It's a Tough Thing to Bump Into Grouch on Christmas

By "Bud" Fisher

REPORT LINCOLN CLUB SOLD

George Lowrey, Commission Man, Said to Be Purchaser.

DISTRICT COURT MUST CONSENT

Creditors Will Probably Agree to Any Arrangement that Will Give Them Their Money—Despain Wanted Big Sum.

LINCOLN, Dec. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—It was reported tonight on seemingly good authority that George W. Lowrey had bought the Lincoln base ball club of Donald eDspain.

The affairs of the club have been in a tangled condition for some time and Saturday were still more complicated by an action by one of the creditors, E. L. Truman, for a receiver and to restrain Despain from disposing of the club or any of its property. The court issued a temporary restraining order, and any sale at present must be with the consent of the cout and agreeable to the creditors, unless the restraining order is dissolved.

The creditors would doubtless consent to any sale agreement which would enable them to get their money. It was currently reported that eDspain was offered recently $16,000 for the franchise and property of the club but at that time the owner stuck for $20,000. The consideration in the present proposed sale is not made public.

Lowrey, the prospective purchaser, is a Lincoln merchant.

Irish Gentleman Gets Christmas Race

JUAREZ, Dec. 25.—The threatening weather that prevailed at Juares today did not keep the Christmas attendance down and some fine racing was seen. The surprise of the afternoon was the brilliant performance of Irish Gentleman, winner of the Navadad handicap, at one mile. The colt was admirably ridden by Jockey Hoffman.

Presiding Steward Price announced today that Jockeys A. Walsh and Wrispen had been named off the turf for attempted fraud. They were included in the fraud that resulted in Jockey Howard being ruled off the turf.

The horses owned by George Snyder, which included Rey Hizboo and Americus, have been transferred to John Lowe and will be allowed to start.

Harry Goetz Saves Self from Knockout

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 25.—Gus Christie of Milwaukee, had little trouble in outpointing Harry Goets of Chicago, in a ten-round bout here this afternoon. Goets manged to hold his own in the opening round, but after that it was all Christie and in the last five rounds, the Chicago boy, by dint of great hugging managed to save himself from a knockout.

In the semiwindup, Young Krause of Milwaukee and Chris Zander of Chicago fought a six round draw.

Uvick and Buckles Matched for Bout

Guy Buckles, the local veteran of the prize ring, has been matched to mix with Billy Uvick, the South Omaha scrapper. The date and place for the bout has not been fixed as yet, but as Uvick is to go away February 1 it will doubtlessly be held within the next three weeks. Hugo Peters, the man who refereed the Heller-Gray farce, is promoting the affair.

ST. LOUIS SOCCER MEN DEFEAT CHAMP TEAM

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 25.—St. Louis Soccer foot ball players today laid claim to the championship of the United States, as the result of the game this afternoon, in which the Innisfalls of St. Louis defeated the Tacony team of Philadelphia, 4 to 1. Experts declared today's contest was the fastest ever played here.

The philadelphians, who, it is claimed lost only four games in three seasons, went into the contest slightly fatigued, as the result of the strenuous tie battle on a muddy field yesterday with the St. Louis, local championships. The visitors' one point was duee to excitement of the part of the local backs, one of whom sent the ball through his own goal.

SEWARD BASKET BALL TEAM DEFEATS YORK

SEWARD, Neb., Dec. 25.—(Special.—Seward Young Men's Christian association defeated York here last night in a well played game of basket ball by the score of 62 to 15. York did not give the game to Seward. Cox of York made 13 out of York's 15 points. Lineup:

Seward.			York.
Hand	R.F.	R.F.	Tranger
Landon	L.F.	L.F.	Cox
Morton	C.	C.	Ried
D. Berry	L.G.	L.G.	Davidson
Oaks	R.G.	R.G.	Miller
J. Berry	Sub.	Sub.	Wiedman

Referees: Matill and Roberts. Umpires: Roberts and Matill. Field goals: Seward 23, York 7. Free Throws: Hand, 9 in 19; Davidson, 1 in 7.

University Lads Round Into Shape For Basket Ball

Though Coach Miller of the University of Omaha has not picked the men who will represent the school in basket ball this winter he is rapidly developing a number of men, who will make a strong bid for the championship of the state. The first game of the season will be with Cotner university at Bethany January 6. To beat them Omaha has a mighty tough proposition, for Cotner is one of the strongest teams in the west. Last season the Christians lost but two games out of fifteen played. One of these was to Highland Park college of Des Moines and the other to the local university. Both games were close and were not decided until the final whistle was blown. In the first game the score was 15 to 14 and in the latted 16 to 15. Both of these games were played on the opponent's floor and Cotner had beaten both teams earlier in the season on their own floor.

Among the teams over which the Bethanites were victorious are: The University of Nebraska, University of Kansas, University of South Dakota and the Lincoln Young Men's Christian association. In losing to the Omaha boys Cotner lost its first game in two years to a Nebraska team. Squires, Britt, McCullough and Ogden of last year's team are still in school and will put up a game that will dazzle most of their opponents.

At the University of Omaha of last year's squad there are: Jerome at center, Parish and Salisbury at guards. With neither of last season's forwards in the game the problem which Miller has had to face has been to develop a pair of good goal tossers.

The first squad from which "Gus" Miller will select the team is composed of Parish, Jerome, Salisbury, Dow, Solomon, Joregenson, Mortensen, Percival, Paisley, Robert Strehlow, Peter Strehlow, Parsons and Bennett.

Warning to Cottontails.

PIERRE, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The residents of Okobojo will hold their annual rabbit hunt on Friday, the 29th of this month, at which the losing side is to provide the winners with a supper. This year they bar "cotton-tail" rabbits from their scores, nothing counting but the nimble jack rabbit, or coyotes and wolves. All who are to take a part are notified that it will be up to them to secure hunters' licenses, as the state game department holds that any hunting of whatever character without a license is illegal.

SKATES AND SLEDS ARE OUT

Christmas Revelers Will Find Winter Spots Attractive.

ICE FIELDS ARE LIKE GLASS

Hills Are in Perfect Condition for Sledding—Number of Coasting Parties Have Been Organized.

Skating and coasting will be two of the most important outdoor attractions today.

The ice on Carter lake is ideal and many skaters enjoyed themselves there yesterday. Hanscom and Miller park were also crowded with lovers of the winter sport and as these parks are lighted up at night, skating there can be much more enjoyed. The two lagoons in Kountze park are frozen over and were crowded with many skaters yesterday afternoon and evening.

Christmas coasting parties will also be numerous, especially this evening, and the time-worn bob sled and the big, long "traveler" will come into their own again. The Parker street hill is one of the most favorite meccas of coasting adherents.

The long hill going down Grand avenue from the Twentieth street boulevard to the East Omaha bottoms is also one of the favorite haunts for the coasters. On account of its steepness and the swiftness with which the sleds go down this hill the youngsters in the north part of the city have dubbed it the "cut."

Picked Teams Play a Scoreless Game

Sunday the Defenders cancelled their game scheduled with the Shamrocks. In order not to disappoint a large crowd of foot ball devotees, Quigley picked a team and called them the North Stars, and he got Byerly to pick a team from the south end of the town and called them the South Stars. The final score was 0 to 0.

Following is the lineup:

NORTH STARS.			SOUTH STARS.
Crobah	C.	C.	Elliott
Taylor	R. G.	R. G.	Thompson
McGovern	L. G.	L. G.	Rosenwald
Shulsky	R. T.	R. T.	Thurber
Matters	L. T.	L. T.	Pickering
Hainlein	R. E.	R. E.	Tompkins
Thener	L. E.	L. E.	Foran
Ranchman	Q. B.	Q. B.	Byerly
Bandau	R. H. B.	R. H. B.	Foley
Dineen	L. H. B.	L. H. B.	Golden
Quigley	F. B.	F. B.	Stroud

Referees: Daily, ex-Iowa. Umpire: Sid Foley of St. Mary's. Field Judge: Ranchman, Omaha High school.

Key to the Situation—See Advertising.

"Big Smoke" as He Is

Jack Johnson as he looked upon his arrival in New York from Europe last Thursday. The big fellow caused a decided shock in the heavyweight division by announcing that he had not retired and that he could make himself fit for a strenuous ring battle with a few weeks' training.

Called "Chubby Charley"

Roger Bresnahan, militant manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, who demands a public apology from Charles Webb Murphy, president of the Chicago Cubs, because of the alleged insult and libel. Bresnahan refused to waive on Vic Saier when Murphy wanted to dispose of the young first baseman, and the Chicago magnate, among other things, is said to have accused Roger of playing petty tricks, saying that Bresnahan didn't want Saier for the Cardinals, but intended to turn him over to Toronto. It is not improbable that a merry row may develop out of the demand of Bresnahan for an apology which has been forwarded to President Lynch of the National league.

With the Bowlers

The first half of a series of ten games were rolled on the Metropolitan alleys Sunday at 2 p. m. Huntington and Blakney defeated Zorp and Angelsberg by fifty-eight pins. Blakney shot 244 and 236 games and averaged 209 for his five games. Angelsberg shot a 214 game and averaged 186; Zarp, 201 and averaged 185; Dad Huntington high game of 194 and averaged 182. Thursday at 8 p. m. the last of the series will be rolled on the Association alleys. Following are the scores:

Angelsberg	214	162	190	193	182	931
Zarp	169	184	196	219	174	924
Totals	383	346	376	394	356	1,855
Blakney	167	244	168	187	236	1,002
Huntington	183	182	186	194	166	911
Totals	350	426	354	381	402	1,913

St. Paul High Five Wins.

ST. PAUL, Neb., Dec. 25.—The St. Paul High school team defeated the Hastings High school team here tonight in a basket ball game. Score 32 to 25, in favor of St. Paul.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPH

Joseph Newman of Cleveland is spending the holidays with his son, D. M. Newman.

Dr. E. G. Dennison and family of Sheridan, Wyo., are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Powell.

Ray P. Morris, representative of the Studebaker corporation at Des Moines, Ia., spent Christmas in Omaha with his parents. Mr. Morris prior to going to Des Moines was affiliated with the Studebaker concern here.

Mrs. Dexter L. Thomas has returned from Spokane, Wash., where she has been visiting her son, Guy, for two months.

Mrs. Mortimer J. Brown of Niagara Falls, N. Y., is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George G. Wallace, for the holiday season. Since returning from China, a year and a half ago, Dr. Brown spent some months in special work in chemistry in Cornell, taking his doctor degree at that university in June. He is now research chemist for the Niagara Electro Chemical company.

Musings of an Old Sport.

Some of us expect opportunity to bust in with a jimmy!

We've seen many an "outclassed" man win on his nerve!

The profit that we gather by experience may be only paper profit—but it's the solid asset!

Our idea of malt extract is the silly years we shed when we reach the fool stage of self-sympathy!

The man who "can take a drink or let it alone" usually sports those Lambrequin effects at the bottom of his pantaloons!—New York World.

DOCTORING THE MAN OF IRON

Some Peculiarities of Bismarck Noted by the Chancellor's Physician.

Dr. Schwenninger, who was Bismarck's physician for eighteen years, remarked in the course of a recent address in Vienna that he saw the chancellor weep three times; when the old emperor died, when his wife died, and when he was dismissed from office. This last "affected him so deeply that I feel inclined to assert that had it not come, he would perhaps be still living." The doctor had tried to convince the young emperor that the allegations made as to Bismarck's incompetence because of his addiction to alcohol and morphine were untrue. The chancellor did not habitually use morphine, and his not being an "Alkoholiker" was attested by the steadiness of his hand. "He could shoot a bird on the wing, and, like Tell, he could have hit the apple on his son's head," during the last years of his life. Dr. Schwenninger gave an interesting account of how he came to be Bismarck's physician. It was through the chancellor's son, to whom a friend had recommended the doctor. Count Wilhelm Bismarck weighed 236 pounds when he was taken in hand. Ten months later he weighed 176 pounds, and looked so changed that the doctor did not recognize him. Then came the prince's turn. Dr. Schwenninger denies that Bismarck did not want to answer his questions, whereupon he had said to him: "Then you had better get a veterinarian." He did have an even harder time than he had had with the son to persuade the prince to obey him absolutely, which was the condition of his remaining with him. Once, when Bismarck had drunk, without permission, six glasses of buttermilk, the doctor packed his trunk and was on the point of leaving when a sudden attack of internal trouble induced him to remain. On another occasion, a conference of ministers had to be postponed because the doctor would not allow the chancellor to be awakened; his message to the statesmen was: "The prince's health is more important than all ministers and all politics."—New York Post.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMERS.

Port.	Arrived.	Sailed.
NAPLES	Canopic	
GENOA	Cretic	
BALTIMORE	Neckar	
NEW YORK	Madonna	Carolina.
NEW YORK	Duca Di Genova	
QUEENSTOWN		Saxonia.
NAPLES		Adriatic.
LIVERPOOL		Cymric.
HAVRE		Florida.

OLD DOBBIN CHEWS ITS QUID

Kansas Plug Gets the Habit from Master and Prefers Fine-cut.

"Whoa! Whoa, there! Stop that horse!" shrieked a man at Eighth and Grand avenue, Kansas City, as the animal was deliberately following another man upon the sidewalk. The second man had in his hand a small package, and when he turned at the sound of the alarm it was seen that the horse was intent on getting to the package.

"Oh, now, don't get nervous, Kit," he said, soothingly, to the animal. "I'll give you a chew."

Then the man opened a package of fine-cut tobacco, took an ordinary "chew" for himself and divided the remaining part of a newly opened sack with the horse. The animal took the large quid and actually seemed to smile as it munched away on it rythmically as would a cow on her cud.

The owner of the horse, William McCarty, a claim agent for the Illinois Central railroad, explained that Kit was very fond of her "chew," and whenever he took one where Kit could see him she would follow him even up a pair of steps and into a house but that she, too, was supplied.

"She don't seem to want tobacco unless she catches sight of some one in the act of taking a chew, and then she will have hers, no matter who the man may be who exposed the weed," he explained.

"What got your horse into the habit; how was it acquired?" asked a dignified appearing man who was in the little coterie which was watching "Kit" enjoy her wad in fine-cut.

"I did it," replied McCarty. "I begun by nipping off a little every time I took a chew in the animal's presence and handing it to her, as she always was curiously nosing about to see what I had. It was not long until she would take a chew of tobacco in preference to a lump of sugar."

"Does the animal expectorate?" asked the dignified person in all seriousness.

"Well, not so as to be noticed," replied her owner. "The horse swallows the juice from the tobacco, and finally the quid itself. And I am here to tell you that I have found the tobacco far more healthy for a horse once in a while than sugar every day, as is given to trick-horses."

Arthur McKnight, an old race horse man and official starter at most of the big race tracks in the country, chanced to be present when the tobacco chewing horse was under discussion.

"I was born and reared down here in the West bottoms," said McKnight, "and I recall Old Tim, a tobacco chewing fire-horse that used to be on the truck in engine house No. 1 down on Union avenue. Chief Hale will remember Tim. Why, he was so vicious after a chew, if he saw any one with a plug he would almost break his chain to get to you. And if you took a chew and passed him unnoticed Tim would reward you with a kick. Yes, Tim was a confirmed chewer, and I have known of several good race-horses which had the habit. They are just like human beings; when they get the desire for nicotine it sticks to them."

"How dreadful," sighed the ministerial-looking spectator. "It is a pity that human beings could not keep their injurious habits without tempting innocent domestic animals."

"Tobacco at intervals is good for a horse," replied McKnight. "It prevents many of the ailments from which they suffer."—Kansas City Journal.

HOT BATTLE WITH A BEAR

Forest Ranger, After Killing a Cub, Has to Account to Its Mother.

When Forest Ranger Samuel Lebo of Lucullus, McHenry township, Philadelphia, heard his dog barking over against the ridge the other afternoon, and he flung his rifle across his shoulder and started down the fire lane in the direction of the baying, he didn't have any idea of the excitement that was in store for him. He had seen bear tracks at a spring over that way several days before, but the season for gunning Bruin not yet having come in he paid no particular attention to this, as bear tracks in that section of McHenry township are almost as common as sheep tracks would be up in Tioga county.

The other day when his dog hit the trail and began to bay its echoing chorus along the chestnut ridge, however, Lebo scooted. He reached a point where the fire lane intersects an old road just in time to see two cubs making for the thick alders near the spring. One shot and the little fellow in the rear went down among the leaves with a squeal. The forward bear succeeded in getting out of sight before he could shoot again.

Lebo was bending over the fallen youngster when he heard something snapping twigs back of him. He turned just in time to find himself confronted by an old she bear, which in her first attack knocked his rifle from his hands and went after him in hammer-and-tongs style. Lebo's dog was upon the bear in an instant, and thus afforded Lebo a temporary advantage while the bear turned its attention to its canine tormentor; but not long enough for him to recover his gun, which, though it lay within sight, had been flung at least ten feet away. Before managing to reach the spot where the gun lay Lebo had been landed several blows and cuffs that made his ears ring. The bear seemed to know the meaning of the gun and appeared to be determined to keep the man from getting hold of it.

Between the bothersome dog and his own agility, however, Lebo finally succeeded in getting far enough out of the bear's reach to lay hold of his rifle. A shot at short range sent the bear to its knees, but it made a desperate attempt to renew the fight, this time striking the dog a blow that killed it on the spot. But its wound prevented the bear from renewing the attack, and a second shot finished it.

Lebo would have stopped to take account of his hurts just then if something else hadn't happened. As he turned toward the dead cub he beheld the second cub nosing around its dead relative. It was unlucky mourning for the second cub, for in another instand it, too, lay dead on the ground.

Lebo found that his coat was torn in several places and there was a pretty bad gash on one side of his neck, where the bear's claw had "swiped" him, but aside from that he had come out of the battle unscratched. The loss of his bear dog was the severest of all.—Philadelphia Record.

Flippancies.

Odd that it is the story without any point that bores us.

Sometimes when a man buys that woolly underwear he gets fleeced.

Some women would consider the best man living a "dead one."

No matter how entertaining he may be the dentist is an awful bore.

We are all looking for a good opening, but we don't want to get in a hole.—Boston Transcript.

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