

Jeff Would Like One Peep at the Guy Who Said Horseshoes Were Lucky

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BOGGS HEADS TRACK TEAM

University Athletic Board Elects Its New Captain.

DELINQUENCY OF ATHLETES

Question of Notification of Players with Regard to Their Studies Gains Into at Length—Hough Basket Ball Play.

LINCOLN, Dec. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—The athletic board at a short meeting this evening, held to wind up business before the Christmas holidays, elected C. B. Boggs captain of next year's track team.

Boggs, who was a new man on the team this year, is a remarkably fast distance runner and his work has been the redeeming feature of an otherwise rather disastrous year in this branch of sport.

The board also fixed the basis of award for "Mr." in the cross-country work. If there be fifty men entered in the race, the board decreed that Nebraska's representatives in order to secure letters must finish better than in the thirtieth position.

The question of notifying athletes as to their eligibility was also taken and discussed at some length and the board finally adopted the rule that notification of delinquency in studies must be given at least ten days before the time set for taking up the required work.

After reading revisions in the Missouri valley conference basket ball rules, tending to reduce rough play, the board adjourned until after vacation.

Mysterious Billy Smith is Fatally Shot at Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—"Mysterious Billy" (Amos) Smith, at one time a well-known welterweight prize fighter, was shot and probably fatally wounded by A. E. Loomis, captain of a river steamer.

The shooting was said to be the outcome of a series of quarrels in which the two men had engaged at various times since last August, when Smith's wife secured a divorce. Later Loomis married the woman.

As Mrs. Loomis was walking along the street Smith approached and addressed her. Suddenly Loomis, whom Smith had not seen, stepped forward and shot Smith in the abdomen. Smith fell to the sidewalk and Loomis fired two more shots into his body. Smith fired several shots at Loomis, but his bullets went wild.

Mrs. Loomis was arrested and is held under \$1,000 bonds.

Smith came here from Portland, Me., about fifteen years ago. His ring career dates from 1895 to 1908. Though never a champion of the championship, he is said to have been one of the best welterweight fighters in the country. His five fights with Joe Wolcott, the famous negro boxer, did much toward building up Smith's reputation as a fighter.

Smith has been in trouble with the police on several occasions.

COACH PICKS BASKET BALL SQUAD AT THE H. S.

The regular basket ball squad of the Omaha high school was picked by Coach Clark yesterday and includes twelve players. The lads on the squad include the following: Herys Crooked, captain; Lemmie Burkenrod, Mains Berry, Harry Munneke, Clarence Shary, Dave Bowman, Sidney Meyer, Earl Bauman, Kenneth Craig, James Durkee, J. Over and E. Eastman.

PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY ELECTS OLD OFFICERS

At a regular meeting of the Omaha Philosophical society Sunday afternoon the election of officers resulted in all the old officers being retained for another year. The roster as it stands is L. J. Quibby, president; George W. Parker, first vice president; C. M. Burgess, second vice president, and W. H. Justin, secretary-treasurer.

Thomas H. Tibbles opened the discussion Sunday on "Eugenics and Heredity." Mr. W. M. Ward answered him. C. S. Weiss followed and Prof. Henry Oerlich also spoke.

Broken Bow Defeats Ravenna

RAVENNA, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The Broken Bow high school basket ball team came to Ravenna for a game with the local students Saturday night. The Broken Bow boys were older, larger and had better team work, but were outdone by the ability and intense activity of the local players. The final score was 26 to 18 in favor of Ravenna. The game was played in the school gymnasium and was witnessed by a large crowd.

Going in for Squash Now



Gustave Touchard, crack tennis player of New York, who is learning the squash game, and will enter the national championship tournament to strive for honors in his new field.

PRICE OF AUDITORIUM CUT

Stockholders Make More Definite Proposition to the City.

PRICE NOW SET IS \$225,000

Offer Being Considered This Afternoon by the City Council at the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

A committee from the city council, consisting of Hummel, Berka, Funkhouser, Schroeder and Burmaster, met with a committee of directors of the Auditorium this morning and attempted to reach an agreement on the price of the property if purchased by the city. The directors—G. W. Westley, F. A. Nash, Charles Pickens, Frank Hamilton, W. S. Jardine, F. H. Davis and C. C. Bolden—who were present, agreed to reduce the price to \$225,000, to assume the mortgage and to deduct from this price the amount of all stock donated. The mortgage amounts to \$107,000. The committee went before the committee of the whole with the proposition, but without recommendation.

Councilman Burnmaster said he had found that several of the stockholders whose names were published and the statement made that they were willing to donate their stock had told him such statement was not authorized; that they had bought their stock as investment and expected to get at least a small per cent of it back.

Miss Jontz Asking Aid for Old Folks

The names of 900 children have been given by the Associated Charities to the good-hearted citizens of the city who want to "make somebody happy at the Yuletide season. Several other names are held by Miss Ida V. Jontz of the charities and will be furnished those who desire to help in some manner. "Our greatest difficulty," said Miss Jontz, "is to provide a merry Christmas for the older people. We have several old ladies who would be cheered and

CONNELL WOULD BUY TEAMS

Says City Could Save Large Sum by Owning Its Wagons.

WILL ASK COUNCIL TUESDAY

Collection of Garbage Now Costs Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars a Year, Which Commissioner Says Can Be Reduced.

Dr. R. W. Connell, health commissioner of the city, will ask the council at the regular session tonight to convert \$11,600 of the annual appropriation for the garbage department into a purchase fund to secure ownership of thirty-four horses, sixteen wagons and thirty-two sets of harness.

"The city will be saved at least \$6,000 a year," said Dr. Connell, explaining his request. "The wagons, which are hired now, cost us \$10 per month. If the city owned these teams, which it could do for the cost of hiring them one year, we could use sixteen the year round, and hire five more, as we do now, during the months of the heaviest work. We will show the council that the cost of the teams will be saved at the end of the year, less operating expenses."

J. R. McDonald, garbage commissioner, in his report for the last six and one-half months, shows the total cost of the garbage department to be \$16,622.31, which is at the rate of \$22,000 per year. The expense for the approaching year will not exceed \$20,000, according to Dr. Connell, which includes the purchase of the wagons and teams used by the garbage department. "Not only would the expense of the department not be increased," said Dr. Connell, "but the year following it would cost less than \$1,500 to run the department, if the city will purchase these teams and wagons, which are virtually bought each year in life expenses."

Nebraska Boy Has Highest Physical Score at Ann Arbor

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 18.—Not content with furnishing to the University of Michigan some of its most prominent men both among the faculty and the student body, the state of Nebraska has this year sent to the university its most perfect freshman. The man who, in the opinion of Dr. George A. May, director of Waterman gymnasium, is most worthy of that title is C. A. Berge who is a native of Illinois.

Of the 300 or more freshmen who have been summoned and driven by the director during the last two months in an attempt to pick out the most perfect men in the entering class there is none, he says, who approaches nearer to physical perfection than does the young Cornhusker. The statement, moreover is not based on any mere idle guess, but on cold sordid facts as shown by the anthropometric chart which is used in recording the measurements made at the gymnasium and which was invented by Dr. May.

Berge's development is excellent even to his lung capacity, the thing that finally boosted him above his nearest competitors. In fact, the next highest man was larger than Berge in every respect, but fell down on that important measurement. The red line on the chart of Berge nearly corresponds to that on the other chart until the point indicating lung capacity is reached where it branches off several squares to the left and goes far beyond even the "best" column. Berge's measurements follow:

Height, 67 inches; weight, 119 pounds; chest expanded, 34.6 inches; chest contracted, 34 inches; right arm down, 32.2 inches; right arm up, 31.1 inches; right forearm, 11 inches; left arm down, 31 inches; left arm up, 31 inches; left forearm, 10.9 inches; right thigh, 23.3 inches; right calf, 15.7 inches; left thigh, 22.5 inches; left calf, 15.2 inches; lung capacity, 35 cubic inches.

IMPROVEMENT IS NOTED IN DR. KELLY'S CONDITION

Dr. Thomas Kelly, 237 C street, South Omaha, who was stricken with paralysis Friday morning, is improved. Dr. Kelly is well known in the medical profession, having practiced in South Omaha for over twenty-five years. His entire left side is paralyzed, but speech is not affected.

DAFFYDIL CONTEST RULES

1. Answers must be addressed to "Daffydil Editor" of The Bee, and reach The Bee office not later than 6 p. m. Thursday of each week to be considered for prize award of the week.
2. Contestants may submit one or more answers for any or all of the prizes.
3. Winners to be selected on by each advertiser on Daffydil contest page and printed in his advertisement, which will also announce prize for next contest.
4. Each Daffydil must be written on a separate sheet of paper and must designate the advertiser for whom it is intended.
5. Winning Daffydils will be chosen for their originality, wit and humor and preference will be shown those pertaining to name or business of the advertiser.
6. Winners must call in person for prizes at advertiser's place of business.
In addition to advertiser's prizes The Bee will award five \$1 prizes to the five next best Daffydil writers and will print them, together with all others worth publishing on Daffydil Contest Page.

NEBRASKA BOY WITH MOST REMARKABLE BUILD.



Clarence A. Berge of Indianola makes the highest physical score in the freshman class of 300 at the University of Michigan.

Black Hills Will Be Well Represented at Taft Convention

DEADWOOD, S. D., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Local Taft republicans are planning to send a big delegation to Huron for the Taft organization meeting which will be held there January 5. Arrangements are now being made and special rates have been secured and Pullmans engaged to carry the Black Hills republicans who expect to assist in carrying the state for Taft and naming Taft delegates to the national convention, favorable to the president. It is expected that several score will go from the Black Hills to the Huron meeting.

PETRIFFED HAM FOUND NEAR WOUNDED KNEE, S. D.

RAPID CITY, S. D., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—With the finding of a perfectly petrified ham, imbedded in the soil of Big Foot trail near where it crosses White river, east of here, the scenes of the Wounded Knee Indian massacre twenty years ago were recalled. The ham was found by a ranchman named Lisle Bennett, who brought it to town. It is in a state of perfect preservation, the rind, fat meat and bone all being distinctly visible. The ham is supposed to have been dropped or jolted out of one of the wagons of General Carr's commissary department of the Seventh cavalry when he was pursuing Big Foot, the Cheyenne chief, whose military prowess was easily in the Bad Lands, to the ham is thought to have turned to stone soon after it fell.

ATHLETICS THE RAMBLERS

One Hundred Fifty-Pound Championship Still Undecided.

BOTH TEAMS FAIL TO SCORE

Four Athletics Do Not Appear and Spectators Picked as Substitutes After Considerable Arguing Over Meets.

The Athletics and the Ramblers of South Omaha mixed at Fort Omaha Sunday for the championship of the 150-pound team, the game resulting in a 0 to 0 score. Four of the Athletics failed to show up and they picked up four spectators, among whom was Quigley, the Ramblers balked against Quigley, but after arguing the question for a half hour finally agreed to play.

Next Sunday they will tackle each other again. There will be two games at Fort Omaha on that day, the first of which will be between the Athletics and the Ramblers and the second between the Shamrocks and the Defenders or Monmouth Parks.

Companies at War Over Bond for Ure

At the final session of the present Board of Education tonight the \$50,000 bond of W. G. Ure as treasurer of the school district will be the subject around which an earnest war will be waged. The Manufacturers' association will present a request that the local applicant for the bond, the National Fidelity and Surety company, be given the same. A Massachusetts company is also in the race and will attempt to show that the Omaha company is not financially responsible for so large a bond. In refutation of this argument the local company will produce the testimony of not only the state treasurer of Nebraska, but prominent business and financial authorities. Grant Williams, chairman of the judiciary committee, which will report on the bond, has not made public the action of the committee, but in either event a warm discussion will result.

FOOD BLOCKADE IN FAITH DISTRICT BROKEN

ABERDEEN, S. D., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The threatened shortage of feed for live stock and provisions for residents of the Faith country in Meade county was effectively ended last week when the Milwaukee railroad succeeded in breaking the snow blockade on the Faith branch of the Puget Sound line and rushed through forty special trains averaging ten cars each carrying provisions and food sufficient to maintain the people and their live stock until spring. In addition the railroad granted an extension of the free freight privilege on fifty additional cars of hay, which will be hauled at once, assuring homesteaders and residents of the towns sufficient hay for their live stock through the winter.

Colonel H. P. Hunter of Chicago, general agent for the Milwaukee, who visited the territory in northwestern South Dakota and southwestern North Dakota that has been receiving the free freight privilege, told the business men of that section that the railroad had donated for the relief of the settlers in the way of free freight privileges not less than \$100,000 during the present season. It is believed the settlers will experience no further difficulty in pulling through the winter in good shape.

MANY GOING TO OIL FIELDS

Wyoming Wells Are Bringing Prosperity to Casper.

PIPE LINE IS IN OPERATION

One Company Has Storage Capacity of 240,000 Barrels and Work on New Refinery Will Be Finished Soon.

Frank Walters, general manager of the Northwestern, is back from a trip to the Wyoming oil fields in the vicinity of Casper. While there he has boom up there, he reports a great deal of activity. The town is growing rapidly and many men are flocking thither to engage in business. Although many new wells are being brought in, Mr. Walters does not anticipate a boom such as followed the striking of oil in Texas and Oklahoma.

According to Mr. Walters the pipe line of the Mid-West Oil company is in active operation, and on a fifteen-hour run pumped 4,000 barrels of oil. This company has storage in Casper for 240,000 barrels of oil. Work on the refinery at Casper is about completed and the plant will be in operation by the first of the year. It will have a capacity of 2,000 barrels per day. Of the output 45 per cent will be kerosene and gasoline and 55 per cent fuel oil. The company expects to handle most of the refined oil through Omaha, having about completed arrangements for opening a warehouse here.

DEATH RECORD

Abraham P. Beman. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Abraham P. Beman, one of the oldest and the head of one of Merrick county's most prominent families, passed away last night at his home, eight miles east of Grand Island, after a sickness of ten days, of the grip. Mr. Beman was a pioneer resident of Nebraska. He came to this state in 1857 and located in Colfax county, where the town of Schuyler is now. Five years later he moved to Wood River and in 1869 moved to Grand Island and built a home on the spot where the First National bank is now located. For over forty years he made his home in Merrick county, where he settled on a homestead. He leaves a wife and eight grown children. The funeral will take place from the home on Tuesday.

Mrs. Richard Ryerson. BROKEN BOW, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The funeral of Mrs. Richard Ryerson, who died suddenly at Holtville, Cal., last week, occurred here on the Christian church Sunday afternoon. Richard Ryerson, who is a prominent business man of Broken Bow, had taken his wife to California to spend the winter and at the time of her death, they were visiting at the home of their son. The body arrived from California Saturday night.

Real Estate Deal at Gothenburg.

GOTHENBURG, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—A deal has just been made whereby H. H. Young and C. W. Young became owners of 320 acres near Crook, Colo. The place is well improved and has a private reservoir covering five acres. The price paid was \$100 per acre. C. W. Young will move there in the spring and H. H. Young expects to go the following year. In the deal the Young ranch of 1,200 acres, south of Brady, was sold to George L. Boese of Denver for a price approximating \$25,000.

Chicago-Nebraska Limited advertisement for Rock Island train service, including schedule and amenities.