

NEWSPAPER MAKES A SKULDUGGERY CHARGE

Steven Cannon Makes Reply to Statement That He Framed Up Wrestling Match

The Platte Valley Daily News, Scottsbluff's only daily paper, carried a story in its issue for last Friday which makes some rather sensational charges concerning the wrestling match between Steve Cannon of this city and Joe Stakes, which took place there last Wednesday evening. Cannon's arm was broken during the bout, and Alliance men who witnessed the affair have no hesitancy in saying that Stakes deliberately fouled him, violating the rules of the game by refusing to release his hold when the referee awarded the fall to him. Cannon was awarded the match because of this.

Steve Cannon told a Herald reporter Tuesday that there was absolutely nothing to the charges made by the Platte Valley Daily News. More than that, he can prove it. He declares that he made no admissions to them of any sort, but that he had, on the contrary requested the sporting editor of that newspaper, which had given the match a rather nasty write-up the day before the article in question appeared, to make inquiry of two Scottsbluff men as to the facts. The sporting editor said that he had no time to make investigations, and that he wasn't interested.

The real facts, according to Cannon, are these: A day or two prior to the match, Stakes approached him and asked for the loan of a hundred dollars, saying that he was in need of money and couldn't get hold of any until the receipts from the match came in. Cannon accommodated him, he says. Later, Cannon became suspicious that Stakes might not return the money promptly, and before the match called him into his dressing room. There, he says, Stakes made the proposition that they wrestle two hours to a draw. When Cannon refused, he threatened to keep the money that had been loaned him. Two Scottsbluff men, Rhodes and Carlson, members of the firemen's organization of that city, were present and persuaded Stakes to come back to earth. When the two men went on the mat, Stakes was still sore, and the breaking of Cannon's arm by a foul hold was an evidence of that fact.

Cannon is pretty indignant at the treatment accorded him by the Scottsbluff daily, which had only a smattering knowledge of the whole affair, and which made up its story from a mixture of rumors and suspicions, he says. Cannon has two Scottsbluff men who will substantiate his statements as to the facts, and he is hoping that an investigation will be made.

The article follows:

In reporting the wrestling match between Joe Stakes of this city and Steve Cannon of Alliance, which was held at the Orpheum theater Wednesday evening, the News procured the information and the description of the match from ones whom it considered the best authorities in the city. These men, of course, had no intimation that the bout was not on the "level."

Thursday, however, several additional bits of information have come to light, which gives the match an entirely different aspect.

The decision of Referee Taylor, of Chadron, was fair and right. In fact, according to the rules of the wrestling game, Mr. Taylor could give no other decision than the one made.

Cannon, at the News office today, admitted that one hundred dollars had been paid to Stakes, and for this consideration Stakes was to allow the bout to go one hour to a draw. Just before the match, however, Cannon alleges that Stakes held out for fifty dollars additional, which demand led to a heated argument in the dressing rooms. The argument was stopped, and Stakes was told to either go on the stage and wrestle or forfeit the match, and the money which had been paid him to "frame" the match was refunded. In consequence, both men apparently went on the mat in anger, and when the double wrist-lock and head scissors hold was secured by Stakes he violated the rules of the game by refusing to release his hold when slapped on the back by the referee, and thereby lost the match, as it was undoubtedly a "foul." As a result Cannon suffered a fracture of the arm.

ALLIANCE HIGH WINS FROM KIMBALL TEAM

The high school gym was the scene of a very fast basket ball game between the Kimball 1919 champs and the Alliance cagemen, last Friday evening. The game was bitterly contested from start to finish. Both teams were determined to down their opponents, but Alliance came out with the long end of the score 33 to 28.

Kimball started the scoring by a free throw. Lebrink, the Kimball pivot, tossed one through the hoop. Then Edwards slipped the oval through the net a couple of times giving Alliance the lead. The lead between the two teams was ex-

changed during the first half, but Kimball had it at the end of the half, 17 to 12.

Beal, the center, was taken out this period because he was not in condition. He had been under the weather the greater part of the week with a bad cold. Laurence was substituted in his place, holding the Kimball captain to one basket for the remainder of the game.

The local quintet were not discouraged even though their opponents had a five-point lead. They were unable to find their usual stride. Kimball kept the lead to within five minutes of the end of the fray, when they had a lead of eight points over the Alliance basket shooters of 17 to 25.

Then the Alliance quintet found their stride and tied Kimball. Again Kimball took the lead of a couple of points. Alliance tied again and gained a six-point lead. Kimball was able to count only two points before the game closed, which spelled defeat for the Kimball veterans.

There were no stars in the Alliance quintet. They played as a team, each doing his bit, and the teamwork beat Kimball. Edwards made twelve baskets, or twenty-four points of the whole thirty-three. Captain Joder's floorwork was one of the main features of the game. So was the guarding of the "Irish Guards," Brennan and Cusick.

Kimball showed more experience at the start, all being veterans of the 1919 squad. The supporters are not a bit pessimistic about the 1920 pentant, since Kimball, probably the strongest contender, is on the Alliance wagon.

Friday they journey to take the Sidneyites into camp, and the following day visit Kimball. The Sidney girls will play the Alliance girls on the local floor next Friday evening. It will be a good game. The ability of the Sidney girls is unknown and the locals are not taking any chances.

To date the Alliance team has not lost a league game. The first game of the season was dropped to Crawford, but that was not a league game. The return game with Crawford comes February 26, and it will be some game. February 5 comes the next big game on the home floor, when the home boys will go up against Grand Island. The league leaders at present are Sidney and Alliance. Next Friday these two teams will meet.

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FUNERAL SERVICES FOR GEORGE EMERY CORNU

Funeral services for George Emery Cornu were held from the Methodist church in Alliance Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Mearl C. Smith officiated, assisted by Rev. J. Orrin Gould. Mrs. A. G. Hillebrand, of Crawford, sang, accompanied by Mrs. Inice Dunning.

George Emery Cornu was born in Garrison, Neb., March 18, 1880, and died in Alliance Saturday evening, January 24, 1920. At the age of twenty, he came to Alliance and was employed for a number of years in

Lee Acheson's grocery store. Later he became a time keeper in the office of the master mechanic of the Burlington railroad. Five years ago he moved to Crawford, where he was connected with the International Harvester company, and where he made his home until the time of his death.

June 5, 1907, he was married to Elizabeth Wadum of Alliance. Four children were born to them, three of whom are living: Mona, age ten; James, age eight, and Marchand, age five.

When only a boy he was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal church at Garrison. After his marriage, he transferred his membership to the Baptist church of Alliance, where his wife was an active member. On moving to Crawford, he, with his family, transferred their membership to the Methodist Episcopal church, where he remained until his death, one of its most loyal and respected members.

Besides his immediate family, he leaves his mother, Mrs. Abigail Cornu of Alliance, and two sisters, Mrs. Florence Gaddis of Crawford, and Mrs. Elizabeth Kuhn of Alliance.

Deceased was a member of the A. O. U. W.

VAUGHN & SON WIN IN COUNTY COURT

Joseph H. and Joseph C. Vaughn,

conducting business under the name of Vaughn & Son, won another round in a case against McCorkle and son, the Nebraska Land company, in county court Monday, when Judge Tash ruled that the latter were in unlawful possession of the building they now use as an office.

There have been more or less legal complications between the two parties to the suit, extending over a period of several months. The suit was for the purpose of obtaining possession of the building used as an office by the Nebraska Land company. The lease expires in June, but the plaintiffs sued for immediate possession on the ground that the rent for January had not been paid under the time limit set by the lease. The defendants established the fact that the senior McCorkle was out of the city, and through an oversight the money was not tendered until the sixth of the month. A clause in the lease makes failure to pay on time terminate the agreement.

An appeal was taken from the judge's decision, and it is probable that there will be other chapters to the story before it is completed.

"THE MIRACLE MAN" COMES NEXT WEEK

The absorbing story of "The Miracle Man," which was staged by George M. Cohan to the delight of thousands of New York theater-go-

ers, has been adapted to the screen and will come to the Imperial theater next Monday and Tuesday.

The central figure in the story is a patriarch in a little village who possesses the power to heal the sick and maimed. Tom Burke, a New York gangster, and his pals scheme to use him as a means of enriching themselves. With this in view, they visit him and are astounded to discover that his power to heal is absolutely bona-fide. How the good that lies latent in the crooks is brought out is the theme of the drama, which is one of the most striking yet produced.

RACE MEET DURING ELKS CONVENTION

Secretary Rufus Jones and E. L. Bishop, the committee appointed to arrange for a racing circuit, have decided to make the dates for Alliance correspond with those of the Elks convention, which will be held in this city the latter part of June. The Elks have not yet decided on the time, but the committee is trying to have it set as late in June as possible.

This decision just naturally ruins the tentative schedule that had been arranged for the circuit, which includes two other cities, Gordon and Crawford. They will be notified immediately, and another schedule drawn up as soon as the dates are definitely known.

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