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King Cole May Leave Nebraska University and Go to Michigan; Bowlers Are Getting Ready

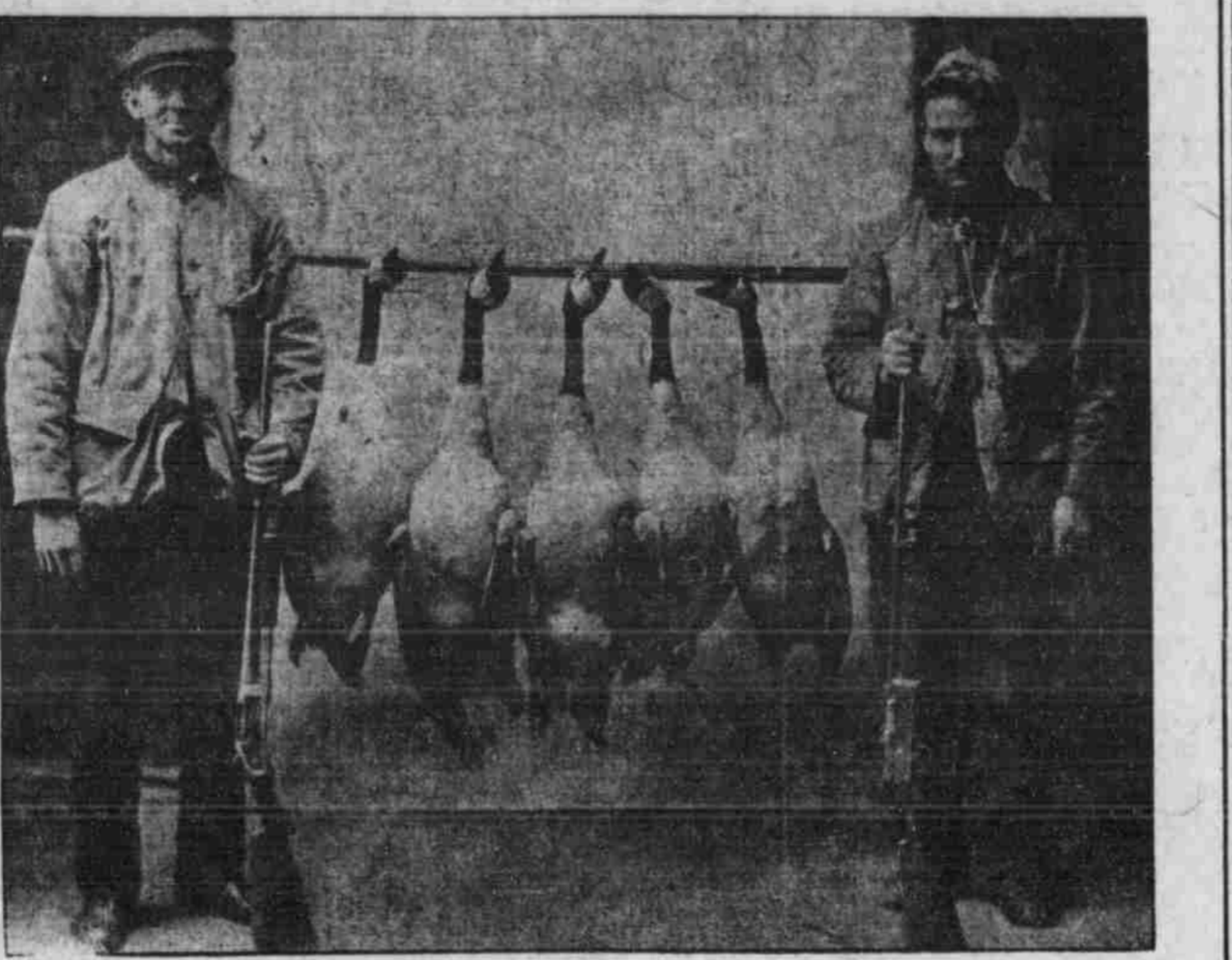
BOWLERS FLOCK TO ANNUAL MEET

Men from All Important Cities Flock to National Tournament at Pittsburgh. PRIZE LIST OF \$25,000 IN CASH Awards Will Be Larger Than Last Year at Cincinnati. ALL BIG TEAMS WILL BE IN Total Entries Now Amount to 378 Five-Men Teams. MANY CROSS-CHALLENGES OUT Special Contests Outside of Regular Tournament Games Add Unusual Interest to Assembly of Alley Experts.

WILLIE HOPPE COMES TO TOWN

Champion Billiard Player Will Give Exhibitions in Omaha. Willie Hoppe, the world's billiard champion, will make his first appearance in Omaha Monday evening at the Paxton hotel in the banquet hall. The 11th champion will be here two days and will also play Tuesday both afternoon and evening. Hoppe will play three different billiard players here and in all of his contests he will play 400 points of eighteen-inch ball-line to his opponent's 200 points. After each match he will give an exhibition of his fancy play as played in the vaudeville, which will be an extra inducement to the fair sex to watch this great expert play.

Spring Shooting in Nebraska Fields



ONE MORNING'S WORK OF TWO GUNS NEAR TEKAMAH.

CRISIS IN IOWA ATHLETICS

Resignation of Caitlin Put Alumni System Up to Board. IOWA CITY, Ia., Feb. 27.—(Special.)—Athletic matters in the University of Iowa are in the most critical period in its history. Within a month the Board of Control of athletics must decide on a coach, assistant football coach and manager for the football team. Affairs in athletics reached a crisis with the resignation of Director Mark Caitlin's resignation the last week. His withdrawal from the athletic department to practice law in Wisconsin put the question squarely up to the Board of Control, whether to accept the resignation of Caitlin or to appoint a new coach. Another radical change will be made in the management of the teams. For the last three years Mark Caitlin has done two men's work. He has not only coached the teams, but he has had complete charge of the sale of tickets, advertising, etc. He has framed the schedule and attended to every innumerable details. The board now proposes to do away with this recognized deficiency in the system. At the present time it is the intention to have both a coach and manager next season. There are plenty of candidates for the position of coach, including John G. Griffith, the present assistant coach and a popular figure with the board, is completely at sea on the managerial proposition.

FIRM BASE FOR BIG RACE

Transcontinental Run, New York to Seattle, is a Sure Go.

START FROM GOTHAM MAY 15

Two Thousand-Dollar Trophy and Over Five Thousand in Cash Will Be the Attractions to Draw Entries.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Further developments in the proposed transcontinental automobile race from New York City to Seattle show that the race is based on a very firm foundation and that it enjoys strong financial backing. The event was only a probability until the Seattle Automobile club agreed to take up the work of cooperation with M. Robert Guggenheim, who proposed the race to that organization. Mr. Guggenheim offered a trophy valued at \$2,000 and cash prizes aggregating \$5,000 for such a race, with the proviso that the Seattle Automobile club contribute \$5,000 to insure other necessary expenses. Furthermore, the father of the race is desirous of the club's taking over the contest so that it will be kept in the background as much as possible, it being the plan to give the impression that Guggenheim was invited to contribute the trophy and to act as referee, thus placing the credit for the event on Seattle's automobilists. The original idea of starting the run on this city on May 15 is adhered to and the cars will enter the stadium at Seattle on or about June 1, the date of the opening of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition. Over twenty entries, domestic and foreign, have been guaranteed by Mr. Guggenheim and his friends and the run will be held under the auspices of the Automobile Club of America. It is hoped that William J. Vanderbilt, Jr. will act as starter.

FACTS ABOUT NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNEY AT PITTSBURGH.

Table with columns: Place, Duration, Total entries, Individuals entered, Entrances fees, What championship teams receive, Five-man event, Two-man event, Individual event, Prize for high average, Special prizes, Traveling expenses, Hotel bills, Entrance fees, Bowling balls, Sixteen alleys, Pins, 378 sets, Officers' expenses, Entertainment, Incidentals, Total, Comparison with previous tournaments.

EVENTS ON RUNNING TRACKS

Booger Red Wins Meeker Handicap at Emeryville.

INFLECTION WINS SECOND RACE

Both Horses Show That They Have Returned to Their Old Form—Results at Santa Anita and Tampa.

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 27.—Booger Red showed that he has returned to his best form by winning the Meeker handicap at Emeryville today, Inflection ran in improved form and won the 2-year-old event easily. Summary: First race, six furlongs, selling; Bright Skies (11), Butler, 9 to 2; won. Ace of Diamonds (12), Henry, 9 to 2; second. Oorine (13), Clark, 6 to 1; third. Time: 1:25.6. Rosarno, Charles W. Hodges, Wambou, Galvini and Edward Ormonde finished as named. Second race, four furlongs, purse: Inflection (10), Butler, 5 to 1; won. Indian Maid (11), Lee, 4 to 1; second. Ollie James (12), Seville, 5 to 1; third. Time: 0:59.4. Reason, O. K. Herndon, Jungle Queen and Song White, Monday, E. D. My Last, My Trotter, Orehau, Flavieng and Bellmease finished as named. Sixth race, six furlongs, selling: Lady Irma (10), Shilling, 7 to 1; won. My Fisher (11), Powers, 5 to 1; second. My Thies (12), Howard, 10 to 1; third. Time: 1:14. Allen Lee, Bell of Brass, Elizabeth Harwood, George Guston, Sorrowful, John J. Foley, also ran. Seventh race, five and one-half furlongs: Chester Run (10), powers, 3 to 1; won. J. M. Stokes (11), G. Burns, 5 to 1; second. The Star (12), Rose, 10 to 1; third. Time: 1:07.3. Chippewa, Virginia, Hilder, Tataranda, Lester Spring, P. J. McCarthy and Deer Marie also ran. Summary at Tampa: First race, six furlongs: Hugh Farrell (10), Davis, 10 to 1; won. Brown Jug (11), Dancy, 10 to 1; second. Rose (12), Noky, 2 to 1; third. Time: 1:14. Black Rod, Colonel Orlan, Left Ove, Carrie Elder, Quicker Spring, P. J. McCarthy and Deer Marie also ran.

RAYMOND REGARDED AS COMER

Acquisition to Giant Star is Touted for Winner This Season. NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Raymond, the pitcher, who is to be with the Giants this year, seems to be quite as certain this season as he was last. In any event he has begun the spring in a typical manner. A telegram came from Chicago the other day reporting that he had fallen from a street car and injured his knee so that he would be unable to begin practice with the Giants on time. Barely had that been published when another came from St. Louis saying that Raymond was in that city, where he had gone to take his departure with the other members of the New York team for Texas, and had indicated his belief that he had finally found company with a base ball nine which would win the championship. The chances are that he is not so badly hurt as reported, but that he has started on his way to Texas. That Raymond is likely to be one of the pitchers who will succeed for the Giants this year seems probable, in view of the good showing he made with the St. Louis nine last summer.

PRIZE BUNCH OF WILD GESE

Six Shot by Tekamah Hunters Weigh Seventy-Six Pounds. Bill Titze and Jerome Shamburg of Tekamah made one of the largest wild geese kills ever made in Bart county last week, when out of a bunch of nine geese they killed six that weighed seventy-six pounds. These geese have been around for some time, but have been most wary. They did not feed in the same fields any two days in succession nor did they ever return to the Missouri river in the same place. Although the Tekamah hunters have been on their trail for some time they were unable to land until Titze and Shamburg happened to be in the right spot.

One of Omaha's New Pitchers



TRACY JOHN

GET HIGH SCHOOL SWEATERS

Sixteen of Last Season's Players Given Letters for Making Team. The sweaters regularly bestowed on foot ball players of the Omaha high school eleven were given out at special mass meeting of yesterday afternoon. The program by pupils of the school marked the occasion. The first number was a song by the Glee club. Miss Grace McRidley, 95, played two selections on the violin and Czech Cherrington gave an interesting outline followed by Harold McKinley, captain of the team. Mr. Cherrington then presented the honor sweaters to the sixteen men who earned them. The following boys received them: McKinley, Mawhinney, Lehner, A. H. Carlson, Klopp, Frontiers, Andrus, Nash, Gardner, Howard, Thompson, Sears, Mills, Payne. Two other men, Frick and Bector, were voted sweaters with an "R" because they had not played enough games. More music followed. The Seymour quartet sang three selections, and Miss Mamie Meek played two numbers on the piano. Miss Edna Levi, a senior recited "If I were king." A competitive drill of seventeen cadets of the battalion, under Captain Harry Drucker, was won by Allen Tukey, first second of company B. The cadets in the competition included: Company A, C. Hoffer, H. Lindberg; company B, H. Russell, F. Fyfe; company C, E. Larmon; O. Allyn; company D, S. Bernek, L. Barush; company E, M. Hoyer, W. Mearns; company F, E. Wilford, H. Henshaw; company G, G. Geb, B. Neish; company H, J. C. Davis, F. Meyer; staff, H. Graham.

HOME COMING OF CY YOUNG

Sentimental Touch of His Transfer Appeals to Fans. NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—At last the Boston American League team has decided to elect every player who helped to win the championship for it in 1904. The transfer of "Cy" Young, the first and the original "Cy" Young, the present "real old man" of the diamond, leaves Boston without one of the men who won a pennant for that city after one of the most interesting struggles which ever took place in the American League. Sentiment exists in base ball, and in both leagues, but it is but weakly manifest on the playing field in professional circles, and the exigencies of the game are the reason therefore. The public drives owners to change. This alone is the sole cause for the tearing to pieces of one base ball structure that another may be built on its foundation. The public does not demand art, but success. All the skill in the world would not draw one-tenth the crowd that will go to see a winning team. For the first time in all the history of base ball a pitcher who has been esteemed as one of the greatest who ever held a base ball in his hand goes back to the city in which his fans began to demand an absence of nineteen years. That is the nearest approach to sentiment in base ball of anything which has happened in seasons without number. It is certain that Cleveland will do honor to the man, who is of Cleveland again, and that the welcome of his reception will be even more vociferous than the generous cautions of the fog stream, which bellows forth the cry of the Cayo-hogan to the cautious sailor, who is feeling his way through the tarry smoke of bitumen to the welcome haven of Commodore Gardner's yachting rendezvous. The playing program for the American League is as little unlike anything which the American has introduced to the public since Harry Clay Pullman and Ban Johnson were on good terms. In the first place, the eastern half of the American league season will begin earlier than usual. If it happens to be a success it may be tried again, but as a matter of fact, it would not have been tried this year, but for the fact that Easter Monday falls on April 23, will not fall on April 23 again for many moons. Easter Monday in Philadelphia and Washington is much of a half-holiday. It's an old-fashioned heritage that doesn't apply to cities further north. As Philadelphia is to have a brand new stand to christen—one of the finest structures that ever has been erected to the use of any professional sport—and Washington is likely to have many guests, it was a happy thought on the part of the schedule makers to name this date for the beginning of the American league season.

KING COLE MAY BE GIVEN YOST'S JOB

Nebraska Board Likely to Lose Services of Last Year's Foot Ball Coach.

NOW FLIRTING WITH WOLVERINES

Has Last of Week to Sign Contract with Cornhuskers.

MAY ADOPT ALUMNI SYSTEM

Nebraska Board Talking of Change from Present Plan.

BASE BALL SCHEDULE IS OUT

Twenty-Six Games on List, Ten of Which Will Be Played at Home—Team Prospects Are Bright.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 27.—(Special.)—It begins to look as though Nebraska is going to lose its "King" Cole as one of the Lincoln sporting fraternity who were grievously disappointed over the defeat of Nebraska by Kansas last fall, has maliciously hinted. The Nebraska athletic board stands as a unit for re-engaging "King" Cole, and have offered him the same salary for his services of 1909, that he was paid last season. When he left Lincoln last fall after the close of the foot ball season the Cornhuskers wanted him to return next season. He would not commit himself at that time on the proposal to be head coach again, but the Nebraska athletic board stood firm over a month ago without hearing from him on the matter and then instructed Manager Eager to draw up a contract with him for another year. Acting in accordance with the order of the athletic board, the Nebraska manager asked "King" Cole to give him a decision on the proposition to act as coach for 1909. A prompt reply was received from the coach stating that he would give a definite answer within three weeks without receiving further word from "King" and then last Tuesday, at a regular monthly meeting, again instructed Manager Eager to negotiate with Mr. Cole. This time the board plied him with a week in which to allow the coach to give a final decision, which means that "King" Cole will have to give the Cornhusker a definite answer before next Sunday. The Nebraska authorities were urgent on Mr. Cole for a decision not to be at the head of the Cornhuskers' feet in his next year if they desire to know it at once in order that they may hire another coach before the best foot ball experts are engaged for 1909. Cole Would Succeed Baird. There is only one reason the Nebraska board has for resigning "King" Cole's delay in signing up for 1909. A previous delay by Baird's position Coach Cole is thought to stand the best chance of being selected. Since early last fall, when it was rumored that Yost would not coach the Wolverines another season, "King" has been mentioned on several occasions as being the man whom Michigan was going to have connected with its athletics next year. Stories from Ann Arbor said that Yost was consistent on his wish to retire from foot ball coaching. As soon as Yost consented to stay another year it was expected that the rumors about Cole's going to Michigan would cease to seem very probable and that "King" Cole is to get the job of director at the Wolverine school. Popular at Michigan. Cole is popular at Michigan with the students and athletic authorities and they are trying to devise a scheme whereby he may become one of their faculty. The plan is to make him athletic director for 1909 and then to place him in the position of head foot ball coach the next year, when the contract with the Wolverines with Pleading Yost expires. This would give him a position similar to that occupied by Alton Huggs at the University of Chicago. This plan has not been consummated as yet and there is a possibility that "King" Cole will not get the place. He is admitted to stand the best chance of being chosen for it, though, and is now delaying doing anything further toward signing with Nebraska until he receives a final word from the Wolverines. The Nebraska athletic mentors are not allowing "King" Cole to see anything of a good man to fill the place in case the present coach does not consent to return next fall. Some of them, want to see the graduate system of coaching installed at the state school and would urge its trial if it shall be found necessary to get a new coach. Those who favor the graduate plan are considering John Westover, a former captain of the Cornhusker eleven, as a likely man to take up the job. He was one of the greatest foot ball tackles that ever donned the scarlet and green, and understands the fundamentals of foot ball so thoroughly that, it is believed, he would be a good man to have charge of the Cornhuskers. Another man, whom some of the mentors

FIFTY THOUSAND IN PRIZE MONEY

Great Prospects for Speedy Bowlers at New York in May. NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Upward of \$50,000 in prize money will be rolled for in the third annual championship tournament of the National Bowling association, at Madison Square Garden on May 31 and June 12. The first prize alone amounts to a guarantee of at least \$10,000, and from present indications it looks as though 500 five-man teams will enter. No fewer than twenty-four of the highest grade alleys will be laid in the amphitheater of the Garden, while a new and up-to-date scoring system has also been devised. In the past it has always been a problem to equip each pair of alleys with a score board satisfactory to spectators sitting at a distance. From the present outlook, however, the coming tournament will be the greatest of the kind ever held. Bowling officials in the west have already announced that at least one quarter of the Garden entry would be received from the district beyond the Allegheny mountains. Positive assurances have been received of entries from as far west as California, while there will be a number of teams from Canada and at least one from Germany.

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