

BRINGING UP FATHER

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HORSEMEN HAPPY OVER CUDGEL SALE

Look Forward to Meeting of Omar Khayyam, Hourless and Cudgel at Kentucky Derby.

Horsemen who have been clamoring for a meeting of the three great 3-year-olds, Omar Khayyam, owned by Wilfred Vian; Hourless, the property of August Belmont, and Cudgel, believe they may have their hopes realized through the purchase for \$30,000 of Cudgel, the Broomstick-Eugenia colt by H. G. Bellwell, trainer for Lieutenant J. K. L. Ross, the Canadian turfman, from John W. Schorf of Memphis, Tenn. Several previous attempts to arrange a meeting were futile, but now it is regarded probable they may be entered in the Kentucky handicap, the \$15,000 feature for 3-year-olds, and put up at the Douglas park spring meeting at Louisville. Failing in that, it is regarded almost certain they will be pitched against each other in the east.

Through the purchase of Cudgel the west lost the last 3-year-old it has produced in many years. Purchased as a 2-year-old from H. P. Whitney for \$1,500 the horse's winnings to date approximately are \$19,000. His resale price and the total purses he has won make a total of nearly \$50,000 on the investment. With \$15,630 to his credit, Cudgel was 10th in the list of money-winning horses of the year.

Cudgel began to show his class last fall. As a juvenile he started 12 times, was first five times, second twice and third once, and won \$3,036. This year he got away to a bad start and ran unplaced in his first three races, including Kentucky derby, where he ran 11th to Omar Khayyam, Ticket, Midway and Rickety. In his next three starts he won over such horses as Opportunity, Guy Fortune, Diamond, Grundy and Waterford.

Beaten by a Neck. His first really great race was in the Kentucky handicap, where he was beaten only a neck by King Gorin, a much older horse, and defeated Roamer by half a length for the place. In this stake the mile was run in 1:38 4-5 and the mile and a quarter in 2:04 1-5.

Midway, his old rival, easily was downed in the next start, but he lost the Latonia derby, his next effort, to Liberty Loan.

In the Independence handicap, Cudgel defeated, among others, Hodge, Manager Waite, Pif, Jr., and

JOE BUMBEER IS BEMOANING HIS FATE AS 'TRADER'

Joe Bumbeer was bound over to the federal grand jury after a hearing before United States Commissioner Neely on a charge of violating the Reed amendment. Joe was arrested in Plattsmouth a few days ago after an exciting chase. He was "spotted" while passing through that city on his motorcycle with side-car attachment. Officers pursued him on motorcycles. When Joe saw them he tipped over the bottles of whisky which he had in the side-car and allowed the contents to run out on the road.

But he ran out of gasoline, and when the officers caught him he had nine quarts of whisky to act as damaging evidence against him. Joe was arrested about three months ago for bringing "booze" from St. Joseph to Omaha. He came on the train at that time. At his hearing before Federal Judge Woodrough his family wept so eloquently that the judge was moved to pity and let him off with 30 days in jail.

Berlin. Then he was sent east to measure his worth with the thoroughbreds of that section, but started only once. He was rested and/or on his way to Kentucky again showed his superiority. Carrying 126 pounds he set a new American record for a mile and 70 yards, which he ran in 1:41 4-5, and defeated such horses as Colonel Vennie, Lady Rotha, Guy Fortune and Tokay. He proved his ability to carry weight in his next start at one mile and an eighth when he ran the distance in 1:50 4-5 and won handily.

"Kid" Graves Outboxes Neary in Milwaukee Bout

Milwaukee, Dec.—Kid Graves of Omaha, outboxed Charley Neary, Milwaukee, in a 10-round no-decision bout tonight. Graves floored Neary in the fifth round for a seven count with a short right hook to the jaw. The Omaha boy outboxed Neary in cleverness at every angle. The Milwaukee boy showed up well in only three rounds. Graves weighed 145 pounds and Neary 141½ pounds. It was Neary's attempt to "come back" after being out of the game 10 years.

FARMERS' CONGRESS ENDS ANNUAL MEET

Closing Recommendation is That Dogs Should Be Taxed to Recompense Sheep Growers.

All dogs in Nebraska should be taxed to create a state fund from which sheep growers would be recompensed for the loss of sheep killed by dogs, in the opinion of the delegates to the Nebraska Farmers' congress, which closed its session at the Hotel Castle Thursday morning. They recommended such legislation in their resolutions.

The Farmers' congress pledged its hearty support to the government for the speedy and successful conclusion of the war. The farmers voted to petition the proper authorities that boys excused from military service for agricultural purposes be given a certificate stating that fact. They asked that farmers be represented on all boards and commissions appointed under the food control act. They recommended that price fixing be extended to all commodities necessary for the proper execution of the war. They recommended increased levy of taxation on excess war profits. They voted that gambling or speculating in the things necessary to prosecute the war deserves the condemnation of every patriotic citizen.

Oppose Labor Proposition.

After considerable argument they opposed the proposition of importing Asiatic labor for the farms. They urged upon the farmers' elevator companies of the state the necessity of installing mills suitable for grinding whole wheat flour and corn meal. They opposed transferring from public to private ownership the water rights of the state. They praised the work of the Federal Farm Loan bank of Omaha.

On the question of sugar, the farmers held that since there is apparently not a sufficient supply of sugar to go around, the government should issue sugar tickets, allowing the consumers to buy in any quantity desired within the limits set upon the ticket as the proper requirement for a given family. They recommended that the farmer January 1 take an inventory of his property and begin the keeping of a set of books so that he may determine accurately what it costs him to do business and to produce a given crop. They recommended that farm machinery be conserved and the old repaired. O. G. Smith of Kearney was re-

lected president of the congress. Frank Tannehill of Norfolk was re-elected first vice president; Charley Graff of Bancroft, second vice president; A. L. Stoner of Inavale, third vice president; J. B. Grinnell of Papillion, secretary; and George Junkin of Smithfield, treasurer. The convention voted to return to Omaha for next year's session, though Hastings was in the field.

Cardinal Sanctions Work By Miners During Holidays

Washington, Dec. 20.—Cardinal Gibbons gave his sanction today to Roman Catholic miners working on the holy days falling within the Christmas and New Year's holiday season. In a letter to Fuel Administrator Garfield he approved of a suggestion that miners take only Christmas day and New Year's day off and further proposed that saloons might co-operate by closing from 9 o'clock in the evening until 8 o'clock the following morning.

Omaha Woman Tells Of Funston; Says Men Dying Fast

(Continued From Page One.) red tape should be cut out and more real work should be done.

Too Many Deaths.

"There is no necessity for so many deaths on account of pneumonia. These deaths are caused because of insufficient clothing, swampy camps and poor medical attention. All the other diseases such as meningitis can also be diminished. "We set out to raise an army overnight, but if we don't look out we will not have any boys to send over across the sea. We mothers are willing to give our sons to fight for democracy and our country, but when they are compelled to die in the swamps and cold our mothers' love gets selfish and doubtful. The boys hate the camp at Funston so much that they will say 'Hip, Hip Hurray' any time that any one mentions their leaving for France.

"The soldiers themselves, are full of grit and spirit. They all say 'We are fine, all is well here.' It is that spirit that will win the war if it is not frozen out. The older army officers are training the boys into a machine-like unit. They are doing fine.

Cites Exemption Cases.

"The exemption boards ought to be more careful next time they select an army. When I was at Funston I saw two men with wooden legs, one man afflicted with epileptic fits, one man who was still suffering from an operation. 'There is one thing sure,' they said, 'our two brothers with

wooden legs won't be able to freeze them off."

Mrs. McConnell spends most of her time looking out for the boys at camp. She was instrumental in sending rubber sheets to the boys to be used in the barracks. She has five women working for her all the time knitting socks, sweaters and head pieces for the soldiers. One of her workers has knitted 27 pieces already.

She goes to Funston every few days laden with tobacco, chewing gum, candy and other good edibles. On Thanksgiving day she was not allowed to see her son; so she invited 10 others and dined them at a hotel in Manhattan, Kan. Some of them

remarked that it was the first time they had seen a cup and plate since they had left home. "Still they did not complain, but spoke cheerfully."

"Since I saw how the boys have to get along, I want to spend half my time making things better for the lonesome boys. As ex-Senator Mercer said 'The boys are so lonesome that they even get sick.' That is why I spend my time down there to be a mother to them all."

Mrs. McConnell wants to appeal to the mothers to do more knitting and write more letters. "If you have to let the cleaning go once or twice, let it go but look after the soldiers first."

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