

HUMPTY DUMPTY

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PARISH PICKED AS CAPTAIN

Selected to Succeed Morris Cohn of Basket Ball Five.

WAS STAR FORWARD YEAR AGO

During Last Season Played Quarterback on Foot Ball Team and Was Mainstay of the Gridiron Organization.

To captain the University of Omaha basketball team for the season of 1911-1912 George Parish was chosen by unanimous vote of his teammates yesterday afternoon. Parish succeeds Morris Cohn, who did not return to school this year. Parish was star forward on the team last year and up to date is the only member of the squad who is certain of making the team. He is 19 years old and in addition to being a good basket ball player is an excellent all-around athlete. During the last foot ball season he played quarterback and was the mainstay of the team. The Tiger Cubs quintet and the University of Omaha five will clash in a practice game at the Young Men's Christian association gymnasium this evening and as the two teams are about evenly matched, some fast and interesting play is expected to be pulled off. Following is the lineup: Tiger Cubs. ... Parish ...

South Dakota May Play Omaha Uni Five

B. W. Salisbury, manager of the University of Omaha basketball five, is in receipt of a letter from the manager of athletics of the University of South Dakota, asking for a basket ball game on the floor of the local university on February 13, 14 and 15. South Dakota is on an extended trip and will play the strongest basket ball teams in the west, and wishes to include Omaha on its list. Last year, for a first year team, the Omaha boys made a very good record, and this year they are looked upon as one of the best in the Nebraska team. On the trip the Dakotans will play center (Neb.) and other teams of the Missouri Valley conference. It is not likely that they will be able to schedule a game here, as the Omaha quintet leaves February 14 for a three-day trip and would hurt their chances for a winning trip if it should encounter South Dakota the night before leaving.

CARL MORRIS WILL MEET TOM KENNEDY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Carl Morris the Oklahoma giant, who has been fighting doggedly to overcome the fighting met in a beating by Jim Flynn and has won three recent fights with knock-outs, will meet Tom Kennedy, the local heavyweight, here tomorrow night with the idea of clearing his path to a match with Jack Johnson. Morris' manager declares he is a great deal more fit than when he first appeared here and that he can beat Kennedy if he knows how to use his great strength. Kennedy's manager has insisted on a twenty-four foot ring for the bout so that Kennedy will have plenty of room to move about in if Morris presses him too hard. Another good heavyweight match is scheduled for Thursday night between Al Panser and Al Kaufman.

PLAN PRACTICE GAMES FOR BASKET BALL TEAM

Omaha High school basket ball squad will continue its practice through the holidays and by the time school work is resumed the first point should be rapidly rounding into shape for the opening of the season. Coach Clark will direct the practice. He expects to schedule several practice games with some of the teams of the Young Men's Christian association during the next two weeks. Yesterday afternoon several members of the regular squad played a practice game with some of the school alumni enthusiasts who have been away at college and completely outwitted them.

RAICEVICH TO WRESTLE ZBYSKO TO A FINISH

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram)—Giovanni Raicevich, the Italian champion, and Zbyzsko, the Polish giant, will finish their match to wrestle to a finish within the next few days. Raicevich's manager has posted a forfeit for a \$5,000 wager which Jack Herdman, representing the Pole, will cover upon his return from Omaha, where on January 5, Zbyzsko meets Emilie Pisto, the great Portuguese wrestler. The Pole, of course must win from Pisto in order to secure the bout with Raicevich.

COMMERCIAL CLUB EMPLOYEES ARE WELL REMEMBERED

Five hundred and twenty-six dollars was the total amount subscribed by members of the Commercial Club as a Christmas present for the house employes.

City Not Liable For the Negligent Acts of Officers

The city is not responsible for negligent acts of officers or employes engaged in police duty. This is the opinion of City Attorney John A. Hino, given last night to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. It was occasioned by the claim against the city for \$500 damages alleged to have been sustained by Jacob Egan, commissioner of Sippy county, when he was struck by the police emergency automobile in front of the Burlington depot the night of December 8. The city attorney contends that employes and officers of the police department are engaged in governmental duty and the city cannot legally be held responsible for their shortcomings. The police board asked the city council to readvertise for bids for thirty tarpaulins to be used by the new salvage corps of the Omaha fire department. On the endorsement of the Kansas City fire department officials, tarpaulins fourteen feet by fourteen feet are the most serviceable and the board made the same specifications for the new salvage corps. Fifteen thousand dollars of the police fund is to be taken from Omaha building and loan companies and invested in paying bonds. Resolutions to that effect, passed by the Police Relief and Protective association were concurred in by the police board. The bonds pay 4 1/2 per cent, payable every six months, and are due in 1921. The commissioners appointed William H. Jacobson, who has been on probation at his company No. 11, a member of the fire department. Frank W. Baker was fined \$5 for smoking cigarettes in company quarters and F. W. Morrow was reprimanded for tardiness. The board adjourned to meet this afternoon when the protest of J. J. Mahoney against the renewal of the license of Wick & Moore's saloon will be heard.

They Prefer Charges and Prosecute Seives

With that same wistful look that can be imagined as on the face of George Washington when he said "did it with my little hatchet," Captains John Erickson and Patrick Dempsey appeared before the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners last night as defendants against their own charges. Captain Erickson of Hook and Ladder company No. 1, charged himself with being eight minutes late December 21 against the rules and regulations of the Omaha fire department. He asked himself why he was late and then told himself and the commissioners that it was because of a sick alarm clock. "Was it the first time you were late," he demanded of himself. "Yes," he answered. "I have been on the fire department fourteen years and this is my first offense." Then followed the most relentless grilling and cross-examination a prosecutor ever gave himself, but despite it all the board dismissed his charges. Captain Dempsey of Hose company No. 4 admitted to himself that he had been in the service of the Omaha fire department twenty-five years. He explained to himself and the commissioners that it was because of the street car service that he was late for duty. He also was freed without a reprimand.

EDUCATOR HUNTING JOB AS RANCH HAND IN WEST

Mitchell M. Edwards of Fresno, E. D., a school teacher who has lived on a farm from boyhood and claims to know how to handle live stock on farm or ranch, wants positions for himself and wife with some good ranch owner anywhere in the west, but preferably in Oklahoma. He has written to The Bee, asking that it help him get a location. He says: "I have handled stock of all grades and kinds, and while I don't claim to be a broncho buster, I do claim to understand stock. I have a German wife. We want positions with some good, reliable stockman who knows the value of competent help. We have just proved up on a quarter section of land, but there is not much here for a man who hasn't capital to work it and we would prefer a milder climate. I will exchange references." Edwards' address is Fresno, E. D., box 25.

Will is Thrown Out.

CRESTON, Ia., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Contesting the will of the late George W. Tanner of Taylor county, a verdict was given in favor of the objectors and the will was not admitted to probate. By the terms of the will all the property of the deceased was bequeathed to Dr. and Mrs. Cash and as awards were made to the relatives. The contestants were Fred H. and Frank D. Tanner of Iveyville and Maud F. Dennis of Guza, who alleged that undue influence had been brought to bear upon the deceased, and the case was tried on that allegation, a large number of witnesses testifying. The property is valued at \$10,000.

LIFE TERM FOR HOUSHAN.

MUSCATINE, Ia., Dec. 27.—Thomas Houshan, who a few weeks ago shot and killed Officer Theodore Garrison, and later pleaded guilty, was sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge James H. Baltager late this afternoon.

AMONG THE LOCAL BOWLERS

Sunkists Skin Pelts from German Homes in Three Straight.

ORTMAN HAS ALL THE HONORS

Brodegaard Crowned Take Two of Three Games from Luxus—Hesslein Has High Game of 230 and Total of 580.

In the Metropolitan league the Maney's Sunkists won three straight from the German Homes. Ortman had all high honors with a total of 58 and high single of 212. For the German Homes Landwehrkamp had high total with 452. The score:

Table with 3 columns: Player Name, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Total. Includes Maney's Sunkists and German Homes.

Brodegaard Crowned took two out of three from the Luxus. Hesslein had high game of 230 and high total of 586 for the Luxus. Anselberg had high game of 217 and high total of 543 for the Crownes. Nelson, 238. Wednesday, December 27, Perfect against Dreibus.

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Bergey ... 197 146 152 495. C. Friesma ... 189 181 190 460. Walens ... 173 175 175 523. H. Primout ... 163 169 170 502. Anselberg ... 117 169 278 564. Total ... 907 800 901 2,608.

Citizens Demand Early Viaduct Work

A delegation of citizens from south of the Eleventh street viaduct appeared before the committee of the whole yesterday afternoon and requested action on the matter of allowing the railroads to repair the viaduct for unrestricted travel. The committee, consisting of James P. Connolly, John G. Brant, H. F. Williams and L. D. Foster, reported that a mass meeting had been held and the citizens were unanimous in demanding an early repair of the viaduct. Action was postponed until a report could be secured from the city engineer. Attorney Whittaker for the Union Pacific and Engineer W. L. Brayton were present and a discussion of the advisability of repairing the viaduct was held. Mr. Williams advised the council to be careful in whatever report could be secured that the interests of property holders would be safeguarded. "A pot of paint," he said, "may be construed by the railroad and mean repairs." Assistant City Engineer, Campen explained what the railroad had promised to do, which would mean a reconstruction of the viaduct on more substantial principles, but would still leave it inadequate for unrestricted travel several years hence.

New Concern Buys Site for Factory

The New Manufacturing company, of Canton, O., has bought property on the south side of Dodge between Eleventh and Twelfth street and announced it will erect a concrete building and establish a branch factory for the manufacture of hay and loading tools and hardware specialties. The property consists of one lot with a frontage of twenty-two feet and a depth of 132 and a part of a lot, 23x66. Forty-four feet of track on the alley goes with the property, which was purchased from the Omaha Bridge and Terminal company and Sidney W. Smith. The building will be four stories in height, three floors being used by the company and one being leased for store use. The company will close its Council Bluffs factory as soon as the new one is finished.

JEANNETTE FAILS TO KNOCK OUT SULLIVAN IN 10 ROUNDS

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Although he outweighed his opponents by nearly twenty pounds, Joe Zwanke failed to put away Jack (Twin) Sullivan in a ten-round bout tonight. It was the negro's fight from the third round, but the suave Sullivan put up a great defense.

FIVE COASTERS ARE INJURED AS SLED HITS BUILDING

Five persons were injured and a dozen slightly hurt Christmas morning when a "bobbed" belonging to John Gregerson, 2422 Parker street, crashed into a large Drenage Tailoring company's store building at Twenty-fourth and Parker streets. Gregerson, who was acting as steersman, was the most seriously hurt, suffering a sprained ankle and internal injury. He was taken to his home. Richard Stipe, 2612 Franklin street, suffered a broken collar bone and was bruised and cut. Fred Hilling, 2713 Parker; John Stowell, 2823 Ohio; and Frank Harvey, 332 North Twenty-fourth street, were less seriously hurt. All were taken to their homes. Constable who were bruised were Rollin Cason, 1401 North Twenty-fourth street; Solomon Frieder, 2412 Parker street; and Henry Harvey, 2122 North Twenty-fourth street.

AFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

No Word of Acceptance of Big Bond Issue Yet Received.

OFFICERS ON ANXIOUS SEAT

Tony Mitchell's House Burns Down from Christmas Tree on Which Candles are Left Lighted.

Notwithstanding the renewal issue of \$100,000 bonds was recently awarded to Spear & Co. of Chicago at a 4 1/2 rate of interest there is considerable uneasiness among the city officials whether the Chicago company will sign the contract which was conditional upon the approval of the bond voters by an attorney. Sunday and part of Monday City Clerk Frank Good and his deputies, John Fennell, worked like beavers in an attempt to get out the transcript of the bond history. The first draft was completed and forwarded to the Chicago firm Monday and word is impatiently expected whether the transcripts were approved or not. City officials who have talked with the Chicago people echo the warnings of disappointed bidders on the issue and assert that Spear & Co. will not now accept the bonds at 4 1/2 per cent. In event of Spear's failure to accept the bonds of South Omaha will be called to the fore to make good their verbal assurance that they would at all events stand to protect the credit of the city. The assurance of the local banks was without doubt honest and sincere, but local lights and bankers begin to express doubt as to the legality of such action when taken by national banks. In an effort to clear the atmosphere of doubt city officials yesterday sent telegrams to different parts of the United States asking for information on the point. Parallel cases have occurred in Michigan and other states and all seem to agree that the action of the banks standing surety or taking over the new issue would hardly be according to precedent. When the matter was mentioned privately to members of the council yesterday they indicated their preparedness to readvertise in time to escape the stigma of defaulting on the city's credit. It was recalled that W. J. Long of Spitzer & Co. before his departure from the city had notified some of the members of the council that his company would stand ready to meet the needs of the city in case the sale of the bonds to the Spear company should fall of consummation.

M'GRATH RELEASED BY JURY

Sister Paints Hearing Tragic Story Recited at Coroner's Inquest.

HEART TROUBLE KILLS STEPSAY

Witnesses Say They Did Not See McGraith Strike Stepsay—McGrath Admits That He Was Angry.

Paralysis of the heart caused the death of David Stepsay, assistant general manager of a Sixteenth street five and ten cent store, Saturday evening, according to the verdict of the coroner's jury, which yesterday afternoon exonerated Edward Francis McGrath, 510 South Thirty-fifth street, of all blame. McGrath became engaged in an argument with Stepsay when the former knocked a sack of candy from a counter, and in the scuffle that followed Stepsay dropped dead. The verdict came after a few minutes' deliberation. McGrath, whom the police had held pending the jury's action, was released on recommendation of the jury. Miss Anna McGrath, sister of McGrath, fainted when Miss Nellie Hinsh, a clerk in the store, gave a graphic description of the struggle between Stepsay and McGrath. Mrs. S. McCleneghan, B. J. Chudeck and Phillip Sher, who conducted the autopsy, testified that they had found upon the body no marks that would indicate Stepsay died as the result of the scuffle. They said they found his blood glands had been defective and his arteries in bad condition. According to the testimony of Dr. McCleneghan, Stepsay might have died at any other moment as well as during the struggle. The testimony of a half dozen employees of the store brought out that McGrath had only scuffled with Stepsay and no one would say that he struck a blow. Calls McGrath Aggressor. Miss Nellie Hinsh, 428 North Twenty-fourth street, from whose counter the sack of candy over which the trouble started was knocked, said it looked to her as if McGrath were the aggressor. When Stepsay fell he was frothing at the mouth and his face was rapidly becoming discolored. Just as Miss Hinsh finished her story, Anna McGrath gasped and fainted in her chair. She was revived by the physicians who had testified previously, and the hearing resumed. McGrath told his story in a straightforward manner and appeared regretful over his connection with the affair. He admitted having knocked the candy from the counter and said his only reason for becoming angry at a street was that he thought he was about to accuse him of shoplifting and to attack him. He said he merely protected himself in shoving Stepsay back, his attitude being purely defensive. He did not strike a blow or attempt to choke, he said.

Coasters Injured When Sled Hits Pole

A coasting accident occurred late Monday evening at the juncture of Graham avenue and Park lane in which Guy Andrews, 303 Morningdale avenue, received a fractured skull, Robert Hafer, 22 Lincoln avenue, had both jaws broken and Wilhelmina Falters, whose home is on Lincoln avenue, was painfully bedridden. The accident which happened when a big traverse upon which they and half a dozen other young people were riding struck a telephone pole when young Hafer, who was steering it, lost control. The hill is nearly half a mile long and very steep. The long sled had acquired terrific momentum and the smash occurred when the speed was nearly greatest. All of the injured were taken to their homes and given medical attention. Young Andrews received his injuries when his head struck against the street curb. All were resting well last night and young Andrews had recovered consciousness, although his injuries may prove dangerous. That several were not killed and all badly hurt appears almost miraculous.

Real Estate Transfers.

Real estate transfers reported to The Bee December 26 by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company of Council Bluffs: Greenhields & Everest Co. to Fred and Henry L. Baum, w. d. 4 ft. 10. Curtis & Ramsey's addition to Council Bluffs, Ia., w. d. 1,900. H. W. Taylor, August 27, 1909, lot 10, block 1, Walnut, Ia., w. d. 1,900. Joseph Matusek and wife to John Joseph, lot 10, block 1, "Bee's" subdivision in Council Bluffs, Ia., w. d. 1,800. J. E. Bender, lots 1 and 2, Bender's first addition to Oakland, w. d. 400. F. W. Schroyer and wife to Edna M. Wilkins, lot 7, block 15, Mullin's subdivision, Council Bluffs, Ia., w. d. 200. Hattie Dufur and husband to Emma Helgeson, lot 2, block 14, Home Place addition to Council Bluffs, Ia., w. d. 200. H. C. Wolf, lot 1, block 1, "Bee's" subdivision to Council Bluffs, Ia., w. d. 1. Eight transfers, total \$14,370.

Elfsfelder Loses Teeth.

If you should approach the redoubtable presence of the doughty Captain Hank Elfsfelder of the South Omaha police these days take unto yourself a warning and refrain from talking about teeth. For the captain is losing his molars, and what is more, he is not sure where they are lost. Sunday the captain lost a tooth. Monday he lost another. A few are left, so few indeed that the captain resorts to any reflection as to the exact number that remain. Of course the captain has not made an official report of his loss, but the chief of detectives, it is understood, is keeping a sharp lookout for any party or parties having in their possession teeth which are not their own.

Howling Scores.

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Magic City Gossip.

M. Yon, Jeweler, new location, 47 N. 25th street. Expert watch repairing at Yost's, 41 N. 25th street. Mrs. J. M. Tanner, who is quite ill at her home, is threatened with pneumonia. Dinner will be served at the First Presbyterian church today by the women of the church. The Lancers club will give a dancing party Thursday evening at Rushing's hall, Twenty-fourth and J streets. Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Brown and family of Prior, Idaho, are the guests of Mrs. Brown's brother, W. J. Glasgow. Wade Hampton and John Lusk, accused of having designs on a turkey belonging to the Welsh grocery store, were dismissed by Judge Callahan yesterday. Pennant lodge No. 24, Ancient Order

United Workmen will meet Thursday evening at the hall, 245 N. street.

The Union Stock Yards Employees Relief association will give their annual ball January 15 at Fessenden's hall. George Wright returned yesterday from Des Moines, where he spent Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. B. Swartz. Phone Bell South 88-Ind. F. 188 for a case of Jetter Gold Top. Prompt delivery to any part of the city. William Jetter. Mrs. Clara Ridgway and daughter Zell of Indianola, Ia., are spending the holidays with friends and relatives in South Omaha. Mary Elizabeth Shea, aged 23 years, died last night at her home near Fort Crook. The funeral arrangements have not been completed. An inquest on the death of Joe Cheled, who was killed Saturday night by a Missouri Pacific train, was held this morning at 10 o'clock. Mrs. D. B. Bailey, 327 North Twenty-second street, will entertain the Kenosis Musical association with 300 members will give a dance at Rushing's hall January 10. A large orchestra has been secured for the occasion. Dr. C. M. Schindel, who specialized for a year at Philadelphia, has entered into a partnership with Dr. Bryant and Bushman of Omaha as eye and ear surgeon. The American Women's league are still conducting the "Women's Exchange" of art needle work and many other useful things, at the Board of Trade building, Sixteenth and Farman streets, Omaha. MIL Fire Incendary. PORT DODGE, Ia., Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Investigation today of the Quaker Oats fire proves almost conclusively the big blaze Christmas eve was caused by the lighting of a candle when taken by national banks. In an effort to clear the atmosphere of doubt city officials yesterday sent telegrams to different parts of the United States asking for information on the point. Parallel cases have occurred in Michigan and other states and all seem to agree that the action of the banks standing surety or taking over the new issue would hardly be according to precedent. When the matter was mentioned privately to members of the council yesterday they indicated their preparedness to readvertise in time to escape the stigma of defaulting on the city's credit. It was recalled that W. J. Long of Spitzer & Co. before his departure from the city had notified some of the members of the council that his company would stand ready to meet the needs of the city in case the sale of the bonds to the Spear company should fall of consummation.

Improvements at Logan.

LOGAN, Ia., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Fred Lampher, contractor, and builder of Logan reports the improvements of Logan for the year ending December 23 to be over \$25,000. \$4,000 sewerage; \$12,000 in the erection of buildings, remodeling of old ones, and the remaining portion in sidewalks.

Thomas Q. Harrison yesterday filed the suit in the district court brought by the father of Willie West, the 6-year-old boy who lost his leg above the knee when he fell from a trolley car on a moving main line at Twenty-fifth street and First avenue a month ago. The suit was for the cost of the trolley car companies' track, but the train belonged to the Northwestern and it is made defendant in the suit. The child is still in the hospital.

Regular meeting of the Harmony Chapter Kensington society will be held tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. Braunan, 83 South Eighteenth street. The meeting is of special importance for the reason that it is the last of the year and new officers will be elected. It is also the desire of the officers to close the books for the year. A full attendance is desired.

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