NEW YORK NEWS ITEMS IN BRIEF

Paragraphs of Interest to Readers of Empire State

Interesting News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points in the State and So Reduced in Size That It Will Appeal to All Classes of Readers.

Dog poisoners are at work in Corning.

Dansville is having a real estate boom.

Lockport ministers ask that a ban be placed on Sunday funerals.

North Tonawanda will spend $100,000 on sewer construction this year.

City planners of Buffalo are opposed to the Fort Porter park extension project.

Buffalo's joint charities fund drive reached a total of $612,000, an oversubscription of $4,438.

Dansville merchants will co-operate with automobile dealers and hold an automobile show next month.

Buffalo police have started a drive against parking cars on the city streets without lights after dark.

Chancellor Flint of Syracuse university has forbidden smoking on the campus or in any of the buildings.

Vandals broke in the gate and destroyed property in the Orthodox Jewish cemetery at Niagara Falls.

Cornell university experts recommend allowing fowl to run loose in the asparagus beds to control the asparagus beetle.

Buffalo's taxicab service is to be increased and there is a prospect that the fares may be lowered as the result of competition.

For the sixth successive month the cost of living in Rochester has shown a decrease, according to the chamber of commerce survey.

Niagara county farmers are to receive a special hay and harvesting weather forecast, according to Leo A. Muckel, farm bureau manager.

Geneva's community chest campaign just closed fell $3,000 short of the $33,917 mark set. An effort will be made to make up the deficiency.

Wild dogs in packs are reported to be roving the Adirondacks, dangerous to unarmed humans and killing many deer. They are being hunted by game protectors.

Five prominent young men of Hornell were arrested while engaged in a crap game. There were 50 spectators who made their escape when the police appeared.

Sanitary conditions are not good in Conesus lake, where the water is taken for Geneseo and Avon, according to W. H. Clark, superintendent of the Avon waterworks.

A number of Genevans witnessed a waterspout in Seneca lake. A similar phenomenon was reported about 15 years ago during a violent storm that passed over the city.

Some 579 employes of the Harrison Radiator corporation of Lockport petitioned the common council to grant daylight saving time in that city during June, July and August.

While cleaning out a ditch at Pearl and Third streets at Corning, Wm. Crozier, an employe of the board of public works, found seven sticks of dynamite under a crosswalk.

Salamanca is to raise $8,000 by tax for the purchase of two portable school buildings to relieve congestion, as the result of special election. Eighty votes were cast, 63 for and 17 against.

Hereafter those who patronize Dunkirk soft drink saloons will have to do their drinking open to public view. The police chief has ordered all local drink emporiums to remove their screens.

Christina May Dunlay, Ithaca, 15 years old, missin since May 8, has been found in Binghamton dressed in boy's clothing, her hair tightly cropped. She was working as a dish washer in a restaurant.

For the first time in several years the supply of farm labor is greater than the demand, according to Chas J. Dollen of Rochester, superintendent of the Rochester office of the state employment bureau.

Perry's chamber of commerce refuses to take any action in the village band matter. An appropriation for the band amounting to $1,000 was secured for 12 concerts. Now the band wants an additional $1,000.

Operations started several days ago on the deep well of the Elko Oil & Gas company which is seeking a gas vein down several thousand feet at Randolph. At the depth of 4,700 feet the drillers lost the tools.

Members of the Disabled American Veterans' organization in Buffalo will join with those in the rest of the state in a demand that they be permitted to receive bonus assignments for hospitalization of their members as well as the American Legion may for the support of the Veterans' Mountain camp at Tupper lake.

Secretary of State J. A. Hamilton is making preparations for the 1925 state census, which probably will be taken during the month of June. Estimates of the cost of the census run as high as $1,000,000. It also is expected that the census will show New York state's population to be between 11,000,000 and 12,000,000.

Jamestown police have unearthed what they believe is a heavy traffic in narcotics. Their discovery came about by the arrest of two young women on the charge of shoplifting. They pleaded guilty and were fined $50 each.

Mt Morris Retail Merchants' association, through its president, W. J. Snyder, has offered a prize of $25 to the person who furnishes the best slogan for Mt. Morris. All entries are to be made with Mr. Snyder by the evening of June 2.

William Becker of Hartland was arrested by Game Protector Bruce Knight on a charge of having in his possession an American bald eagle. He is accused of violating the state conservation law. It is claimed the young man shot the bird.

The first state conference on regional and city planning will be held in Buffalo on June 9 and 10 at the Buffalo Athletic club. The conference is called by the New York state commission on housing and regional planning of New York.

In accordance with the plan announced recently the Hornell Traction company ceased operation of cars on the North Hornell line and as soon as permission can be obtained from the public service commission the tracks will be torn up.

Farmers living in the southern part of the town of Wheatville have arranged to organize a fire company for the protection of the farm property of that district. A firehouse will be erected on the Falls boulevard and a chemical truck will be purchased.

Acting Sheriff J. M. Sharpe of Geneva has reappointed many of the deputies and other officers connected with the sheriff's staff, including Mrs. Lovisa C. Clohecy, wife of former sheriff Clohecy, as matron of the jail, rather than appoint an inexperienced woman.

Efforts to organize the potato and cabbage growers of the state in a co-operative marketing association have been suspended, is the report from Lockport. This means that the 1924 crops of these commodities will not be marketed co-operatively, as had been hoped.

Gas and electric service rates will be reduced in Auburn, Geneva, Seneca Falls, Waterloo and other municipalities served by the Empire Gas & Electric comapny and the gas rate will be increased in Canandaigua under decisions made by the public service commission.

Fire, believed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion, resulted in $16,000 damage to the high school of Trumansburg. One company of the Ithaca fire department made the 12-mile run in record time in response to a call for additional help, and assisted materially in preventing further damage.

The state fair commission announces a total of 211 entries in the eight early closing events which are to be featured on its grand circuit trotting and pacing program in September. A new event, a $10,000 race for 2.08 pacers, drew the largest number of entries, 43. The 20th annual stake for 2.08 trotters had 28 nominations.

Steel's Consolidated, Inc., will start to function as a going chain store concern with the confirmation of the sale of assets of the L. B. Steel company, Inc., and the Steel Realty Development company on May 27. Notices of sale setting forth the terms were sent to creditors of the two bankrupt companies, Walter M. Wilkins, who is largely responsible for the reorganization and rehabilitation, announced.

War on the crew as a destroyer of the eggs and young of game and useful birds, young rabbits, poultry and crops will be carried on by members of Livingston County Rod and Gun clubs, supported by farmers of that vicinity, during the next few weeks. Local gunners who are familiar with the crows' habit state that he is the worst enemy that pheasants and other useful birds have, and that he is responsible for more damage than and other birds in wild life.

J. Kent Wright, justice of the peace of Baldwinsville, is under arrest, facing trial on a charge of being intoxicated while driving an automobile. He was arrested at Cicero by state troopers. His companion, Mrs. Frances Weigel, proprietress of a club house near Syracuse, was also held on a charge of intoxication. Wright, the troopers charge, was trying to drive his car on three wheels after the fourth had been wrecked in a collision with another car.

The sheep breeders of Livingston county placed 28,350 pounds of wool in the early pool, which was shipped to the State Sheep Breeders' association and stored in the G. L. F. warehouse at Syracuse. The pool, which is being assembled from all the wool producing counties of the state, will be graded by the farmers' own employes. New York state wool handled in this way has such a good reputation for grade that the large mills buy from the sample f. o. b. Syracuse, at a premium.

Ithaca claims the disinction of being the first municipality in New [illegible] state to inaugurate the Clean Up Week movement. In 1907 Jared T. Newman, then mayor of Ithaca, sponsored the first clean-up week in co-operation with the Ithaca business men's association. Mayor Newman took personal charge of the varied collection of rubbish and stood a large part of the expense of its disposal. Later the state department of health adopted the idea and the state-wide clean-up week just past became an annual event.

A MAY DAY

"Dear me, dear me, what compliments I have been receiving.

"People say that spring is really here, and that early summer even seems to be on the way.

"And they say these things with expressions which are so happy.

"They are so pleased with May. They are so pleased with the way the days act in May. But we days simply must act in this spring-like fashion.

"Yes," the May day continued, "we feel so young. Of course none of us days are what you'd really and truly call young but we feel young and we enter right into the spirit of things.

"The seasons have so much effect upon us. We feel cold in the winter though we like the winter and find it healthful and bracing. Some of us like it where it is warmer even in the winter, and so you will find some members of the Day family in sunny, summery climates all the time.

"But when spring comes we all dress in our best and newest and we say to ourselves:

"'Spring is here. Let's look our prettiest.'

"And so we do.

"The children come out and have May Day parades and parties in the

They Dress Up So Gaily.

parks and in the country. They dress up so gaily too, and they have most wonderful costumes and most beautiful decorations and banners.

"A May Day party is so gay a thing that a May day feels happy to think it is thus honored.

"Oh yes, a May day is really very lucky. A great deal of the joy would go if we didn't have this month in which we do so many things we cannot do at any other time of the year.

"We can play and frisk and frolic and dress up and blossom and bloom and no one calls us vain.

"No every one approves of us. And the sun shines down upon us so brightly and says:

"'Ah, what a lovely May day. I must admit to the brightness of this occasion.'

"When it gets warmer we feel a bit lazy and we don't care to dress quite so gaily. We have settled ourselves down and we wear our same costumes day after day—our everyday clothes.

"Yet, they are pretty, too. But they just haven't that wonderful freshness about them that they have when we wear them in May. They get darker and their very, very new look goes.

"Mistress Springtime is here for every one of the May days and that in itself is a compliment and an honor.

"And we want to show her we appreciate it so we look our best for her.

"We don't want her to be ashamed of us and find us looking untidy when she looks so lovely.

"The Breeze Brothers feel her gentle, sweet, attractive ways and they sing soft tunes and play in so friendly a fashion.

"The Frogs sing—if singing you can call it—and the birds all sing too.

"The flowers peep above the ground, and more and more of them keep coming out.

"Yes, it looks as though the whole world dressed up for May.

"And every May it seems as though the costumes looked even fresher and lovelier and gayer than the year before.

"It always seems just that way.

"Oh yes, a May day is very lucky. We'd be sad indeed if we couldn't be around this May. We are so happy that there is a month of May.

"We feel just like May day parties ourselves. Maybe that is why we are so gay. Ah yes, maybe that is our secret—that we, too, are having May day parties in honor of the wonderful month of May and of Mistress Springtime."

Just a Boy

"Pa," said Mrs. Methuselah to the oldest of the race, "I wish you'd speak to Abimelech. He's been pulling Biddad's hair again."

"Lemme see," quoth the patriarch, [illegible] "

"He's 247 next birthday."

"Well, you must make allowances for the boy, ma. He's young yit."

His Legs Were Warping

Young Boy (to bow-legged man who has just come in out of the rain and is standing near the stove)—Say, mister, you had better move.

Man—Why?

Young Boy—Because your legs are warping.

MUSHERS' OF NORTH IN CONSTANT PERIL

Face Death Hourly From Intense Alaska Cold.

Nenana, Alaska.—The "musher" in the arctic circle, where winter prevails about eight months out of the year, must never relax his vigilance if he would survive the perils peculiar to the region.

To the explorer, prospector, scientist, trapper or hauler of mail and supplies who must go north of the Yukon river basin, one of the greatest winter hazards is the lack of timber for firewood. In some localities the only timber is aspen, commonly called poplar, scrub spruce and stunted brush.

When a man faces 50 degrees below zero in sleeping bag and canvas tent, he requires a big log fire and abundant fuel to keep it going. When the Arctic blizzard sweeps down, man and beast are compelled to seek shelter.

In the bitterest cold few lungs can withstand the "scorching" atmosphere that appears to sear them like a flame while the blood is turning to ice. "Frozen" lungs are not uncommon, but there are certain precautions that minimize the danger.

Equipment for Journey.

The equipment includes three pairs of heavy woolen socks on each foot; underwear and shirt of wool, but of medium weight; mittens augmented by buckskin slipovers and a drill parka, its hood faced with wolverine fur, which does not gather frost and freeze where the breath strikes it. The muskrat or beaver cap has flaps to pull down over the ears and under the chin. The shoes frequently are moose hock mukluks.

At no time must any portion of the flesh save the eyes be exposed to the frost, and even the eyes must be protected when facing a blizzard. Travelers usually augment this night equipment with a complete suit of reindeer furs.

Submission to the cold of the Arctic has a different effect than might be imagined. Instead of a shivering and a gradual agonizing process of freezing, the frost overcomes one suddenly and almost painlessly.

There is a numbness in the more exposed portions, like the feet, legs and hands. Later the jaw becomes stiff, nearly immobile. A minute's exposure of a partly cold hand to low temperatures causes the fingers to become stiff and without feeling. It is as if they had gone to sleep. The man in danger of death from freezing is overtaken by a rather pleasant lethargy.

A danger is found in becoming overheated and then tarrying to cool off. Even when the temperature is 50 below one's body perspires if all orifices of the clothing are closed. If there are any holes in the equipment, the cold penetrates like the flame from a blowpipe, boring in rather than spreading.

How Death Steals on Them.

One may have a spot the size of a dime frozen on a finger where there is a hole in glove or mitten, and the rest of the hand then becomes numb. In stopping for rest, the uninitiated often tarry too long, and on arising wonder why the limbs refuse to function with their wonted suppleness. After several such halts, further progress becomes a struggle, and unless a fire is available immediately the chances of freezing are great.

Frozen hands or toes are treated in the time honored way of rubbing them with snow until the circulation is restored.

Horses used to carry outfits into the interior of Alaska are protected from lung freezing by a covering like a nose bag, through which the air is filtered of its biting frost before it is breathed. Nature further guards these horses by causing the hair on them to grow until by spring they resemble fur-bearing animals.

Mule's Appetite Brings Suit in Superior Court

Beaver, Pa.—The mule that made Beaver Falls famous has reached the Superior court.

Dates do not matter much, but two or three years ago a mule was given away in Beaver Falls. The gift, after a day or two proved unacceptable, and an attempt was made to return it. The mule promptly became homeless and some boys found it on the streets.

The police got it, naturally, and placed it in the livery barn of C. L. Householder. While insistent efforts were being made to find an owner, the mule ate up about $200 worth of feed, many times what it was worth.

Householder tried to collect finally from the borough, and the borough refrained, because of technicalities, from paying. He sued. The case coursed through the Beaver county courts and finally was put on the Superior court docket.

Canteen Is Recovered 62 Years After Battle

Corinth, Miss.—A Confederate veteran who was removed from the battlefield of Shiloh in 1862 by his comrades has recovered his canteen after 62 years, according to S. F. Swinehart of Blytheville, Ark., who was a member of Buell's army.

Two Civil war veterans, a Confederate and a Federalist, met on the battlefield recently. The Confederate veteran told his former foeman of having given his canteen to a soldier in blue, who also was wounded, on the first day of the Battle of Shiloh.

"Here is your canteen," said the other, unbuttoning his coat.

Lillian Gish

Popular Lillian Gish, the "movie" star, was born in Springfield, Ohio, and later moved to Massillon, Ohio, where she passed her childhood days with her sister, Dorothy. While still in her 'teens Lillian made her debut in a Belasco production. While on a visit to the studio of a leading woman star she met a prominent producer and was given her first opportunity to enter the motion picture field, and her rise to stardom quickly followed.

TOWN VANISHES IN FOUR SHORT YEARS

Streets Where Business Once Teemed Now Deserted.

Leeray, Tex.—Four years ago Leeray had 10,000 inhabitants, boasted of theaters, banks, hotels, dance halls, churches, schools and a chamber of commerce. Now it has only broken windows in the few deserted buildings left standing on silent streets.

The boom came in 1920 with the discovery of oil. Leeray was just open prairie then, but within six months there grew a city, pulsating with the colorful, vivid life that marks every oil town. Within a year salt water flowed into the wells and none of them turned out big producers. The inhabitants departed almost as suddenly as they came, many tearing down buildings and shipping the material and others hauling buildings overland to new locations.

Postmistress on Job.

But Leeray lived while it lived. It had its full share of exciting times, with more melodrama than routine. But all the actors have gone. All but one. Mrs. Ella Meeks, postmistress, is still here. Mrs. Meeks runs the post office and a little store, which serves the station agent and about 50 farmer folks near by, most of whom were there before Leeray flourished.

Leeray still possesses one feature of which no other town may boast. Raylee is the post-office name. It lies midway between Cisco and Breckenridge, in a bowl between two mountain ranges, and the townsite has an altitude of nearly 1,800 feet.

However, Mrs. Meeks is optimistic. She still boosts for Leeray. She pictures for it a rosy future.

"Just look at this beautiful townsite. Did you ever see a better?" she asks. "We have the mountains close by and an elevation of 1,800 feet. We have a railroad, good water and natural gas. This would make an ideal place for a hospital. It is a great cattle and poultry-producing country. Right now I am in on a scheme for getting settlers from Florida and R. Q. Lee of Cisco is planning to bring in poultry people from the North and establish the biggest poultry plant in the Southwest.

Can't Give Lots Away.

"Seven hundred acres already have been obtained for it, and we want 300 more. In the big days Leeray once had a chamber of commerce dinner that I attended, and they discussed big things for the city. Well, I haven't given up yet. The oil men said that the old residents were too penurious in charges for pipe lines and leases and for labor. They said that it was that killed the town.

"Business lots on Main street once sold for $2,000 and now you can't give them away, but that won't last. Talk about healthy climate. Why, we had only two natural deaths in four years and the physicians were the first to begin to leave."

Six wells at Leeray are still producing, but they are small affairs, yielding from six to ten barrels daily.

From the doorway of her little unpainted store where she resides and boosts, Mrs. Meeks looks out upon the Raylee hotel, which is untenanted, whose windows are broken and which now is silent. Debris marks the site of former buildings along the street.

Very Likely

"How did you get that cut on your head?"

"Musta bit myself."

"G'wan. You couldn't bite yourself up there."

"Musta stood on a chair."—Toronto Goblin.

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