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WANTED—City loans. Peters Trust Co. (22)—991

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LOANS on improved city property. W. H. Thomas, 505 First National Bank Bldg. (22)—990

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WANTED—To buy second-hand furniture, cook and heating stoves, carpets, linoleums, office furniture, old clothes, and shoes, pianos, feathers, bed pillows, quilts and all kinds of tools; or will buy the furniture of your house complete. The highest prices paid. Call the right man, Tel. Doug. 3971. (35)—M760 33

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WANTED—Position by first-class bookkeeper and accountant, best references. Address J 722 care Bee. (37)—M164 36x

A YOUNG gentleman as card writer and advertiser can take charge of clothing or dry goods department. Furnish A 1 reference. Address G 680 care Bee. (37)—M197 31x

WANTED—A steady position by an experienced cabinetmaker and hard wood finisher. Phone Harney 2467. (37)—189

LEGAL NOTICES

OFFICE OF THE OMAHA AND SOUTHWESTERN Railroad Company, Omaha, Neb., Nov. 8, 1907.—To the Stockholders: Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Omaha and Southwestern Railroad company will be held at the office of the company in Omaha, Nebraska, at 4 o'clock p. m. on January 10, 1908, for the purpose of acting upon the question of selling the railroad, property and franchises of the company to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company, the railroad and property aforesaid being now under lease to the said company. By order of the board of directors. W. P. Durkee, Secretary. N10d30t

OFFICE OF THE KANSAS CITY & Omaha Railway Company, Omaha, Neb., Nov. 9, 1907.—To the Stockholders: Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Kansas City & Omaha Railway company will be held at the office of the company in Fairfield, Nebraska, at 9 o'clock a. m. on January 11, 1908, for the purpose of acting upon the question of selling the railroad, property and franchises of the company to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company, the railroad and property aforesaid being now under lease to said company. By order of the board of directors. W. P. Durkee, Secretary. N10d30t

OFFICE OF THE REPUBLICAN VALley & Wyoming Railroad company, Omaha, Neb., Nov. 9, 1907.—To the Stockholders: Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Republican Valley & Wyoming Railroad company will be held at the office of the company in Omaha, Nebraska, at 4 o'clock p. m., on January 10, 1908, for the purpose of acting upon the question of selling the railroad, property and franchises of the company to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company, the railroad and property aforesaid being now under lease to said company. By order of the board of directors. W. P. Durkee, Secretary. N10d30t

OFFICE OF THE OXFORD & KANSAS Railroad company, Omaha, Neb., Nov. 9, 1907.—To the Stockholders: Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Oxford & Kansas Railroad company will be held at the office of the company at Omaha, Nebraska, at 4 o'clock p. m., on January 10, 1908, for the purpose of acting upon the question of selling the railroad, property and franchises of the company to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company, the railroad and property aforesaid being now under lease to the said company. By order of the board of directors. W. P. Durkee, Secretary. N10d30t

OFFICE OF THE OMAHA AND NORTH Platte Railroad Company, Omaha, Neb., Nov. 9, 1907.—To the Stockholders: Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Omaha and North Platte Railroad company will be held at the office of the company in Omaha, Neb., at 4 o'clock p. m., on January 10, 1908, for the purpose of acting upon the question of selling the railroad, property and franchises of the company to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company, the railroad and property aforesaid being now under lease to the said company. By order of the board of directors. W. P. Durkee, Secretary. N10d30t

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING—Office of Lee-Glass-Andreesen Hardware Company, Omaha, Neb., Dec. 14, 1907.—Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the Lee-Glass-Andreesen Hardware company that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the company will be held at the offices of said company, corner of Ninth and Harney streets, in the city of Omaha, in the state of Nebraska, on Tuesday, January 14, A. D., 1908, at 3 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the company, to serve during the coming year, and to transact such other business as may be presented at such meeting.
(Seal) H. J. LEE, President.
Attest: W. M. GLASS, Secretary. D15d30t

SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED until 6 o'clock p. m., January 1, 1908, by Leroy Martin, Sidney, Neb., secretary of the school board of District No. 1, Cheyenne county, Neb., for the fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000) building bonds of said school district. These bonds draw 5 per cent annual interest, and are in denominations of $500. One bond matures January 1 of each year from 1909 to 1918, and two on same date each year from 1919 to 1928, all optional after five years. Both interest and principal payable at Omaha National bank, Omaha, Neb. A certified check for 10 per cent of bid to accompany. D2347t

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING—NOTICE IS hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Omaha Gas company will be held at the office of the company, Merchants National Bank building, at 10 a. m., Monday, January 6, 1908, for the election of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.
FRANK T. HAMILTON, President.
GEO. W. CLABAUGH, Secretary.

COUNTY OFFICIAL NOTICES.

NOTICE—Proposals for groceries and meat for county supplies (readvertised). Office of the county clerk, Douglas county, Nebraska. Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 12 o'clock (noon) Saturday, December 28, 1907, for supplying Douglas county with groceries and meat, but each bid must be under separate cover, properly endorsed and made upon blanks to be supplied by the county clerk, and all information not included in this notice may be obtained at the office of the county clerk. Each separate bid must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of $25. Groceries and meat for county hospital, county store and detention school as per specifications. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive all defects. D. M. HAVERLY, County Clerk. D23d5t

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Cassie P. Lyon, exr., to Elizabeth Boswitz, w½ lot 2, block 91, Omaha	$3,000
George E. Tarkington to P. M. Mullen, lot 18, block 5, Morse & Brunner's addition	10
Robert O. Fink, county treasurer, to J. A. Kellogg, part lot 5, block 73, Benson	.....
Augustus F. Kountze et al. to Charles B. Kountze, lots 5 and 6, block 16, Kountze Third addition	1
Same, to Elizabeth Kountze Real Estate Co., lots 9 and 10, block 18, Kountze place	1
Same, to Margaret B. Berger, lot 7, block 16, and lots 4 and 5, block 18, Kountze Third addition	1
Same, to Matilda K. Gardner, lots 8, 15 and 16, block 16, Kountze Third addition	1
Same, to Clementine Brown, lot 4, block 17, and lots 9 and 10, block 18, Kountze Third addition	1
Same, to Mary D. Oliver, lot 16, block 17, Kountze Third addition	1
Same, to Luther Kountze, lot 8, block 17, Kountze Third addition	1
Same, to Laura M. Struby, lot 17, and half lot 18, block 18, Kountze Third addition	1
Same, to Olivia K. Ruth, half lot 18, block 18, and all lot 12, block 17, Kountze Third addition	1
Same, to School District of Omaha, tract lot 1, block 2, Kountze Fourth addition	1
Same, to Anna V. Metcalf, tract 200x218 ft, opposite lots 6, 10, 11, 12, block block 2, Forest Hill addition	1
Same, to United Real Estate & Trust Co., tract in s½ ne¼ 27-15-13, and other land	1
Virginia H. Richardson to W. H. Gates, lot 8, Vinton place	25
H. A. Tukey to Nancy E. Carlson, n½ n½ lots 13 and 14, block 2, Orchard Hill	2,000
Robert O. Fink, county treasurer, to Arthur East, lot 23, block 2, Hoppe's Benanza	.....
H. A. Tukey to Jennie Morrison, n½ n½ lots 13 and 14, block 2, Orchard Hill	1,600
George E. Barker and wife to H. A. Tukey, lots 13 and 14, block 2, Orchard Hill	1
Barker Co., to same, same	1
Frank H. Myers et al. to Dora F. Babbitt, lots 4 and 5, block 1, De Bolt place	4,000
Theodore Roesing to Antonia Roesing, s½ w½ lot 85, Hartman addition	400
Frank Schrag and wife to Wilhelm Lunkwitz, part lot 2, Bedick's Second addition	900
Dan Ryan to Wayne Miller, n½ lot 7, block 238, South Omaha	650
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RAILROAD TIME CARD

UNION STATION—10th AND MARCY.

Union Pacific.

	Leave.	Arrive.
The Overland Limited	a 8:50 am	a 9:40 pm
The Colorado Express	a 3:50 pm	a 5:00 pm
Atlantic Express	.....	a10:15 am
The Oregon Express	a 4:10 pm	a 5:00 pm
The Los Angeles Lim	a12:55 pm	a 9:20 pm
The Fast Mail	a 9:20 am	a 3:45 pm
The China & Japan Mails	4:00 pm	a 8:50 pm
Colo.-Chicago Special	a12:10 am	a 7:05 am
Beat'e & Stromsb'g L'cal	b12:30 pm	b 1:40 pm
North Platte Local	a 7:42 am	a 4:45 pm

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific.

EAST.

Chicago Limited	a 3:00 am	a11:05 pm
Iowa Local	a 6:30 am	a 4:30 pm
Des Moines Passenger	a 4:00 pm	a12:20 pm
Iowa Local	b11:00 am	b 9:55 pm
Chicago (Eastern Ex)	a 4:50 pm	a 1:25 pm
Chicago Flyer	a 6:10 pm	a 8:25 am

WEST.

Rocky Mountain L'Td	a11:15 pm	a 2:50 am
Colo. and Cal. Ex	a 1:25 pm	a 4:40 pm
Okl. and Texas Ex	a 4:40 pm	a 2:45 pm
Lincoln-Fairbury Pass	b 8:45 am	b10:25 am

Missouri Pacific.

K. C. & St. L. Exp	a 9:00 am	a 6:45 am
K. C. & St. L. Exp	a11:15 pm	a 5:50 pm

Chicago Great Western.

St. Paul-Minneapolis	8:20 pm	7:20 am
St. Paul-Minneapolis	7:20 am	11:25 pm
Chicago Limited	6:05 pm	8:27 am
Chicago Express	7:20 am	11:25 pm
Chicago Express	3:30 pm	3:30 pm

Chicago & Northwestern.

Chicago Daylight	a 7:25 am	a11:45 pm
St. Paul-Minn. Express	a 7:50 am	a10:00 pm
Chicago Local	a11:30 am	a 3:30 pm
Sioux City Passenger	a 7:30 am	a 3:25 pm
Chicago Passenger	a 4:30 pm	a 9:45 am
Chicago Special	a 6:00 pm	a 8:20 am
St. Paul-Minn. Limited	a 8:20 pm	a 8:00 am
Los Angeles Limited	a 9:30 pm	a12:35 pm
Overland Limited	a10:00 pm	a 8:20 am
Fast Mail	.....	a 9:00 am
Sioux City Local	a 3:50 pm	a 9:20 am
Fast Mail	.....	a 3:25 pm
Twin City Limited	a 8:25 pm	a 8:00 am
Norfolk-Bonesteel	a 7:50 am	a 5:40 pm
Lincoln-Long Pine	b 7:50 am	a10:35 am
Deadwood-Lincoln	a 2:00 pm	a 5:40 pm
Casper-Shoshoni	a 3:00 pm	a 5:40 pm
Hastings-Superior	b 3:00 pm	b 5:40 pm
Fremont-Albion	b 5:35 pm	b 1:35 pm

Illinois Central.

Chicago Express	a 7.15 am	a 3:45 pm
Minn. & St. Paul Exp.	b 7:20 am	a 8:25 pm
Chicago Limited	a 6:00 pm	a 8:30 am
Minn. & St. Paul Lmtd	a 3:30 pm	a 8:30 am

Wabash.

St. Louis Express	a 6:30 pm	a 8:30 am
St. Louis Local (from Council Bluffs)	a 9:30 am	a11:15 pm
Stanberry Local (from Council Bluffs)	b 5:00 pm	b10:15 am

Chicago, Milwauke & St. Paul.

Chic. & Colo. Special	a 7:25 am	a11:50 pm
Cal. & Ore. Express	a 5:00 pm	a 3:25 pm
Overland Limited	a 9:58 pm	a 4:20 am
Perry Local	a 5:15 pm	a11:00 am

BURLINGTON STA.—10TH & MASON.

Burlington.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Denver & California	a 4:10 pm	a 8:45 pm
Northwest Special	a 4:10 pm	a 3:45 pm
Black Hills	a 4:10 pm	a 8:45 pm
Northwest Express	a11:59 pm	a10:15 pm
Nebraska points	a 8:45 am	a 6:10 pm
Nebraska Express	a 9:15 am	a 6:10 pm
Lincoln Fast Mail	b 1:45 pm	a12:11 pm
Lincoln Local	.....	b 9:08 am
Lincoln Local	.....	a10:15 pm
Lincoln Local	.....	a 7:50 pm
Schuyler - Plattsmouth	b 3:50 pm	b10:20 am
Bellevue - Plattsmouth	a 8:00 am	a 8:50 am
Plattsmouth-Iowa	b 9:15 am	.....
Bellevue-Plattsmouth	.....	b 1:20 pm
Denver Limited	a 4:10 pm	a 7:25 am
Chicago Special	a 7:40 am	a11:45 pm
Chicago Express	a 4:20 pm	a 3:55 pm
Chicago Flyer	a 6:30 pm	a 8:20 am
Iowa Local	a 9:15 am	a12:30 am
St. Louis Express	a 4:45 pm	a11:20 am
Kansas City & St. Joe	a10:45 pm	a 6:30 am
Kansas City & St. Joe	a 9:15 am	a 6:20 pm
Kansas City & St. Joe	a 4:45 pm	.....

WEBSTER STA.—15TH & WEBSTER

Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Twin City Passenger	b 6:30 am	b 9:10 pm
Sioux City Passenger	a 3:05 pm	a10:50 am
Emerson Local	c 8:45 am	c 5:55 pm

Missouri Pacific.

Auburn Local	b 3:50 pm	b11:25 am

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ILLINOIS CENTRAL PLEAS END

Judge Ball Announces He Will Hand Down Decision About February 20.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—John J. Herrick, representing the interests of E. H. Harriman in the Illinois Central injunction proceedings, concluded his argument late yesterday afternoon. Judge Ball complimented the attorneys of both parties to the suit on the courteous manner in which they had conducted their cases, and announced that he would render his decision on or about February 20.

In summing up his argument Attorney Herrick said:

"We say that we are going to vote for three directors who served the company all these years. We are not going to vote for Mr. Fish for the reasons that are stated and which are confirmed by the statements of eight of his fellow directors as to his unfitness for the position. We say that we are going to vote for an independent man who is not connected with the Union Pacific. That is all we have threatened. Both of these companies (the Union Pacific railroad and the Railways Securities company) have put themselves on record as to that proposition. How is it with Mr. Fish? He does not deny that this bill is brought as alleged in the affidavits in pursuance of a purpose to promote his re-election, not only as a director but as president. He does not deny that it is his intention in getting these proxies to vote them not only for his own re-election but for the election of three other persons to be named by him, unknown to this court, in the place of these directors who have served all these years and who were elected and re-elected by his own vote."

Attorney Herrick denied that Mr. Harriman was dominating the policy of the nois Central, had argued that the suit declared the Union Pacific railroad was a connecting line and said that Mr. Fish was a director in a line competing with the Illinois Central railroad.

The attorneys for Stuyvesant Fish filed an amendment to their original bill of complaint, intended to eliminate any possibility of dissolution of the injunction on the ground that it was not brought in a proper manner.

J. M. Dickinson, attorney for the Illinois Central, had argued that the suit should have been brought in the name of the individual stockholders. In the amendment it was set forth that to have applied to the board of directors before beginning the suit would have been fruitless because of alleged personal hostility on the part of the Harriman directors. Judge Ball ruled that as the object and substance of the bill was not changed by the amendment it would be allowed.

BASE BALL ON CHRISTMAS

Townsends and Merchants Will Play at Dietz Park.

HARD KNOCK ON SANTA CLAUS

Regardless of Weather These Two Teams Will Give Omaha What it Has Never Yet Experienced.

Play ball—fie on your vaunted April 15!

It was December 25, 2118. Little Johnnie had climbed on his grandpa's knee and asked grandpa to tell him a story of how Christmas used to be celebrated when he was a boy.

"Much the same as it is now," said grandpa. "We would get out on the beautiful green grass and play ball and the losing team would give a grand banquet in the evening to the winners and all our friends would be invited. But many, many years before that, long before grandpa was born, they used to celebrate Christmas in a much different way. At Christmas time the ground would be covered with snow and it was very cold. The night before all the children would hang up their stockings and a good old man called Santa Claus would come and fill them with good things and besides he would place Christmas trees, evergreens, in their houses, and decorate them with tinsels and candles and laden them with good things. Then on Christmas day the folks would have big dinners and go to church and entertainments and often have big sleigh parties."

"Oh, that must have been fine; I wish they'd do that way now," said little Johnnie, as he scratched his chubby little bare foot. "When did they change things?" asked the inquisitive little fellow.

"Well, it was along in the twentieth century, I think about 1907," said grandpa. "It was in what they then called the middle west. Two cities, one large and one small, created the change in the manner of celebration, and then a little later the weather was changed by a wise man—not one of the three—named Welsh, who had complete control of the weather. He made it warm at Christmas time. These two cities that changed the custom were Omaha and Fargo. They instituted base ball as the great pastime of the day, which then as now, was the great American game. In Omaha the first Christmas game was played at what history calls Dietz park, between two teams known as the Townsends and Merchants. I don't remember the names of the Fargo teams. But the people liked the new custom so well they petitioned the weather man, Welsh, so the legend runs, to change the weather to suit the pastime, and he did, and it has so remained."

Game Despite Weather.

Thus may the man of the twenty-second century tell his little grandson. For Christmas day in Omaha this new order of things—not necessarily the weather—will be instituted. The newspapers have brought the report that the weather is so warm at Fargo, N. D., that a base ball game is contemplated there Christmas day.

If Fargo, within a stone's throw of the north pole, can do such a thing, why not Omaha? What's the use to wait for the 15th of April? That's the question that the Townsend's and Merchants' asked themselves, and without waiting for an answer they arranged for a game at Dietz park, to be called at 3 p. m. Wednesday, the first Christmas game Omaha ever saw. They petitioned Weather Forecaster Welsh for a suitable day, but Mr. Welch was not disposed to treat their petition with much consideration, so they announce that regardless of the weather they will play their game.

Both these teams are among the best in Omaha. They were booked during last season for three games, and as it rained on each day set they did not meet. Here is the line-up:

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Atkins	Third Base	Melum
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Eastman	Short Stop	Kane
Mullen	Center Field	Fitch
Young	Right Field	Cullen
McManigal	First Base	Garvey
Barr	Left Field	Ratickin
Quigley	Catcher	Rabionvitz
Burggeman	Pitcher	Howell
Merearty	Pitcher	Walling

EVENTS ON THE RUNNING TRACKS

Five Favorites and a Second Choice Win at Santa Anita.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 24.—Five favorites and a second choice won at Santa Anita today. The only departure from form was in the third race, when First Peep at 7 to 2 won in the last furlong from Kinsman. Jockey Ross was thrown in the fourth race and sustained an injured foot. Jockey Herman was thrown by Cruzola and landed across the fence. He was seriously injured. Results:

First race, five furlongs: Gene Wood, (110, C. Ross, 8 to 5) won; Inspector, (110, G. Burns, 8 to 1) second; Velma C, (110, Schilling, 20 to 1) third. Time: 1:00⅘. Burnell M, Belle of Mayfair, Lois Cavanagh, Vivian May, Cruzola, Ben Stone, Pendillion, Supine, The Hammer and Pontex finished as named.

Second race, six furlongs: Hereafter, (110, Preston, 7 to 10) won; Norfolk, (107, C. Ross, 3 to 1) second; Grandita, (108, Hullcourt, 7 to 1) third. Time: 1:13. Zeelina, Rumlada, Louise Fitzgibbon and Golden Wave finished as named.

Third race, one mile and three-sixteenths: First Peep, (98, Archibald, 7 to 2) won; Kinsman, (107, C. Ross, 13 to 5) second; Fastoso, (101, Harty, 7 to 1) third. Time: 2:00⅘. Harry Scott, Josie S, Court Martial, Rostoff, Audubon finished as named.

Fourth race, one mile: Acrobat, (103, G. Burns, 3 to 5) won; Edwin T. Fryer, (106, Schilling, 13 to 2) second; Ed. Ball, (102, Harty, 11 to 2) third. Time: 1:38. Eduardo, El Primero, Salina, Marster finished as named.

Fifth race, seven furlongs: Niblick, (107, Goldstein, 9 to 5) won; Lady Vasht, (102, Milano, 3 to 1) second; Earl Rogers, (105, Lycurgus, 3 to 1) third. Time: 1:32⅘. Optician, The Sultan and Dewey finished as named.

Sixth race, six furlongs: Creston, (115, Buxton, even) won; Senator Beckham, (107, Musgrave, 9 to 2) second; Baboo, (107, J. Clark, 12 to 1) third. Time: 1:13⅘. Chief Desmond, Patriotic, Orwell, Henry Kelly finished as named.

Heavy Track at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 24.—Weather clear; track heavy. Results:

First race, five and one-half furlongs: Gee Whiz (102, Molesworth, 8 to 1) won, Himalaya (106, Brussell, 8 to 1) second, Alsatian (106, McDaniel, 7 to 2) third. Time: 1:10⅘. Lorimen, Ban Ridge, Polar Star, Divorcee, Saltram, Pedigree, Bucking Boy, Evelyn S. and Rexane also ran.

Second race, seven furlongs, selling: Higginbotham (97, Sumter, 2 to 5) won, Javanese (106, Baker, 16 to 5) second, Abington (108, Brandt, 100 to 1) third. Time: 1:31⅘. Flowaway, Prytania, Bonart, Sulu and Mr. Peabody also ran.

Third race, five and one-half furlongs: Lens (106, Notter, 8 to 5) won, Al Muller (102, Minder, 6 to 5) second, Artful Dodger (102, McDaniel, 30 to 1) third. Time: 1:09⅘. Bellwether, Pedro, Refined, Arch Oldham and Silver Ball also ran.

Fourth race, seven furlongs: Jacobite (112, Notter, 2 to 5) won, Faust (107, Brussell, 8 to 1) second, Jack Dolan (112, Dow, 50 to 1) third. Time: 1:30⅘. Little Lighter and Okenite ran.

Fifth race, one mile and a sixteenth, selling: Rio Grande (98, Brussell, 9 to 5) won, Mortiboy (105, McDaniel, 2 to 1) second, Approbation (101, Delaby, 4 to 1) third. Time: 1:51⅘. The Clansman, Rebounder, Housted and Gauze also ran.

Sixth race, mile and an eighth, selling: Grace Larsen (104, Notter, 4½ to 1) won, Katie Powers (97, Glasner, 16 to 1) second, Charlie Thompson (102, McDaniel, 7 to 1) third. Time: 2:00⅘. Lady Oakland, Amberjack, Bellleview, Vincetio, First Mason, Lady Charade, Trenola and Gold Circles also ran.

Results at Oakland.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 24.—Results:

First race, one mile, selling: Sam McGibben (118, Gargan, 4 to 1) won, Colonel Warwick (118, Leeds, 10 to 1) second, Altaspa (115, F. Wilson, 5 to 1) third. Time 1:49⅘.

Whiskers, Surety, Bose, Elley, Contribution, Our Sallie, Ten Oaks, Rosal and Lord Fitzgrant finished as named.

Second race six furlongs, selling: Belle Kinney (103, Rice, 4 to 1) won, May Amelia (106, Heatherton, 11 to 5) second, The Mighty (109, Lynch, 9 to 5) third. Time: 1:17⅘. Lustig, Bettie A. and Galveston finished as named.

Third race, six furlongs, purse: Margaret Randolph (102, J. Butler, 9 to 2) won, Billy Pullman (102, Moreland, 8 to 1) second, Darelngton (105, Miller, 9 to 10) third. Time: 1:17⅘. Edith R. also ran.

Fourth race, one mile and fifty yards, purse: Massa (98, Lynch, 8 to 5) won, Legatte (99, Rice, 12 to 1) second, Woolma (93, A. Walsh, 10 to 1) third. Time: 1:48⅘. Graphite Excitement and Colonel White finished as named.

Fifth race, one mile, selling: Sea Air (119, Heatherton, 6 to 1) won, Warden Yell (100, Hayes, 6 to 1) second, Buto (100, Butler, 7 to 2) third. Time 1:48⅘. Lassen, Mabel Hollander, Orchan, Duke of Orleans and Red Era finished as named.

Sixth race, five and one-half furlongs, purse: College Widow (99, Lynch, 2 to 7) won, Follie L. (94, Kirschbaum, 10 to 1) second, Dr. Coleman (109, Kelly, 7 to 1, third. Time: 1:09⅘. Bechlin, Fumada, Mrs. Matthews and Dr. Weiss finished as named.

WITH THE BOWLERS.

The Reed Brothers' team took three straight games from the Omahas at the Association alleys last night. Greenleaf had the high total with 641 and looked like taking the league record. His 256 was also close to the best single game rolled this year. The Storz Blues-Indian game scheduled for tonight has been postponed. Score:

REED BROS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total
J. C. Read	170	175	146	491
A. C. Reed	159	140	198	518
Greenleaf	206	256	179	641
Reynolds	181	171	169	521
H. D. Reed	215	202	180	597
Totals	931	944	872	2,768

OMAHAS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total
Maurer	225	134	189	548
Stone	179	140	146	458
Larson	176	156	168	500
Ohnesorg	179	157	157	493
Marble	153	180	197	530
Totals	903	767	857	2,527

The Postoffice team must have had a grudge against the News team last night on the Metropolitan alleys, for it took three games although a little hard luck in the last game for the News team had a great deal to do with it, when Pat and Matthes both drew splits. Peterson of the Postoffice had high single game with 229 and Martin and Peterson tied for totals with 576. Tonight, Independents against Omaha Bicycles. Score:

POSTOFFICE.

	1st.	2d	3d.	Total.
Camp	157	168	187	512
Baehr	137	182	168	537
Spetman	156	126	144	426
Peterson	158	229	191	578
Lehmann	165	181	140	486
Totals	821	886	830	2,537

DAILY NEWS.

	1st.	2d	3d.	Total.
Patterson	168	165	137	470
Matthes	126	172	171	429
Griffith	118	157	195	470
Stone	156	126	140	422
Martin	175	190	211	576
Totals	742	810	814	2,367

Six-Day Race at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 24.—A six-day championship bicycle race, under the management of Frank Prince, is announced to take place here in convention hall during the week beginning January 20. Among those whom it is stated will ride in this event are Iver Lawson, Moran, McLean, Matt Downey, all of Boston; Hardy Downing, Los Angeles; the Bedell brothers, Long Island, N. Y.; Benny Munroe, the southern flyer, and Eddie Root, New York. The track is to be banked at an angle of 45 degrees, with a sheer slope of 90 degrees at the turns.

Burns Will Fight Jim Roche.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Articles of agreement have practically been signed for a contest between "Tommy" Burns, who recently defeated "Gunner" Jim Moir before the National Sporting club, and Jem Roche, the Irish champion. The fight, which will take place at Dublin, probably March 17, is for $2,500 a side and a purse of $7,500.

Sporting Gossip.

The Naps are negotiating with Cominskey for Hickman, the big utility batter and outfielder.

The big leagues have declared themselves ready for war any time Cantillon, Tebeau & Co. want to cut loose.

With Muggsy and Mike both on the coaching line for the Giants next year, things should be pretty lively at times at the polo grounds.

It is now reported that Sandow Mertes will not be with Minneapolis next year, "for the good of the service." So have more of the mighty fallen.

The board of trustees of the Northwestern university has voted to allow three intercollegiate games of foot ball to be played by the varsity team next fall.

The terms of seven of the members of the foot ball rules committee will expire next week and it is thought all will be re-elected except W. L. Reed of Harvard, who will be succeeded by Joshua Crane.

According to Johnny Kling, the major league magnates will place strong teams for another circuit in all American association towns in the event of the American association teams becoming outlaws.

One of the many men swapped or sold is pleased with