# The Omaha Bee: Saturday, December 8, 1923-MAIHABIELES SPORTS DARED BIEST

### GIANTS' LEADER EITHER HAS STAR PLAYERS SIGNED OR HAS GIVEN UP CARD

New York Nationals Have Five Infielders at Present, But Must Get Another, Declares Scribe-Infield of Mc-Graw's Club Never Has Been So Poor.

By DAVIS J. WALSH,

EW. YORK, Dec. 7.—The handwriting on the wall now says that John McGraw either has abandoned hope of bagging Hornsby or some other leading infielder for the Giants, or else he has the young man in question tied up like a holiday package.

McGraw, according to the best advices, cannot hope to return from Europe in time to attend the vocal contest in Chicago. That privilege will devolve upon the worthy James Tierney, secretary of the club, and Judge McQuade, a minority stockholder. They are mere shirt fronts. McGraw's absence means that any and all announcements the Giants may care to make at this time will not be announced. To baseball men, the Giants' leader's singular silence is taken as being significant.

Just a Word

or Two

between Morrie Schlaifer and Sailor

Freedman, which is scheduled to take

place at the Aulitorium December 17.

Someone, it seems, had advised Wil-

down three or four times in a recent bout with Axel Hart, whereupon Wil-

liam's mind is filled with a suspicion

William is naturally cautious and

heart with distrust and he regards

Yet when one comes to think about

bout Freedman? If Schlaifer anaes

For Mr. Kavan's information to

that Axel Hart, the lad who floored

Psychological Hazards.

R Mr. Kavan's further informa-

The nautical one is a fighter with

a peculiar temperament. When he is

convinced that he has a shade on

his opponent in ring ability he dis-

If, on the other hand, he suspects

Thus, if Freedman is confident of

his ability to beat Schlaifer, our pre-

another match with the champion.

Chicago, Dec.

Sure, He's a Thespian Now.

If you haven't been to the Orpheum

declared tonight that he liked Chi-

Dempsey will go to St. Louis next

Stanford University, Cal., Dec. 7 .-

7.—Jack Dempsey

he is inclined to "dog" it.

by a knockout.

tion a few words concerning

come of Freedman's characteris-

By FRED S. HUNTER.

McGraw has five infielders at the moment. He must have another because where two of them. Frisch and Kelly, are live ones, a third, Grob, has a demountable knee, and the other two, Jackson and Maguire, are somewhat under-cooked. Jackson is touted to replace the departed Bancroft at shortstop, but the prospect that Groh might at any time sever relations with a careless knee is not reassuring.

At no time since he took up the he will do so now, unless Philan business of managing ball clubs, has trophy has settled upon his philosophy McGraw stepped out for a champion- to lend dignity to his declining years ship race with an infield so poorly Usually Mr. McGraw has the philanprotected. It is not conceivable that thropic instincts of a junk dealer.

### Rickard Is Most Successful as Fight Promoter

Total Receipts of Bouts Staged by Him Reach \$10,000,000 Mark-One Bout Failure.

New York, Dec. 7 .- From a modest beginning as a cowpuncher in Texas, that the nautical one is not a suffithrough a sportsman's career which ciently skillful pugilist to be permitsaw him a proprietor of many noted ted in the same ring with the homicigambling houses in the west and dal Schlaifer. northwest, George L. (Tex) Rickard today stands out as the greatest and hesitant these days. today stands out as the greatest and performance of Big Bill Brennan has most successful boxing promoter the filled his mind with doubt and his world has ever seen.

fistic entertainment have seen nearly all news as bad news. s10,000,000 find their way into the it what is it that the cash custom-

Rickard coffers.

To be specific the "gates" of fights sponsored by Tex have reached the staggering total of \$9.550,556.71, which includes the Renault-Johnson bout. This total is the fruit of nearly 120 bouts, but before he quites the fight promoting game Tex expects to reach the \$20,000,000 mark.

It what is it that the cash customers like about Morrie Schlaifer? Is it his boxing skill, his nimble footwork, his crafty footwork, his crafty footwork, his crafty footwork, his consummate cleverness? Not so that anyone could notice it. It is his potent wallop that fills the customers with savage glee and induces them to separate themselves from their hard-earned dollars.

The old "sock." that's what they like. The old "sock," that's what they like.

"And why not?" he said recently. All right, then why worry a lot Boxing, you know, is still in its in shout Freedman? If Schulfer anger. Of his grand total Rickard has paid what the customers are paying for.

out to fighters \$4,500,000 and to the federal government \$1,296,106.22 in

Career Started in 1906. On September 3, 1906, the fight bug On September 3, 1906, the fight bug the sailor, is not the poorest fighter stung Tex and stung him so well that in the world. Hart, supposed to be

to date he has not recovered. It wasn't the Malamuts cafe, but a lightweight but slightly overgrown, once made a chopping block of Johnny Dundee, who is himself a pretty shifwhoopin' it up in Tex's gambling ty individual, and Alex also once gave house in Goldfield, Nev., when there Lew Tendler a tough scrap. was a lull in the native excitement the place afforded, and some one expressed a desire for "something new." Glasses filled with amber colored fluid were emptied for inspiration, and the "birth of a notion" in one imaginative soul put Tex Rickard on the road to fame and fortune. "How about a prizefight?" sug-

gested this worthy. "Fine! Attaboy!" was the general

response of the other habitutes, and plays the flash of a champion. Tex started planning. Visiting San Francisco, he signed that the other fellow has it on him

up Battling Nelson, then a ring sensation on the Pacific coast, to battle Joe Gans, titleholder, for the lightweight championship of the world, diction is he'll hit Morrie with every-The bout was staged on September 3, thing except the box office. their famous 41-round battle, which his head he is up against stiff opnetted Tex a \$69,715 "gate" and a neat position Freedman will try to make profit of \$36,215. Dempsey-Carpentier Bout Climax.

Tex was off to a good start, but had difficulty in matching fighters until 1910, when, under his financial guid. It is said the beating he suffered at ance, Jeffries and Jack Johnson met in Reno and increased his private exchequer with a cool \$150,000.

Since then he has promoted fight throw out these calculations. In that Since then he has promoted light after fight, reaching the climax of his event Schlaifer will win regardless of anti-standard career with the Demosey. Freedman's mental condition. unfinished career with the Dempsey-Carpentier "battle of the century" at There is still another verity to be Boyle's Thirty Acres, in Jersey City. The battle magnetized receipts which forget that Schlaifer—who has been totaled \$1,626,580, of which Tex retained possession of something like 8800,000 and paid out about \$435,000 his fight with Mickey Walker—isn't going to fight anybody he doesn't befor construction of the world's greatlieve he has at least an even chance of beating. Back in Morrie's head-The Dempsey-Firpo swattest was

his other promotion which topped the there is always present the thought of million-dollar mark.

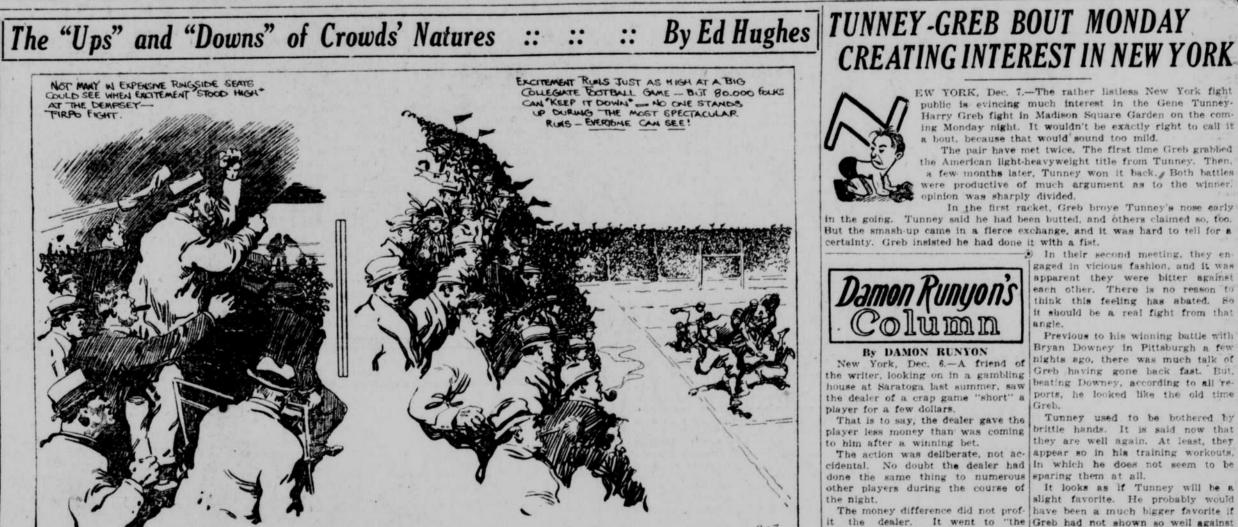
And of all the bouts he has staged only two or three have been recorded as financial failures. The moste noteworthy was the Johnny Wilson-Bryan this week you don't know what you've Downey fizzle at the Boyle acreage. missed. Benny Leonard, the dapper, The total of "cover charge" was so dashing lightweight champion, recites stinted that Tex, in a manner pater- a poem. That must make him a regunally famous, dug deep into his pocket lar actor. and fished out \$60,000 to let the world know he was as good a loser as he Dempsey Faces Problem was a winner.

#### Gregory High Eleven

Closes Good Grid Season cago but added that a week of it Gregory, S. D., Dec. 7.-Gregory would make him a fit subject for high school grid team closed a very psycopathic analysis. successful season with a scoreless tie against its old rival, Dallas, in of the two schools.

he was recognized and the Christnew team and won three games, lost mas jam was intensified as people Coach J. Edward Carroll of the eastthree, and tied one. Two games were surged in his direction. lost to teams that proved later in Tuesday for an exhibition, the season to be title contenders. With nine of this year's 14 letter men returning next year, Gregory Stanford Wins Harrier Race.

In the last four years Gregory Stanford university won its annual has won 26 games lost five and tied cross-country run with the University two. During that time it has scored of Calofrnia here yesterday by a score 780 points while its opponents were of 15 to 50. The run was over a four alle to score but 86. land one half mile course



BILL Kavan, the ambidextrous boxing commissioner of Omaha, bowl and the mob at the Polo grounds sportdom's crowds in a way re-

is all worked up over the fight biffing bonanza, ot act like that bowl gathering?" lish" in this comparison. liam that Freedman was knocked

My friend, Bill Stephens, is bewil- order. Even during the most excit- is despised and is generally a burden which is another thing. People like his employers. dered. He attended the Princeton-Yale ing plays no one thought of standing and an annoyance to others. This is to have him around.

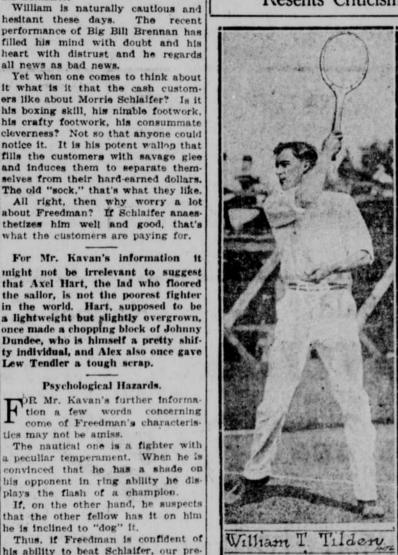
game. Also he was present at the other, I was one of those who could rabbie stood up on chairs and general legiate football games represent the

Dempsey-Firpo fight last summer. n't see a thing at the Dempsey-Firpo ly contrived to prevent the more ups and downs of crowd nature in would not dream of robbing his employers, of holding out any of the Bill is astounded at the difference in light, though I had an expensive seat, orderly ones from seeing. The fight the literal sense. The fight crowd, stolen money for himself, though he crowd standing up like the individual Bill, reminds me of the high cost of stolen money for himself, though he "down" in life is a despised thing. A living, too. The extortionist tells you had every opportunity, with no semble a frail human being drifting burden and an annoyance to others, he'll come down in his prices when ffing bonanza.

"Why is it that a fight crowd canthat there is a curious "reverse EngYale bowl through the most exciting the chap at the fight says: "I'll sit

plays reminds you of the individual down when those in front do!" wails Bill. "From the moment I Like the indivdual, the sport crowd "up" in life. The latter is generally Both the high cost of living and entered the bowl and was conducted has its ups and downs. When the liked, for he has a thought for the the fight "mug" will come down toto my seat by a courteous Boy Scout individual is down it may often be weal of others. He keeps a good gether. And you know when that there can be no doubt as to his loy there wasn't the faintest trace of dis-blamed to "bad company." Also he company and is influenced by them, will be!

# Resents Criticism



Due to criticism made by Harold But if the Sailor gets it into H. Hackett, member of the Davis cup committee, upon his playing in the doubles for the last Davis cu it a footrace and Schlaifer will win against the Australian challengers. William T. Tilden, ir., of Philadel phia, world's ranking tennis player There is some talk that Freedman declares he never will again repre isn't quite as good as he once was. sent America in play for the Davis

# Cedar Rapids Eleven

Gedar Rapids yesterday on its way to Toledo, O., where Scott high going to fight anybody he doesn't be- will be played Saturday in an inter sectional game that will decide the national high school boy champion pionship.

With the exception of Rightend Cuhel and Quarterback Hines, the Washington eleven was in good shape Cuhel is seriously crippled with a leg injury, and according to Coach Novak will be unable to play. Hines has shown some improvement and may be available for part time. The squad of 24 players left in a pecial car in charge of Manager Carlson, Coaches Novak and Alexander, Trainer Alex Fidler and Dr Bucking Chicago Jams B. L. Knight.

#### Mile High Eleven to Play

Eastern Scholastic Team Colorado Springs, Colo., Dec. 7 .-His conclusions were based on his The challenge issued by the Colorado experiences in trying to navigate Springs High school football team to of Christmas shoppers. Everywhere has been accepted, according to a telegram received here last night fron ern eleven. The game will be played in Colo

rado Springs, December 15, according to present arrangements. Twenty nen will make the trip. St. James claims the eastern chan pionship in scholastic ranks.

The Colorado Springs team has points have been scored by opponents, bout.

## U. S. Tennis Player | Jockey Pete Walls on Trail of Country's Leading Rider Increased for 1924

IAJUANA Racetrack, The local lad is a corking rider him Mex., Dec. 7.—Come on, self, alert at the post, a good general 2,242 Nominations for Next believe. au managers of Jockey in the early stages of a race and abl Pete Walls' destinies; to sit down and boot one with the get the lad some win- best of them through the last fur ning mounts. Tiajuana long. And he has the prestige of bening mounts. Tiajuana long. And he has the president of the league as he claims wants another world's ing stable rider for the powerful J. two hundred forty-two entries have of this honesty and loyalty or they the selection of Harry A. Williams leading jockey to its K. L. Ross string. But the victories been received for the stakes which cannot long survive. credit in 1923. We that may come to him through the will be run at Belmont Park next started Ivan Parke on horses of this one establishment will season according to Victor E. fices, with knowledge of its criminal row with the representatives of the his way last spring and not land him at the top of the list Schaumburg, acting racing secretary transactions, or the "fence" who three clubs which supported him. Walls should make in the less than 30 days remaining of the Westchester Racing associations, for the lence who three clubs which supported him, equally as good use of of the present year. However, just tion. This is an increase of 55 over questions, must be honest, loyal. these December days let him ride several winners and, be the total received for the same events these December days let him ride several winners and, be the total received for the same events and land the honors for cause nothing succeeds like succeeds like succeeds the succeed during the 1923 season. The Some crafty, crooked, horse trainlegally elected, said he would steer and land the honors for cause nothing succeeds like succe which every good jock owners of possible winning horses stakes shows a falling off of 39 and ers, once got together and "framed and other questions until his status

Parke is riding in rare form at | Walls has a hard battle on his be heard from.

## Cudahy Athletic Club Has Fight Card Arranged for Dec. 14

and Erwin Bige will meet in the Auditorium several weeks ago, and main event. Bige has been out of Harris, bantamweight champ the ring game for several weeks, but lowa, will appear in another bout.

#### Hangs Up New Plan Big Polo Club in Denver Bowling Record

St. Louis, Dec. 7.-Harry Deen of Denver, Colo., Dec. 7.-Plans for St. Louis hung up a new middlewest polo club in Denver at an estimated bowling record last night in the all cost of between \$300,000 and \$400,000 avents, when he brought his total to 1943, thus taking first place in have been announced, according to this category of bowling scores and a story published today. The project, Departs for Tole to displacing Phil Wolf of Chicago, who according to the post, is an outhimself had established a new record during the present tournament. Deen growth of difficulties between golfers brought out in this connection. Don't forget that Schlaifer—who has been connection bigh football team left five pins.

## Rematched for Title Bout



Harry Greb, who won the world's middleweight championship from Bears once this season. Johnny Wilson at the polo grounds, New York City, last summer, has been scored 531 points in 460 minutes of rematched to fight Wilson for 15 rounds for the title, the fight to take place the Bears at Fontenelle park Sunday play so far this year. Only six in Madison Square Garden, on January 18. Tex Rickard will premote the to settle the question. For game call

# **Belmont Entries**

Racing Secretary Reports Year's Stake Events.

numerous distant points are still to a race."

efferson park, New Orleans. There bands to overtake Parke—if the lat-Jefferson park, New Orleans. There rands to overtake rarke it the most of the stakes, the Juvenile horse was to win, and how it was to land club, one of the five clubs which a great rider, considering his years run afoul of the stewards. Walls is Stakes shows a falling off of 39 and win. a great rider, considering his years and about of the stewards. The general details were all nicely adjusted beyond posibility of a missional board ruled in favor of Mcfor the short period that he has been on your toes, Bill Porter and others.

There is a big increase in the Bounderstanding. Then one of the traincast of the Ross combination, and put the saddle we doubt if we've ever of the Ross combination, and put the locker Club, Gold and the locker Club, Gold and the locker Club. in the saddle we doubt if we've ever of the Ross combination, and put seen a better one—but aside from his Pete at the top of the heap as the Cun while the enter for the With apprentice allowance, he has little ad-energetic Stuart Polk landed Martin Cup, while the entry for the With-inals, and said: ers is exactly the same. All of the prominent stables of the country are honest jockey for this race?" represented, and the entry presages However perfect their dishonest tire league, as the Seattle club, which another great season of racing. A summary of the entries received thus far, as compared with last year's totals, follows:

Matchmaker Jim McDonald of the is training daily and is said to be Cudahy Athletic club has arranged an attractive program of swat contests for the club's menthly show. Which is scheduled for the Cudahy windup. These two bantamweights ber 14.

Battling Strayer, considered the lightweight champion of the state, and Erwin Bige will meet in the and Erwin Bige will meet in the Auditorium several weeks ago, and Harris, bantamweight champ of Total 2.187 

## Badgers May Play Nebraska

Madison, Wis., Dec. 7.—The University of Nebraska 1924 football team may appear on the football schedule of the University of Wisconsin next fall, according to an announcement made here last night. The athletic officials of Wiscensin are making arrangements to

schedule three big universities next fall. Three games already have been carded for next season, but the names of the institutions will not be announced until following the meeting of the Missouri Valley conference in Kansas City tomorrow. Officials are awaiting definite re-

turns from proposals made to Notre manent injury from the sprained have no fear of having the question schedules are considered for the Wisconsin homecoming attraction.

# Chilean Fighter Signs

Chilean lightweight, has signed a con- The injury resulted when a player of tract with Tex Rickard for three the New London, Ia., team stepped on with the letter P were: Captain fights, the third to be a \$50,000 match Paddock's foot at an exciting period Beuttzgenbach. Captain-elect Gilkewith Benny Leonard, lightweight of the game. champion, providing the South American disposes of his other two oppoenents, it was learned yesterday Vicentini, who has gained prominence by knocking out three opponents in a row since coming to the United States two months ago, will have his first test under the contract, in a 12-round fight with Johnny Shu grue, of Waterbury, Conn., December 14. at Madison Square garden.

#### Merchants Dispute Claim of Bears to City Grid Title Charles street Merchants' gri

claim to the class B football title on the grounds they have defeated the The Merchants would like to play

eleven disputes Walnut Hill Bears'



EW YORK, Dec. 7 .- The rather listless New York fight public is evincing much interest in the Gene Tunney-Harry Greb fight in Madison Square Garden on the com ing Monday night. It wouldn't be exactly right to call it bout, because that would sound too mild.

The pair have met twice. The first time Greb grabbed the American light-heavyweight title from Tunney. Then, a few months later, Tunney won it back. Both battles were productive of much argument as to the winner. pinion was sharply divided.

In the first racket, Greb broye Tunney's nose early the going. Tunney said he had been butted, and others claimed so, foo. But the smash-up came in a flerce exchange, and it was hard to tell for a certainty. Greb insisted he had done it with a fist.

By DAMON RUNYON the writer, looking on in a gambling nouse at Saratoga last summer, saw

player for a few dollars. That is to say, the dealer gave the player less money than was coming o him after a winning bet.

cidental. No doubt the dealer had in which he does not seem to be done the same thing to numerous sparing them at all. other players during the course of It looks as if Tunney will be a

house," to the backers in the game, Downey. But the betting bands see

And that same dealer, while willing o cheat the players out of a few dollars for the benefit of "the house," McCarthy Plans would not dream of robbing his em-

The dealer's employers would perhaps tell you that the dealer is honest man, a loyal man. In a sense he is.

His honesty is sadly perverted, but

It is the same questionable form of honesty and loyalty that permits men to operate crooked games of any kind, yet make a strict accounting to their employers of the money they

mong thieves," which is not as com- plans to carry his fight to the board mon as the proverb might make you of arbitration of the National As-

But somewhere along the line all day.

thleves, whether stealing the big money through gilded offices, or lieves the board will recognize him as

They arranged just how it should

"Now, then, where can we find an Landis would have to rule on

who would be honest to them.

Honesty-that is a subject. An obscure stable hand, paid a few

lowing day. He could sit on the horse's back all night or give it some form of "dope" fees from it as expenses to con that would remove its chance of run- the league. Ewing explained that if ning to its real speed. 106

He could profit by his knowledge then its players who are reserved 144 of the horse's incapacity by betting by the Seattle corporation as a mem against the horse. But the obscure stable hand, hon- been playing independent ball and

2.242 est, loyal, does his best to keep the are outlaws. horse in condition, guarding it to the best of his ability against harm.

Indiana to Schedule Sectional Grid Game

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 7.—An in-tersectional football game will be statement yesterday by Zora Clevenger, director of athletics at the Hoos-Amherst, Brown, University of

Colorado, University of Tennessee the Boston tea party." and the University of the South comprise the list from which Mr. Clevenger expects to pick Indiana's opponent for the intersectional game.

# C. PADDOCK SPRAINS ANKLE

Dame and Nebraska. Both of these ankle sustained in a practice game placed before the board or before any of basketball here Wednesday. That was the hope given out today by Dr. J. T. Hanna, who is attend Peru Normal Awards P's

ing Paddock at a hotel here. An X-ray of Paddock's foot shows Contract for Three Bouts a ligament binding two heel bones New York, Dec. 7 .- Louis Vicentini, was torn loose, but no bones broken of the 1923 Bobcat football machine.

Pasadena, Cal., where he has been

#### CAPTAIN FOR EACH GAME

Franklin, Ind., Dec. 7 .- Franklin college football team will have a new captain each week during the 1924 season, it has been decided by unanimous vote of the present squad. At a meeting of the team held last night members voted against appointing a permanent leader, and adopted instead. a suggestion for selecting a captain for each game.

In their second meeting, they engaged in vicious fashion, and it was apparent they were bitter against each other. There is no reason to think this feeling has abated. So it should be a real fight from that

Previous to his winning battle with Bryan Downey in Pittsburgh a few New York, Dec. 6.-A friend of nights ago, there was much talk of Greb having gone back fast. But. beating Downey, according to all 'rethe dealer of a crap game "short" a ports, he looked like the old time Greb.

Tunney used to be bothered by brittle hands. It is said now that they are well again. At least, they The action was deliberate, not ac- appear so in his training workouts,

slight favorite. He probably would The money difference did not prof- have been a much bigger favorite if it the dealer. It went to "the Greb had not shown so well against rather doubtful about the winner

# to Carry Fight to **Arbitration Board**

Deposed Official Contends Seattle Had No Right to Vote at League Meeting-Williams to Stay Out of It.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Dec. 7.-William H. Me Carthy of San Francisco, deposes It is the proverbial "honesty president of the Pacific coast league, sociation of Professional Baseball

New York, Dec. 7.-Two thousand snatching door mats, must have some president of the league as he claims annot long survive.

The lowly clerks in the gilded of Carthy is expected to arrive tomor-

questions, must be honest, loyal. liams, although insisting that he was

is officially fixed. J. Cal Ewing, president of the Oal voted to oust McCarthy in favor of decision. He said that Commissioner eligibility of the players, of the enplans, they had to have one person was not recognized by McCarthy in the meeting which elected Williams.

would, in his opinion, be regarded as an outlaw. McCarthy contends that the Seattle dollars a week for his services, could club had no right to vote at the meetensily incapacitate a valuable race ing which ousted him, although Mehorse, the favorite for a race the fol- Carthy recognized the club to the extent of assigning unmpires for games in which it participated and accepted the Seattle club is not in the league. ber of the Pacific coast league, have

Clubs in Questionable Position "Every other club in the league which played against the Seattle club. has placed itself in a questionable position as to eligibility, Mr. Ewing

"McCarthy has recognized, as president of the league, the Seattle baseplayed next year by Indiana univer- ball club in everything pertaining ty at Indianapolis, according to to baseball league, with the exception that he would not permit it to cast a vote. "This is taxation without repre-

sentation, and I guess you remember . "Harry Williams, who was elected by five of our members, is our president, duly and honestly elected.

and we are going to stand back of "The question of the legality of the election of Mr. Williams is not Burlington, Ia., Dec. 7 .- Charles a matter which should go to the board. Paddock, crack athlete, will lose pone of arbitration, as I feel certain it is of his great speed and suffer no per- purely a league issue. However, we other governing body

### to Eighteen Grid Players

Peru. Neb., Dec. 7 .- Eighteen letters were awarded to the members The eighteen men to be honored son, Forrest Bell, Millard Bell, Glenn Paddock will leave tonight for Frary, Mark Delzell, Harry Williams Glover Milam, Dorwin Carter, Ralph ordered for a month of complete rest. Higgins, Leo Bourke, Lorene Buis-Los Angeles, Dec. 7.—Dick Hoppe, light-weight, will meet Pepper Martin, New York, tonight in the main event at the Hollywood American Legion arena. Little Mickey Neison, stablemate of Martin, shares, the zeoni-windup with Frank Novey, local 115-pounder.

the 1924 Bobcats. Gilk is an end of superior ability. He has played with the Peru team for two He should be a likely candidate for All-State honors in 1923. He will have a good team to lead, for, from present appearance the majority of the 1938 Bobcats will return. The P club elected officers

James Conway, was elected president: Dorwin Carter, vice-president; Leo Bourke, treasurer. Besides the 18 men just mentioned, George Willy and E. C. Beck are members of the P club. Coach Lon Graf is an

the best game played in the history Chicago's streets amid the throngs St. James Prep of Haverhill, Mash. Gregory started the season with a

again must be feared.