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STATE NEWS

Upwards of a quarter of a million dollars is being paid out by Altoona banks to depositors in Christmas and thrift clubs.

Mrs. Effie Rider, of Newberry, was badly injured in an auto accident when two cars collided at Cly, York County.

The No. 24 slope of the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, which was drowned out by the recent heavy rains, resumed operations.

C. B. Angstadt, Ephrata, was elected president of Lancaster District Lutheran League at its twenty-seventh annual session at New Holland.

Taken ill in the mines of the H. C. Fricke Coke Company at Bridgeport, Fayette County, Louis Dominis, 34, dropped dead as he entered his home.

J. Albert Esh, a farmer of Armagh Township, Mifflin County, has been drawn as a grand juror and his wife, Bertha M. Esh, has been drawn as a petit juror to serve at the January term of Court.

Thieves last night broke into the Dillinger distillery at Ruffsdale and escaped with two barrels of whiskey. Entrance was gained by forcing a window. The loot was hauled away in a truck.

It seems that some men never become too old to work, and such a thought is retiring never apparent by enters their minds. Benjamin Hoffman, of Conay Township, Lancaster County, is one of those, being a worthy associate of Barr Spangler, the 99-year-old president of the Mari-

etta National Bank. Mr. Hoffman was 94 years old last week and he spent his birthday about his farm doing "the odds and ends," as he put it. He attributes his longevity to having plenty of work to do, plenty of sleep, fresh air, and abstention from intoxicating liquors. He hopes to live to reach the century mark. Messrs. Hoffman and Spangler have been lifetime friends.

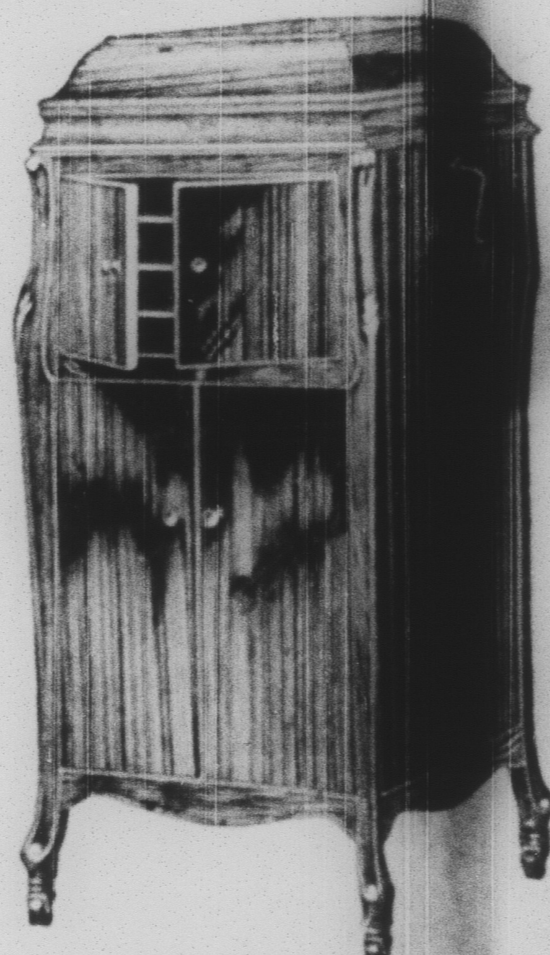
The State Department of Agriculture is planning to send its county treasurers throughout the State thousands of leaflets and various papers connected with dog licensing within a few days. The State will assume charge of the dog license in January. The license fee will be \$1.10, and all revenue above costs of licensing will go to the State and be administered for payment of claims for damage done to livestock by dogs and for the State general fund.

The plant of the Ridge Coal & Coke Company at West Ferry has closed indefinitely, throwing about 200 men out of employment. Orders for an indefinite shutdown were received Friday by the Clamart Manufacturing Company, and the work of stockholders was commenced at once.

Charitable organizations, societies and clubs of the Schuylkill Valley have combined to appeal Christmas cheer among the poor and needy of the Schuylkill district. They will operate under the name of Christmas Cheer Organization. Plans are being formulated for a big community Christmas tree, a free minstrel show and band and vocal music. Hundreds of baskets containing food, toys, candy and other articles will be distributed, and coal will be sent to many families. The first donation came from the Sharen Lodge of Elks, which has pledged 200 baskets of food.

Dr. William C. Sandy, who has been connected with research work in New York and North Carolina, last Thursday assumed his duties at Harrisburg as director of the bureau of mental health in the new department of public welfare. He will shortly visit the state hospitals.

A basis for uniformity in expense items for Pennsylvania State Governmental service was established at Harrisburg last Thursday by Auditor General Lewis at a conference with auditing and accounting officers of 22 departments and commissions. Hoffman said after the meeting the foundation for a better system had been well laid.



A Victrola and a selection of records will make an ideal CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Tozer Jewelry Co. 'The Store with the Red Street Clock' Pa. Patton,

The Mifflin County Medical Society reported \$91,431.92. This includes payments of all kinds, construction from proceeds of road bonds and other disbursements from specified funds. The payments in the previous fiscal year aggregated \$74,960,112.28. The receipts from all sources in the fiscal year ending November 30 aggregated \$77,871,300.00.

The total of the balances in the various funds of the State Treasury at the end of the fiscal year was \$8,172,617.19 of which \$4,117,906.75 was reported to the general fund from which the State pays running expenses, school and charitable appropriations.

Among the balances reported were: Gasoline tax fund, none of which has been distributed to counties, \$359,461.82; fire insurance tax fund, \$790,394.24; working fund, \$658,320.26; proceeds road bonds, \$906,843.64; game, propagation and protection, \$105,228.82; vocational education, \$28,014.91.

MOTOR CAR OWNERS SLOW

Less Than 100,000 File Applications for 1922 License Tags. HARRISBURG—Less than 100,000 owners of motor vehicles of all kinds in Pennsylvania have filed applications for 1922 licenses. This is hardly an eighth of the total number of persons which it is estimated will have to file, covering passenger cars, trucks, motorcycles and other types. Many of the applications on file are for trucks or light commercial vehicles, although thus far preference has been given to applications for licensing of passenger cars, more than 40,000 of which have been "tagged" in the past few days. License plates for 1922. The automobile division has been making tags for a month, and the number of applications has been disappointing.

CRESSON GIRL BADLY BURNED

Josephine, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hill, of Cresson, is recovering slowly from the burns which she received Saturday morning at her home in town. The child, who is 11 years of age, was toasting bread at a stove when she was overcome by the fumes and fainted, falling on the stove with her hands, arms and feet on the flames. Her mother was nearby and rescued the child. While all of the burns are painful only those on her arms are of a serious character.

FIVE NEW STATE POLICE

HARRISBURG—Five new recruits, all veterans of the World War, were Saturday appointed to the State Police force and assigned to troops at Greencastle, Pottsville and Lancaster.

MODERN DAY MIRACLES

Goethe, the Great German Poet, Visits Saarbrücken Forest and Discovers the Philosopher of Coal

(Told in Eight Sketches) By JOHN RAYMOND

No. III THE PHILOSOPHER OF COAL

In 1771, there lived in the forest near Saarbrücken, in Germany, a chemist named Stauff. He was an eccentric old man who had an idea, far ahead of his times, that many things besides coke could be obtained in the combustion of bituminous coal.



Stauff had constructed a number of ovens over a burning mine and treated coal so that he obtained oil, pitch, coke and soot. That was quite a forward step and although he lived in the depths of a forest the great minds of Europe heard of his work. In fact, Goethe, himself made a pilgrimage to the ovens of the far-seeing chemist and in his autobiography wrote a striking comment on his visit to the Saarbrücken forest.

"Ready and glad to pour his complaints into a human ear, the lean, decrepit, little man, with a shoe on one foot and a slipper on the other, and with stockings hanging down and repeatedly pulled up in vain, dragged himself up the mountain to where the pitch house stood which he had built himself and saw many grief-stricken and falling into faints. Here was found a connected row of ovens in which coal made fit for use in the iron works; the waste of the ovens was used to recover the oil and pitch, and inverted into stoves of different kinds, so that all failed together on account of the many ends in view."

without dreaming of the immense value of the waste product, coal tar. In the Middle Ages it was a nuisance, and used for the arts and for domestic purposes. The earliest record of coke was in a regular oven was in 1560, when a patent was granted in England to Sir William St. John for making coke in a low brick oven. Later ovens were grounded in England, Scotland and Germany and finally in 1817, we had Isaac Maason making coke in the ground in Pennsylvania.

That was the origin of one of America's key industries, for from those one lone ovens, wasteful as they were, grew the great modern plants which produced the world's supply of coke. The manufacture of other commodities, such as gas, tar, naphtha, and many other products, began to be developed at the same time they worked out of the waste of the ovens.

You will remember that it was an English boy who discovered the possibility of manufacturing dyes from coal. Goethe, who dubbed the chemist of Saarbrücken "Kohlenphilosoph" or the Philosopher of Coal, wrote his book in 1774. It was twenty years before the United States began to use dyes. American plants began to sell us dyes to color our stamps and currency but England had found herself in a far more serious situation. She had no dyes for her uniforms or flags, and no drugs for her wounded. She could not sell to the former German markets because she could not color her textiles. She could not send sufficient high explosives to the front because she lacked the essential coal tar crude. But England will not be caught napping again. She has placed an embargo on foreign dyes and is working more than with all her strength to develop her own chemical industry.

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Home of Old Saint Nick

AARONSON'S PRE-HOLIDAY SALE!

In this sale we are presenting an endless variety of useful merchandise at cut prices. You can't go wrong in deciding to give our merchandise, and you can't do better, than to take advantage of the wonderful opportunities we are offering for money saving during this before Christmas Sale.

Our Clothing, Suits and Furnishings are moderately priced, but for this event, ALL of our prices have been greatly lowered, so that you can buy the Best Merchandise at great savings. This sale is for only a limited time, so we urge you to act promptly and share in the savings.

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