

The Nearlyweds--Jerry Picked the Wrong Coat

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IOWA MINORS WILL BATTLE

Creighton Field is Neutral Ground for Gridiron Contest Saturday.

BOTH CLAIM THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Western Union College and Western Iowa Vocational College Will Come to Omaha with Large Delegations of Followers.

The minor college championship of Iowa will be definitely decided this afternoon on Creighton field, when the Western Union college of Lemars will battle with the Western Vocational college of Harlan in a post season game.

Both claim the championship of the minor colleges of Iowa, and being unable to decide who rightfully should hold the title, the manager of the Vocational college in a letter challenged Western Union college. The latter team wasted so much time to accept the offer.

With any kind of weather the Western Union college ought to have but little trouble with their adversaries. The Western Union college has not suffered a defeat in two years with its well drilled team. The Vocational college was not overly strong this year. This fact was shown when they defeated the Creighton High school team by the score of 19 to 0. The Creighton High school team was one of unusual lightness and not considered a strong team in any sense of the word.

It was by a mere accident that the Vocational college managed to make its last touchdown against the Creighton team. The officials for tomorrow have not yet been selected, but they will be gridiron men of the Missouri Valley conference of colleges. The game will be called at 3 o'clock. Both teams are expected to arrive in Omaha this morning and they will be followed by rooters and boosters. Much rivalry exists between these two colleges, and for this reason a good battle should be played, providing the players are in any kind of condition.

Wahoo Sam Asks More Pay on First

Big Sam Crawford of Wahoo, Neb., the great right fielder of the Detroit Tigers, who also has done much good work at first and comes next to Cobb with the bat, is a salary hold-out. For this reason a Sam has been asked to play first base regularly for the Wolverines at the same pay for which he fielded. Having the very definite notion that first base is a busier and more difficult place than outfield, Sam asked for more pay, which was denied him, whereupon he declared, "no more pay, no work."

There is little doubt among Sam's friends that Manager Jennings will be able to satisfy the big Nebraskan's wishes before the season opens next spring.

Wausa Defeats Bloomfield. WAUSA, Neb., Dec. 6.—(Special).—Wausa basket ball team defeated Bloomfield team here Wednesday evening in a fast game, 12 to 8. Peck Martin's basket throwing in the second half was the feature of the game. The Wausa team wants games with teams in northeast Nebraska of western Iowa. Write Wynne Martin, secretary, Wausa, Neb.

Mrs. Nazimova is Married. NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The theatrical section of New York was surprised to learn today of the marriage of Mrs. Alla Nazimova, the Russian actress, to Charles E. Bryant, who has been a member of her company since the beginning of the present season. No announcement of their engagement had been made.

BANKERS LOSE TWO GAMES

Commercial High and Phone Company Defeat Opponents.

PHONE MEN HAVE OWN WAY

Score at Will Against Merchants National Bank--Commercial High Scores 16 to 8 Against Omaha National Bank.

Commercial High and Nebraska Telephone company teams won at basket ball from Omaha National bank and Merchants National bank teams last night in the Commercial basketball league play at the Young Men's Christian association. The former won by 16 to 8 in a fast game featured by goal throwing of Lann and Busing. The Hello team nipped the large count of a 24 to 2 score, owing to inability of the merchants to break up team work of their opponents. Lineups:

COMM. HIGH. OMAHA NAT'L. Albright, L.F. Mullis; Smith, R.F. (C) Bussing; Linn (C) C. Younger; Brott, L.G. Sandberg; Joy, R.G. Huchinson; MERCHANTS. TELEPHONE CO. Hanson, L.F. K.F. Stoll; Fica (C) R.F. R.F. Stowell; Wyerman, C. C. Stowell; Carey, L.G. R.G. Fellows; Brubert; Borg, R.G. L.G. Noland; Meis.

Jackson Gains Third in Bowling Singles

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 6.—C. E. Jackson of Waterloo, Ia., rolled into third place in the singles at the Middlewest Bowling tournament today with a score of 512. Bowlers from Ottumwa and Waterloo occupied the alleys all day. The best scores today follow:

SINGLES. C. A. Jackson, Waterloo, 512; J. Leebins, Waterloo, 497; Thomas O'Brien, Ottumwa, 474; J. L. Graham, Ottumwa, 452; C. Palmer, Waterloo, 438; H. L. Thorsen, Waterloo, 423; H. Paul, Waterloo, 423; R. W. Dingeman, Ottumwa, 413.

DOUBLES. Hall and Jackson, Waterloo, 1,108; Marken and Lorenz, Waterloo, 1,094; Graham and Scott, Ottumwa, 1,073; Dingeman and Scott, Ottumwa, 1,073; O'Brien and Hoffman, Ottumwa, 1,067; Charles Wallace of Kansas City, Kan., made a score of 611 in the singles tonight, placing him in fourth place in that event.

In the doubles, Riddell and Curtin of this city rolled into seventh place with a score of 1,122. These were the best scores made tonight, when only local men appeared on the alleys.

GEORGE TURNER THROWS HOKUF AT ABERDEEN

ABERDEEN, S. D., Dec. 6.—(Special).—William Hokuf of Omaha failed to throw George Turner of Glenham, S. D., here last night. Turner won two straight falls from the Nebraskan, the first in 6:12 and the second in 14:54. Both falls were won with combination arm, body and head holds. Hokuf will seek a return match upon his return from a month in the east. Turner accepts all challenges.

Opium Smugglers Arrested. NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Opium valued at between \$300 and \$500 was seized in a raid on Chinatown by federal officers today. A Chinese laundryman probably was fatally injured when he fell three stories from the windows of his room as the officers burst in the doors. The other Chinese were arrested.

WILSON REVIEWS HIS WORK

Secretary of Agriculture Discusses Sixteen Years of Progress.

FARMERS NO LONGER RIDICULED

Total Output Nearly Doubled Since He Entered Cabinet and Production Per Acre Has Greatly Increased.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—After sixteen years, a record of service in the cabinet, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson submitted today to President Taft the last annual report he will make as head of the United States Department of Agriculture. The report is more than a review of the last year's work; it contains a summary of the agricultural advance of the country during the venerable secretary's term of public service.

"The record of sixteen years has been written," he says. "It begins with a yearly farm production of \$4,000,000,000 and ends with \$8,322,000,000. Sixteen years ago the farmer was a joke of the cartoonist; now he is like the stone that was rejected by the builder and has become the headstone of the corner." The tillers of the soil were burdened with debts, he adds, "but prosperity followed and grew with unexampled speed. Beginnings have been made in a production per acre, increasing faster than the natural increase of population. There has been an uplift of agriculture and of country life."

"During the last sixteen years the farmer has steadily increased the wealth production year by year, with the exception of 1911. During the sixteen years the farmers' wealth production increased 44 per cent.

This is Banner Year.

"Most productive of all agricultural years in the country has been 1912. The earth has produced its greatest annual dividend. The sun and the rain and the fertility of the soil headed not the human controversies, but kept on working in cooperation with the farmers' efforts to utilize them. The prices at the farm are generally profitable and will continue the prosperity that farmers have enjoyed in recent years. The total production of farm wealth is the highest yet reached by \$90,000,000. The grand total for 1912 is estimated to be \$8,322,000,000. This is more than twice the value of the farm wealth in 1895."

More than \$105,000,000,000 is the grand total of farm wealth production, the report says, during the last sixteen years, an amount equal to about three-quarters of the present national wealth.

The most effective move toward reduced cost of living is the production of greater crops, says the secretary, and this move, he declares, is due to the work of the Department of Agricultural colleges and experiment stations and to the help of the press in publishing every movement to help the farmers. The nation, he adds, forgot its farmers in the general scheme of education of past years and few philanthropists thought of them when giving for education, but they are waking up and thinking for themselves and congress has been good to them.

Praises Work of Experts.

The secretary first takes up the work of the various bureaus of his department in the last year and then tells of the growth in some instances from their foundation. Of these bureaus during the time he has been head of the department, he praises highly the experts who have worked under him.

"The great and growing movement carried on by the department for agricultural betterment," he declares, "has not been sustained solely by one man nor by a few men. A choice corps of scholarly experts in their special lines of endeavor has been growing in membership. In breadth of view and in the practical application of their efforts."

"The department is prepared to continue and increase its public service. During sixteen years it has progressed from the kindergarten through the primary, middle and upper grades of development until now it has 1,000,000 copies that speak with authority."

From a department with 2,444 employees in 1897 and an appropriation of \$2,712,952, it has increased to 12,838 employees at the beginning of the present fiscal year with an appropriation this year of almost \$25,000,000. Whereas there are now 25,000 requests every week for department publications, there were but 500 in 1897; and during this period 25,000,000 copies have been distributed. In soil investigation an area of 225,000 square miles, equal to that of Germany, France, Great Britain, Ireland and Italy, has been covered.

Governor Tener May Buy Philies

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 6.—Governor John K. Tener, once a pitcher of the old Chicago White Sox under A. G. Spalding, is said to be dickering for the purchase of the Philadelphia National league franchise, which is in the air as a result of the Pogue embargo. Being a practical base ball man, the governor would be welcomed as owner of the Philies and base ball people are agitated by the report, which has been somewhat accredited by the governor, himself, who has not denied being the head of a syndicate which will take over the team Saturday.

Surgeon Says Army and Navy Officers Drink Too Much

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The use of alcohol among officers of the army and navy is declared the "most baffling obstacle to progress" in a report by Colonel Mervin Maus, chief surgeon of the eastern division of the army. The report is made public in the journal of the military service, published by the officers at Governor's island. Dr. Maus recommends that "no one who uses alcoholic beverages should be appointed to important positions, civil or military, to the command of military or naval forces, or any other position of importance and responsibility." In reference to the evils of the use of alcohol in a military organization, he says:

"It lessens working capacity, marching endurance, accuracy and rapidly in rifle firing, ability to command troops and solve military problems, to navigate and maneuver war vessels, to act as members of courts and military boards, to properly perform administrative work, to develop the intellect and fit one for the higher duties and responsibility of life."

"It causes sickness, impairs health and usefulness, adds greatly to the non-efficiency of both officers and men, adds additional burden and cost to the medical department, deprives the government of otherwise valuable officers and enlisted men, and forces them on the retired or pension list, with corresponding increase of government expenditures."

"The higher powers of judgment and ability to make proper comparisons and weigh testimony is lowered under the influence of alcohol. Serious mistakes have occurred from alcohol among officers in command of land and sea forces."

ALLEGED WIRE TAPPERS VISIT SEVERAL CITIES

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 6.—In an attempt to gain more evidence against F. W. Goodrich, Edward M. and Thomas Marsh, who, according to the police, are members of a band of wire tappers which has operated in cities from coast to coast, Chief of Police Griffin today communicated by telegraph with the police departments of a score of the larger cities in the country.

Close questioning by the chief failed to gain further admissions from any of the three. Goodrich, believed to be leader of the band, who the police say has admitted swindling operations which aimed at "big game" only, had only one reply to a multitude of questions put to him concerning fake betting schemes worked in various cities. It was: "I have nothing to say."

Telegrams found with the wire tapping paraphernalia in the men's room showed that in the last three months they had been in St. Paul, Chicago, Buffalo, Hot Springs, Ark., and New York, their movements apparently directed by a man in New York who signed himself Paul J. Wallace. Goodrich spent a week in Chicago early in October.

Goodrich said that prior to last April he operated a saloon on Market street in San Francisco. He said he had spent most of his time on the Pacific coast, at one time operating a saloon in Seattle and later a gambling house in Nome, Alaska.

BUDDHISM SPREADING ON PACIFIC COAST

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Alarm at the growth of Buddhism on the Pacific coast is expressed in the report of the home missions committee at the federal council of the Churches of Christ, submitted today.

"One of the most startling facts confirmed by investigation as that Buddhism in Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles is aggressively propagating itself from these centers," says the report. "Buddhist temples have been erected in which cultural priests administer the rites and ceremonies of their religion, and through a series of lectures in various parts of those cities are reaching large numbers of Americans, especially women. Christianity is thus being put on the defensive and is grappling with the struggle with religions and cults of the orient. Recently thousands of Hindus have come. Next to nothing is being done for them by our churches."

MINNESOTA BANKER IS BROUGHT BACK FOR TRIAL

BLUE EARTH, Minn., Dec. 6.—Harry W. Parker, former official of the defunct Bank of Commerce here, charged with a heavy shortage in funds, was brought back today from Georgia, where he was arrested last week and where he is said to have married again. Hundreds were at the station to witness Parker's arrival, but officers stopped the train several blocks from the depot and hurried him to the county jail.

The grand jury, which is to pass on Parker's case and also on that of John Sharp, president of the defunct bank, will convene next Monday afternoon. Sharp is under \$6,500 bail, having been arrested on a charge of giving a false statement as to the condition of the bank.

CIVIL SERVICE LEAGUE MEETS

Report Says Competency Should Be Basis of Employment.

NUMBER OF PAPERS ARE READ

One Resolution Expresses Confidence in President-Elect Wilson's Intention to Support the Merit Principle.

MIWAUKKEE, Wis., Dec. 6.—The operating departments of a city government should be manned by a force selected and retained solely because of competence to do the work of their positions, suggested the joint committee report of the National Municipal league and the National Civil Service Reform league, presented today at the annual meeting of the National Civil Service Reform league.

At the head of each such department, the report says, should be an expert in the work of the department who holds his position without reference to the exigencies of partisan politics.

William B. Hale of Illinois read a paper in which he recited the Illinois system of removals in the civil service.

The Chicago system of removals was explained by Robert Catherwood, president of the Chicago Civil Service Reform association.

Experience of Wisconsin. Wisconsin's experience under the civil service law was related before the National Civil Service Reform league here today by Frank E. Doty, secretary of the Wisconsin Civil Service commission, who spoke on "Development and Application of Advanced Methods in Civil Service Examinations in Wisconsin." He said the commission seeks to combine the best methods of the schools and of men of business and to eliminate them to reduce the percentage of error. In determining special fitness, any reasonable methods to secure the desired result are adopted.

Further Extremes Urged.

A resolution urging still further extensions and more thorough application of merit system, "until spoils practices shall be rooted out from American government, both great and small, and the principles of appointment and promotion for merit shall become of universal application" was adopted.

Other resolutions point to the chief gain in the extension of civil service in the federal government as the extension by President Taft of the classification of fourth class postmasters over the whole country.

The extension of classified service in the executive department of the government, as urged by President Taft, it is pointed out, will put a stop to political activity on the part of office holders if existing rules were properly enforced.

Merit Only Basis for Promotion. Other resolutions pointing to the United States civil service to make a systematic effort to base promotion and even continuance in service solely upon continued efficiency and merit and the urging upon congress to provide adequate appropriations to give effect to this provision is commended.

The league again urges the passage of the pending bill for the improvement of the foreign service and went on record as opposed to all preferences of individuals and of special classes in making government appointments.

Confidence in President-elect Wilson to support the merit principle is expressed. Dr. Charles W. Eliot was re-elected president of the league. Thirteen vice president and sixty members of the council were chosen.

Secretary Robert W. Beicher announced the receipt of a letter from President-

elect Wilson saying he thought it not wise to associate his name with any association, though "his interest and sympathy with the work of the league has not been and cannot be abated."

The following special resolution was adopted: Resolved, That there be referred to a special committee, with the approval of the league, the plan proposed for making observations and inquiries concerning the records and attitude of senators and congressmen in regard to civil service matters and bringing the facts concerning such records and attitude to the attention of the public and before their constituents with power to the committee to carry out the recommendations of the committee.

Omaha Grain Men Testify at Chicago

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Grain men from Kansas City, St. Louis, Omaha and other western points testified yesterday before Special Examiner C. H. Marshall of the Interstate Commerce commission at a hearing involving the rate on grain from centers in Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas to New Orleans for export trade.

The rate was recently lowered and both grain and railroad men want the old rates re-established.

C. W. Longdale, Kansas City Board of Trade; H. C. Wilson, traffic bureau, Kansas City Commercial club; A. P. Husband, secretary of the Millers' National Federation, and H. P. Hall, Kansas City, said that better service could be secured if the rates were advanced.

Britton Conquers Irish Lightweight

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Jack Britton of Chicago practically knocked out Billy Bennett, lightweight champion of Ireland, a few seconds before the end of their ten-round bout in Brooklyn tonight. Britton forced the fighting all through and in the tenth round twice knocked Bennett down with hooks to the jaw. After Bennett got to his feet the second time he hung over the ropes in a dazed condition and Britton refused to strike him again.

JIMMY CARROLL, OLD TIME BOXER, IS DEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—"Jimmy" Carroll, an old-time heavy-weight boxer, who held several championships in his day, died here late last night. The old fighter was struck by a street car several days ago and never recovered from the shock.



Our most precious advertising space is the backs of our customers.

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Right now we can serve you with unusual values in both suits and overcoats—late arrivals delayed in making—garments of dependable quality, hand-tailored to our special order. \$14.50, \$17, \$20 and \$25.

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Bath Robes 1/2 Price

A bath robe is a necessary article of wear when moving about the house at nights. As a lounging gown in one's room, it is a pleasant luxury.

We are selling our robes at half price, a variety of patterns. Sold formerly at \$4.00 to \$18.00, now—

\$2.00 to \$9.00

Tom Kelley Co.

315 South 16th St.

Recruit advertisement for Helms & Co. Baltimore. Text: 'You will have no trouble getting a pack of Recruit. They are sold EVERYWHERE. Mild and good as a cigarette. 10 for 5c'. Includes illustration of a pack of cigarettes and a man smoking.

Sixteenth and Farnam advertisement for The Dome hat shop. Text: 'Sixteenth and Farnam YOU ARE BOUND TO BOUND INTO The Dome The New \$2 Hat Shop for Men. At the corner of 16th and Farnam--almost--this new \$200 hat shop is BOUNDED on the east by the Chicago & Great Western Railway Co.; on the west by the United Cigar Co.; on the north by a brick wall, and on the south by Farnam Street. The location is so handy it is BOUND to be a success right off the REEL, for it is a REAL \$2.00 Hat Shop. FURNISHINGS, TOO Sixteenth and Farnam'.