

OMAHA BEE SPORTS ARE BEST

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 posed.

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.

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.

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.

Not Allowed to Play on the Golf Courses in Scotland

London, Dec. 17.—Ramsey MacDonald, who is visiting Lismouth, with his son, though a keen golfer, cannot play on the local links. During the war the local club, owing to his attitude toward the war, forbade him to use the links. An official today said that any member might take him around, but if he did so he would be liable to severe censure.

Cy Mason Turns in 85 at Field Club

ADD the name of Cy Mason to the list of Omaha golf notables. Yesterday Cy, accompanied by E. M. MacArthur, journeyed out to the Omaha Field club to engage in the ancient and honorable game of golf.

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.

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.

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

Newsey Sportlets

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

Central High School Football Players Will be Guests of the High School at the Annual Banquet Tomorrow Night at the School

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.

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.

Bearded Newsboy Kayoes 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.

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.

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, came from South High.

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.

Fairmont Cagers Win Fillmore County Meet

Fairmont, Neb., Dec. 17.—Fairmont won the Fillmore county basket ball tournament by defeating the Geneva quintet in the finals by the score of 11 to 7.

Nebraska Wesleyan Grandstand Burns Down

Lincoln, Dec. 17.—The wooden grandstand on the athletic field of Nebraska Wesleyan university at Lincoln was burned yesterday in a fire of unknown origin. The loss is nominal.

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.

On Tuesday evening, December 11, the South High team, while playing under the name of Kinney Shoes, was victorious over the Papillon town team.

Initial Round in Handball Singles

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

Church Cage Teams in Action Tonight

The First M. E. Bearcats and First Reformed quintet, who are tied for first place in the Class A church basket ball league, will meet tonight in what promises to be the feature contest of the evening.

Hagen Not to Appear in Matches This Winter

New York, Dec. 17.—Walter Hagen, former American and British open golf champion, probably will not engage in many competitive events this winter.

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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.

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.

Germany Asks Allies for Food

Claims Release of Priority Berlin May Borrow.

Paris, Dec. 17.—Germany's request that the reparations 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 reparations commission today by the German war burdens commission.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Important Boxing Bouts This Week

December 18—Charley White against Bobbo Barrett, 10 rounds in Philadelphia.

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