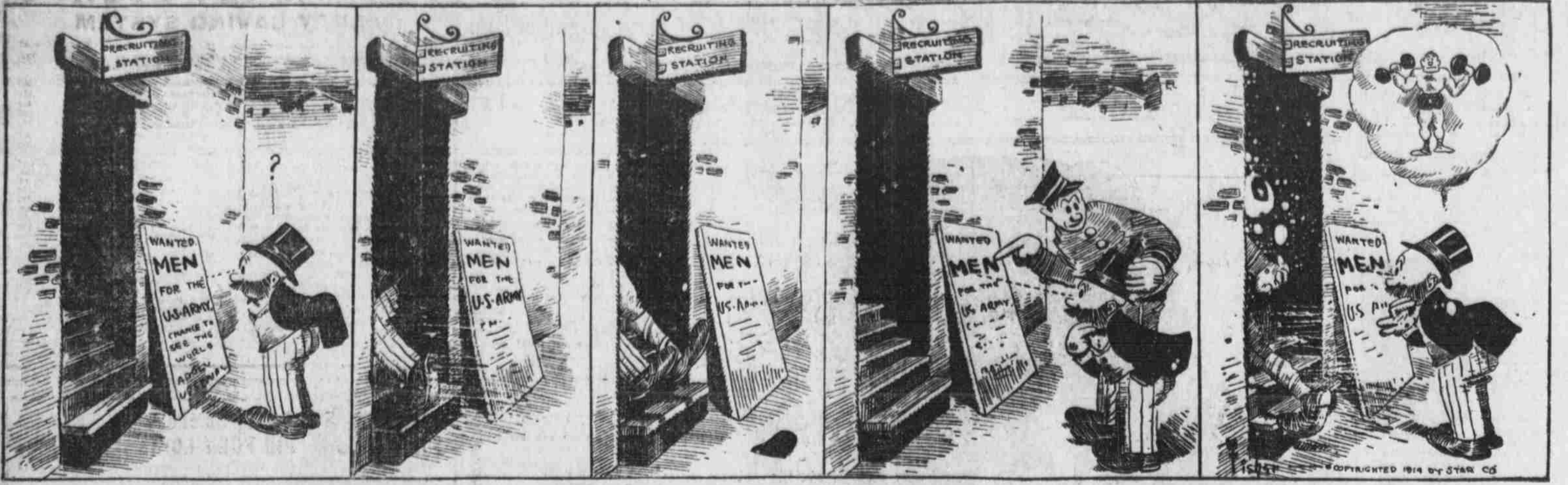


And Then Not a Word Was Spoken



Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher

STATE CIRCUIT STAYS SAME

Fairbury Unable to Find Opening to Secure Franchise.

PROTEST OVER SALARY LIMIT

York and Columbus Declare Some of Cities Have Exceeded It, but Pennant Awarded Just Same.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 11.—(Special Telegram)—Grand Island was awarded the Nebraska State League pennant at the state meeting here today over the protest of York on the ground that the team had exceeded the salary limit during the season.

Delegate Kidow of York said Grand Island, Hastings and Beatrice all had exceeded the salary limit. It was unfair, he maintained, to the smaller cities of the league. He said he had made the charge during the summer and wanted to make more formal protest now. He moved as a substitute to a motion by Beatrice to award the pennant, that no award be made this year. The substitute was lost, only York and Columbus voting for, the other six teams against it.

The original motion carried by the same vote. President Miles was re-elected president and E. C. Heffick of Columbus, vice president, J. M. Kidow of York was secretary of the meeting.

The constitution was amended to provide that the presidents of all local managements, with the president of the league, act as a board of directors hereafter. The rule was also made that no player can be suspended for less than five days. This was done to provide against alleged juggling of players' lists.

A schedule of 117 games was agreed upon. The two nearest teams in each case to play return series as an opener. No change was made in the circuit, Fairbury not finishing an opening.

Tonight all visitors were entertained at a banquet at the guests of the local club. Mayor Miles was able to give a good report to the directors covering the last season. There were present, President Miles, John Weising, Ed Dolan and A. H. Borden of Hastings, W. F. Hall and W. J. Staff of Norfolk, J. M. Kidow, W. B. Overland and A. M. Gray of Columbus, E. Blaise of Beatrice and Paul Glade and Henry Schuff of this city.

Bank Governors and Reserve Board Men Discuss Clearances

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—How far the federal reserve banks shall go for the present in exercising the function of clearing house associations was discussed today by the governors of the banks and the Federal Reserve board.

Although no marked difference of opinion exists between the governors and the board, it was pointed out that many of the big banks in clearing house associations in large cities were not anxious to see this function exercised by the reserve banks.

SEVERAL BUSINESS HOUSES IN PALMYRA BURNED

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 11.—Fire which started in the general store of Barnes & Co., at Palmyra, a village twenty miles east of here, late Wednesday night, destroyed all the buildings on the west side of Main street. The total loss is estimated at \$50,000.

The following business houses were totally destroyed with their contents: Barnes & Co., general merchandise, drug store, building owned by R. M. Pearson, Nebraska City.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows' building, Postoffice building, is owned by Mrs. C. A. Sweet.

Man Shot Accidentally.
NEWARK, Neb., Dec. 11.—(Special Telegram)—An Otto Blum was aiming at a dog running over a hillside, he accidentally shot Theodore Jan, a young boy who was on the lower part of the hill. The bullet entered his back and has not yet been removed.

PIRATE CHIEF WILL CONTINUE IN ACTIVE SERVICE



FRED CLARKE.

I. L. MAGNATES END MEETING

No Action Taken Regarding Transferring Club Franchises.

PLAY SCHEDULE OF 140 GAMES

Radical Change When Limit of Each Team Reduced to Sixteen Members—Double Empire System Continued.

When the international league base ball club owners wound up their annual season here tonight they had not agreed upon a plan of transferring the league franchises from Jersey City and Baltimore to Syracuse, N. Y., and Richmond, Va. This, the most important business of the season, had been discussed at length since the meeting began last Monday.

A radical change was made when the player limit for each club was reduced today to sixteen, but nothing was done in reference to the salary limit, as it was considered that the reduction in the number of players would regulate this. The double empire system will be continued.

OLIVER DOVEY WINS HIS SUIT AGAINST BROTHERS

PLATTSBURGH, Neb., Dec. 11.—(Special Telegram)—In the district court this evening the jury returned a verdict for Oliver C. Dovey against his brothers, George E. and H. N., president and cashier of the First National bank here, for the sum of about \$5,000, that amount being his share of their father's estate.

THOMAS WILL SPEAK TO RURAL SCHOOL PATRONS

LINCOLN, Dec. 11.—(Special)—The Democracy of Education will be the theme of Superintendent-Bless A. O. Thomas at the meeting of the rural school patrons during the week of Organized Agriculture in Lincoln, January 15-18.

Twelve-Bound Draw at Edgemont.
EDGEMONT, S. D., Dec. 11.—(Special Telegram)—In a fast twelve-bound contest here last night O. L. Stanley of Cody, Wyo., and Ray Hardesty of Sidney fought to a draw. Stanley forced the fighting throughout, but Hardesty evaded things by his cleverness.

A Consumptive Cough.
Stop it and get relief for weak lungs, coughs and colds with Dr. King's New Discovery, 50¢ and \$1. All druggists.

RETURNS OF INCOME TAX

Over Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Paid \$27,253,536.

WHERE THE PLUTOCRATS ABIDE

Most of Individuals Slammed Hardest by Levy Live in Districts Near New York, Phila., Boston, Detroit.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The first complete compilation of returns under the income tax law was made public today in the annual report of the commissioner of internal revenue. It showed returns for the collection year of 1913 by 37,228 individuals paying taxes aggregating \$7,253,536, as follows:

Net Income	No. Returns
\$1,000.00 and over	44
\$2,000.00 to \$1,000,000	91
\$50,000 to \$200,000	44
\$10,000 to \$50,000	44
\$5,000 to \$10,000	54
\$200 to \$250,000	146
\$100,000 to \$250,000	146
\$10,000 to \$100,000	738
\$5,000 to \$10,000	738
\$500 to \$5,000	1,576
\$100 to \$500	1,576
\$25 to \$100	11,917
\$10 to \$25	28,543
\$5 to \$10	101,718
\$2.50 to \$5.00	114,434
\$2.50 to \$1.25	114,434

Stories of the Finances.
Returns were made by 275,135 married persons, 55,212 single men and 27,321 single women. The normal tax of 1 per cent on all taxable incomes produced \$2,728,825. Incomes over \$20,000 a year subject to surtax produced \$18,524,711. Of this latter amount \$1,954,754 came from incomes of between \$20,000 and \$50,000; \$4,625,329 from those between \$50,000 and \$100,000; \$1,222,022 from those between \$100,000 and \$200,000; \$2,324,583 from those between \$200,000 and \$500,000, and \$1,097,529 from those over \$500,000.

Tables giving statistics for each collection district indicated plainly that most of the individuals with large net incomes live in the districts near the cities of New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston and Detroit.

Of the incomes of over \$50,000 New York collectors discovered eighty-two, while Connecticut, where hundreds of New Yorkers live, produced five more. The first Illinois district showed returns from thirteen individuals in this class, the first Michigan six, the first Pennsylvania eight, the Maryland, Massachusetts and first Missouri districts each three.

More single women, as well as more

single men, paying the tax were found in New York than anywhere else. Married women made separate returns in every collection district except in the fifth North Carolina. The second New York district produced the largest number of all returns, 26,965, with the first Illinois a close second, 25,671. The Porto Rico district had only one return, that in the class from \$1,250 to \$5,000. The eighth Kentucky district made only its returns and the sixth Kentucky six.

Returns were filed by 1,232 Americans residing abroad, representing a total net income of \$19,843,250 and 435 returns were made by nonresident aliens, representing income amounting to \$7,317,950.

Number of Corporations.
There were 316,909 corporations doing business in the United States during the fiscal year ended June 30. These corporations in making returns under the income tax law reported capital stock aggregating \$64,071,313,198, an increase over the previous year of about \$2,323,000,000, reported by 265,226 corporations. The net income of the corporations for the year was \$4,232,550,008, or nearly 7 per cent on their capital, with bonded and other indebtedness amounting to \$37,138,215,005. The net income reported for the year showed an increase of more than \$605,000,000.

The commissioner announced that failures to make proper returns were few and cases of false or fraudulent returns still fewer, though more than \$1,000,000 of taxes was collected from corporations in excess of the amount assessable on the basis of first returns.

Total Receipts of Bureau.
Total receipts of the bureau for the year, the commissioner reported, were the greatest in its history, amounting to \$559,000,594, of which \$208,027,419 came from ordinary sources. He estimated the collections for the fiscal year ending next June at \$439,000,000, of which \$45,000,000 is to come from the war revenue tax and \$384,000,000 from the income tax. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, the estimates are \$424,000,000.

The commissioner pointed out that "bootlegging" had increased to a marked degree in states with prohibition laws.

EDITOR OF TAMORA LYRE TO PAY ONE CENT DAMAGES

SEWARD, Neb., Dec. 11.—(Special)—In the suit of Muts against Shields for libel, which Mr. Muts, editor of the Utica Sun, sued Mr. Shields, the editor of the Tamora Lyre, for \$10,000, the jury brought in a verdict of "one cent" damages. The case was tried before District Judge E. E. Good.

Man Beheaded by Train at Tilden

TILDEN, Neb., Dec. 11.—(Special Telegram)—W. A. Hamilton, who recently came here from Fullerton, Neb., and engaged in the variety store business, was found on the railroad track at this place this morning, with his head completely severed from his body. The exact manner of Mr. Hamilton's death is not known, as one of the trainmen saw him, and the first known of it was when his son came to the station looking for him, and on being told that the old man had not been seen started home and then found his father's body on the railroad track.

indications point to suicide, as the body was found lying at right angles with the rail and looked as if he had lain down and placed his head on the rail during the time the train was standing at the station. Mr. Hamilton has a wife and a grown son and daughter at this place, who were assisting him in getting their new store started.

State Grange Elects Officers.

KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 11.—(Special)—The Nebraska State Grange at its annual meeting yesterday elected the following officers: Master, J. D. Roams of Broken Bow; overseer, E. M. Webb of Callaway; steward, C. E. Bishop of Riverdale; assistant steward, E. H. Boeking of Litchfield; chaplain, Mrs. Belle Crosby of Kearney; treasurer, J. S. Cooper of Kear-

ney; secretary, Edna Jacobson of Broken Bow; gate keeper, John Walker of Mason City; Ceres, Mrs. George Bischof of Kearney; Pomona, Mrs. Lola Dale of Loup City; Flora, Mrs. Alvin Dailey of Milburn; lady assistant steward, Gladys Eickmeier of Kearney; executive committee, three years, George Bischof of Kearney.

Seward Boy in Trinidad.

SEWARD, Neb., Dec. 11.—(Special)—John Weiler, captain of the '07 University of Nebraska foot ball team and who afterward was one of the civil engineers to assist in the Panama canal work, is now consulting engineer with a Lake Trinidad asphalt company, at Trinidad, West Indies, at a salary of \$60 a month. He is a former Seward boy.

Mail Orders Given Prompt Attention

Less 1/2 Price Than 2 Sale

STARTING SATURDAY, 8:30 A. M. ROUSING WIND-UP OF 1914

HERE IS THE PROGRAM OF ACTION

A Positive Clean-Up—All Stock Must Go Before We Close Our Books for Inventory. Our \$50,000 over-stock sale was a big success. Thousands bought and were satisfied—BUT, we still must reduce our stock for inventory. Think of it—right in the heart of high price season we cut all merchandise to Less Than 1/2. Come—it means money saved for you—bargains greet you at every turn in this great store.

ENTIRE OVERCOAT STOCK AT LESS THAN 1/2 PRICE

\$10 OVERCOATS For Men & Young Men On sale starting tomorrow, at less than 1/2 price.	\$4.95	\$22.50 OVERCOATS For Men and Young Men On sale starting tomorrow, at less than 1/2 price.	\$11.00
\$13.50 & \$15 OVERCOATS For Men & Young Men On sale starting tomorrow, at less than 1/2 price.	\$6.50	\$27.50 & \$25 O'COATS For Men and Young Men On sale starting tomorrow, at less than 1/2 price.	\$13.50
\$16.50 and \$18 OVERCOATS \$8.50			
FOR MEN and YOUNG MEN			
On sale, starting tomorrow, at less than 1/2 price.			

ENTIRE SUIT STOCK AT LESS THAN 1/2 PRICE

\$18 & \$20 SUITS For Men & Young Men On sale starting tomorrow, at less than 1/2 price.	\$8.50	\$22.50 & \$20 SUITS For Men and Young Men On sale starting tomorrow, at less than 1/2 price.	\$10.50
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THE celebrated "Adier's" \$1.50 Kid Gloves; light and heavy weights; tans and browns; all sizes 7 to 10. Saturday, **95c**.

MEN'S 75c Fleeced and Ribbed Underwear. Just what you need for cold weather; going Saturday, at **39c**.

MEN'S \$1.50 well known "Staley" closed crotch Union Suits; made of fine combed cotton, ecru color; winter weight; all sizes, Saturday, sale price **95c**.

MEN'S \$1.00 Gauntlet Work Gloves—Sizes 1/2 to 10 1/2; "Hansen" make; **79c** at the pair, Saturday.

MEN'S \$1.00 Shirts—New fall patterns, coat style, stiff cuffs attached; special Saturday, at each, **59c**.

MEN'S beautiful 50c Neckwear; made of extra heavy weight silk, with the new patent slip-easy band; in the popular new black and white stripes. Sale price, Saturday, **25c**.

MEN'S \$1.50 Sweater Coats, with large shawl collar, natural color; good, warm coats, all sizes; Saturday, **69c**.

MEN'S \$1.50 Flannel Shirts; blue and gray; Saturday, at **89c**.

MEN'S JERSEYS
Regular \$1.00 values going at—**49c**

MEN'S JERSEYS
Regular \$1.50 values going at—**69c**

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Mutt and Jeff IN TOWN

Just received an assortment of MUTT and JEFF statuettes in all their familiar poses. Buy the "Kiddies" a set or get a pair for the "Den."

59c Per Pair
See window display at the four

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