

Through Four Times as Big Leaguer, Konetchy Back to Life as Buffalo's Boss

By RALPH WAGNER.
DWAID J. KONETCHY signs to manage the Omaha Western league ball club in the 1923 campaign!
 When that bit of news flashed out of the south during the recent meeting of minor league club owners, it meant that the once famous major leaguer had passed into the discard as a performer in the big league, but it didn't mean that the baseball career of Konetchy had ended.
 In baseball it seems that all things come to an end, especially to players.

Some players shine in fast company for awhile and then like a star dropping out of the heavens, cease to be. Thus, does the hand of fate treat big league performers.
 But with Ed Konetchy it's different. Konetchy's baseball career has not ended, although his major league playing days are a thing of the past. Konetchy was juggled from one club in the majors to another. Again and again he was pronounced "all through," "down and out" as a major leaguer. But there was always some manager who thought differently and thus saved him from ending his major league career.
 Fifteen years in Big Show. Baseball records tell us that a few other men have lived longer in the big league than he. But Konetchy was with the Cards only a short time when he established himself as one of the greatest fielding

first basemen in the game. His wonderful physique stamped him as a person highly productive of feats of slugging.
 Thus did Edward J. Konetchy get started in the whirlpool of baseball. The Bohemian played with the Cards until 1913 when the moguls of the Mound City club decided that Konetchy was about "done" as a major leaguer. A chance came to trade him to the Pittsburgh Pirates along with Harmon and Mowry for five Pirates.
 In 1914 Konetchy was with the Pirates. But he didn't do very well with the Pittsburgh club, so the Pirates manager thought the Cards were right in saying that the big boy was "all through." However, the Federal League gang didn't think so, and immediately signed up the Bohemian. Konetchy was one of the

highest salaried players in the out-law league and his play in this loop attracted other major league scouts.
 When the Federal League warfare was ironed out and the dove of peace fluttered over the land of baseball, the Boston Braves came forth and bought Konetchy for something like \$4,000. He remained in "Bean Town" from 1916 to 1918 and then the Braves owner came to the conclusion that Konetchy was "all through" a second time. The Braves asked waivers on Konetchy and then the Braves owner came to Charlie Ebbets for the sum of \$15,000, which wasn't considered a very large sum for a ball player in those days, especially via the waiver route.
 Konetchy donned a Brooklyn uniform in 1919. Mind you, he was in his 35th year when this happened.

The big Bohemian was five years beyond the prime of even the sturdiest ball player. During the slugging campaign of 1919, Konetchy played a brilliant game at first base and pounded the horsehide for nigh on to 300.
 How Konetchy played in 1920 is history. The work of the veteran around first base was faultless and his timely hitting was a big help to the Dodgers in winning another National League pennant.
 In mid-season of 1921, the Dodger management, following the footsteps of the Cardinals, the Pirates, and the Braves, decided that Konetchy was "all through." His hitting had fallen off and he seemed suddenly to have slowed up. But once again there was a manager who could see a little more baseball ability in Konetchy.

The Phillies came forth, paid the Dodgers \$2,500, and carted Konetchy back home with them.
 Konetchy never did get along very well with Charlie Ebbets, owner of the Dodgers, so when Ed donned a Phillie uniform, he immediately performed another "comeback." How Konetchy carried over from Philadelphia to Philadelphia is known by every baseball follower. The big fellow displayed a brand of baseball in 1921 that was infinitely better than any other Phillie. He fielded well and hit with all his old time vigor.
 So, when the season of 1922 opened, those who figured the Phillies chances, reckoned Konetchy still good enough to hold his position on the team. But Father Time entered into his baseball career and soon he was released to Toledo club of the American association.

During the many years that Konetchy was a member of the big show he played first base practically all of the time. He participated in the world's series of 1920 and led the National League first base men in fielding for several years. During the last year of his career at Toledo Mudhens last year he batted well over .310.
 The fact that Konetchy loves the game and still gets a boyish delight out of it, and that he keeps himself in fine shape, led Barney Burch, owner of the Omaha club, to give a large sum in order that the veteran would come to this city as manager of the Buffaloes. Konetchy is well thought of by all baseball players and is considered a very valuable addition to the Western league.
 That he will be a success as manager of the Buffaloes is not disputed.

Matchmaking for Madison Square Garden No Snap, Says Flournoy

New York, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The job of matchmaker at a fight club is about the worst punishment any man ever had. If you don't think so, just step in on Frank Floureny in Madison Square Garden some afternoon and watch the usually affable Frank go through his stunts of matching a brace of boxers.
 However, we would suggest that before you step in on Frank you might try to discover exactly what kind of mood he happens to be in. Just as likely as not he is in the throes of despair trying to sign up some pug, and if he is you had better take the back door for it and trip in some other day.
 Dealing with boxers and managers is a tough job. Before Mr. Flournoy had his present job wished on him he was the most affable southern gentleman you could hope to find. The entire world was right with Frank, but now the world is in a rut and there is another side to Frank's nature he never knew he possessed.
 Nearly every fighter has an exaggerated opinion of his own ability, and in addition his demands for the most part are usually out of all proportion. That is what makes it tough on the matchmaker. Then, another thing with the boxer or manager, you must try to drop him into any hard spots. He wants easy picking all the time. Champions are the worst offenders, as Mr. Flournoy is prepared to testify.

Dealing With Champs.
 First of all, you try to sign up one of those champs and he insists on picking an opponent that wouldn't draw flies at the box office. That isn't all. In his modest way he will take something in the neighborhood of 50 per cent of the house for his trouble, and if you are not careful with him he will ask that you throw in part of the building to boot.
 Of course, you give that bird the air, but the next customer you go to work on is not one who enters in his demands. So it goes for seven days every week, trying to make up a complete program for one night's show.

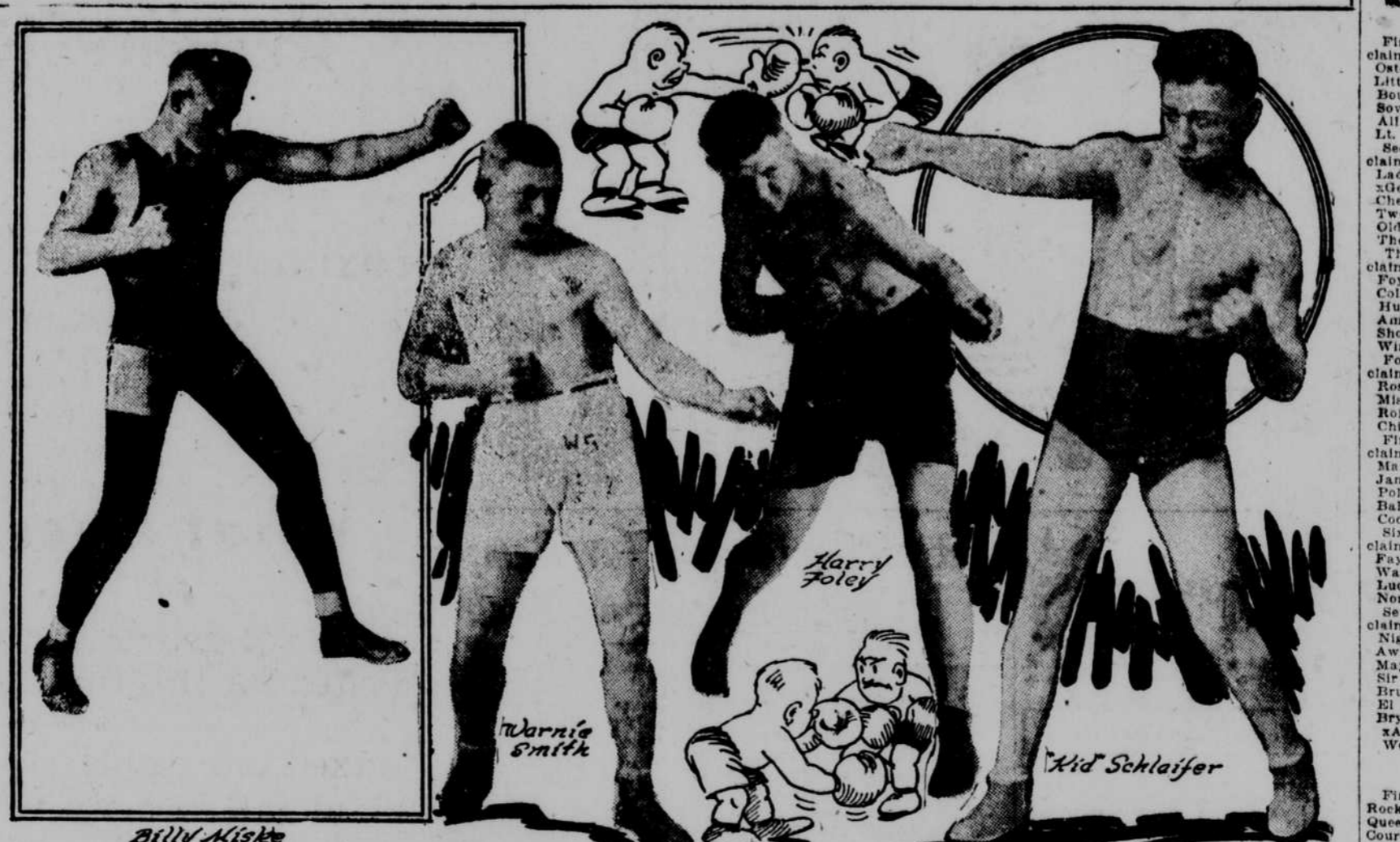
Managers Mere Office Boys.
 Another thing the matchmaker has to contend with. Most of the present day managers are managers in name only. They cannot sign up for their boxers before they consult them as to terms, and as to who and when their prospective opponent amounts to. If the opponent selected is a rough customer, Mr. Boxer tells his manager so and threatens him with the gate.
 Of course you imagine a manager of the old school being compelled to consult his charge before making a match. Not on your life! The manager of other days made the match and told his boxer to prepare for the fuss and didn't bother about telling him who his opponent might be.
It's a Hard Life, Mate.
 Yes, indeed. If there is anything tougher in this world than the job of matchmaker, Mr. Flournoy hasn't found it out. There is no lutey to the job. Scarcely have you prepared one card than you are hard at work on another.
 As an assistant Mr. Flournoy has the experienced Scotty Montleith, who has been kicking around the boxing game for more than a quarter of a century. Between them they manage to make the grade every week.

University Hospital Patients Increase
 During the last year the University of Nebraska college of medicine hospital received and cared for 2,411 patients, as against 2,273 in 1921, according to an announcement by Dean I. S. Cutter.
 The hospital was opened in September, 1917, and in the first three months 319 patients were cared for. Since that time the following number of patients received care at the hospital: 1918, 1,457; 1919, 2,075; 1920, 1,830; 1921, 2,273; 1922, 2,411.
 The out-patient department made 22,801 visits, a gain of 2,671 over a total of 20,130 in 1921. There were 260 births and 1,481 surgical operations.
 The college of medicine this year has the largest enrollment of its history, according to Dr. Cutter.

70-Year-Old Young Athlete Amazes N. C. A. A.
 Before a session of the National Collegiate Athletic association got under way recently at the Hotel Astor, New York, the delegates were asking the identity of a white haired old gentleman seated among the spectators' rostrum. A short time later he was identified as E. J. Cattell, president of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. Moving with the agility of a Killinger, emphasizing his points with the dynamic force of a sophomore debater, and putting the punch of an enthusiastic young sales wizard, Mr. Cattell had delegates spellbound with a talk on the benefits of athletics.
 "I'm only 70 years old," he said, "and I hope to live to be a hundred. Three score and ten, and yet last year I hit out a two-bagger on a baseball field and made second standing up. I'm barefoot at top and bottom, but still in the middle. And it's all due to having taken care of myself."
 "I came here just to show you men a living example of what can be done in the work you are doing. I believe that the sporting spirit is the only one that can save the world, and that's why I hope to have international athletics be the main feature of the centennial. I didn't get to bed until 12 last night, I was up at 6, traveled 60 miles to meet you, and must now get back in order to make two more speeches tonight."

Jess Willard on Way to New York to Confer With Promoter Richard
 Topeka, Kan., Jan. 6.—Jess Willard, former lightweight boxing champion, stopped off in Topeka today on his way from Los Angeles to New York to meet Tex Rickard, promoter, and Jack Kearns, manager of Jack Dempsey. He expressed confidence that his conference will result in signing of papers for a bout with Dempsey next July 4. Willard spent the morning at his 900-acre Kaw valley farm east of Topeka.

Below are the principals in the leather-pushing carnival scheduled for the city fight shed Friday night. In the main event, Billy Miske of St. Paul swaps punches with Harry Foley, who hails from some place down below the Mason-Dixon line. The semi-windup brings together a pair of sluggin' fools, namely, "Kid" Schlaifer of Oklahoma City.



Kansas Defeats Husker Cagers

Lawrence, Kan., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram.)—Coach Forest C. Allen's five-man defense, coupled with superior caging by the Jayhawkers, enabled Kansas to administer defeat to the Nebraskans on Robinson gymnasium court in the opening game of the Kansas valley season tonight, 30 to 20.
 The Nebraskans took the lead early in the game and Nebraska was never successful in forging ahead, the score advanced four times for field goals. The Nebraskans tried the game for Kansas. Within three minutes after the game started the Jayhawkers had a six-point lead. Four personal fouls that were called on Nebraska within a few minutes enabled Bowman to toss three free throws.
 With the score 9 to 0 against Nebraska, Coach Warren Frank sent in an entirely new quintet. Before play had been called, Coach Allen of Kansas withdrew his first string men and substituted five new players. The game was clearly of a preseason type. Both Kansas and Nebraska showed inability to score when within shooting range, although Kansas forwards succeeded in advancing to within striking distance of the basket. The five-man defense of the Jayhawkers baffled the Nebraskans until well into the second half. With a few exceptions, every Cornhusker's shot was made from near the middle of the floor until the last few minutes of play when Crozier and Ward advanced four times for field goals. Referee Leslie Edmonds was kept busy calling personal fouls on the Nebraskan players.
 Crozier was the star of the Nebraska outfit, added materially by Warren. The guarding of Riddleberger was also a feature of the Nebraska defense. Usher, diminutive forward, played well for Nebraska and forced to leave the game with an injured ankle.
 Summary:
 Field Goals: Kansas—Ackerman, 5; Bowman, 5; McDonald, 1. Nebraska—Warren 2; Tipson, 1. Free throws: Kansas—Bowman, 6 out of 8. Nebraska—Crozier, 1. (Crozier, 0; Carman, 1).
 Personal Fouls: Kansas—Ackerman, 1; Black, 1; Nebraska—Holland, 2; Crozier, 1; Usher, 1; Warren, 2; Kohl, 2.
 Substitutions: Kansas—Willard for Ackerman, McDonald for Bowman, Fredericks for Wolf, Mosby for Black, Rupp for Edmond. All first team men were retained for Kansas in second half. Nebraska—Crozier played. Usher for Carman, Tipson for Warren, Scott for Kohl; Wolf for Riddleberger, Warren for Tipson.
 Time, 20-minute halves.
 The starting lineup:
 Kansas—Ackerman, F., ... Holland
 ... Bowman, F., ... Carman
 ... Tipson, F., ... Warren
 ... Kohl, F., ... Usher
 ... Edmond, G., ... Riddleberger

NOTHING KNOWN.
 "Mike" Collins, who, together with "Mike" Gibbons, manages a large stable of leather pushers, is again angling for "Kid" Schlaifer. The St. Paul fight manager has been corresponding with the Omaha writerweight for several weeks and it would not at all be surprising to learn that Collins had signed Schlaifer to a contract.
 Well, those were great records Charlie Paddock made, even if he didn't.
CAN'T BE TRUE?
 Haven't read much about the Greeks lately. Must be that they are en route to the United States to open restaurants, shoe shining parlors and candy kitchens.
 No wonder Lewman Lane isn't a flashy basket ball player. He played halfback on the grid team and now Coach Schabinger is playing him at guard on the basket ball squad.
EVERY TIME.
 If a woman on a golf course fails to hear the warning "Fore" try "3-8-9" and her attention will be attracted.
Scrambled Sports: What happens to the money which flows into the

coffers of the Omaha Municipal Amateur Baseball association each year? Albert Young, Omaha.
GOOD IDEA.
 The management of the Indianapolis team has just leased nine acres for a new baseball plant. Good name for the field: "Nine acres." Must be that the management is going to have his own farm for players.
Fans walked out of Jess Willard's show at Portland the other night. The surprising thing is that anybody walked in.
 If Warren Smith is half as bad in a ring as he looks on the street, it will be a rough sea for Schlaifer next "Fish Night."
OLD CY FORSYTHE.
 Cy Forsythe, former Omaha ball player, who used to go through a lot of funny capers on the diamond, has written the Des Moines Western league club for a tryout.
Baseball is about to welcome an invention in the form of the rubber pop bottle, along comes the new bounce off harmlessly when it comes in sudden contact with a hard substance. The latter is very prominent among ball players.

OH, SAY NOT!
 "Woman sleeps for 60 hours," reads headline in newspaper. Must be her beauty sleep.
 The former grid star made the team. At shooting baskets he was a bear; "I someone yelled, "Center smash!" And now he occupies a wheel chair.
EVERY DAY, IN EVERY WAY, OMAHA'S GETTING BETTER AND BETTER.
—ELMER THOMAS.
ADD FAMOUS MEN.
 Elmer Thomas, Johnny Crowley.
 A lot of guys arrive in taxicabs and leave in patrol wagons.
 Barney Burch, owner of the Omaha Buffaloes, is due to breeze into Omaha next week and start his ivory hunting expedition among the sandlot recruits.
 Automobiles are nice things. Some of them have self starters, heaters, four wheels and other attachments, while others have just jeriffs' attachments.
 A lot of Omaha's boxers know what they really are, but don't like to be reminded of it.

Ban Johnson Has Clever Scheme to Force Minors to Accept Draft

Baseball, like life, is just one damn thing after another, from the viewpoint of the club owners. Just as the minor leagues thought that, taking advantage of the inexperience of Judge Landis, they had put over a national agreement giving them the power to collect \$75,000 or \$100,000 per each for their ball players, along comes Ban Johnson with a scheme to break that monopoly with a clever form of boycott. And just as the majors thought they had developed a plan to corner the player market, along comes the new Ban Johnson, who has discovered a brand of glue which will stick long enough.
 Warned by the use made by some of the minors of their exemption from the draft to extort blue sky prices for their promising players, the majors negotiated a joint treaty by which they pledge themselves not to release players until they have been drafted by a minor league club unless that player can be drafted back into the big show in case he proved worthy of a second chance in fast company.
 As the Pacific Coast league, the American association and the International league are among the minors which claim exemption from the draft, this move by the majors means that the biggest three subsidiary circuits cannot obtain young players from the higher-ups unless they sign an agreement to take that player subject to possible draft in the fall, which would be a violation of their own and fast agreement.
 The only way the independent minor or leagues can obtain good results under the new arrangements is either to take them from the smaller leagues and develop them for themselves, or to accept them temporarily from the player market, along comes the new Ban Johnson, who has discovered a brand of glue which will stick long enough.
 The number of players which may be farmed out under option contracts, it will be only a few years before the big clubs will control practically all the good players in the country except those whom age has slowed up enough to make it impossible for them to maintain the big-time speed.

Violate Own Agreement.
 The Schneider Electrical works will back an independent baseball team composed of Omaha players next year. The club is the same which played under the banner of the Sherman Avenue Merchants and lost but nine games out of 25.
Balmorals and Burns
 Play for Curling Mug
 Finals in the John L. Kennedy curling tournament will be played at 1:30 this afternoon at Miller park with the Balmorals, with Robert Melvin skip, and the Bally Burns, with J. C. Watson, skip, the competing teams.
 All curlers who have played in any contest this season have been drawn to play for the Malcolm cup Sunday morning. Others who desire to compete will be eligible by reporting at Miller park pond at 9 this morning.
Form Independent Club.
 The Schneider Electrical works will back an independent baseball team composed of Omaha players next year. The club is the same which played under the banner of the Sherman Avenue Merchants and lost but nine games out of 25.

Where They'll Shoot in 1923

State	City
Alabama	Montgomery
California	San Francisco
Colorado	Denver
Connecticut	Hartford
Florida	Tallahassee
Indiana	Indianapolis
Illinois	Chicago
Missouri	St. Louis
Montana	Great Falls
Nebraska	Omaha
New Hampshire	Goffstown
New Jersey	Trenton
New York	Buffalo
North Carolina	Raleigh
Ohio	Columbus
Oklahoma	Okmulgee
Oregon	Corvallis
Pennsylvania	Greensburg
Rhode Island	Providence
South Carolina	Charleston
South Dakota	Aberdeen
Tennessee	Memphis
Utah	Provo
Vermont	Rutland
Virginia	Richmond
Washington	Walla Walla
Wisconsin	Madison
Wyoming	Lander

Net Star a Coach.
 New York, Jan. 6.—Edgar F. Dawson, national indoor junior tennis champion of 1921, was today engaged as tennis coach of the Cornell university team, and will start instructing the college boys in the fine points of the game at once.
 Dawson is the first amateur player in this country to invade the field of professional tennis coaching, and his career at Ithaca will be watched with interest.
 See Want Ads produce results

High School Cage Games This Week
 Council Bluffs at Central (Thursday).
 Lincoln at Yorkville (Friday).
 Omaha Central at Lincoln.
 Garden City at Plattsmouth.
 University High School of Agriculture at Beatrice.
 Waverly at Beatrice.
 Havelock at College View.
 University Place at Fremont.
 Guide Rock at Chester.
 Peru Prep at Plattsmouth.
 Kearney at Hastings.
 Valentine at Long Pine.
 Indian at O'Neill.
 Sterling at Fairbault.
 Schuyler at David City.
 Battle Creek at Beatrice.
 Nebraska City at Falls City.
 Nebraska City at Hiawatha, Kan.
 Oakdale at Plattsmouth.
 Hancock at Plattsmouth.
 Holdrege at Curtis.
 Council Bluffs at Creighton High.
 DeS Moines at Beatrice.
 Shickley at Beatrice.
 Plattsmouth at Yorkville.
 Scottsbluff at Alliance.
 Central City at Aurora.
 Beatrice at Plattsmouth.
 Springfield at Papillion.
 Edgemoor at Beatrice.
 McCook Junction at Exeter.
 McCook at Humboldt.
 Clayton at Beatrice.
 Superior at Nebraska.
 Neosho Grove at Beatrice.
 Newman Grove at Norfolk.
 Newman Grove at Stanton.
 Grant at Fairbury.
 Grand Island at Harvard.
 West Point at Aurora.
 Sheldahl at Verdon.
 Fremont at Yorkville.
 Fremont at Wausau.
 Albia at Ponca.
STATE CONFERENCE.
 Waverly against Central at Beatrice (Thursday).
 Waverly against Peru at Peru (Friday).
 Kearney against Council Bluffs (Friday).
 Waverly against Midland at Fremont (Saturday).

Following the Horses

HAVANA ENTRIES.
 First Race—Four-year-olds and up, claiming, \$500, six furlongs: ...
 Second Race—Three-year-olds and up, claiming, \$500, six furlongs: ...
 Third Race—Four-year-olds and up, claiming, \$500, six furlongs: ...
 Fourth Race—Three-year-olds and up, claiming, \$500, six furlongs: ...
 Fifth Race—Four-year-olds and up, claiming, \$500, six furlongs: ...
 Sixth Race—Four-year-olds and up, claiming, \$500, six furlongs: ...
 Seventh Race—Four-year-olds and up, claiming, \$500, six furlongs: ...
 Eighth Race—Four-year-olds and up, claiming, \$500, six furlongs: ...
 Ninth Race—Four-year-olds and up, claiming, \$500, six furlongs: ...
 Tenth Race—Four-year-olds and up, claiming, \$500, six furlongs: ...

NEW ORLEANS RESULTS.
 First Race—Six furlongs: ...
 Second Race—Five and one-half furlongs: ...
 Third Race—Six furlongs: ...
 Fourth Race—One mile and 70 yards: ...
 Fifth Race—One mile and 70 yards: ...
 Sixth Race—Four-year-old and up, one mile and a quarter: ...
 Seventh Race—One mile and a quarter: ...
 Eighth Race—One mile and a quarter: ...
 Ninth Race—One mile and a quarter: ...
 Tenth Race—One mile and a quarter: ...

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 First Race—Six furlongs: ...
 Second Race—Five and one-half furlongs: ...
 Third Race—Four-year-old and up, one mile and a quarter: ...
 Fourth Race—One mile and 70 yards: ...
 Fifth Race—One mile and 70 yards: ...
 Sixth Race—Four-year-old and up, one mile and a quarter: ...
 Seventh Race—One mile and a quarter: ...
 Eighth Race—One mile and a quarter: ...
 Ninth Race—One mile and a quarter: ...
 Tenth Race—One mile and a quarter: ...

TIJUANA ENTRIES.
 First Race—Five furlongs, claiming, \$500, 3-year-olds and up: ...
 Second Race—Five and one-half furlongs, claiming, \$500, 3-year-olds and up: ...
 Third Race—Five and one-half furlongs, claiming, \$500, 3-year-olds and up: ...
 Fourth Race—Five and one-half furlongs, claiming, \$500, 3-year-olds and up: ...
 Fifth Race—Five and one-half furlongs, claiming, \$500, 3-year-olds and up: ...
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 Ninth Race—Five and one-half furlongs, claiming, \$500, 3-year-olds and up: ...
 Tenth Race—Five and one-half furlongs, claiming, \$500, 3-year-olds and up: ...

British Amateur Golf Star Coming to U. S.
 New York, Jan. 6.—Another British golf star has decided to forsake the native hearth of the royal and ancient game to take up residence in the United States. He is Captain Ernest P. Carter, present holder of the Welsh amateur title, who, according to word from abroad, will come to this country within a few weeks.
 Captain Carter won the Irish closed championship in 1921 and last year was beaten, 1 up, in the round robin of the semi-finals in the British amateur event by Willie Hunter, the team holder. Hunter was eliminated in a semifinal by E. W. Holderness, the present champion.

Hawaiians to Compete in Chicago Tank Meet
 Honolulu, T. H., Jan. 6.—The Illinois Athletic club of Chicago, has invited three of Hawaii's crack swimmers to participate in a three-day meet there February 23. The Hawaiians, who have accepted the invitation, and who will be accompanied by W. T. Rawlins, representative of the A. A. U., are Warren Keoloha, backstroke champion; Pau Keoloha, and Sam Kahahimoku, breast stroke champion. The latter named in a semifinal by the noted Duke Kahanamoku, who held for more than 10 years the spring swimming records.