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KNIGHTS OF PENCIL BELIEVE ST. LOUIS STAR ALREADY MEMBER OF NEW YORK CLUB

Fact That Branch Rickey Declined to Discuss Rogers With Bill Killefer and McKechnie, Respective Manager of Cubs and Pirates at Recent Baseball Meeting Proof That McGraw "Knows Something," Says Walsh—Other Trades Pending.

By DAVIS J. WALSH

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Our Mr. McGraw is due to arrive in this country on Friday aboard the Leviathan and among others, the Hornsby matter after these many weeks, will be disinterred forthwith and without further preamble, prelude or ceremony. Gentlemen of the press in this particular community die with their epiplois poised.

They can see nothing else beyond the prospect of Hornsby taking up a permanent residence at the Polo grounds and cite the fact that Branch Rickey declined to discuss the player with Bill Killefer and Bill McKechnie, respective managers of the Cubs and Pirates, at the recent Chicago meetings, as proof positive that McGraw "knows something." Baseball men in general are of the same opinion, some of them even going so far as to intimate that the transfer in question already has been effected.

McGraw and Rickey had a two-hour conference at the Waldorf just prior to John's departure for Europe and it was at this meeting that the business is said to have been closed. Denials have been issued by both parties; in fact, McGraw went on record as having lost interest in Hornsby, but the boys would have it otherwise.

Another report is that McGraw will get George Burns and a first string pitcher from the Reds with the idea of offering them with others, to the Cardinals for the great Rogers.

The Cincinnati trade, if any, is said to involve the passing of Bill Southworth, Hornsby, or no Hornsby. One

Golfing Factions on Verge of Bitter War Over Power

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The most bitter battle in golfing politics since the famous row over Francis Ouimet in 1916, impends and disruption of the United States Golf association at the annual meeting here January 5, is threatened. A merger of western and southern golf bodies has been effected, it is understood, with the resolution to wipe out the existing association and replace it with an organization to be known as the "Golf Association of America."

The plans for the revolt have been kept as secret as such a widespread movement could be, but details of the plan leaked out this week. If the promoters are able to hold their pledges in line, now that the news of the rebellion is known, they have enough votes to force action.

Politics of the administration of golf has aroused little interest in the ordinary duffer and it was this antipathy that resulted in the formation of the United States Golf association in 1895, when a few men took it upon themselves to organize a governing body that would lay down the rules for the vast army of other golfers.

This paternalistic organization continued without much objection until 1916, when the eligibility of Francis Ouimet became a bone of contention. That row nearly split the organization in two and there has been considerable antagonism displayed ever since. Recently an attempt was made to appease the western section by giving it additional members on the executive committee, but certain rulings

Luke Urban Cage Player

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 17.—When it comes to busy athletes, consider the case of Luke Urban. In the summer he plays professional baseball, in the fall he plays "pro" football and coaches a college eleven, and in the winter he coaches and plays basketball.

Urban caught for the Buffalo International league team last season. Following the close of the pennant race, he donned moleskins to play and to coach the Buffalo All-Americans in the Professional Football league and to coach the Canisius college eleven. The football season being about over, he will get into basket ball uniform to coach and play with the Knights of Columbus five of Buffalo, and to hold down a position with the Hewitts (the old Germans, once claimants to the title of world's champions). In February Urban will quit basket ball and go south with the Yankees, they having purchased him from Buffalo for \$7,500. All in all, it will be a pretty busy year for Luke.

Referee Leaves Field—Players and Spectators Battle

Marseilles, France, Dec. 17.—During a football game for the championship of the province yesterday, the referee left the grounds for a few minutes and the two teams, relieved of his restraining influence, started using their fists. The spectators soon joined the fight which was only brought to a close by nightfall.

Will Coach Morningside

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 17.—Obe Weing, former Morningside all-around athlete, will coach the Morningside basketball squad this year, according to an announcement coming from Morningside college.

Bearded Newsboy Kyoets Opponent

Los Angeles, Dec. 17.—"Fighting King David," bearded newsboy, whose religion bans haircuts or shaves, surprised patrons of a boxing club here by knocking out his opponent in the second round of what was expected to be a playful "curtain raiser," Saturday.

The bearded boxer, who is a newsboy on week days, and a preacher on Sunday, declares his whiskers are an aid in the ring since they cushion blows.

Hastings Cagers Prepare for First Game of Season

Coach Declares Prospects for Winning Team Are Good—Five Veterans Will Appear in Lineup.

Hastings, Neb., Dec. 17.—Hastings college basket-players, under the direction of Coach A. F. Holte, are now swinging into steady practice in preparation for their first game on January 19 with York college.

"Our prospects for this season are good," Coach Holte declared today. The coach then outlined the list of cage players who will be on the floor this season.

Captain Carl Schneider, of Plattsmouth, playing his third year at Hastings; Bob Stephens, of this city, a second-year man; Herb Anderson, Columbus, on the team for his fourth year; Sam Dreibeis, also of Hastings, and a two-year man, and Bob Ambrose, Hastings, second-year player, constitute the list of experienced players who have donned suits this season.

Promising new men are: L. Beck, Broken Bow; J. Conklin, St. Paul, Neb.; Fritz Poore, Kearsaw; Bob Latta, Hastings and Consburch, also of Hastings.

Hastings finished with a percentage of 500 at the close of last year's basket ball season, with a team that was good on the floor but lacked the ability to shoot at the crucial moments.

Coach Holte said that he hoped to develop the scoring side of the team for the 1924 contests, thereby making a balanced machine of the Hastings college cagers. With several years experience as coach in nearly all branches of athletics, Holte should be able to accomplish this end, especially in view of the fact that he tutored the quintet, last season and consequently knows the material which he must shape.

The schedule for Hastings college follows: January 19, York at York; January 21, Central college at Hastings; January 27, Chadron Normal at Hastings; January 28, Grand Island college at Hastings; January 29, Colver college at Hastings; February 2, Grand Island at Grand Island; February 9, York college at Hastings; February 16, Grand Island at Grand Island; February 22, Doane college at Cresta; February 23, Colver at Hastings; February 28, Hastings Normal at Hastings; March 2, Kearney Normal at Hastings; March 7, Wesleyan at Hastings.

Newsey Sportlets

The St. Joseph Western league club has purchased eight players for the consideration of \$10,000 and St. Joseph ball players.

Barney Burch, owner of the Omaha Buffaloes, left yesterday for his home in San Antonio, Tex., where he will spend the holidays with his family.

Joe Stecher, Dodge, Neb., wrestler, meets Miki Zongolovic in a finish match at St. Joseph, Mo., tonight.

Denny Ryan's Omaha Athletic club team of amateur boxers who competed in a dual meet with the Kansas City A. C., since purchased at Kansas City Saturday, returned home yesterday.

A. H. Burke, checker player of St. Louis, will meet all comers in simultaneous play at the Omaha Chess club headquarters, Room 14, Patterson block, at 8 o'clock tonight.

The Ak-Sar-Ben Knights want to schedule basketball games for the coming season. Call Griff Humphrey, 2029 North Twentieth street, Omaha.

Walter Westbrook, former Canadian singles champion, defeated Upton Sinclair, socialist writer, 6-1, 6-3, in the feature match yesterday at Pasadena, Cal., in an invitational tennis tournament.

Cy Seal: "Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today."

Virgil Earl, director of athletics at the University of Oregon, has received eight applications for the position of football coach at the university, made vacant by the resignation of Charles Huntington.

Philadelphia has eight hunt clubs and at least four private packs of fox hounds.

During the last summer there were 35 leagues in the United States playing baseball.

The first horse racing association formed in America was in 1760, in Charleston, S. C.

The world's running, pacing and trotting records for the mile are 1:23.1, 1:55.4 and 1:56.4, respectively.

What is claimed to be first ladies' lacrosse teams in America were recently organized in southern California.

Tecumseh Legion to Play. Tecumseh, Neb., Dec. 17.—Arrangements have been made for the Tecumseh American Legion football team to play the Beatrice team in Beatrice on Christmas day, if the weather is favorable. The Beatrice team is a strong one, and Tecumseh has been defeated but twice in six years.

Crofton High School Wins From Waus at Basket Ball. Crofton, Neb., Dec. 17.—The Crofton high school team defeated Wausa high school here Friday night by a score of 26 to 13. Girl teams representing the two schools also played, Crofton girls winning, 25 to Wausa's 4 points.

Japan lost 1,500,000 books as a result of the earthquake which destroyed Yokohama and a large part of Tokio.

Injured Athlete Returns Home



Charles Paddock, phenomenal runner, who sprained his ankle playing basket ball in Burlington, Ia., is back home in Pasadena, Cal., trying to nurse the injured pedal extremity back to normal.

It is not believed that the injury will cause Paddock any permanent difficulty or that it will prevent his running again.

This picture shows Paddock navigating in a new way as he changed trains in Los Angeles.

Former South High Men at Nebraska U

Joe Sweringen Expected to Make Cornhusker Football Varsity Next Fall.

South High boasts two former athletes on this year's Nebraska University's basket ball squad. Mutt Volz, who is playing his second year as regular guard on the Cornhusker team, and Ralph (Ban) Bernard, star athlete at the southern school two years ago, is also one of the squad whose chance is considered good in making that team. He is also a grifter of some note, having attracted some attention on the freshman team. Volz was a player on the Nebraska baseball nine the past two seasons.

Johnny Graham, kicker and end on South High's championship football team two years ago, is playing at Monmouth college (Illinois). Beno Sullivan, Packer halfback of two years ago, is with the Regis football team in Colorado. He is one of the chief ground gainers for the team, according to reports. While at South High he was rated as one of Nebraska's outstanding high school backs.

Joe Sweringen, mammoth guard on South's 1920 football team, played two years ago, is with the Regis football team. He is one of those considered by Lincoln critics as having an excellent chance of making the Cornhusker team in 1924. He weighs 205 pounds.

Believe It Or Not

CHARLEY LEFFINGWELL of Valley fame has much to say regarding the last snow storm which hit that territory. Charley was out on the river with his single-barrel gun and declared that the snow melted as soon as it hit ground.

"It snowed so hard that it ran into the muzzle of my gun," he stated, "and it bursted the breach. I had a barrel in the hand which had no ends and it snowed faster in the bunglehole than it could run out the open side. When I finally made shore and saw my shack the snow was flying through the open door and out the fireplace chimney. It went up in the air about 20 feet. My dog stopped to sneeze and was covered over in a minute. The snow melted so fast it nearly drowned him and he washed back three feet for every step he took for ward. Next time you tell me how hard it snowed in Omaha I'll tell you about the time back in 1851 when it snowed so hard at Elk City that it gave an Indian tribe the first washing it had received in 20 years. I wouldn't lie, but I honestly think that storm was the worst in Nebraska history. It was so cold that turtles in the Platte river grew hair like muskrats in order to keep warm."

Nebraska Wesleyan Grandstand Burns Down. Lincoln, Dec. 17.—The wooden grandstand on the athletic field of Nebraska Wesleyan university at University Place was burned yesterday in a fire of unknown origin. The loss is nominal. Students and others have been agitating for a more substantial stadium. The burning, it is thought, will not seriously interfere with coming athletic activities at the school.

A. A. Club Holds Election. Indianapolis, Dec. 17.—Stockholders of the Indianapolis American association baseball club re-elected present officers and approved their acts at the annual meeting here today.

Important Boxing Bouts This Week. December 18—Charley White against Bobby Barrett, 10 rounds in Philadelphia. December 17—Tommy Mandel against Sid Lerich, 10 rounds in New York. December 17—Carl Tremaine against Joe Nelson, 10 rounds in Columbus. December 18—Panama Joe teams against Morris Schaeffer, 10 rounds in Omaha. December 18—Jack Britton against B. O. Phil Knapp, 10 rounds in New York. December 18—Bill Britton against Nick Neuman, 10 rounds in Harris, Pa. December 18—Bill Mike against Dan O'Dowd, 10 rounds in Hartford, Conn. December 18—Alvin Wilson against Pat McCarthy, 10 rounds in Boston. December 18—Jim Jones against Morris Schaeffer, 10 rounds in St. Paul.

South High Cagers Hard at Practice

Coach Patton Putting Men Through Strenuous Work for Early Games.

Coach Patton of South High will put his cagers through some hard practice this week in preparation for early contests. The ranks of the candidates at the Packer school are being constantly thickened by the new material which is turning out every night. At present the squad numbers about 50.

Capt. Earl Wedberg is showing the boys his eye is as accurate as it was last season. He's caging from all angles and distances. Gitts Clark is another regular who is demonstrating his optics haven't failed him. He is specializing on the long shots at present. Russ Graham is showing up well, and is proving that he is still the excellent floor man that he was last season. Doda Reeves, scrappy guard, is there again this year with the same old fight and pep. J. Katzman and Fred Sutter are holding down their positions well at guard.

Hank Smith is rapidly getting his eye back, as is Wakefield and Anthony. Bevington, Hill, Bernard and Wieg also show lots of promise at forward. Bell, King, Harding, Sacks, Urban, Kalstrom and Fitch are showing well at guard. As a whole, the squad is turning out very satisfactorily, and should make a name for itself in state high school basket ball circles this season.

On Tuesday evening, December 11, the South High team, while playing under the name of Kinney Shoes, was victorious over the Papillion town team. Their showing against the Paps made quite a hit with Packer rooters who witnessed the contest. The quintet as a whole showed some excellent team work for so early in the season.

The Southmen may practice during vacation in preparation for their tussle with Abraham Lincoln of Council Bluffs on the Bluffs floor, January 4.

Initial Round in Handball Singles

The following are the results of the first round of the Y. M. C. A. annual handball singles championship:

Alano defeated Hayes	21-14	21-17
Worth defeated Gillies	21-11	21-4
Hawthorne defeated Kieburg	21-20	21-20
Nelson defeated Deane	21-12	21-12
McGuire defeated Drummond	21-20	21-10
Wright defeated West	21-12	21-12
Weston defeated Morse	21-20	21-10
Collins defeated Tardy	21-19	21-18
Brown defeated Wages	21-12	21-18
White defeated Mullberg	21-11	21-14
Knapp defeated Dowd	21-12	21-12
Lawton defeated Johnson	21-18	21-19
McCarthy defeated Friedman	21-9	21-19

Hurdy High School Loses to Ruskin Basket Ball Team

Ruskin, Neb., Dec. 17.—Ruskin boys' basket ball team defeated Hurdy high school Friday night by a score of 24 to 7. The Ruskin girls defeated the Davenport girls, 16 to 2.

Glenwood Cagers Win

Silver City, Ia., Dec. 17.—Glenwood defeated Silver City here in a fast played game of basket ball. The final result was 24 to 18. Burgoyne of Silver City refereed the game.

"Love Nests" of Swindler Abound

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Just before Leo Koretz, Chicago "oil bubble" millionaire broker, disappeared on December 5, leaving Chicago investors wondering at the faith they had in him, he told friends in New York City that he was going away on a long trip and would be seen by them no more. Koretz said he was "tired and discouraged" and that he had to find rest for his overburdened body.

This was disclosed by developments in the investigation by local authorities into the disappearance of Koretz, after he had separated friends and members of his family from millions of dollars by inducing them to invest in alleged gigantic swindling schemes, chief of which was the Bayano River Trust company of Panama.

While the authorities were delving into Koretz's numerous "love nests" which have been located in New York, Colorado Springs and California, other officials were preparing to question Mrs. Mary Koretz, wife of the missing "broker," in a bankruptcy hearing brought against him.

Ex-Denver Bank Head Indicted

Denver, Colo., Dec. 17.—Three indictments charging embezzlement, abstraction and misapplication of funds were returned today by the Denver county grand jury against Frank Newton Briggs, former president of the closed Interstate Bank and Trust company of Denver. Briggs now is engaged in the real estate business in Los Angeles and is reported to be on his way to Denver to answer the charges.

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COACH SCHABINGER HAS HARD WORKOUTS MAPPED OUT FOR MEMBERS OF BLUE QUINTET

Coach Leslie Mann and His Hoosiers Will Arrive in Omaha Friday Morning From Des Moines Where Indiana Plays Drake Previous to Creighton Contest—Tickets Go on Sale Tomorrow.

COACH A. A. SCHABINGER of the Creighton university basket ball team, will usher in the final week of practice for his proteges before the game with the University of Indiana on the Blue gym floor tonight.

The Creighton coach has shaved his squad down to where he can work and get results. With Captain Jimmie Lovely and Trautman at the forward positions and Dick Lovely and Joe Speicher at guards and Ike Mahoney jumping, Coach Schabinger believes he has a combination of leather flippin' fools. This team has been working together and getting results according to the Creighton coach, who has a sneaky feeling that the Hoosiers will leave Omaha Saturday with the small end of the score.

The squad works out each evening with the second stringers and Coach McGahan's freshmen, who always give the varsity a strong workout.

Tickets for the game will be placed on sale at the Fontenelle, Beaton's Drug store, Spauldings, Townsends and Barkalow brothers tomorrow. A large crowd is expected for the first game of the season in Omaha.

Germany Asks Allies for Food

Paris, Dec. 17.—Germany's request that the reparation commission agree to release its priority claim on Germany's resources to an extent necessary to permit Germany to borrow money abroad with which to buy needed food, was delivered to the reparation commission today by the German war burdens commission.

The request will probably be considered at Wednesday's meeting but the present attitude of the French, it is stated semi-officially is against granting the application.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Selection of Owen D. Young and Charles G. Dawes to serve on the committee investigating the German budget was reported officially to Washington today by James A. Logan, American

Honeymoon for Senator

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 17.—Former Senator R. F. Pettigrew of South Dakota and Mrs. Pettigrew expect to leave about January 15 for a four-months' trip around the world.

From New York the trip will lead through the Panama canal, to Hawaii, Japan, China and the Philippines, to Borneo, Java, Calcutta, Ceylon and Bombay, up the Red sea to Africa, down the Nile to Cairo, Jerusalem, Athens and other Mediterranean points.

Senator Pettigrew was 75 years of age last July, and was married only last summer.

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