

Russian Lion Makes First Public Appearance in Omaha Tonight at Auditorium

JOHNSON PICKS OUT WINNER

Champion Jack Looks to Monahan as the Next.

TALKS OF HIS HARDEST BATTLE

Seventeen Rounds Under Boiling Texas Sun Without Water for a Prize of Ten Dollars—Foot Ball Rules in This Week.

It was the Chicago Tribune which got "Jack" Johnson to describe the hardest fight he ever had in his life, and Johnson did not stammer that the match with Jeffries belonged to that class. Probably it did not.

Here is what Johnson did say: "I have been in the hardest battle of my career. This battle took place in Galveston in the month of August, 1888, between myself and a negro fighter named John Lee."

"I will never forget that fight. It took place in a field, in the hot sun, and we could not get any water over a time of months with. For seventeen rounds we battled in the heat when I knocked him out. I received for this fight the sum of \$10."

"Some ten or twelve years ago when I was quite clever in the boxing line, I tried to get a manager who was not a cheat, and became noted from all sides tried to get the position, including Tom o'Rourke."

"When I took Sam Fitzpatrick for manager every fighting 'fan' in America and other parts of the world knew that I had beaten all the good men. So no one can say that I have been a great champion, and furthermore, it makes no difference how good and how shrewd a manager may be, the fighter must have talent and ability to become a champion."

"Zeke" Abrams has looked out for my affairs in San Francisco for quite a few years and I have always been friends with him. I have made a careful study of boxing and today I do not think there is a man in the world who knows the game and can execute it as well as I. I am willing to defend the championship of the world against any man the public may select, providing the end of the purse is enough to warrant doing so. I have a great deal of money in Walter Monahan, and I believe that he is one of the many who will make good. I hope some day sooner or later he will take my place."

Then Monahan was easily outpointed in a six round "ho."

You never be sure.

Bear Ball Managers.

A St. Louis Newspaper sums up the bear ball managerial situation this way: "A manager with the personality and the brains will win." Might add the players. They are slightly essential, for personalities will get run down at the heat and brains will become flaxed and scrambled if the weather is hot enough, and the team bad enough.

Alas! No Weather.

If New York had about ten inches of ice from the first of November to the middle of February, it's safe to say that Gotham would be one of the greatest hockey centers of the world.

There is no winter game which sends to have so much fascination for most of the young folk. The only chance to see it is at an indoor rink, and there is yet to be paid a visit to the rink that some youngster in the crowd has not expressed his disappointment that the city is not blessed with more ponds and more ice.

Even that crude old game of shinny, which was played years ago when "Tom" and the other fellows were not so "slow on their peas" as they are now, could bring out half the neighborhood whenever word was spread through the town that the ice was thick enough to "bear up."

Foot Ball Rules Again.

This week the foot ball rules committee is to gather again. Very likely the members will do nothing but consult, and it is not probable that any great changes will be made this year, no matter what the consultations bring forth.

It is quite true that there are many persons who do not think that the forward pass is an ornament to the game, but that point may be waived for another year's trial.

Some of the young folk cannot get over their basket ball training.

Indoor Sport Season

Opens First of Year

Tri-City Indoor Base Ball League Will Offer Series of Games This Week

—Others Want Games.

With the advent of the first genuine cold spell on January 1, the indoor sport season was fairly opened up. Up to date the attention of the sporting world has been only half-hearted because of the outside interests, kept alive by the continued warm spells.

Omaha's Stone league opened officially New Year's day. Brother Dave is chief base and manager and he has an able assistant in Captain Bill. Anyone who will discuss sporting topics, whether he knows anything about them or not, is an eligible member and welcomed.

The Tri-City Indoor Base Ball league will hold another series of games this week, probably at the Young Men's Christian association gymnasium. The local teams are training for some out-of-town contests. Hastings, Neb., wants Bill Giffels and his Omaha up there at once, and Lincoln has a team lined up ready to play. The Imperials of Council Bluffs, one of the best outdoor amateur teams, has lined up for the indoor game and has sent a challenge to all of the members of the Tri-City league.

At the Omaha Racquet club the finals of the tournament will be played Monday. E. Creighton is one of the entries in the finals, and the winner of a match to be played off between Colpetzer and Yates will be the opponent of Creighton. The winner of the tournament will afterward play "Biker" Kennedy, the present holder, for championship honors.

The new grandstand being erected by the "Pa" Bourke was just put beyond the danger zone before the cold wave hit the Vinton park. All the cement work that comes in connection with the ground was in and set last week and now the upper work can be pushed along no matter how cold it becomes.

Flyn Knocks Out Caponi.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 2.—Jim Flynn of Pueblo knocked out Tony Caponi of Chicago in the ninth round of a scheduled twenty-round bout at Vinton today. Flynn outwinded Caponi twenty pounds.

Donny Wins Swimming Race.

FAUCONIA, Wash., Jan. 2.—At the mid-winter regatta, Donny Kennedy, who won today's Phillip Henry won the 100-yard swimming race, which was contested in the waters of Puget sound.

Pirates Will Make

Longer Spring Trip

Schedule Calls for Eight Games in Little Rock, Memphis, Dayton, Chattanooga and Columbus.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 2.—The spring training plans for the Pittsburgh base ball club calls for a more strenuous period of preparation than has been attempted in previous seasons. The team will report at West Baden, Ind., on March 7 and the spring schedule calls for eight practice games in Little Rock, Memphis, Chattanooga, Columbus and Dayton, O.

The team will remain at West Baden until March 17, when it departed for Hot Springs, Ark. For seventeen days it will be at its training quarters at Whittington Park. On April 4 the club will play its annual game with the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

There will be one game at Memphis on April 5, and beginning April 8 three games will be played at Chattanooga. On the 9th and 10th there will be games at Columbus. Spring exhibition series will close at Dayton, April 12, the day preceding the opening of the national league.

Iowa Collegians

at Indoor Work

Track Men Busy in Preparation for Coming Meets—Des Moines College Adopts Conference Rules.

Basket ball and indoor track work will begin at all the smaller Iowa colleges this week. All the schools will have indoor track teams this year and prepare their athletes for the outdoor season.

Coach Chalmers at Des Moines college has organized a new plan, starting the foot ball class now and keeping it up during the school year in preparation for the next season. He announced at the beginning of the basket ball season that the rules of the Missouri valley conference would prevail this season instead of the Young Men's Christian association rules, which have been used heretofore. Some of the schools of the conference named may be played this year.

Drake university will start its basket ball and track work this week. Coach Hackett having put out his notices Monday night. Track work under Coach Griffith and a foot ball class under Dr. Hobbs will be started with the basket ball season. The Drake men have plans for entering an indoor team and taking a few of the honors at the national indoor meet in Omaha in April.

Highland park practice went on steadily through the ordinary vacation week, as no vacation is given there and a number of fast players developed.

COOLEY TO GO ON THE STAGE

Former Owner of the Topeka Team Tells of the Success He Had

Dick Cooley, former Louisville manager, who with old Ed Delehanty, Lajole, Flick, McFarland and Monte Cross gave the Phillies one of the best teams they ever had, is getting ready to produce a baseball act in vaudeville. Cooley is married, and his wife, who is a clever singer, will be included in the act. Cooley, who, years ago, had a reputation as a pretty wild boy, has settled down and is now a respectable man. He sold his Topeka club last year and says he has \$25,000 to show for his four years in Kansas.

"But I never worked so hard in all my life as I did in Topeka," said Richard talking to a friend the other day. "I played first base and wasn't out of the game a single day. Think of it. I had about \$5,000 up there buying cities like Denver and St. Joseph, and when these clubs started to put in thousands of dollars to strengthen their teams I decided it was time for Richard to get out. Well, I sold all my good players during midseason, getting about \$11,000 out of these sales. Then, at the end of the year I sold the franchise and now I have \$25,000 in bank ready for the first good opening I find to buy another minor league club. When you have a bank roll you can do something, and I never felt more independent in my life than I do today."

There are many more players like Cooley; in fact, every ambitious player whose big league career is drawing to a close is beginning to branch out as a minor league club owner. In many instances players who were never regarded as good business men go out and make good in these minor league ventures.

EVENTS ON RUNNING TRACKS

Chester Krum Wins New Year's Handicap at Emeryville.

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 2.—In the presence of the largest crowd of the season, Chester Krum won the New Year's handicap at Emeryville today. Fort Johnson made the early running, but was headed by Spellbound in the back stretch. Chester Krum closed fast and outgamed Spellbound and beat him a neck. For the fourth time in four years O. J. Bianchi, town of first 2-year-old race of the year with a youngster out of Levana C. He was represented by Oakland, a Bear Catcher colt, which broke the track record of 0:24 for three furlongs, running it in 0:24. Summary:

First race, seven furlongs. Braxton (Lauchland), 7 to 1; Ida (Glas), 6 to 1; second, Anna May (Lapin), 3 to 1; third, Tom, 1:29. Second race, five furlongs. French Cook, 5 to 1; Titile and John J. Rogers finished as named.

Second race, five and one-half furlongs. Likely Diademone (Glas), 7 to 1; won; piece of Lamore (Callahan), 7 to 1; second; Thistle Tree (E. J. Mar), 9 to 1; third, Time, 1:04.

Third race, three furlongs. Oakland (Callahan), 6 to 1; won; Anna May (Lapin), 3 to 1; second; Lem Dale (Gardner), 3 to 1; third, Time, 1:04.

Fourth race, three furlongs. Oakland (Callahan), 6 to 1; won; Anna May (Lapin), 3 to 1; second; Lem Dale (Gardner), 3 to 1; third, Time, 1:04.

Fifth race, three furlongs. F. L. Proctor and Prince Guard finished as named.

Sixth race, three furlongs. New Year's handicap. Chester Krum (Mentry), 13 to 5; won; Spellbound (Archibald), 2 to 1; second; Arasee (Glas), 6 to 1; third, Time, 0:24.

Fort Johnson and Duke of Ormonde finished as named.

Seventh race, one mile. Letta (Creda), 16 to 1; won; Creek (Kedner), 10 to 1; second; Responsible (Taplin), 7 to 1; third, Time, 1:54.

Altamor, Bogas, Edwin T. Fryer, Court Lady and Mass finished as named.

Eighth race, one mile. Sun (Taplin), 7 to 1; won; Captain John (Mentry), 2 to 1; second; Dacia (Callahan), 10 to 1; third, Time, 1:54.

Emma G. Rosey, Foney, Great Caesar, Bushy Man, Winona Winter and Henry O. finished as named.

DEATH RECORD.

Rev. Dr. Morris Kincaid.

RUSSIAN LION HERE TONIGHT

Meets Jess Westergaard at Auditorium with a Handicap.

DES MOINES FANS ON HAND

Followers of the Game Are Anxious to See Hackenschmidt and Look for Interesting Announcements at Ringside.

Seventy-five or more wrestling fans will be on hand from Des Moines to see the big Hackenschmidt-Westergaard match to be held in the Auditorium this evening. The bunch of fans is said to be leading citizens of Des Moines—doctors, lawyers and business men—all of whom are interested in Westergaard and proud that he is a Des Moines product.

All is ready at the Auditorium for the two wrestlers, a twenty-foot ring built and Shady Griswold secured to referee the bout. The preliminary men report that they are all in shape for their meet, George Miller having arrived from Kansas City Monday night. Tolliver, who will be Miller's opponent, has been training carefully, as he realizes he is up against something strong.

It is confidently expected that several interesting announcements will be made from the ring before Hackenschmidt and Westergaard get together. Jack Curley will probably announce Hackenschmidt as the world's champion, now that Gotch has retired absolutely. The possibility of Mahmut challenging the Russian is another of the announcements that many of the fans are expecting and worrying about.

Mahmut in the last year has had considerable hard luck, due chiefly, many think, to bad management. He had three or four managers, each with a different idea, and as they are all making matches at the same time he doesn't get to wrestle at all. At the present time he is still in Chicago and doing nothing but light wrestling work to keep himself in trim.

A few early birds in the Des Moines party who arrived Monday are declaring that the mighty Russian will have his hands full to put the Iowa wonder down twice in an hour. Westergaard, they point out, weighs 215 pounds by the statement made by himself and that he is in the finest condition he has ever been. When he tackled Hackenschmidt in Chicago he weighed 190 pounds at the ringside, which is fifteen pounds below his normal weight. The injured ankle of Westergaard is now perfectly good, says Thorson, his manager, and he expects his man to hold off Hackenschmidt from even one fall in an hour.

"Cy" Young to Quit the National Game

Many Fans Will Regret the Departure of the Veteran from the Diamond.

So "Cy" Young is to be given his unconditional release from the club and will go back to the farm in Tuscarawas county, from which he came as a young man. It was a long time ago, as ball players go, that Young began his career on the diamond.

There is no ball player who has been longer affected by his surroundings than Young. He is the same simple, but hearty, well-balanced man that he was the first day he started away from the farm to see if he could earn a little money in the national pastime.

Year after year he has pitched for professional teams with nothing but commendation ringing in his ears, and he never modest about it, anything, if he could be, than he was when he started.

Base ball to him not only has been a means to a good livelihood, and he has meant much that he has earned, but it is an occupation so highly esteemed by him that he frequently said he knew of nothing of which a man could be prouder than to give his best efforts in its behalf.

Unlike some pitchers, however, he did not go through his long career without being a member of a championship team. When he was with the Boston Americans they won a pennant, and when he was with the Cleveland club he assisted in the games of one season when Cleveland beat Baltimore for the Temple cup.

There will be more than one base ball "fan" over the big circuit who will be sorry that he is to retire. His genial face will be missed from St. Louis and Boston.

It was only last summer that the "fans" of New York showed the high honor in which he is held when they applauded him vigorously as he was leaving the field.

THORSON TOUTS JESS TO WIN

Manager of Westergaard Says the Big Dane is in the Prime of Condition.

Oscar Thorson, manager for Jess Westergaard, who is to wrestle George Hackenschmidt at the Auditorium Tuesday night, came to Omaha early Monday morning on a delayed passenger train and in gleeful mood.

Thorson believes that his protegee will take the rubles from the Russian when they tangle Tuesday evening. "Jess," he said, "is in Des Moines, training. He is in much better condition than the last time he met Hack, although he won then. When he wrestled Hack in Chicago December he was sick and eight pounds under weight. He had lost eight pounds in his match with Dr. Roller two nights before. He now is in his normal weight, 215 pounds, and is in fine condition. This weather should be conducive to a lively match. One feels as if they could wrestle a bear after being out a little while in this wind. Westergaard will come to Omaha Tuesday morning."

Hackenschmidt did not arrive here Monday morning. A stack of mail is awaiting him at the Rome hotel.

LIKES AMERICAN FIGHTERS

Mrs. Pries of Australia Says Our Fighters Are Perfect Gentlemen.

One Australian woman has been to look at the exhibition of the American boxers. She knows athletic well and she seems to have taken quite a fancy to the young men who have traveled from the United States to the south seas.

Her name is Mrs. Sarah F. Pries, and in discussing the merits of boxers and athletes in general Mrs. Pries says that the American boxers have proved themselves to be perfect gentlemen in every way, and would hardly be taken for men of their profession.

Ray Bronson, "Billy" Papke, "Jimmy" Clabby and "Spearmore Johnny" Thompson all come in for compliments from Mrs. Pries. Mrs. Pries further states that pattern from their American visitors, who have set an example that will always be remembered by Australian people.

Our boys seem to be making a hit.

National Commission

Meeting Will Be Short

Chairman Says Entire Proceedings Will Be Over in Ten Minutes to Re-elect Officers.

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 2.—Unless something unforeseen intervenes the meeting of the National Base Ball commission at 10 o'clock tomorrow will break all records for brevity of duration. Chairman August Herrmann shortly before departing for Slaughter island, where the meeting will be held, said:

"The entire meeting will be over in ten minutes." The commission will hear the report of Chairman Herrmann and Secretary Bruce. Following this, President Lynch of the National league, and President Johnson of the American league, will meet and re-elect August Herrmann of Cincinnati, chairman.

This will be followed by the re-election of Secretary Bruce.

President Herrmann's report is expected to deal with the question of allowing players to play in the winter months, but no action is expected at this time.

President Dan R. Johnson of the American league, accompanied by Chairman Herrmann, departed for Slaughter island this afternoon with the League's secretary, the National league, Secretary Johnny Helder and Barney Dreyfus, president of the Pittsburgh club, who constitute the National league schedule committee, motored down tonight. President Johnson will assume the role of the entire schedule committee of the American league.

SIX PERSONS ARE KILLED IN WRECK IN KENTUCKY

Victims Are Four Passengers Who Were Riding on Pilot and Two Trainmen.

ASHLAND, Ky., Jan. 2.—Six persons were killed in a wreck on Miller's Creek railway, near Van Lear, a few miles from Paintsville, Ky., last night.

Of the victims four were passengers and the others trainmen. The latter were riding on the pilot of a locomotive. The dead: WILLIAM AKERS, brakeman, Cattlesburg, Ky.; JOHN WORLEY, conductor, Louisville, Ky.; J. O. PINSON, Van Lear, Ky.; F. E. FUGATE, Van Lear, Ky.; L. A. SMELTZER, Irton, O.

The accident was caused by a collision between a locomotive and three coal cars of a mixed train which broke away while the accommodation was coming down the branch line to meet the passenger train at Ohio passenger train at Van Lear.

On the return trip the mixed train collided with these cars.

VAUGHAN MURDER TRIAL BEGINS AT LANCASTER, MO.

Prosecution Asks for Continuance Because of Illness of Principal Witness.

LANCASTER, Mo., Jan. 2.—Mrs. Alford P. Vaughn and Dr. J. T. Hull of Monroe, La., were on trial here today in the woman's husband, Prof. John T. Vaughn, appeared before Judge Shelton this afternoon for trial. The prosecution filed affidavits with an application for a continuance, and the defense asked for a dismissal of the charges.

Dr. E. C. Clements of Mabon testified that because of a growth on Dr. Schweitzer's eye, he thought the chemist would never be able to testify. Dr. Schweitzer is the state's chief witness.

Arguments on the motions probably will take up the entire afternoon.

SUN FISH STOPS A STEAMER

Story of a Deep Sea Catch that Beats Inland Narratives "to a Frazzle."

Few maritime experiences have been recorded stranger than that which befell the Fiona, a twin-screw steamer belonging to the Colonial Sugar Refining company of Sydney, New South Wales. When the Fiona was off Rhy Island, about forty miles north of Sydney Heads, on its way from the Clarence river to Sydney, a little after 1 p. m., all hands were alarmed by a sudden shock, as though the steamer had struck a solid substance or wreckage. The result was strange and remarkable, for the port engine was brought up "all standing." The starboard engine was quickly stopped and a boat lowered and sent to investigate. On getting under the steamer's counter the boat's crew were astonished to find that a huge sunfish had become securely fixed in the bracket of the port propeller. One blade was completely embedded in the creature's flesh, jamming the monster firmly against the stern-post of the vessel. It was impossible to extricate the fish at sea, so the boat was hoisted on board again and the steamer proceeded on its passage to Sydney with the starboard engine only working. On reaching Port Jackson the Fiona was anchored in Mosman bay, where all hands were set to work to remove the fish. After much difficulty, and with the aid of the steamer's crew, the sunfish was hoisted clear and swung on board. The Fiona then proceeded to the sugar company's wharf. The fish was put on a table and weighed two tons four hundredweight. The measurements were: Length, ten feet; across the body, six feet; across the body and fins, fourteen feet; mouth, eight inches wide; dorsal fin, four feet high and two feet six inches across at its base; caudal or tail fin, twenty-two and one-half inches long—a short frigate-like stump. The jaws were comparatively very feeble, but well adapted for masticating its food, which principally consists of minute pelagic mollusks, crustaceans, and small fish. The skin in color was shimmering and the texture that of the elephant. The naturalist to the Board of Fisheries of New South Wales, Mr. David G. Stead, who closely examined this specimen, stated that it was perhaps the largest ever killed, and certainly much larger than anything hitherto recorded or known in view of Australian waters—Wide World Magazine.

VIEWING LIFE IN FAR EAST

Why America Must Play the Game of Diplomacy in the Orient.

Price Collier, whose articles about "England and the English from an American Point of View" created something of a sensation on both sides of the Atlantic, and were accepted in England and with surprising good nature and appreciation of the author's evident fairness, will begin a new series of articles in the January number of Scribner's. They will deal in a broad way with the great problems that confront the west and the east, with a special view of what England has achieved in India. The first paper, "On the Way to India," summarizes with clearness the changes that recent events have made in the relations of all of the great nations in the east. America can no longer sit idly by and watch the game of diplomacy from the vantage-point of a disinterested observer.

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Kennedy Re-Chosen

School Board Head

R. V. Cole Elected Vice President at Organization Meeting—Committees Named Soon.

Alfred C. Kennedy was re-elected president of the Board of Education at its reorganization meeting after four new board members had taken their seats last night. R. V. Cole was elected vice president. No other business was transacted by the board after the reorganization.

As is customary the board met first with the retiring members in their seats. Some ordinary claims were allowed and a handful of other business was given attention. The board then adjourned.

At 8:15 o'clock the board met for reorganization, with the new members, W. T. Bourke, George Cott, Jacob L. Jacobson and all the retiring members in their seats. Some ordinary claims were allowed and a handful of other business was given attention. The board then adjourned.

It was agreed that the officers be nominated by informal ballot. On the ballot for president Mr. Kennedy received seven votes, Mr. Cole four and Grant W. Williams two. Mr. Kennedy having received a majority of the total vote a motion to instruct Secretary Burgess to cast the entire vote of the board for Mr. Kennedy was carried and he was unanimously elected. Similar action was taken for Mr. Cole as vice-president, which resulted as follows: Cole ten; S. P. Gostwick one; Grant W. Williams, two.

Mr. Kennedy said he will announce his appointments of committees within a few days.

FAITH A SPUR TO SUCCESS

An Incident of the Early Days of Telegraphy and Enthusiasm of Theodore Vall.

The recent election of Theodore N. Vall as president of the Western Union Telegraph company was not an incident in one of the most active and successful of American careers. In another sense, it was a natural sequence in the progressive order of events. Mr. Vall's cousin, Alfred Vall, was a co-worker with Morse and won a fortune as his share in the famous patent. While he was experimenting at Morristown, N. J., the lad Theodore was making toy lines of his own and learning the alphabet and how to send messages. When he went west to make his fortune he entered the regular service, but presently found himself in Washington at the head of the railway mail service.

There he was found by Gardiner G. Hubbard at the psychological moment in the development of the telephone. The practicability of the new device had been fairly well demonstrated, but the promoters lacked money and the creative and executive capacity. Where to find these essentials was the puzzle. "One morning," says Cassin in his "History of the Telephone," "the indefatigable Hubbard solved the problem. 'Watson,' he said, 'there's a young man in Washington who can solve this situation and I want you to run down and see what you think of him.' Watson went, reported favorably and in a day or so the young man received a letter from Hubbard offering him the position of general manager at a salary of \$5,000 a year. 'We rely,' Hubbard said, 'upon your executive ability, your fidelity and unimpaired zeal.' The young man replied in one of those dignified letters more usual in the nineteenth than in the twentieth century. 'My faith in the success of the enterprise is such that I am willing to trust to it'—and the rest is history.

"I am glad to give you a dime for taking care of my hat and coat while I was at dinner," said one prosperous looking man on leaving a Times Square restaurant a day or two later, to the uniformed boy at the door, "but I won't do it because I happen to know that you wouldn't get the money." Apparently he was only one of a good many thousands who took the same view of the situation.—New York Times.

Francis Joseph Not Seriously Ill. VIENNA, Jan. 2.—Emperor Francis Joseph, who yesterday was compelled to forego the usual New Year festivities because of a slight indisposition, enjoyed an undisturbed night and arose at his accustomed early hour, which is 4 o'clock. After attending to his correspondence his majesty held private audiences as usual.

A Guarantee of Business Prosperity.—The Perseus and Wise Patronage of The Bee Advertising Column.

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