IS WOLGAST COMING BACK?

Such is the Question Going Rounds Among Fight Fans.

OPERATION STUNS HIM

Effects of the Abdominal Incision, However, Are Said to Be Wearing Off and He Is Fast Getting Back in Shape.

BY W. W. NAUGHTON.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—Is Ad. Wolgast coming up again or was his recent showing with Joe Rivers nothing more significant than a flash in the pan?

Of course, if you take Ad's word for it—or for that matter the word of his manager, Cherokee Tim Jones—the Michigan wildcat's claws have sprouted again and there is trouble ahead for all who attempt to halt him when he starts to mount the steps of the lightweight championship citadel.

"Nothin' to it," said Wolgast. "Nothin' to it," echoes Jones.

"I always knew that I would recover," says Ad. In a letter to the writer. "What ailed me was simply the lingering effects of the knifing they gave me at Los Angeles. I mended slowly. In my fights afterwards, I felt a numbness and stiffness in my right side—especially where the surgeons made the cut—and weakness extended down my right leg at times. But it's all gone. I took my medicine and I waited, and Wolgast is himself again. Just watch me. And above all, watch the way I'll corner that boy Ritchie and force him to sign with me."

It will all come out, of course. If Wolgast has thoroughly outlived the effects of his appendicitis operation and is experiencing a renewal or return of his former fighting dash, the truth will out. He is still popular enough among the admirers of Queensberry pastimes to warrant promoters handling him occasionally and by his work we shall know him.

If he continues to do as well as he did in the affair with Rivers, there will surely be a Wolgast boom. There may be and there have been champions whose hold on the affections of the public is and was notably slight, but dyed-in-the-wool fight followers always retain a warm spot for the wild cat.

Classes with Big Men.

In this respect he classes with John L. Sullivan, Bob Fitzsimmons and Battling Nelson, men whose right to call themselves champions was beyond argument. For these reasons, Wolgast, if he begins to climb, will receive many a hearty boost.

If Wolgast qualifies again for a place among the best sellers it will be interesting to watch if he falls into an old rut. I have reference to the distaste for training which for a while seemed to have become constitutional with him.

That Wolgast has come to hate the grind of the road and the gymnasium was patent to all who had knowledge of the way he prepared for his later contests in and around San Francisco. It may be that "the lingering effects of the knifing," as he terms it, caused exertion of any kind to become irksome, but whatever the reason, Ad's "training" got to be a joke.

If he had not been such a vain little wasp it might have been different. When chided by his well wishers for neglecting his work he used to say "I don't need much training to lick this fellow," and he really felt that way about it, too.

Did Not Phase Rim.

For some reason, unexpected setbacks did not seem to bear any lesson for him. From his appearance when he entered the ring to box Joe Azevedo at Oakland, it is doubtful if he could have made the slightest pretence of undergoing preparation.

Now, the writer is not in a position to say whether Wolgast will be successful in the demonstration that this slump in fighting ability during the last year or so was owing to the operation for appendicitis. I'll make bold to say, though, that he will not be able to demonstrate very much unless he trains more conscientiously than he did for some of his bouts during the last half of the year 1912.

That they think a lot of Kid Kenneth down in Taft, is evidenced by a letter I received from a sport who signs himself "A Bugge." Incidentally I wish my correspondent had mended the graceful style in which he began his letter. As he proceeded he lapsed into ragtime and too much syncopation detracted from the pleasure derived from perusing his epistle. At that much of it can be quoted and as will be noticed, it carries a "punch" in every line.

Has Good Poise.

"A Bugge," says: "Kenneth is not squanderous in delivery. True, he misses occasionally, but after watching him you are impressed with his conserving consciousness. Hitting from the most unexpected angles, he has cultivated sufficient poise and balance to insure rapid recovery. He is, in fact, a larger Ketchell in point of hitting, plus the effectiveness of difference in weight."

It's a scholarly summing up of the Oilfield Kid's strong points, but it is doubtful if Gunboat Smith, on reading it for the first time, would know exactly what he would have to strive against if called upon suddenly to meet Kenneth.

Here is something, however, which may induce Gunboat to regard Kenneth as a worthy foeman. It took Gunboat fifteen rounds to drop Arthur Pelkey. Kenneth accomplished the job in six.

By the way, the Taft folks are not going to force Kenneth to the front.

They feel that he is a promising young husky and they are inclined to send him along slowly and give him a chance to develop and mature. They are satisfied he is destined to make his mark eventually, but for a year or so, if Kenneth follows the course mapped out, he will make Taft his fighting headquarters and have his opponents delivered right at his own door.

At the end of a year he may take out his first papers as a white hope.

Lajoie is Modest.

Larry Lajoie, in picking an all-star team, names Eddie Collins as the ideal second baseman in the game today. Larry, however, pays Ray Morgan, the Baltimore boy, a compliment by saying: "Next to Collins Ray Morgan of Washington is, in my estimation, the most consistent high-class performer at the position in the American league." Morgan is a wonderfully improved ball player. He was a greenhorn when he reported to Washington in the fall of 1911, but he developed rapidly after Griffith placed him at second base.

Bruce to the Front.

Secretary Bruce of the national commission, who is a heavy stockholder in the St. Louis club, ridicules a Pittsburgh story that the St. Louis club was offered to Mr. Weschman of Chicago for $150,000. The ground which the St. Louis club owns alone is worth $500,000, and Mr. Bruce would not sell even his individual holdings in the club for the sum named in the Pittsburgh story.

Three and Two

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The Omaha Chess and Checker club now has a membership of sixty, an increase of approximately 100 per cent within the last two months. The boosters' committee is to be congratulated upon the success of its efforts. We have now set ourselves the task of raising the membership to a round hundred, and in order to accomplish this end the initiation fee of 50 cents will be waived during the month of February, reducing the cost of membership to the payment of the monthly dues of 50 cents. A membership of 100 will enable us to enlarge our quarters and will make us feel that we are at last "on the map." Nearly every member of the club has constituted himself a booster's committee of one, and we confidently expect to announce the completion of our task by March 1.

Chicago university and Armour institute will play a match to decide the tie in the western intercollegiate chess tournament. The games will be played by the captains of the teams, E. Gordon representing Chicago and A. Schwars the Armour institute team. The first two games of the match have already been played, resulting in a victory for each team. The winner of the match, in addition to gaining first honors for his college, will be the western intercollegiate champion for 1914.

An interesting comparison between Newell Banks and LaRue Williams might be drawn from the percentages made at simultaneous play in Omaha. Williams on December 27 played ten games, winning seven, losing two and drawing one; and Banks on one occasion played six, winning three, losing one and drawing two; and in a second exhibition won five and lost two of seven contests. It is to be remembered, of course, that Banks did not confine himself to chess, but played several games of checkers in addition.

The Metropolitan Chess league of New York City finds itself embarrassed just now by difficulties which Nebraska chess will not encounter for many years. The Rice Chess club and the Progressive Chess club are both members of the league, which is at present engaged in a tournament. These two clubs met each other in the first round of play, the latter winning by 5½ to 2½. It was then noticed that several members of the losing club, having membership in both bodies, had played with the winning organization, contributing materially to its success, whereupon the Rice club, claiming it was defeated by its own members, and that the contest was not a criterion of the relative strength of the two clubs, withdrew from the tournament. Chess players in general will regret the occurrence, but it is difficult to condemn the Rice club's action.

A. Kupchik has won the championship of the Manhattan Chess club, having won nine games and drawn two, with no losses. He is also the favorite in the Progressive Chess club tournament with five straight wins, though Charles Jaffe is running an even race with the same number of victories to his credit, and O. Chajes and J. Bernstein follow closely with a score of 6½ to ½ each. Kupchik is only 22 years old and will yet have something to say when masters meet.

Speaking of A 1 two-movers, here's our entry for first honors. Don't all solve it at once. If anyone has a better, we shall be glad to publish it.

By Murray Marble.

BLACK, TEN PIECES.

WHITE, SEVEN PIECES.
White to move and mate in two.

The solution to the problem furnished by R. B. Clayton of Council Bluffs in the issue of January 25 is Q-B8. Solved by F. C. Swearingen, W. M. Campbell, W. R. Ellis and W. E. Fenlon. Owing to the loss of some of our papers, we are not certain whether or not anyone else sent in the correct answer.

F. C. Swearingen: "A problem which makes the solver feel pleased when he finds the solution."

W. R. Ellis: "Not the best 2-er, but a clever use of the pinning principle, with some good tries."

W. E. Fenlon: "A very pretty problem."

W. M. Campbell: "It certainly is a beauty—the best I ever saw."

W. E. Fenlon sends an end game with mate in six moves, which we take pleasure in passing on to our readers. Black, three pieces: K-KR5, P-KR7, P-KKt7. White, three pieces: K-Kaq, B-Qsq, Kt-Q2.

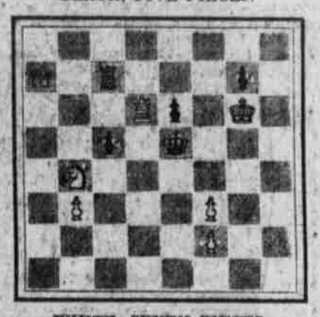
Arrangements have been completed for Newell Banks to give a dual exhibition of checkers and chess at the South Side Checker club in Chicago on Saturday, February 14, and Sunday, February 22. Mr. Banks will try to break Frank Marshall's world's record, made at Pittsburgh, of fifty-three boards in seven hours and forty minutes.

One of the first steps which should be taken by a beginner in chess is to master the systems of tabulation that are in vogue among the fraternity. Much pleasure as well as benefit may be derived from running through games of experts, and one is saved from vexation and embarrassment when wishing to describe a move, if one knows just how to express one's self. One of the points in which all systems agree is that when describing the move of a white piece, one should speak in terms of white, and of black in like manner. For instance, a white bishop does not move to the black king's square, but rather to the white king's eighth square, or, to describe the move in short, B-K8. Or, for another example, the key move of tourney problem No. 3, is not "white bishop to black bishop's fourth square," as four or five of the solvers had it, but white bishop to white bishop's fifth, or simply B-B5. Those who used the incorrect expression will, of course, be credited with the correct answer, as the move is right, though the description of it be awkward.

Rules of tournament: Contestants must reside in Nebraska or Iowa. Tourney consists of twenty-six problems, and the contestant who solves the greatest number will be declared winner. In case of a tie, problems will be submitted to the contestants who are tied until the tie is broken. Answers must be mailed within two weeks after the problem is published. The prize is a $5 set of chessmen. Answers to problems and all correspondence should be addressed to E. M. Aikin, 111 South Twenty-fifth avenue, Omaha.

Tourney problem No. 6.

BLACK, FIVE PIECES.



WHITE, SEVEN PIECES.
Mate in two.

Solution of tourney problem No. 3, Q-R7, solved by Dr. J. W. Brendel, W. M. Campbell, G. E. Cypher, W. E. Fenlon, H. S. Nielsen, J. G. Fort, A. L. Joseph, F. C. Swearingen, L. A. Tyson, H. Thomsen, L. R. Marr, I. E. Minier, W. C. Findley, B. I. Darting, Verne K. Viele, Mrs. R. C. Moore and Otto Kruse.

A business meeting of the Omaha Chess and Checker club has been called for Saturday, February 1, at 2 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

Newell Banks will be in Omaha again within the next two weeks and will give an exhibition of blindfold chess and checkers. Experts in either game are cordially invited to attend regardless of whether or not they are members of the club. They may feel sure of a hearty welcome and a chance to lock horns with Banks. The exact date will be announced next Sunday.

Following is Sitera's win from Newell Banks, Wednesday, January 28:

PHILIDOR'S DEFENSE.

Banks, White.		Sitera Black.
P-K4	1	P-K4
Kt-KB3	2	P-Q3
B-B4	3	B-K2
Castles	4	Kt-KB3
Kt-B3	5	Castles
P-Q3	6	B-Kt5
P-KR3	7	B-R4
B-KKt5	8	QKt-Q2
R-K sq	9	P-B3
P-KKt4	10	B-Kt3
Kt-K2	11	P-Kt4
B-Kt3	12	P-KR3
B-K3	13	P-QR4
P-B3	14	P-R5
B-B2	15	P-Q4
PxP	16	KtxP
B-Q2	17	Q-B2
Kt-Kt3	18	B-Q3
Kt-K4	19	P-B3
KtxB	20	QxKt
Kt-R4	21	B-R2
Q-B3	22	Kt-K2
QR-Q sq	23	Q-Q4
QxQ	24	PxQ
B-K3	25	QR-B sq
B-Kt sq	26	Kt-KKt3
Kt-B4	27	R-B3
P-Q4	28	P-K5
P-R4	29	K-B2
P-R5	30	Kt-K2
KtxKt	31	KxKt
P-B3	32	P-B4
BPxP	33	BPxP (K4)
P-Kt5	34	PxP
BxP ch	35	K-K3
R-KB sq	36	RxR
RxR	37	Kt-B3
P-R6	38	K-B2
PxP	39	KxP
BxKt ch	40	RxB
RxR	41	KxR
K-B sq	42	K-B4
P-Kt3	43	K-B5
PxP	44	PxP
B-B2	45	P-R6
K-K sq	46	B-B4
B-Kt3	47	B-K3
B-B1	48	B-B2
B-Kt3	49	P-K6
K-K2	50	B-R4 ch
K-K sq	51	B-B6
P-B4	52	PxP
BxP	53	K-B4 (a)
B-Kt8	54	K-B5
B-B7	55	K-K5
P-Q5	56	K-K4
B-K6	57	BxP
B-Kt4	58	BxP
K-K2	59	K-Q5 (b)

Resigns.

(a) Wasted. Black should play K-K5 and save time.

(b) A nicely played game. Mr. Sitera may justly feel proud of this win.

WESTERN LEAGUE TO HAVE LIVELY MEET

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addition the players would be getting the additional salaries for the longer season.

The arguments against that are that bad weather would make the late games a losing proposition. In addition Hanlon seems to think it would be an injustice to the fans. Why he doesn't say, but anyway he thinks it an injustice.

The big rough house should be between Hanlon and Holland. Hanlon called the meeting for February 12. He had wanted to call it February 8, but after he consulted with Pa Rourke he decided perhaps it would be better to wait until February 12. Chicago was decided as the psychological city to hold it. Holland, according to reports, can't see why Hanlon should call the meeting even if he is vice president. Holland announces that the board of directors run the league during O'Neil's absence and that, therefore, Mr. Hanlon cuts no ice at all.

Hanlon ignored Holland by calling the meeting anyhow, so look out for the fur when they mix. Both can talk long and loudly and they may be expected to do it while the wiser moguls quietly occupy an unobtrusive corner in the grill room grinning at the fracas.

Wichita Sanguine.

It is hard to tell what will happen to Wichita. Wichita has the coin now to last a little while and the management is sanguine of success. Holland is still of the opinion that Wichita is a good town in which to have no Western league franchise. Wichita was offered $10,000 for the franchise, but the owners wanted over three times that amount, which was termed extravagant by Holland so no deal was made. Wichita will undoubtedly start the season and if it fails to finish the proposed guarantee law protects the other club owners.

It will be one gay little meeting and the war scribes should make merry with Hanlon and Holland. How it will come out cannot be forecasted, but what matters so long as a full detail of the Holland-Hanlon controversy is made public?

Some Rourkeites Do Not Seem Frantic to Get on Pa's List

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obliged to open the side door of the mint for him. Wallace is a bit timid because of the uncalled for criticisms which were heaped upon his head when he was here last season. Rourke believes he can remove the timidity from the youngster and if such is the case he expects Wallace to prove one of the surprises of the year.

Hicks is reported to be considering the Federal league and therein lies the trouble. The doughty little southpaw will be reluctant to return to the Western if the Feds make a flattering offer and Rourke may lose him. Pa is not inclined to make any concessions to Hicks because of his failure last year. Hicks was not in first class condition at any time last year and caused Pa oodles of grief on that account. If Hicks can be persuaded to return at a reasonable figure and is in good condition this year, he should prove one of the leading twirlers of the circuit as he was two years ago.

Feds After Krug.

Krug is perhaps the one player Pa is a bit uncertain about. Krug has manifested no inclination to sign and rumors persist that the Feds are after him. Pa, of course, is optimistic and predicts that Krug will enter the fold with the rest of the lambs, but just the same he has a sneakin' suspicion that if Krug did fail to show up the Omaha outfield would probably suffer thereby.

Closman, Congalton, Ward, Kane, Bell and Ormsby have not even communicated with Pa. What their intentions are no one knows. Brenner, who made such a fine showing last season, is sure to sign up and he likes Omaha and is particularly struck with the healthy climate of the north. Clancy, who was purchased from New Orleans, makes the habitual complaint. He wants more kale, but he is not expected to be unruly about it. Sheatak will assuredly return. He has been given a substantial increase in salary and he is ready to do the bulk of the catching this summer if necessary.

Expects These Soon.

The other players, Payne, Stevens, Justice, Schlitzer and the rest are expected to sign before the season starts, while, of course, there are several who have already lined up before the gate. Pa has the nucleus for a team and he should have an excellent team to open the season with unless luck breaks bad and the Federal league steps to the fore with such flattering offers that the players can't resist. Then it will be up to Pa to hustle, but he hopes for the best and there are many fans in Omaha who are hoping just as hard as he is.

Summer Base Ball Gets Overhauling at Nebraska Uni Soon

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interest a large portion of the men of the school. In soccer foot ball, he believes, he has landed the sport.

For the first year at least, soccer will be confined entirely to inter-class contests, the athletic instructors picking the captains of the interclass teams and allowing them to choose the individual members of each class team. Stiehm says that between 400 and 500 men can take part in the soccer game so that nearly all of the undergraduates interested in athletics can take part.

Kansas Looks for Row.

Nebraska's old friends, the Jayhawkers, are intent on kicking up a rumpus in the Missouri valley conference. The Jayhawkers this time have called into question the Missouri Valley rule relating to the participation of any student in athletics who has already taken his college degree, the rule originally barring his participation. The conference at its last meeting decided to ease up a bit and passed an amendment permitting the athlete who had already taken his degree to participate, providing he conformed to the other rules of the conference. The change was to become effective thirty days after its passage by the conference officials, providing no protests were made from the schools whose delegates voted to drop the degree proviso.

Kansas comes forward with a protest and now another vote is necessary to absolutely determine the status of the Cornhuskers' ruling. The Nebraska authorities do not expect the conference to change its recent action in abolishing the old rule. Secretary Manley will take a vote by wire in the near future.

Start Home Basket Ball.

Nebraska opens up its home series of Missouri valley conference basket ball games on the university floor next Friday and Saturday nights. The Drake quintet will furnish the entertainment for the Cornhuskers and two weeks later the Ames team comes here for a two-game series.

South Dakota has asked for a basket ball date with the Cornhuskers, but cannot be accommodated. The Cornhusker schedule is complete already, even without making arrangements for games with Kansas. The South Dakotans are also seeking a foot ball date with the Cornhuskers next fall, but it is not likely that the Nebraska management will take them on.

Spring Foot Ball Practice.

With his basket ball squad in excellent shape and giving promise of annexing another basket ball championship, Stiehm is now busy laying plans for his spring foot ball practice. The excellent material on the freshmen squad which must be developed for the varsity next fall makes the foot ball practice next spring of unusual importance.

Although Stiehm will lose but two or three of last year's regulars from his all-victorious foot ball team, he will have two or three freshmen players who are very liable to beat regulars out of their places.

With the close of Captain Purdy's three years of foot ball there is a vacancy in the backfield for Chamberlain, rated as the best foot ball possibility of recent years. Corey, the big linesman, is as clever a first-year performer as ever donned moleskins at Nebraska and is going to be a mighty hard man to get off of the team. Rasmussen, another backfield man on the freshman team, and Renfro, the clever little quarterback and drop kicker, are the other two men with whom regulars will have to reckon.

It is for the special purpose of devoting attention to these men that Stiehm is particularly concerned in the spring foot ball practice, for the Cornhusker mentor believes he has material there for the development of a wonderful foot ball machine.

Two others have reported since the opening of the second semester who may be valuable additions to the squad. Tibbets, an old Lincoln High school player, and Otapelik, a former David City High school star, are intending to join the spring training squad. The David City lad is reported to have all of the qualifications for a linesman.

Huggins Expects the Downtrodden Cardinals to Jump in Standing

Miller Huggins, the grizzled second sacker and manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, who is entirely satisfied with the wholesale trade he negotiated with the Pirates, Huggins feels sure that the transplanted Pirates he received in exchange for Harmon, Mowrey and Konetchey will strengthen the team a whole lot. The diminutive pilot of the Cardinals is also banking on his squad of youngsters.

NEW BALL TEAM TO ENTER THE LISTS NEXT SUMMER

A new class A amateur base ball team will enter the field next summer. The team will play under the name of the John Deere Plow company, and will consist of some of the best amateur talent in the city. The team will play the class A teams in Omaha, as well as out of town teams. Players signed for the season include, S. Battey, A. Kaufman, J. Pfeffer, J. Sutty, N. Kline, F. Jelen, J. McFarland, M. Gallagher, T. McQuad, E. Kranda. Oldrich Jellen will act as manager.

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