

TWO SCHEDULES PREPARED

National League Magnates to Have Choice of 164 or 168 Games.

RULES ARE AGAIN CHANGED

Wild Pitches and Passed Balls Are Not to Count as Errors—Official Scores Point Out Injustice of Change.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 26.—Two schedules, one for a 164-game and another for the 168-game playing season, will be submitted to the National league in New York next month. This was settled by the schedule committee tonight, although its labors have not yet been concluded. Another session will be held tomorrow. The basic ball falls all but the members of the schedule committee of the two major leagues, left for their homes tonight. The protracted sessions of the schedule committee is caused by the arduous work of dovetailing the 168 with the American league's 164-game schedule, so as to avoid conflicting dates. Then, too, another arrangement on the basis of a 164-game schedule for both is being prepared, so that whichever is adopted can be put into immediate effect.

Official scorers here entered strong protests against the wild pitch and passed ball ruling under the revised rules and the committee met today and reconsidered it. It was pointed out that the battery men handled the ball scores of times more than other players on the team without getting any credit for perfect work, and that it would be unjust to charge them with fielding errors for occasional slips.

END OF BOWLING TOURNAY

Omaha Teams Win Three Prizes in Doubles Class.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 26.—The 1910 middle west bowling tournament closed yesterday, with first money in the doubles goes to A. Bell and R. L. Hills of St. Louis, with 1,264, and the first money and gold medal to H. F. Siemens of St. Joseph, with 645. C. Staff of Des Moines was winner of a special gold medal, for first man in all events. The winners of the first ten prizes in the doubles and singles in the order in which they finished with their scores are as follows:

- Doubles: Bell and Hills, St. Louis, 1,264; Lockwood and Kerke, St. Louis, 1,233; Drayn and Kay, St. Joseph, 1,233; Strain and Coffin, Des Moines, 1,182; Stokes and Johnson, Kansas City, 1,170; Martin and Inkwater, Omaha, 1,170; Neale and Blackney, Omaha, 1,170; Farley and Rowley, Kansas City, 1,159; Spillman and Gorman, Kansas City, 1,159; Zimmerman and Anderson, Omaha, 1,158; Singles: H. F. Siemens, St. Joseph, 645; P. Schulz, St. Louis, 637; T. Froehlich, St. Louis, 633; O. Rowley, Kansas City, 628; J. Schmidt, St. Louis, 628; R. G. Hill, St. Louis, 627; A. Wolf, Topeka, 627; C. W. Turner, Kansas City, 614; St. Baum, St. Louis, 613; C. Staff, Des Moines, 603.

New Base Ball League.

CRESTON, Ia., Jan. 26.—(Special).—Clarinda is agitating the base ball question for the coming season, and the secretary of the Commercial club has sent a letter to the Business Men's club at this place to try and arrange for a meeting of committee from other places to form a league for 1910. The idea originated in the Maryville, Mo., club first, and it is proposed to take in Maryville, Clinton, Keosauqua, Creston, Shenandoah and Nebraska City, with perhaps one or two others who may wish to unite in forming a league team. It is proposed that \$2,500 and that at least three games be played in each town. Creation is a good base ball town, and it is thought that the business men will report favorably for the scheme.

Iowa's Seniors Elect.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Jan. 26.—(Special).—Seniors in the college of liberal arts in the University of Iowa will not be required to attend classes the last two weeks of school according to the announcement made yesterday by resident Clifford Powell of Red Oak, Ia. However, the examination will be taken at the usual time.

Schools and O'Leary Matched.

SHERIDAN, Wyo., Jan. 26.—(Special).—"Muggsy" Schools of Cheyenne and Jack O'Leary of Milwaukee have been matched for a twenty-round fight on February 4. They will fight at 135 pounds.

Zbyszko and De Rouen Drawing

Two European Giants Are Likely to Have a Great Crowd at the Auditorium.

Each man weighing in his normal notch of one ton even. Duke Raoul de Rouen of Gay Pares and Stanislaw Zbyszko, premier of the Poles, will trip lightly into Omaha in a day or so for their little engagement at the Auditorium Friday night.

And when these celebrities arrive they will find a large concourse of the populace on hand to greet them. For Manager Gillman avers that tickets to the big wrestle are going like buckwheat cakes in a minging camp.

They are having a great time over at the Auditorium looking out that cognomen of the Poles, the Scyllian or whatever the smaller of these two giants is.

"How do you pronounce that fellow's name?" demanded a man at the window who had just bought four ring seats. "Sneeze and scratch your foot on the floor," promptly replied the keen-witted little woman inside the box office.

Neither de Rouen nor Zbyszko is the finished wrestler that the most skilled Americans are, but they are both capable of furnishing a lot of interest on the mat. True, de Rouen's previous engagement in Omaha—once with Jess Westergaard and once with Mahmoud—were unfavorable to him, made him unpopular, but nevertheless he is the biggest drawing card, admittedly so, that the wrestling promoter has brought to this country in many years. His methods of wrestling, which is to bruise his opponent all he can, sets the spectators wild with excitement. His aim if you will, but the next time he comes to town you are there in the best seat you can get.

Now, no matter what the conditions of the match may be, any time that a wrestler of the Frenchman, although he is said to be much stronger. He looks like a Hercules.

SUNNY SOUTH HANDICAP SHOOT

Fred Gilbert Breaks 130 Targets With a Miss.

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 26.—The high wind interfered somewhat with the shooting at the Sunny South handicap yesterday although Fred Gilbert of Spirit Lake, Ia., during the early part of the day broke 130 targets and did not score a miss. Livingstone was high amateur with 125, and Harry Dunnell of Fox Lake, Ill., won the Chronicle cup. On the first 100 targets, Mr. Dunnell of Chicago, J. Day, Herman Howard and R. H. Connely were tied with ninety-eight each. The second 100 targets were shot with five additional targets, and Dunnell broke them all. He was followed by Day and Connely with twenty-four each and Howard with twenty-three. Dunnell shot a total of 225 on Monday and missed only five.

Captain Tom Marshall of Chicago, is agitating the matter of sending a squad of American athletes to compete at the Olympic games next season. Captain Marshall headed such a squad on a former occasion.

Indoor Track and Field Meet.

A meeting has been called for the commercial club for Thursday night for the purpose of promoting indoor track and field. The meeting was held at the Commercial club on Thursday night, March 24, and it now looks as though it was bound to be a great success. It has met with the approval of all the universities and colleges which have been invited to participate. Ben Cherrington, a student at the University of Nebraska, has been pushing the meet and the athletic board at the university is taking up the matter and stands back of the move.

Army Lieutenant Files.

PENSACOLA, Fla., Jan. 26.—Lieutenant Rhodes of the artillery corps made a successful flight in an aeroplane of his own invention Tuesday afternoon on the government reservation here. The machine rose to a height of 100 feet and remained in the air for five minutes. At the conclusion of the flight Lieutenant Rhodes declared that the machine had proved satisfactory in every way. Lieutenant Rhodes, who is stationed at Fort Barrancas with Major Crossman, has been working on the machine for the last six months.

Two Knockouts at Pittsburg.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 26.—Two knockouts in the preliminaries and a draw in a six-round fight between "Thunderbolt" Ed Smith of Columbus, O., and Frank Moran of this city were the features of a mill here last night. Smith and Moran, heavyweights, were on for the main bout. "Buck" Cross of Pittsburg knocked out Frank Wettengel in the second round and "Battling" Conners of Pittsburg knocked out "Kip" Stephoe of Columbus in the third round.

Adamsen Throws Miller.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 26.—Charles Adamsen of Chicago, middleweight, defeated Young Miller of St. Paul, welterweight champion, in a wrestling match last night. Adamsen won the first round in fifty-three minutes and Miller forfeited the second fall and the match.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—In accordance with popular expectation, the directors of the United States Steel corporation announced yesterday, after the close of the stock market, that dividends on the common shares of the corporation had reverted to the original rate of 4 per cent annually. The directors today declared a "regular" dividend of 1 per cent and an "extra" dividend of 3 per cent. Dividends for the previous quarters have been: For the first quarter, 1/2 of 1 per cent; for the second, 1/2 of 1 per cent; for the third, 1 per cent, and today's, 1 1/2 per cent.

Although an extra dividend had long been rumored in the market the behavior of the common shares during the day and more particularly toward the close in no way bore out the facts. According to the best information there was a division of opinion among the directors and the outcome was probably in doubt up to the time of the meeting. Rumor credits the Morgan faction in the board with having favored an extra dividend, but Chairman Gary declared after the meeting adjourned that action had been unanimous.

The regular quarterly dividend was declared on the preferred shares. For the first time in the reports of the corporation there appeared an item of \$3,200,000 to be taken from the reserve fund "to cover advanced mining royalties."

The total earnings for the year 1909 amounted to \$11,479,275. The record year of the corporation was 1907, with earnings of \$10,964,673. Since its organization in April of 1901 the corporation has earned the sum of \$1,071,729,995.

Bond of Million.

Mr. Ballaine in his letter to Senator Beveridge offers to enter into a bond of \$1,000,000 with the government for the performance of his part of the agreement, which he proposes and he makes the charge that "other interests" have now at work in Washington a lobby "headed by a former United States senator" in support of the bill referred to above, under whose provisions, he declares, the government would extend an unconditional guarantee to a railroad or railroads which these interests purpose to build in Alaska and would virtually donate to them at \$10 per acre, one or more tracts of 5,000 acres each to be selected by them.

Mr. Ballaine's congress to authorize the head of the department to be designated in the legislation to enter into a lease with a coal company to be organized by him for 5,000 acres of Matanuska coal land, under all the provisions for regulation and against monopolistic control of prices as stipulated in the bill recently introduced by Senator Nelson in conformity with the recommendations of Secretary Ballinger's annual report. This coal company would pay the United States and Alaska a royalty of 50 cents a ton for the coal as mined.

Veins Twenty Feet Thick.

Mr. Ballaine states that veins averaging a total thickness of twenty feet would yield according to standard measurements, a total of 200,000,000 tons from a 5,000 acre, making a royalty of \$250,000.00 for this small area.

Mr. Ballaine alleges that the Canadian interest, which owned a majority of the partially completed road from Seward, recently put it through a foreclosure reorganization on a plan that wiped out all American investments in the road, while the Canadian interest retained the road. He further charges that the lobby, which he describes as asking for an outright guarantee of interest on bonds and the donation of 5,000 acres of coal land as a virtual gift, is working in the interest of these Canadian interests, and in conjunction with a group of American capitalists, who are, he declares, working to bring about the passage of the Katalie coal in another part of Alaska.

Mr. Ballaine tonight quoted the United States geological survey as stating in one of its recent reports that there are 16,000,000,000 tons of coal in sight in the known coal areas of Alaska, and probably as much again in reserve as yet unexplored, and he pointed out that the leasing of these areas on a royalty basis, such as he was offering for an area of only 5,000 acres, would ultimately bring the government in over \$5,000,000.00.

COPPER CONCERNS MERGED

Judges Dissolve Injunction Secured Against Utah Company and Boston Consolidated.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 26.—Judge Lanning and Judge Cross late yesterday filed a memorandum dissolving the injunction restraining the stockholders of the Utah Copper company from meeting to pass on the question of acquiring the property of the Boston Consolidated Mining company. This decision permits the carrying out of the plan for the merger of the two companies.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—The stockholders' meeting of the Utah Copper company was kept in session here all day to await the outcome of the court proceedings at Trenton. On announcement of the decision dissolving the injunction, the stockholders unanimously passed the necessary resolution authorizing the merger, 83 per cent of them voting in its favor.

Late tonight a meeting was called at the Fifth avenue home of Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the Utah and Boston companies, where an exchange of shares was made, involving over \$100,000.00. It is understood that Mr. Untermyer's fee of \$75,000 represents over four years' work in accomplishing the merger, and that this sum was voted to him by the unanimous consent of the stockholders and boards of directors of both the Utah and Boston copper companies.

SNOW BLOCKADES ON CANADIAN PACIFIC

General Superintendent Busted Carried Down Embankment and Injured.

WINNIPEG, Man., Jan. 26.—Avalanches of snow have paralyzed the tracks of the Canadian Pacific railway for miles in the Rocky mountains and trains have been held up for several days. General Superintendent Busted of the Canadian Pacific was carried down an embankment by a snowslide today and seriously injured. Two ribs were broken and it is feared he has been injured internally.

WINDSTORM IN COLORADO

Telegraph and Telephone Lines Blown Down in Many Parts of State.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 26.—A terrific wind storm damaged thousands of dollars worth of property throughout Colorado last night. All over the state telephone and telegraph poles and wires are down and frame houses have been torn from their foundations.

In Denver a dozen big plate glass windows were blown in. In the mountains it is snowing heavily and cattle are drifting helplessly before the blizzard.

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The clerk of the board was instructed to notify the towns of Benson, Florence and Dundee of the action taken, that they might have ample time in which to provide for fire protection.

A communication from Rev. J. M. Leidy of the Anti-Saloon league was received and left over till next Tuesday night for final consideration. The communication referred to the sale of liquor in the disorderly district, charging that such sales were illegal under the St. Louis law.

The bonds of the five new policemen were accepted and placed on file. The payroll of the fire department was allowed. It was also agreed to allow the police department payroll when the roll was completed.

The pay of the three police captains was increased from \$125 per month to \$135. The law grants the board the right to pay the captains as high as \$150 per month, but the present financial condition of the city does not justify the increase for the present will be \$135.

The action of the board whereby the police were denied the annual ten days' leave of absence was rescinded and the vacation restored.

The following saloon licensees were granted: William J. Bushcroft, 450 South 16th street; E. A. Smith, Omaha Field club; David Hill, 222 North Fifteenth street.

FUNSTON MAY DECLINE TO SUCCEED MORTON

Commandant of Service Schools Said to Be Satisfied With Present Station at Fort Leavenworth.

There is still a bit of speculation in army quarters as to the probable successor of Brigadier General Charles Morton, commander of the Department of the Missouri, upon his retirement in March.

It was thought for a while that Brigadier General Frederick Funston, now in charge of the army service schools at Fort Leavenworth,