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25c to $2.50	$1 to $5.00	$1 to $3.50	$1.50 to $12	50c to $10	$1 to $5.00	50c to $5	50c to $4.00	$2.50 to $10

Suspenders	Handkerchiefs	Traveling Bags	Cases	Umbrellas	Jewelry Sets	Canes	Fancy Garters
25c to $3.50	15c to $1.50	$2.50 to $38.50	$1.75 to $32	$1.00 to $10	$1.50 to $7.50	50c to $5.00	25c and 50c

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Heydler May Stay In as President

Amendment to National League By-laws May Enable Board to Retain Present Leader.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Heydler's stock at the National league election took a sudden boom this afternoon, when it became known that the National league bylaws had received an important amendment. Finding themselves deadlocked over the election of a president, the members yesterday voted that in the event of a vacancy in the presidency either from death, resignation or failure to elect, the directors should be empowered to name a president to act until the league members could elect.

Since three or four directors are Heydler men, it is evident that if the meeting proved hopelessly locked Heydler might be chosen as his own "acting" successor, and would hold office indefinitely.

Attack Made on Johnson.

During the protracted unproductive session today President Ebbets of Brooklyn made an impassioned speech against Ban Johnson, saying that the American league president had no right at all to dictate to the National league that it should not elect Ward as president. But the American league magnates, most of whom have started for home, after concluding the meeting yesterday, say that they will back Johnson to the limit.

New evidence having been presented to the National commission regarding the attempt to bribe Umpire Klem in October, 1908, when the Chicago and New York teams played the game that decided the championship of the National league.

President Murphy of the Chicago Nationals has apologized to Klem for a statement given out in Chicago last fall, saying that the arbitrator had it in for the Chicago team and had purposely given it the worst of decisions. This apology to Klem was insisted on by President Heydler.

The one big trade of the day was negotiated between the New York and St. Louis American league clubs. The local team got Lou Criger, the veteran catcher, and a small cash consideration for Pitcher Joe Lake and Outfielder Ray Demmitt.

The Philadelphia Americans sold Gus Hetling, a third baseman, who was with Kansas City last season, to the St. Louis American league club. The general impression was that St. Louis would turn Hetling over to the Louisville team.

The Rochester club sold Pitcher Breeher to Denver and practically made arrangements to get Pitcher Lafitte from Detroit and Outfielder Criss from St. Louis.

Jack Warner, the catcher, will manage a club in the South Michigan league next season.

CORBETT TO HELP JEFF WIN

Former Champs Will Go Into Training Together.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—James J. Corbett will be the animated punching bag on which James J. Jeffries will practice in fitting himself for the fight with Jack Johnson for the heavyweight championship of the world.

This was the announcement made today by Corbett on his arrival from Europe on the Mauretania. The one-time wearer of the championship belt said he would start a series of hard fights with Jeffries forty days before the big fight comes off.

"I am going to do all I can to help Jeffries win," declared Corbett. "I think that if he simply spars to get into shape it will do him little good, and have arranged to get into condition myself and have some good fights with him. They will not be merely light forms of exercise, but will go at one another as if there was a big snake up and a good house looking on. I believe this is just what Jeffries needs to make him fit.

"If Jim Jeffries was the Jeffries of ten years ago, I would not bother going to see the fight," continued Corbett, "but we don't find out just what stamina he may have lost while he has been out of the game.

"In some of my bouts with him, we may go as many as twenty rounds. I have no agreement with him. I am simply helping him out because of my desire to see him in shape to beat Johnson."

FARMERS ASKED TO FEED QUAIL

Iowa Sportsmen Appeal for Aid for Hungry Birds.

BURLINGTON, Ia., Dec. 17.—Burlington sportsmen have sent forth a call for help from the farmers of Iowa. In the preservation of the quail in the state. The same message is being sent out among Illinois and Missouri farmers, where the blanket of snow now has covered from reach of the birds all vestige of food. It is feared unless something is done to give the little bob whites food, thousands of them will starve. Experience of past years has taught the hunters and lovers of bird life that a heavy blanket of snow followed by a cold snap usually strews the prairie and farm lands with dead birds. Scarcely any birds which have perished from lack of food. The plan suggested to the farmers of the various states is that each devote a portion of their grain to the feeding of these birds. Such feed scattered in the barnyards will attract thousands of the hungry quail and slaughter hundreds of them. One local hunter states that he has seen as high as twenty oats in one farmyard chasing birds which were trying to get something to eat. A concerted movement of this kind, it is believed, will preserve thousands of valuable game and insectivorous birds.

HYLAND AND THOMPSON TONIGHT

Betting About Even Among Sports at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 17.—Dick Hyland of San Francisco and Johnny Thompson of Syracuse, N. Y., will meet in a ten round bout at the Hipodrome in this city tonight. This promises to be one of the best lightweight contests of the season. Both men are in excellent condition and the local followers of pugilism are about equally divided in betting to pick the winner. The betting opened at even money and remained at that figure today.

There is only a half pound difference in the weight of the two men. Thompson weighing 133 pounds and Hyland 132½.

Interest in the contest is increased by the probability that the winner will be able to secure a match with Battling Nelson or Ad Wolgast. Hyland said today:

"I have fought Thompson three times, and I know exactly what he can do. He will come at me rushing, and I will be there with the punch to stop him. A victory for me means a fight with Ad Wolgast."

Thompson said: "I have but one chance to get a fight with Nelson and that is to whip Hyland. I am confident of winning."

SEEK NEW AUTOMOBILE LAURELS

Two Days' Series of Speed Trials Arranged at Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—With the avowed purpose of smashing world's records for motor automobile drivers will commence begin a two days' series of speed trials at the Indianapolis motor speedway. The races will start immediately after the redefination of the two and a half-mile course, which recently was paved with brick.

Among the drivers who have entered are Christie, Strang, Aitken, Kincaid, Stillman and Harroun. Five entries, including special distances of one-quarter mile to 10 miles, are scheduled.

Several of the big racing cars were tried out on the track today. Walter Christie, with his special Christie racer, made several circuits of the track, at one time going a half mile in fifteen seconds, or at the rate of two miles a minute. Strang in a Flat did the half mile in 29½ seconds.

MILE AUTO RECORD BROKEN

Aitken and Kincaide, in Nationals, Lower Time.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—Aitken and Kincaide, both driving National cars of class No. 3, broke the record for one mile today in the trial speeds. Aitken went the mile in 49 2-10 seconds, and Kincaide in 50 seconds flat. The record in this class had been 59 2-10 seconds.

Aitken (Natikal) broke all American records for stock cars for twenty miles. His time was 16:36.47.

Tarkio's Iowa-Illinois Tour.

TARKIO, Mo., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The athletic management of Tarkio college has just completed arrangements whereby the basket ball team will make an Iowa-Illinois trip during the first week in March, 1910. The trip will cover five days and in total will call for a trip of over 700 miles in travel. On this trip the team will meet five colleges and will be absent from college only four days. The teams that will be played upon this trip are, Tabor college, Tabor, Ia.; Simpson college, Indianola, Ia.; Monmouth college, Monmouth, Ill.; Wyllim and Vashti college, Aledo, Ill., and the Iowa Wesleyan university at Mount Pleasant, Ia. This is the first time that an athletic team from this college has ever sailed across beyond the Mississippi river.

Gossip of Bowlers

There will be a match game at Francisco's bowling alley Sunday afternoon between a team from Columbus and a picked team of Omaha bowlers, the line-up being Anderson, Huntington, Grotte, Zimmerman and Weber.

A meeting is called for Tuesday night at Francisco's to arrange for another three men league, to be composed of young bowlers from the various wholesale houses. This is the banner year for the number of leagues in the city, but the management will try and arrange for them just the same.

Dave Brister, one of the leading bowlers of Denver, is a visitor at Francisco's, where he has been getting some nice games. His league average in Denver is 201 for thirty games. Brister is a member of the Denver Athletic club team.

Mr. Hurff from Peoria, some bowler, is visiting here.

Francisco's don'ts:

Don't think you can bowl in a week.

Don't get your foot work wrong.

Start about twelve feet back of the foul line with the right foot first, taking four steps—this brings your left foot in front at the delivery.

Don't use too much speed—you break the pins.

Don't get angry if you piace a good ball and get "stung"—put up your second ball and get the spare.

Don't swear, be a gentleman at all times and you will make friends.

What's the matter with some match games between the different leagues between teams of the same position in each league? Think it over, boys.

B. F. Thomas is spending all his bowling time at the Commercial league alleys. He has high total of 6[illegible] for the Stetson this week and intends to drive anybody away who even gets close. Let him have it.

Schumacher and Godenschwager are matched for the championship of the Saengerrunn league, Herman Boesim official scorer.

Carman, king of the Cellarets, is leading the Bridegaard Crowns up the hill.

Dick Sennedler, captain of the City Hall five, is out with a challenge against any other team from any one suburb. Come on, South Omaha, get 'em.

It's getting close to closing time for the city tournament. Get in early so as to arrange for dates.

OMAHA BEDDING COMPANY.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Chandler	159	167	172	498
Tracy	179	200	176	555
Johnson	205	141	214	560
Schumacher	179	176	178	533
Sherwood	154	174	190	518
Total	866	858	930	2,654

DRESSERLIES.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Price	151	193	199	643
Reardon	148	161	154	463
Mitchell	142	179	169	490
Schmidt	198	163	161	522
Goff	127	141	160	428
Total	766	837	843	2,546

The West Sides won two games from the Cream Cities last night in the booster league, getting a 300 total of 2,568. Yale had high total, 564 and Christiansen high single, 211. The Cream Cities grabbed the last game by four pins. The score:

WEST SIDES.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
T. Norgaard	156	167	154	477
Christiansen	201	159	171	531
Leif	158	167	193	518
Yale	208	172	184	564
E. Norgaard	118	180	209	507
Total	841	905	909	2,655

CREAM CITY.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
J. Melham	156	177	151	484
Downing	158	172	151	481
W. Melham	178	154	217	549
Rosehlin	224	158	185	567
Straw	146	139	138	423
Total	862	800	852	2,514

Wrestling Match Arranged.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 17.—The conditions and date of the Roller-Zybecko wrestling match were changed here tonight. The men will meet in Convention hall December 31. Zybecko agrees to throw Roller twice within an hour or forfeit the purse and a side bet of $1,000. If Roller loses he forfeits the purse and side bet.

The original date for the match was December 20 and Zybecko agreed to throw Roller twice in an hour and a half or forfeit the purse. The terms were changed at Roller's request.

REWARD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES

Twenty-Five Boys Get Medals for Track and Foot Ball.

Twenty-five athletes received O's and two received R's at the Omaha High school Friday for the season of 1909. There were ten track O's, fifteen foot ball O's and two foot ball R's. The track boys who earned letters are:

Track O's—Harry S. Fraser, Alfred C. Kennedy, J. Harry Kulakofsky, Robert C. Thompson, J. Victor Warner, Benson Rowley, Ralph E. Werlich, Vergil E. Rector, John G. Bayley, Robert Wood.

Foot Ball O's—Harold Andrus, Edward S. Burdick, Kenneth E. Hamth, George Hardee, Dick Payne, Warren H. Howard, Henry Howes, Ray B. McWhinney, Hugh L. Mills, Walter C. Klopp, John G. Bayley, Robert G. Thompson, Allan A. Tukey, Voyle D. Reecer, Harold M. Underhill.

Foot Ball R's—David H. Bowman, Hugh Charlton.

PUEBLO TEAM TO ST. JOSEPH

John Holland of Wichita Buys Franchise for $5,500.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 17.—John Hofland, formerly manager of the Wichita Western league base ball team, today completed the purchase of the Pueblo Western league franchise and team of sixteen players. He paid $5,500. The franchise will be transferred to St. Joseph, Mo.

Frank Isbell, who, with Holland, owned the Wichita team, has purchased Holland's interest.

Isbell will ask for his release as a member of the Chicago American league and will manage the Wichita team next season.

"Tex" Jones, who was purchased from Enid in the Western for the Wichita team will be taken to St. Joseph by Holland.

BOY PLAYING WITH ROPE THAT STRANGLED HIS MOTHER

Body of Mrs. Gebauer Found While Husband Was in Jail for Drunkenness.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—While Paul Gebauer was in police court today awaiting arraignment for intoxication and still half dazed from the efforts of drink, his wife's body was found in their flat in Brooklyn.

The woman had been strangled to death during the night and when neighbors entered her rooms her 5-year-old son was found playing with ten feet of clothesline which he said he had unwound from around her neck.

Gebauer was held on a charge of homicide.

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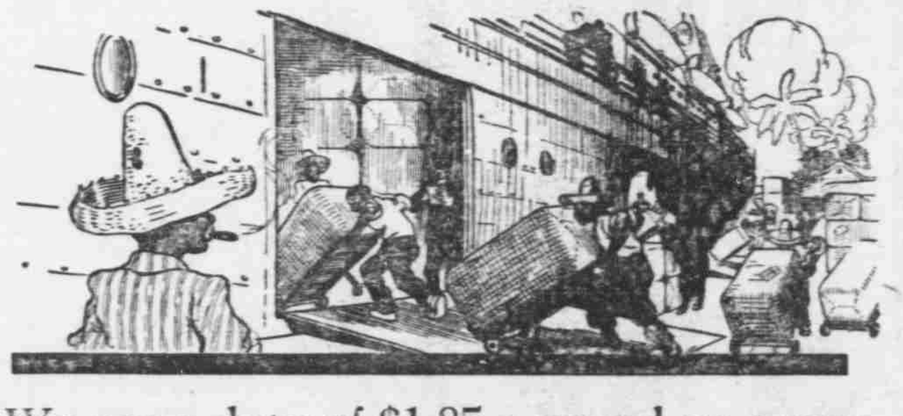

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