kennedy, a contractor of this place, and Thomas Allison, of Coatesville, were blown to pieces near here by the explosion of dynamite which they were thawing out for use in road repair work. Several workmen who were nearby were not injured.

THE MARRIED WOMEN WIN.

Toronto Gives Them the Same Franchise Rights As Others.

Toronto, Canada.—Married women are to be given the same franchise rights as widows and unmarried women owning property here, as a result of a popular vote. The proposition granting equal rights was carried by a vote of nearly 3 to 1.

MASTODON'S BONES UNEARTHED.

Remains Of Prehistoric Animal Found Near Roanoke.

Salem, Va.—S. D. Tallafiero, of Salem, superintendent of a crusher plant at Blue Ridge Springs, has unearthed the remains of a giant mastodon. The bones were found 20 feet under the surface. Mr. Tallafiero estimates that the mastodon was 30 feet long. Most of the bones were well preserved, and among them was a jawbone more than four feet in length.

CONFER ON SUGAR TRUST.

McReynolds and Marshall Discuss Federal Suit.

New York.—Attorney General McReynolds held a conference here with United States District Attorney H. Snowden Marshall to discuss, among other things, the disposition of the government's anti-trust suit against the American Sugar Refining Company, which, it is rumored, is seeking terms for a voluntary dissolution. Mr. McReynolds declined to discuss the outcome of the conference.

BACK FROM THE POULTRY SHOW

LOOK AT THE AIRS SHE'S PUTTING ON, WILL YOU?

WELL, WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT!



NEAR SURRENDER TO UNITED STATES

Federal Army Driven to the Border by the Rebels.

LOSSES ESTIMATED AT 1,000

Federals Make Desperate Sortie, But Are Beaten Back—Hundreds Of Wounded Ford River.

Presidio, Texas.—The northern division of the Mexican Federal army at Ojinaga, Mexico, with its 11 generals, other officers and about 4,000 soldiers, after a merciless three days' attack by General Ortega's 6,000 rebels, are on the verge of fleeing in disorder across the river into the United States.

The ending of the Ojinaga battle, which was attended by the most horri-fying scenes of dead and wounded soldiers witnessed on the border in the present Mexican revolution, was said to have in store only one possible result—the momentarily expected flight of the whole Federal Army to American soil.

With a line of struggling wounded at the border to indicate the extent of the carnage and deserts already appearing in numbers, Major M. N. McNamee, commanding the border patrol, made every plan in anticipation of the flight.

Less Than 500 Americans.

Less than 500 men, mostly from the Fifteenth Cavalry, form the border patrol here. To this small body of American soldiers would fall the task of surrounding and disarming perhaps 4,000 foreign soldiers, or 3,000 of them if 1,000 have been disabled or killed. The ability of the American soldiers to handle the refugees was based on the assumption that the rebels would pursue the Federals merely to the river.

An estimate of the wounded on both sides was 1,000. Most of the wounded were left on the battlefield. The less disabled succeeded in reaching the river and were cared for by the Red Cross on this side.

Scores of uninjured Federal deserters came to the river and, in defiance of the American patrol, crossed with their arms. All these were disarmed and forced back to the Mexican side.

More than 200 rifles, other arms and ammunition were then taken from the fugitives.

No Doctors; Wounded Die.

Many of the wounded are believed to have died through lack of medical attention, as neither Federals nor rebels are equipped with any field hospital service and the Red Cross officials on this side were not permitted to ford the river, even under a Red Cross flag. Those who ventured to help the wounded from the river risked the danger of being shot. A few shots fired by the rebels fell close to or on the American side, north of Presidio, but no one on this side was injured. It was necessary, however, for Major McNamee to send General Ortega a warning that any further firing across the river might entail grave consequences.

POLICE WOMEN NOT SUCCESS.

This At Least Is Opinion Of Portsmouth (N. H.) Board.

Portsmouth, N. H.—The conclusion that a woman is not a success as a police officer was announced by the Police Commission when the name of Mrs. Vera V. Bash was removed from the roll of special officers.

MURDERER KILLS HIMSELF.

Letter On Body Found At Flushing Tells Of Crimes.

New York.—The body of John Monahan was found in the woods at Flushing, L. I., and with it a letter in which Monahan described how he had killed his wife. Mrs. Monahan's body was found with a crushed skull on December 27 in the cellar of their home in Brooklyn. Monahan had cut his throat and by his side lay two bottles of poison.

WOMAN TO CLOSE SALOONS.

Governor West Sends Private Secretary To Stop Gambling Also.

Portland, Ore.—Governor West has ordered his private secretary, Miss Fern Hobbs, to proceed at once to Copperfield, a mining town, and close the saloons and gambling houses running there in violation of the law. The Governor said he had called on the Sheriff and District Attorney to close the places, but that "all they did was talk."

TAGGART SWEEPS INDIANA.

Every District Committee Chairman With "Tom."

Indianapolis.—Thomas Taggart, Democratic National Committeeman from Indiana, and his supporters won a sweeping victory in the district conventions throughout the State when every man elected to a chairmanship was a Taggart sympathizer. The Democratic State Committee will meet here to reorganize on January 3, and it is said that Bernard Korby, the present chairman, will be re-elected.

SEVERE STORMS RAVAGE EUROPE

Bitterest Year-end in a Decade Experienced.

MANY VILLAGES ARE CUT OFF

Terrific Sea Running In Mediterranean, Mount Vesuvius Covered With a Mantle Of White—Flooding Of Seine Feared.

Paris.—France and a greater part of Europe experienced the bitterest year-end in a decade. Blizzards and floods have done great damage inland and gales of exceptional violence have ravaged the coasts.

In Spain and Portugal the intense cold has caused numerous deaths. In the South of France the temperature has registered some degrees below zero, Fahrenheit. Mount Vesuvius, in Italy, is covered with a mantle of white.

Germany is now in the grip of storms, and in many places, including Berlin, there have been heavy falls of snow.

In France and Southwest Europe the railroads are cut in many places, and this section is practically isolated, so far as telegraphic communication is concerned.

Conditions are at their worst in southern and central France, which usually are favored by mild winters. Scores of villages, which ordinarily never see snow, are cut off. The suffering of the poor is intense and deaths from exposure are common.

Paris and outlying districts have been partly snowbound, and as a result of temporary thaws the tributaries of the Seine are overflowing. The Paris steamboat service, as a consequence has been suspended and although the authorities do not anticipate a flood of disastrous proportions they are taking all precautions as the Weather Bureau foresees no immediate improvement in conditions.

A cyclone struck Le Creusot, in Saone-et-Loire, doing great damage and overthrowing all the monuments in the cemetery. In the mountainous region of Morvan many houses were unroofed.

All the hills around Toulon, in the department of Var, are covered with snow for the first time in many years. Intense cold prevails. A terrific sea is running in the Mediterranean, threatening all craft that have not reached port.

Perrigues, capital of the department of Pyrenees-Orientales, reports a terrific snowstorm throughout the department, with the thermometer in many places six below zero.

NEW YORK LEADS LONDON.

Its Population a Million More Than the English City.

New York.—New York city leads London in population by 1,000,000, according to figures made public by Dr. W. H. Guilfoyle, statistician of the Board of Health. He fixes New York's population at 5,376,966, a total based on the city's presumptive growth since the last count was made. This comparison, however, does not include as part of London that city's large suburban area. While New York is gaining rapidly in population, the city and county of London are retreating.

EX-BALL PLAYER MAYOR.

Dr. Albert Daly a Graduate Of Baltimore Medical College.

New York.—Dr. Albert Daly, once a member of Connie Mack's athletics, was installed as Mayor of Bayonne. Dr. Daly is a graduate of the Baltimore Medical College and the Eastern League. He played with the Newark team in 1902. In Philadelphia he played second base for part of one season. He bought a half interest in the Hartford Club of the Connecticut League the next year and acted as manager. After quitting the diamond Dr. Daly took up politics.

HAS NEW FOOD TEST.

Dr. Stiles Announces Discovery To American Scientists.

Atlanta, Ga.—Discovery of a test whereby it is possible to ascertain whether or not a person has eaten contaminated food was announced by Dr. Charles W. Stiles, United States Public Health Service, in an address before the Zoology section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Dr. Stiles said that he considered this discovery of more importance than that which revealed the hookworm as "the germ of laziness."

CAPTURE THE MACKAY TROPHY.

Aviators Fly 58 Miles in 46 Minutes, Locating "Enemy."

San Diego, Cal.—Flying 58 miles in 46 minutes and locating an "invading" body of troops and their equipment in the war game here, Lieut. Joseph Carberry, pilot, and Lieut. F. Seidel, of the First Aero Corps of the United States Army, captured the Mackay trophy. They were in competition with Lieutenants Tolliver and Mueller, operating a second biplane.

WOMAN IS CITY'S POOR MASTER.

Miss Anita Grish Assumes Duties At Jersey City.

Jersey City, N. J.—Miss Anita Grish assumed her duties here as superintendent of the poor, to which she was appointed by Mayor Mark M. Fagan despite the opposition of his fellow-members of the City Commission. She is the first woman to be appointed head of city's poormaster's office. Miss Grish is now an assistant probation officer of Hudson county.