

Santa Claus Sure Was Pretty Good to O. B. B. This Season

HOLLAND REMAINS WITH THE WESTERN

St. Joseph Magnate and Frank Isbell Try to Buy K. C. Club, but Deal Falls Through.

ALL UMPIRES ARE GIVEN GATE

Jack Holland will not leave the Western league to take up the business management of the Kansas City American association...

Down-and-Out Tournaments, Mixed Doubles and Merry-Go-Rounds Fill the Time.

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All Kings Are Fired. One of the complaints made against the administration of Tipperary Tip O'Neill was the brand of umpires TIP perished in wishing on the suffering Western league fans...

Drummers Sign Athlete. St. Joseph has signed a new first baseman. He answers to the name of Claude Jourdon and hails from the North Carolina league...

Two After Topeka Job. Two names are receiving frequent mention for the managerial position at Topeka which was left vacant by the jump of James Jackson, firebrand, from Kawtopea to Wichita...

Jimmy Viox Makes Monkey Out of Flip Cuban Outfielder

Hans Wagner has a fine sense of humor and can tell a good story when he opens up. He tells this one of an incident in an exhibition game which the Pirates played with the Cuban ball team at Long Branch, N. J.:

The Cuban player in left field was fresh in the way he talked to some of us, and he made Viox particularly sore. The time came in the game when Viox had a chance to show him up, and he did. Jimmy hit a long home run in the bushes in left field, and this Cuban was so busy trying to find the ball he couldn't see what was going on.

Viox went around the bases once and then while this Cuban was still straggling in the weeds Jimmy started on around the second time. The Cuban came up out of the bushes just about the time Jimmy got past second base on his second time around. He threw the ball on a line to home plate and then took it in toward the diamond. The Cuban catcher was in on the joke and he took the ball and pined it on Jimmy ten feet from the plate.

Then the umpire helped out by calling Jimmy safe. The way that Cuban left fielder did rant and expel Spanish oaths words at us big leaguers and the umpire for the rest of the game was funny, for no one put him wise any just let him go on making a fool of himself.

Mike Donovan One Pug Who Knew When to Quit the Game

To know when to quit when quitting is good is a species of wisdom vouchsafed to few fighting men. One of the most illustrious of the champions to retire from the ring undefeated was Mike Donovan—good old "professor Mike," the grand old man of the squared circle.

The "professor" held the middleweight title from 1874 to 1887, when he voluntarily resigned his honors and he was boxing instructor of the New York Athletic club, a job he held until he was pensioned last year.

Dempey's defeat at the hands of the old-timer-for Donovan really had the shade, although it was called a draw—was perhaps the bitterest pill the Irish battler ever had to swallow.

Donovan was the only middleweight champion in the annals of pugilism to retire undefeated, with the exception of Jack Randall, the original "Nonpareil," who fought nearly a century ago and was never licked. Bob Fitzsimmons went into the heavyweight class and fought once too often.

Jimmy Barry, the old bantam champion, went through his career without taking a beating.

A "For Sale" ad will turn second-hand furniture into cash.

Charley Peters Is Willing to Tackle Any and All of 'Em

Charley Peters, the Papillon lad who defeated Gus Kuvavos last Tuesday night in 316 time, announces that he is willing to enter the ring with any wrestler who has wrestled Joe Stecher or wants to wrestle Stecher. Peters' manager declares that Peters does not claim to be able to beat Stecher, and even admits Stecher's superiority, but he asserts that Peters can defeat anybody Stecher can beat anybody Stecher has shown up to date and offers to place his money that way. Strangler Lewis, Hussane, Aberg and all the rest are invited to speak up.

BOWLERS KEEP ON THROUGH HOLIDAYS

The holiday rush didn't stop the bowlers and much activity was displayed around the bowling alleys...

On the Farnam Alleys, the largest merry-go-round tournament ever staged in the city came to an end with \$135.30 in the pot. Some lively competition was indulged in and scores were high. Scipio and Shields won first money with 1284; Yousef and Rosenberg second with 1281; Scipio and Shields third with 1276; and Bartholmev and Schoeman fourth with 1267.

The Huntington Alley merry-go-round drew a good patronage. Haurer and Conrad won first place with 1283, Maurer and Huntington second with 1281, J. Jarosh and Wartchow third with 1276, J. Jarosh and Wartchow fourth with 1273.

In the B class Huntington merry-go-round L. Norgaard and Kiency were first with 1196. Stine and Pfeiffer second with 1192, L. Norgaard and Kiency third with 1189, L. Norgaard and K. Norgaard fourth with 1184.

Prize Contest Held. On the Morrison alleys Joe Berger's Christmas prize contest developed into a series of lively contests. Zach Chambers' \$25 total drew first prize, Jeddicka was second with 700, Wiley third with 695, Fitz fourth with 689 and Hayes fifth with 672.

The women's turkey shoot on the Huntington alleys was won by Miss Sophia Rauber with a 579 total, including a 243 single game.

The Metropolitan Christmas tree tournament was a huge success. Santa Claus McCabe passed out prizes to Carl Younger and Art Falconer, who hung up higher scores.

Merry-Go-Round. On the Brunswick alleys a holiday merry-go-round is in progress. Fitzgerald and Frickeer are high with 1,200. The pot has already assumed large proportions. It lasts until January 2.

Other special holiday events will be staged during the remaining holiday season.

Dad Huntington will stage a big open house event New Year's eve. Special events will be rolled by both the men and women and several special prizes will be put up. To make it good Dad has hired a double in the Booster league. Tuesday night. This is a feat not often pulled off.

Herb Garlow is handing out a dollar cash prize to the high score rolled on his drives each day.

To show their appreciation for the treatment accorded them by the booster league presented Dad Huntington with a handsome out class vase. Of course, Mr. Huntington is chairman of the league. Tuesday night. This is a feat not often pulled off.

The Standard Oil league has discontinued activities. They were a live bunch, but lacked organization and leadership. The night rolling hour also was not as popular as the machine hour they rolled the last four years.

Just as Beau Brummel Hageman was becoming a good bowler the Standard Oil League has been rolled. Dad is sure getting popular in his old age.

Another Union Pacific league has been organized and is rolling on Tuesday nights on the Metropolitan alleys, replacing the Standard Oil league.

"Things had been breaking badly for Shuster and judging from the attendance the natives were unaware of the fact that their city was represented by a ball club. The players were rebellious, too, for Shuster could, without a doubt, collect more of their dough without provocation than any manager I ever met, and I have known some who were strong on inflating lines for this, that and the other thing."

"The team was finishing a home stay and after the last game of the series all were in the club house gathering odds and ends. Enter Shuster. 'File all those uniforms in the corner, boys. We open at Long Beach tomorrow and I want you fellows to show in style down there. I'll have them laundered and rushed down in time for the game.'"

"With that Shuster took his departure from the club house. As the players began piling up their uniforms, Peggy Barth, who always was pulling off something, said: 'Let's run up a laundry bill on Shuster that will even a little on those lines,' and he started the idea by throwing shirt, socks, suit of underwear, etc. into the pile of uniforms. The other players caught the idea and every spare bit of wearing apparel was piled in with the uniforms, and then the whole lot of stuff so arranged that Shuster would not get wise if he should make an inspection. The players left the club house speculating on what the manager would say when he got the laundry bill."

"That night Shuster decided to make his exit, and he made a good one, leaving Pasadena nothing but a franchise and a bunch of unpaid, hungry ball players. He took the uniforms, too, and with them went all that had been piled in to run up a fancy laundry bill, while a dozen ball players left behind were not only broke, but without even as much as a change of socks."

Shuster is a coach. Daney Shab, veteran catcher, has secured an engagement in each of the Omaha University base ball team.

TUG-O-WAR TEAMS START PRACTICE

Every Squad Entered in Big Pull at Auditorium Next Month Will Start Work Monday Night.

FIREMEN REPRESENT AMERICA

All eight teams entered in the International Tug-of-War which will be staged at the Omaha Auditorium January 3 to 8, inclusive, will start active practice for the event Monday night. Several of the teams have been holding informal practices already, by starting tomorrow night each one of the eight teams will practice every night until the opening.

The stage of the Auditorium has been fixed up by Jack Prince, who is promoting the big pull, and an impromptu platform erected. A pulling rope and anchors and the pulling ladder, all of the same pattern as the regular equipment will be used in the championship matches have been installed so that the strong men can get all the good possible out of the practices.

Firemen Represent America. It has been definitely decided that the Omaha firemen shall represent America in the tug. The firemen are captained by Frank Greenman and have a team that has been pulling together for months. The fire ladders have been practicing steadily ever since they organized the team some time ago to pull the policemen and they are already in first class shape.

The knights of the nozzle, the Swedes and the Danes are the favorites among the tug fans around town, although Prince declares some of the other fellows are likely to upset the dope. The other night during a practice the six men who will pull on the Swede team pulled ten of their fellow countrymen who volunteered to give them a little work out.

Four Pulls Each Night. Four pulls will be held each of the seven nights of the big pull. During the week each one of the eight teams will contest with every other team. The team winning the greatest number of pulls will be declared the champions and will receive first money. In addition a silver cup, denoting the tug-of-war championship of the world, will be awarded the winners. This cup they will be obliged to defend against all challengers. It is Prince's plan to have the championship Scotch team of Chicago and several other outside tug-of-war squads come to Omaha for matches with the winners of the tournament here.

Green to Furnish Music. George Green's band has been engaged to supply the music during the event. Green reports that his musicians have learned all the national airs by heart and will be Johnny-on-the-job.

Prince reports that everything will be in readiness for the grand opening Jaturday 3 and there will be no delay or hitch in the program.

The teams entered and their captains are: America—Frank Greenman, Sweden—Kenneth Luridquist, Denmark—Emil Tolbodd, Italy—M. Calby, Bohemia—Frank Riba, Ireland—Phil Lynch, Canada—M. D. Germany—Not chosen.

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SPORTS SECTION OF THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 26, 1915.

AMATEUR FOOT BALL CHAMPIONS OF OMAHA—The Nonpareils entered the sandlot gridiron field this year under the leadership of Phil Lynch and easily walked away with the city championship and held the fast Wisner team, state champions, to a 7-to-0 score.



CREIGHTON GRID MEN GET LETTERS

Nineteen Foot Ball Warriors of Omaha School Awarded Sweaters Christmas Morning.

BLUE WITH WHITE LETTERS

Nineteen Creighton students were made happy upon finding in their Christmas stockings a heavy blue sweater, with the much coveted letter "C" in white felt on the breast.

The nineteen players to receive 'varsity sweaters and emblems are Captain 'Jack' Shannon, Captain-elect 'Dutch' Platz, Shorty Warren, Bill Brennan, S. Kamanski, Harvey Stapleton, Earl Wise, Charley Nigro, Roy Gray, Mary Flanagan, Carl Lutes, Patsy Ford, Cummingham Wilson, Russell Burford, Doty, Hale, Morgan, Stuart and Hancy.

Peggy Barth Pulls Joke on Shuster, but It Doesn't Work Out

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INDOOR GOLF COURSE HERE

Phil Clark, Professional at Field Club, Will Open Indoor Links in Omaha Next Month.

WILL HOLD MATCH CONTESTS

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BASKET FLIPPERS HAVING DULL TIME

Holiday Season Responsible for the Postponement of League Openings Until January 4.

EASTERN TEAMS PLAY HERE

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GRID GAME PAYS AT NEBRASKA UNI

Nearly Fourteen Thousand Dollars' Clear Profit is Made During Season Just Passed.

IS BIGGEST IN HISTORY

LINCOLN, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Nebraska's greatest football ball season brought in the unrivaled total receipts of \$25,097.94, with a surplus of \$11,936.44, according to the report of Athletic Manager Guy E. Reed, made public today, for the 1915 games.

Breaking all records for football receipts at the Cornhusker institution, another record was hung up in Missouri valley football when Nebraska and Kansas played a crowd at Lawrence last fall which swelled the coffers of the two institutions \$17,767. This is the largest crowd which ever saw two Missouri valley conference eleven play since the presidents of the conference members adopted the rule some years ago restricting the games to be played on the "home grounds" of the colleges. When Jayhawk and Ticker played at Kansas City years ago on Turkey day, the game netted larger receipts.

Even Reed Surprised. Even Manager Reed was surprised with the big surplus Nebraska had on hand after all expenses had been deducted. Reed had confidently expected to clear from \$2,000 to \$10,000 on the season, but had not dared to hope for nearly \$10,000. Kansas and Notre Dame were the big drawing cards on the Husker schedule last season. Kansas topped the list with receipts of \$17,767. The Cornhusker share amounting to \$8,441. Notre Dame drew a \$11,765 crowd to Nebraska field and more money could have been taken in had there been available seats.

With Drake as the first opener of the season, the Husker finances made a tremendous gain over last year right at the start, \$1,611 being realized. The Ames game did better than last year and Iowa also brought more money into the coffers of the Cornhuskers.

Some Heavy Expenses. The highest items of expense was the guarantee to visiting teams, \$10,000, going this way. Transportation of the ball squad cost \$2,156.00 and coaching at up \$2,250. Equipment put the management on an expense of \$1,700.25, and officials cost \$1,668.80. The other items of expense were smaller.

Reed's complete and official financial report on the football season of 1915 follows:

Table with columns for Receipts and Expenditures. Receipts include season tickets, gate receipts, etc. Expenditures include guarantees to visiting teams, transportation, coaching, etc. Total receipts are \$25,097.94 and total expenditures are \$13,161.50, leaving a surplus of \$11,936.44.

Guarantees to visiting teams... \$10,000.00
Transportation football trips... \$2,156.00
Coaching... \$2,250.00
Equipment... \$1,700.25
Officials... \$1,668.80
Scouting... \$58.00
Training and printing... \$10.00
Labor and upkeep of Athletic Club... \$71.94
Police... \$17.00
Miscellaneous... \$14.00
Total... \$13,161.50

Balance... \$12,900.48
Receipts from season tickets devoted to football... \$1,936.44
Total... \$14,836.92

Unexpended balance from season tickets... \$1,936.44
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