AMONG THE TRIGGER ARTISTS

Winona and Frank Show They Can Work Off as Well as on Stage.

THEY APPEAR AT OMAHA RIFLE CLUB

Also Participate in Live Bird Shoot at Omaha Gun Club Grounds and Make Remarkably Good Scores.

Winona and Frank, the trigger artists who have been at the Orpheum during last week, were the sensation of the week with Omaha shooters. Thursday and Friday were turned into little gun carnivals for the entertainment of these firearms experts, and the pair proved beyond a doubt that they can shoot off the stage as well as on and perform feats in the open that are really more remarkable than those done behind the footlights.

Thursday night Winona and Frank were invited down to the regular weekly shoot of the Omaha Rifle club, at the range below Townsend's gun store. They gave a preliminary exhibition there and wi'h 22-caliber rifles accomplished most anything. Winona, for instance, the woman of the pair, shot sixteen straight bulls-eyes at sixty feet in just five seconds. She used a Marlin repeater, using 22 shorts sixteen times with one loading. The bulls-eye was half an inch in diameter, the regulation size for the distance. Later the club held its shoot and Frank and Winona participated, putting the Omahans to shame by their performance. A big crowd was present at the range to see all this done, and there were shotgun devotees there as well as riflemen.

At Live Bird Shoot.

The scatter men wanted to see what the stage artists could do in their line, so they arranged a live bird shoot for Friday afternoon. This was held at the Omaha Gun club grounds across the river. There were two races of ten live birds each. Winona killed nine birds in each, Frank eight each time.

Winona meanwhile gave sidelight rifle exhibitions, pulling down the pigeons that were crippled but got out of grounds. At 110 yards with her 22-caliber she killed them repeatedly as they fluttered on the ground. One time a bird landed on the fence and clung there. The distance by actual measurement was 110 yards. Winona put four shots out of five in the bird before it fell off. Then the gunners threw up clay pigeons for her and she would break them as fast as one man could throw them up.

In the live bird races there was but one money and $2 entry. Hafer took the money in the first with a clean score. In the second Kimball, Lewis and Fogg tied with clean scores and divided the money.

Scores of Live Bird Contests.

The scores were:

	First Race.	Second Race.
Kimball	22022 21222— 9	12222 22222—10
Grant	02222 22222— 9	22200 22222— 8
Rogers	21112 02011— 8	22220 22222— 9
Lewis	11222 22202— 9	22222 22222—10
Hafer	11122 22112—10	22222 22202— 9
Fogg	22211 22202— 9	22222 22222—10
Townsend	22022 22222— 9	22222 22222—10
"Frank"	02111 20222— 8	*2222 22220— 8
"Winona"	22211 11102— 9	22222 02222— 9
Sherwood	0**22 22212— 7	2*222 11202— 8

Saturday Afternoon's Shoot.

Saturday afternoon there was more shooting at the gun club grounds. Some dozen sportsmen held a competition at twenty-five targets. Entrance was $3, and Smith, Townsend, Lewis and Jones were tied for first with 23 broken each. The scores:

Smith	11111	11111	11101	11111	11101—23
Townsend	11111	10111	11111	11111	10111—23
Lewis	11111	11110	11111	01111	11111—23
Jones	10111	11111	11011	11111	11111—23
Sherwood	11111	10111	11110	11111	11110—22
Goodrich	11100	11111	11111	11111	10111—22
Rogers	11111	11111	11111	10111	10011—22
Fogg	10111	11111	11101	11011	11101—21
Gilhansen	11011	11110	01111	11111	11110—21
Lang	00111	11110	11110	01111	11111—20
Morrell	10111	11111	11111	11111	00100—20
Dreisbach	11001	10110	10111	11011	11111—19
Green	11110	10101	11111	11110	01010—18

Rem Has Clean Card.

Practically the same shooters then held a race at twenty-five live birds. Rem took first with a clean card. Dick Kimball was second with 24 killed. The scores:

Kimball	22222	02222	22222	22122	22112—24
Grant	20202	22222	22222	22222	02212—22
Loomis	22222	22111	22122	02222	22102—23
Rogers	22222	21222	22211	20*22	22222—23
Lewis	22211	21221	22212	11102	11201—23
Goodrich	22222	2222*	22222	22222	00222—22
Hafer	22222	22222	*2212	22002	.....—17
Dreisbach	12001	22222	22112	20212	.....—17
Townsend	12121	22011	22211	22121	.....—19
Sherwood	02*02	122*2	22220	22222	.....—15
Fogg	21212	22222	22222	21022	.....—19
Rem	12211	22121	22221	11122	22221—25

Both Friday and Saturday were fine days for shooting, despite the temperature, Saturday was milder than Friday. The air was bright and clear both days and birds active.

Monday night next Omaha shooters will assemble at Townsend's gun store to complete the details for the Nebraska against Omaha team shoot to be held next Saturday. The Omaha team will also be selected at this meeting.

Base Ball Men in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—American association base ball men are gathering in Chicago for their annual meeting originally scheduled for today. No official session was held, however, and it is probable none will be held before Monday. The circuit question will be one of the chief topics of discussion and it will be decided whether the league will enter Chicago during the coming season. There is said to be little chance for the removal of the St. Paul club to this city, as has been currently speculated upon. The subject will come before the meeting for discussion, however.

LAST WEEK WITH THE BOWLERS

Omahas Make a New Three-Game Record and Increase Their Lead.

Club.	Games.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Omaha	45	35	10	.778
Gate City	42	26	16	.619
National	45	25	20	.556
Clarkson	45	24	21	.533
German	45	21	24	.467
St. Charles	42	16	26	.381
Western	45	16	29	.357
Krug Park	45	14	31	.311

After the performance of the Omaha Bowling club last week the members of the league have awakened to the cold fact that this quintet by nothing short of a miracle can be headed off in its march to the championship. The Omahas have just taken three straight games from the Clarksons and with a lead of more than 150 points in percentage they have first place as good as won, though the season is but just past the two-thirds mark. In winning those three games the Omahas established a new record, they bowling the first three successive games of 909 or better ever rolled in Omaha by a league team.

The Nationals took three straight from the Krug Parks, and this caused a double move in the standing. The Nationals replaced the Clarksons at third, and the Krug Parks gain undisputed possession of the bottom line. A week ago the Westerns stood there also, but they have now moved up by taking two games out of three from the Germans. Otherwise the order of the teams is not changed. The Gate City and St. Charles teams did not play last week, so they are behind the schedule, with only forty-two games played each. They will hold a special session and catch up with the balance.

In the individual averages thirty rollers are in the honor list. Emery is away first and Seaman sticks a wide second. The list reads:

Individual Averages.

	Games.	Pins.	Average.
Emery	45	8,453	187 38-45
Seaman	12	2,229	185 9-12
Conrad	15	2,698	179 13-15
Encell	42	7,498	178 22-42
Brunke	45	8,027	178 17-45
Marble	12	2,140	178 4-12
Potter	42	7,463	177 29-42
Zarp	36	6,378	177 6-36
Beselin	42	7,425	176 33-42
Krug	36	6,342	176 6-36
A. C. Reed	36	6,300	175
Fritscher	42	7,342	174 34-42
Reed (289)	45	7,865	174 35-45
L. J. Schneider	45	7,858	174 28-45
Huntington	45	7,838	174 3-45
Weber	45	7,782	172 42-45
Denman	45	7,763	172 23-45
Yoder	27	4,561	168 25-27
Gilchrist	42	7,091	168 35-42
Ahmanson	42	7,181	171 4-42
Hartley	33	5,616	170 6-33
Keller	39	6,632	170 2-39
Jones	24	4,078	169 22-24
Wigman	21	3,552	169 8-21
Francisco	42	7,105	169 7-42
Sheldon	27	4,555	168 19-27
Chandler	27	4,538	168 2-27
Forscutt	36	6,048	168
Tracey	39	6,544	167 31-39
Lehman	36	6,038	167 26-36

This week the other twenty bowlers of the league are printed in their rolling order. They are the men who have not rolled an average of 500 pins for three games. They stand:

	Games.	Pins.	Average.
F. W. Schneider	36	5,989	166 13-36
Lund	12	1,998	166 6-12
Roth	21	3,488	166 2-21
Bengele	39	6,461	165 26-39
William Zitzman	24	3,974	165 14-24
Fowler	27	4,418	163 17-27
Jurgensen	30	4,906	163 16-30
Hodges	18	2,932	162 16-18
Ayers	33	5,358	162 12-33
Swenson	15	2,433	162 3-15
Selleck	33	5,329	161 16-33
Krug	27	4,359	161 12-27
Clarkson	39	6,252	160 12-39
Reynolds	36	5,769	160 9-36
Carson	9	1,434	159 3-9
Baden	30	4,784	159 14-30
Frush	21	3,282	156 6-21
French	12	1,867	155 7-12
Taylor	15	5,329	153 4-15
Matthai	24	3,677	153 5-24

SKATERS MAKE FAST TIME

Montreal Contests Lead to Two Tied Records, Though None Are Beaten.

MONTREAL, Feb. 7.—Ideal weather conditions, a big crowd, superb ice and large fields in all the events, with exciting finishes, combined to make the speed contests for the skating championships of America held here today under the auspices of the Amateur Skating Association of Canada and the National Skating Association of America a great success. No records were broken, but in the 220 yards amateur and half-mile professional events both the Canadian and American records were equalled. In the other events the time made was disappointing under the conditions.

John Nilssen of Minneapolis carried off all the professional events on the card. In the three-mile event Nilssen made the pace almost all the way, but at the final turn fell back into the bunch and it looked as if he was beaten. But when the men got out on to the stretch he came again like a flash, beating Cerval Baptie, the North Dakota man, by three inches. Morris Wood of the Verona Lake Skating club, New York, won the mile amateur event cleverly.

The winners and the time of the several events follows:

Two hundred and twenty yards, amateur: Won by J. F. Robson, Toronto. Time: 0:20 2-5. In his trial heat Robson equalled the American and Canadian record of 0:20 1-5.

Half-mile, professional: Won by J. Nilssen, Minneapolis; Parley Davidson, St. Louis, second. Time: 1:17 1-5. Equals professional record.

Half-mile, amateur: Won by Z. C. St. Marie, Montreal. Time: 1:25 2-5.

One mile, amateur: Won by M. Wood, New York. Time: 2:57.

Half-mile, backwards: Won by Oscar Beaudern, Montreal. Time: 1:33.

Two hundred and twenty yards, hurdles: Won by Larry P. Cherver, Toronto. Time: 0:28 3-5.

Three-mile professional: Won by J. Nilssen, Minneapolis. Time: 8:59 3-5.

Three-mile amateur: Won by G. Bellefeuille, Winnipeg. Time: 9:09 1-5.

Nebraska University Beaten.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—In the presence of 1,500 people the University of Nebraska basket ball team met with its first defeat on its western tour here tonight, being defeated by the Cheyenne Business college team. Score: First half—University of Nebraska, 15; Cheyenne, 18. Second half—University of Nebraska, 26; Cheyenne, 42.

Nebraska played a brilliant game, but was never dangerous. Nolan of Cheyenne was the star performer.

Chicago Club to Play Here.

William Rourke, manager of the Omaha base ball team, has just completed arrangements to have three spring games here with the National league team of Chicago, under the management of Frank Selee. The dates set are April 7, 8 and 9, and on these days Vinton street park will be graced by the Windy City stars in competition with the Omaha team. Selee himself will be no small attraction, for he is immortalized in local sport traditions as the manager of Omaha's famous pennant team of 1889.

Bowling Match Declared Off.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 7.—The big bowling match for $1,000 proposed between the Chicago Big Trio, under the management of W. V. Thompson of Chicago, and all the All-Americans, under Sam Karpf of Dayton, which was to have been a feature of the Bowling Congress, has been declared off because the latter teams will not be available.

To Stay with Washington Club.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Fred C. Postal, president of the Washington Base Ball club, who arrived here from Detroit today, announced positively that Delehanty will be kept with the Washington club and that Ryan also will be signed again. President Ban Johnson of the American league will arrive here tonight.

To Be Track Trainer.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—By unanimous vote of the athletic council, Iowa State college, H. J. Weefers, once the world's champion sprinter, has been secured for track trainer for the coming season. Weefers is now in Baltimore and will take charge of the work here March 1.

Beatrice Team is Defeated.

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—The Beatrice bowling team went to Crete Thursday and met defeat at the hands of the Crete bowlers by 156 pins.

HORTON WINS BURNS PURSE

Takes Big 'Frisco Handicap by Length and Half.

HORSE STARTS AS TWENTY-TO-ONE SHOT

Cunard Comes Second, with Claude Good Third, After Fast and Furious Race Through Pouring Rain Over Sloppy Track.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—A twenty-to-one-shot, Horton, the grandson of El Rao and Fusillades-Last, carrying the colors of Bianchi & McGovern, won the $10,000 Burns handicap at Ingleside today from one of the best fields that ever contested in the event. Cunard of the Morris stable was second, with Claude, owned by M. J. Daly, next.

The race was run over a sloppy track and in a heavy rain, but the footing was comparatively firm. Despite the unpleasant weather one of the largest crowds of the season gathered to witness the western classic, and the general impression was that if fine weather had prevailed all records for attendance would have been broken.

Nineteen horses went to the post for the big races, with Nones and the Morris pair, Cunard and Durazzo, second choices. Elliott was next in demand at 8 to 1, while 20 to 1 was quoted against Horton.

After a delay of but nine minutes Jake Holtman sent the big field away to a fine start, with Eonic showing in front. Passing the stand Yellowtail was showing the way, with Eonic and Elliott next. When the half was reached Yellowtail was still showing the way and Claude had moved into second place. Eonic and Cunard were close up and Nones in about eighth place. Elliott had dropped. There was not much change at the three-quarters, but at the head of the stretch it appeared as if Cunard would win. C. Kelly, however, moved up with Horton, and the chestnut horse, responding gamely, made one of his greatest runs. He caught Cunard the last furlong, and won with something to spare by a length and a half, the Daly horse a half a length away. Nones did not find the track to his liking, but finished fifth. First money in the race was $7,000.

Horton was bred near Vallejo by the late "By Holley" and is 7 years of age.

Twenty-one books drew in as favorites were successful, the operators did not have a profitable afternoon. There was an upset in the last race, when Hermencia outgamed Diderot and beat him a neck.

Weather rainy; track sloppy. Results:

First race, seven-eighths of a mile, selling: Meehanus won, Velma Clark second, Harry Thatcher third. Time: 1:29.

Second race, three and a half furlongs, purse: Boxwood won, Bearcatcher second, Bombarier third. Time: 0:49.

Third race, three-quarters of a mile, selling: Sylvia Talbot won, Stuyve second, Constellator third. Time: 1:16.

Fourth race, one mile and a quarter, Burns handicap, $10,000 added: Horton won, Cunard second, Claude third. Time: 2:01¼.

Fifth race, eleven-sixteenths of a mile, selling: Tower of Candles won, Ballroom Belle second, Lizzie Rice third. Time: 1:09.

Sixth race, one mile, selling: Hermencia won, Diderot second, Axminster third. Time: 1:45.

FORTUNE OFFERED TROTTER

Brighton Beach Purses Range from $5,000 to $20,000 Per Race.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—C. A. McCully, sr., of the New York Trotting association made public the stakes for the grand circuit meeting at Brighton Beach next August. There are five stakes valued at $45,000, the largest amount ever offered at any one meeting for light harness horses.

The richest prize is the Bonner Memorial for 2:12 trotters, which has a guaranteed value of $20,000, double the amount given for the event last year. The Brighton Beach, for 2:10 pacers, is also increased to twice its amount in 1902 and is now worth $10,000.

Three other purses for 2:29 trotters, 2:20 pacers and 2:35 class, open to 4-year-olds, are fixed at $5,000 each.

Entries for these five contests close on March 7. Some thirteen other classes will be arranged later, bringing the total premium list up to at least $70,000.

All these early closing races are on the Brighton Beach plan of sending non-winners to the stable after three heats. The events probably will be best two in three heats.

Chicago Derby Attracts Many.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—Entries for the American Derby for 1903 have closed, with 120 nominations, the pick of eastern and western 3-year-olds, being named as possible starters for the Washington Park club's great classic. The race, which is at a mile and a half, with $25,000 added money, as the rich prize, will as usual be run on the first day of the Washington Park meeting next June. The owners and horses represented this season are: Mrs. H. Arthur's Philo and Lord Touchwood, G. C. Baker's Jack Young, Baker & Gentry's F. A. Bullock, E. J. Baldwin's Americano, W. M. Barrick's Sun Gold, G. W. Belknap's Gypseene, August Belmont's Lord of the Vale, G. C. Bennett & Co.'s Canyon, Au Revoir and Alfio G. T. Boot's Alfredo, Mrs. R. Bradley's Ahola, Buckley & Bailey's Sir Faust, J. Burrow's Action, B. F. Butler's Beaugard and Discharged, Mrs. M. Cone's Navasota, F. Cook's Linguist and Lendin, E. Corrigan's McGowan, Maxey Blumenthal, Creole, Serge, McGee and Ravel, B. J. Cunningham's Glifain, M. J. Daly's Claude, W. W. Darden's J. Sidney Walker and Monsieur Beaucaire C. DeWitt & Co.'s Will Sherry, J. A. Drake's Savable, Von Rouse, Orly II and High Chancellor, P. Dunne's Early, Durnell & Hurz's Prince of Endurance and Tom Maybin, P. J. Dwyer's Merry Acrobat, C. R. Ellison's Stallful, Judge Hines, Captain Arnold, Lyman Hay and Senator Morrison, Ezell & Lazarus' Monia, D. S. Fountain's Dupont and Sir Hugh, H. Franklin's Ben Vollo, W. F. Razier's Triad, W. Garth's Trapezist, W. Gerst's Fore and Aft, Gorman & Bauer's Bardolph, Sinner, Simon and Lem Reed, J. G. Greener & Co.'s Postmaster Wright and Olefiant, W. M. Hayes' Requisition, Hayes & Headley's Orlando, Hayes & Van Meter's Incubator, Hedges & Co.'s Gregory K., C. F. Higley's Cash Boy, S. C. Hildreth's Topsail and Witful, E. R. Hitchcock's Grey Friar, L. N. Hodges' Otter Tail and Ontonagon, Keating & Hecker's Malory, F. J. Kelley's Jack Full, G. J. Long's Governor and Watoma, J. E. Madden's Onatus, Daupin and Yardarm, C. E. Mahon's Banter, P. H. McCarren's Mackey Dwyer, T. C. McDonald's Woodlake and Bourbon, Middleton & Jungolut's Shooting Star, Santon, Manru and The Picket, J. C. Milam & Co.'s Dan McKenna, Mochler & Co.'s Capable and Albemarle, W. Murkle's Bas d'Or, E. O'Meara's Jack Orr, Oots Bros.' First Mason, H. T. Oxnard's Standard Bearer, Farmer & Co.'s Chamblee, J. W. Pugh's Bob Franklin, Pehm Bros.' Novelist, J. B. Respess' Dickwelles, Collonade and Barnays, W. H. Sayre's Bonnie Burr, J. F. Schorr's Gold Bell, J. W. Shorr's Janeway, Bob McLean and Rightful, B. Schreiber's Minders, Lacey Crawford, Sigmund and Gehelmnis, Stevens & Rutledge's [illegible] gene, Talbot Bros.' Estrada Palma, J. Tevis' Valeat, L. Thompson's George Gibbs, Tichenor & Co.'s Sidney C. Love, Flo Carline, Foxy Kane and Harry, Tracey & Co.'s Authority and The Don, Whitney & Duryea's Irish Lad, R. T. Wilson's Mexican and Grantsdale, Woodford & Buckner's Bad News and Red Raven.

Sheriff Bell Wins Club House.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 7.—When Sheriff Bell galloped home an easy winner in the Club House handicap today he placed $1,500 to the credit of his owner, M. L. Hayman.

Paramount was sold for $1,500 to J. P. Gibbs. Carat was run up to $1,605 and bought in. Ceylon was run up to $1,100 and sold to R. H. Clark. Jerry Hunt was run up to $860 and bought in.

Jockey Redfern, who was hurt yesterday in the fall of Brief, shows but little improvement today. The attending physicians say he is suffering from bruises and shock, but will be up and about again within a week or ten days.

Weather rainy and track sloppy.

Results:

First race, selling, one mile: Carat won, O'Hagen second, The Messenger third. Time: 1:44.

Second race, one mile: Hedge won, Floyd K. second, Melbourne Eclipse third. Time: 1:45 3-5.

Third race, handicap, six furlongs: If You Dare won, Harry New second, Bummer third. Time: 1:18.

Fourth race, the Club House handicap, one mile: Sheriff Bell won, Albert F. Dewey second, Emshee third. Time: 1:44.

Fifth race, selling, one mile: Ceylon won, The Way second, Benson Caldwell third. Time: 2:42 1-5.

Sixth race, selling, six furlongs: Jerry Hunt won, Miss Shanley second, Stuart Young third. Time: 1:17 1-5.

Bowling Entries Closed.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 7.—Entries closed tonight for the American Bowling Congress tournament, which will be held here the week of February 23. There have been received seventy-five entries of five-men teams, twenty-seven individual entries and 119 two-men teams. It is probable that at least 820 men will face the alleys at Tomlinson's hall during the tournament. It is thought that a large number of New York entries have been mailed today and that when these are received the number will be swelled at least fifty, making the total number over 900. The five-men teams entered are from Chicago, St. Louis, Columbus, Wheeling, Duluth, Dubuque, Belleville, Illinois, Indianapolis, Cleveland, Akron, O., Toledo, Louisville, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Peoria, Dayton, Oshkosh, Wis., St. Paul, Erie, Pa., and South Bend, Ind. The time when each man shall bowl will be allotted by chance next Tuesday morning by lot. The prize list will be $4,000.

SHEEDY ON TAKING CHANCES

Well Known Artist in that Line Recounts an Experience to the Point.

The Hon. Patrick Sheedy, citizen of the world, gave to the public a few chunks of wisdom out of his wide experience the other day in his sun parlor in the Sturtevant house, reports the New York Sun. The subject of Mr. Sheedy's discourse was money, the hardships of not having it and the difficulty of getting it in these days when the folks who have it take as few chances as possible of losing it.

"I can tell whether a man has money or not just by looking at him," said Mr. Sheedy. "You see a lot of fellows out there on Broadway laughing and having a real good time. The chances are there isn't a dollar in the crowd. If a man had money he wouldn't be with the crowd. He'd probably be afraid of one of them tryin' to touch him. Why, in these days if a man has money, he won't even laugh at a good story. He's afraid that if he's too genial you may spring a borrow proposition on him."

And Mr. Sheedy sighed. "Talkin' of chances," said he, "I'll tell you a true story of the old times that are different from these. Down at Sheepshead Bay there was a bookmaker that had a horse running. The race was on and it looked a cinch for the nag. At the half it was second and catching up to a lighter-weighted horse that was leading.

"'Jack,' said the bookmaker to a pal in hard luck that stood by him, 'I bet you $1,000 to a dollar that my horse wins.'

"'Yes, you will,' said his pal. 'You know I haven't any money, an' that's the raison y're bluffin'.'

"'Well,' answered the bookmaker, 'I'll bet you $1,000 to a pin.'

"The other fellow looked at his coat lapel and he didn't even have a pin. Then he happened to glance down on the ground and picked up what looked like a pin. In a flash they made the bet. I was stakeholder.

"Well, the horse in front managed to stagger in just in front of the bookmaker's horse. I was just about to pay over the money when the bookmaker looked at what we thought was the pin, and he said:

"'Wait; that's not a pin. It's a needle.' And it was.

"Say," remarked Mr. Sheedy, "that was the closest bet I ever saw. It was just a case of winnin' or losing by a head, or an eye, just as you choose to put it."

HUGE CROP OF TOMATOES

Twice as Many Millions of Cases Canned Last Year Than the Year Before.

Such a demand for canned tomatoes has arisen that more than double the quantity put up last year has been packed in the last few months. There have been canned for consumption between now and next summer 9,494,812 cases of tomatoes, or more than 200,000,000 tins, a case containing two dozen tins of tomatoes. Last year the packers only put up 4,518,221 cases.

The American Grocer, which has been collecting figures on this enormous tomato pack, attributes it in part to the fact that in the three preceding years the amount of tomatoes put up was short of the requirements. The result was that, for the first time in a quarter of a century or more, stocks were completely exhausted, leaving the market in Canada as well as in the United States so bare that it forced an early start this year on the pack, which went into consumption as fast as it was available.

This put a premium on canned tomatoes. Every factory has been worked to its maximum capacity and in spite of an irregular crop—New York's, owing to the wet weather, being almost a total failure—the production is beyond the usual requirements and there is a hope of saving a small supply for next year in case the crop should be poor.

Maryland has canned the most tomatoes, putting up 4,514,282 cases against 1,750,000 last year. Nebraska was the least productive state. It has supplied only 3,352 cases.

Authorities on the tomato market say that the unusual high purchasing power of the people, due to the general prosperity, has created an enormous demand for prepared foods, and in spite of the higher cost of tomatoes, the demand is urgent and incessant. So, in spite of the increased production, it is not likely that canned tomatoes will be any cheaper than usual.

"JUST LIKE MOTHER MADE"

A Wail for Succotash and Home-Raised Pork, "with No Indigestion in Its Bones."

The things that mother used to make, says a writer in the Atlantic, are still in the world. Far in the recesses of life you will find them. And the name of the magic charm is pork. Fresh young pork—home-raised pork—clean and fat and sweet. Pork that permeates and flavors, with no indigestion in its bones and no sorrows in its train. Verily, there is more poetry in pigs than Homer extracted from their white and rosy hides—or even Charles Lamb. Oh, for some modern bard to sing the glories of the vanishing home-made pork! For where he exists joy is. Succotash—do you know it? Not the cold, hard, lumpy mixture, one part corn and other part beans—but succotash, the real thing, such as our Puritan ancestors knew and loved—bean flavored with corn, corn melting to bean, and all alive and palpitating to the gentle influence of pork.

Talk not to me of stock yards or of herd or butter or cottolene or olemargarine or other just-as-goods. I would go far this morning to meet a respectable, a worthy piece of home-raised pork. It is not the things that mother used to make that are passing away, but the things that they stand for—the things that we must come back to in spirit and in truth, and in actuality, if we would taste again the true flavor, not the flavor of pork alone, but the flavor of life itself.

Will Visit Famine District.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Among the passengers sailing today on the steamship Blucher is Dr. Louis Klopsch, who will visit the famine-stricken provinces of Finland, Lapland and Sweden, in the interest of the Christian Herald relief fund. A third remittance of $10,000 has been cabled to the central relief committee at Helsingfors and $5,000 to the Swedish famine commission, Stockholm, for the relief of suffering Swedes, making a total of $30,000 thus far cabled for the famine fund.

THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL

Few People Know How Useful it is in Preserving Health and Beauty.

Nearly everybody knows that charcoal is the safest and most efficient disinfectant and purifier in nature, but few realize its value when taken into the human system for the same cleansing purpose.

Charcoal is a remedy that the more you take of it the better; it is not a drug at all, but simply absorbs the gases and impurities always present in the stomach and intestines and carries them out of the system.

Charcoal sweetens the breath after smoking and drinking or after eating onions and other odorous vegetables.

Charcoal effectually clears and improves the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently safe cathartic.

It absorbs the injurious gases which collect in the stomach and bowels; it disinfects the mouth and throat from the poison of catarrh.

All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money is Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges; they are composed of the finest powdered willow charcoal and other harmless antiseptics in tablet form, or, rather, in the form of large, pleasant tasting lozenges, the charcoal being mixed with honey.

The daily use of these lozenges will soon tell in a much improved condition of the general health, better complexion, sweeter breath and purer blood, and the beauty of it is, that no possible harm can result from their continued use, but, on the contrary, great benefit.

A Buffalo physician, in speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in the stomach and bowels, and to clear the complexion and purify the breath, mouth and throat; I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but twenty-five cents a box at drug stores, and although in some sense a patent preparation, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges than in any of the other charcoal tablets."

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Every piece of Furniture in our store has been reduced from 15 to 33 1-3 per cent. This is not a reduction of a few odd pieces that we wish to close out, but

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in our store. We have spent the last week re-marking our complete stock, and Monday morning we will open our doors with prices that will give you an opportunity to furnish your home at a big saving.

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AFTER BAD INDIAN AGENTS

Indian Rights Association is Pursuing Crooked Reservation Officials.

CHIEF WHITE GHOST'S HOT ARRAIGNMENT

He Tells of the Frauds Perpetrated on the Red Man at the Crow Creek Agency in South Dakota.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—(Special.)—The officers of the Indian Rights association, who are hot after crooked Indian agents on the various reservations, are growing impatient at the delays in supplanting the agents, against whom charges have been preferred and proved. To show what injustice is being done the Indians they have made public the following appeal from Chief White Ghost for protection for his tribesmen against the frauds perpetrated on the Crow Creek agency in South Dakota with the connivance of the agent there.

Chief White Ghost's Appeal.

CROW CREEK AGENCY, Crow Creek, S. D.—Friends: Let me relate a few of the troubles to which my people are doomed. I have dealt with many Indian agents—some good and some bad. The good ones build up and the bad ones tear down, and the Indian has to suffer.

The present agent, H. D. Chamberlain, does not help us, but he hinders and makes us worse by being incompetent, mismanaging our affairs and dishonest. Since he became our agent he has failed to control the Indians and does not enforce the regulations and laws of the reservation, but encouraged dancing and allowed obsolete Indian games and gambling to revive, so that our young men lose their money they get for working. He took us a number of times last spring and summer to the town of Chamberlain (S. D.) for the purpose of exhibiting my people at the Sunday excursion, for he had the Indians to dance for the excursionists. And more, he allows more wandering and going away from home than it has been done for many years past. He permits the Indian trader and other men to bring many thousand cattle into and overrun our reservation for grazing and money making speculation, and will not adjust damages done to the Indians' crops by these cattle, and will not have them taken away. These white men leased here and there a quarter section of allotted land, then on the strength of that they would turn their cattle loose upon the reservation, and our Indian agent protects them, and our complaints were not heeded by him. He allows and encourages able-bodied Indian men to lease their homesteads to these cattlemen, and in this way destroys homes that should be improved.

Playing in with Cattlemen.

He let white men winter their cattle last winter on the reservation on unleased and tribal lands, and let the beef contractor keep the key to the government corral, where the issue beef cattle were supposed to be kept over night for shrinkage, thus allowing him to run them in in the morning after feeding and watering them, just before slaughtering, and on last issue day poor and diseased cattle were killed and issued to the old Indians and the schools for the children to eat. The cattle had had sores on them, and the old women would not have the heads of some of them they were so bad. He helps the Indian trader to keep up his stock from government supplies, and in other ways assists him in money making schemes, even holding back and retaining annuity or interest payment checks for the Indian trader, and persecuting and threatening punishment to Indians who complain against said Indian trader.

This agent bought horses for government use from the Indian trader and permitted them to be kept in the government barn and fed at government expense before accepting them for several weeks and most of them were unsound and unfit for use. He uses and does away with government supplies and represents them as being expended as they were intended. He favors bad Indians by appointing them to positions, apparently for personal reasons. One man, a bad Indian, whom he wanted to send to the insane asylum last winter and whom he often said ought to be dead, was not long after appointed as our judge. He appoints incapable, old and crippled white men and unfit boys to positions in the school and at the agency. He does not notice the fact that the Indian trader employed many white men in his store as herders upon the reservation, which position the Indian should have, as stated in his license. Many of his herders are very undesirable white young men, who ran after our women.

Countenancing Immoral Practice.

He protects and allows immoral characters (whites) and prostitutes to stay on the reservation and to molest our women and to corrupt our young men, and will not send them away when told about them. But he accuses good people of immoral practices and tries to get rid of them on these grounds. He makes all these bad people his friends because they try to help him cover up wrong actions on his part. He also keeps whisky at his house in a good supply so Indians have gotten it and been drunk, and he will not punish white men and an eighth-breed Indian woman because these people are his friends and involved in many of his doings, although they have given whisky to Indians.

When our school opened nearly half of our children were away with their parents and many children are not yet in the school, although it has been opened nearly two months. Many children are not sent to school because our agent will not order them to go.

An Indian inspector was here several weeks ago with a stenographer, took down most of these things against the agent in writing and sent them to the Great Father more than two months ago, and still this man is permitted to stay and continue his work. I am getting old and have waited long, and I hope before I die to see my people freed from the hands of incompetent and dishonest Indian agents. My good friends, government sometimes makes more fuss about the length of my fast diminishing hair, but as I have tried to be honest with them, I pray that they will treat me in the same manner. Will the good friends all over the country not help us to get free and keep free from this kind of men? Our spirits are hungry for good men to help us. Our young men go away to school and are helped, but they come back to be made tools of by bad men. Your friend,

His
CHIEF WHITE X GHOST.
Mark.

The Indian Rights association people insist they will not cease their efforts until the injuries inflicted on the Indians by incompetent or dishonest agents are all remedied.

GIVE THE BOYS A SHOW.

Opportunities to Act as Host a Cure for Bashfulness.

Valentine parties will be popular as long as hearts are young and heels respond to music, and in planning the social evening for her family of half-grown children, it is a wise mother who counts upon the assistance of her boys.

The capabilities of boys in this line are seldom appreciated. A girl is instructed in the proper way of receiving guests and looking after their entertainment, while the average boy in the average family is duly informed as to clean collars, new ties and other toilet accessories, and then left to his own devices.

If the mother would only try the lad she would find him taking to the duties of host like a young duck to water. A boy likes to feel important, and being the host in reality as well as on the face of the invitation, fills him with a sense of importance, to which he instantly rises. As a cure for bashfulness, the responsibility of looking after the comfort and pleasure of others works like a charm. A girl, especially after she passes a certain age, is apt to steal off in a corner with her best friends and leave less favored guests to their own devices. A boy is more broad-minded than his sister, and unhampered by furbelows and those violent intimacies of girlhood, divides his attentions more evenly.

Murderer is Lynched.

DUBLIN, Ga., Feb. 7.—Lee Hall, colored, who shot and mortally wounded Sheriff Crawford on Wednesday, was taken from jail at Wrightsville today and lynched.

MOVE OF SULTAN IS UNWISE

Other Powers Taking Steps to Stop Mobilization of Army.

SLAUGHTER OF CHRISTIANS IS FEARED

Soldiers to Be Brought Into Macedonia Are Semi-Barbarous and Extremely Hostile to People of that Country.

PARIS, Feb. 7.—Official advices have been received here confirming the report that the sultan of Turkey has ordered the immediate mobilization of 240,000 troops for a military demonstration in Macedonia.

The step taken is regarded with apprehension by the French officials as being likely to involve complications between Turkey and Russia and Austria.

It is said that the Russian and Austrian governmnets have agreed upon a formal note to the sultan, which will be presented within the next few days, insisting on administrative and official reforms in Macedonia. Although France will not be a party to the note, it will approve of it.

It is considered that the sultan's mobilization of such an army is clearly an effort to forestall the presentation of this note. Mobilization of so many troops is regarded here as unwise and dangerous, especially as it is said that the soldiers who are to be brought into Macedonia from Asiatic Turkey are semi-barbarous levies and are hostile to Christians, which will tend to inaugurate another series of massacres.

It is understood the powers are exchanging views as to the course to be pursued toward the mobilization of the Turkish troops.

Prices May Be Excessive.

MANILA, Feb. 7.—Governor Taft and Archbishop Guidi, the papal delegate, will resume on Monday the friar lands negotiations, which were interrupted for the purpose of gathering data concerning the estimates. It is anticipated that the prices asked by outside parties having equities in the friar lands will prove excessive. Neither the outsiders nor the members of the religious orders have as yet formally submitted their figures.

Duel is to Be Fought.

PARIS, Feb. 7.—Deputy Lasies, anti-semite, has sent his seconds to Deputy Selle, socialist, as a result of a fight today in the corridor of the Chamber of Deputies. The affair began when M. Selle applied an epithet to M. Lasies because of the latter's political speech. M. Lasies responded that they would settle the matter elsewhere, and M. Selle struck M. Lasies a blow in the face. Other deputies then separated the combatants.

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