

No Use Talking, Mutt Has a Wonderful Brain

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CORNHUSKERS TO PLAY BALL

Move to Restore Game to University Probably Will Succeed.

BOARD WILL TAKE ACTION SOON

W. B. Metcalfe, Former Captain of the Base Ball Team is Back in School This Semester—Good Team in Sight.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The year of 1912 will probably mark the return of base ball among the list of collegiate sports at the University of Nebraska after it was placed on the retired list for two seasons as a result of the action of the Missouri valley conference. Sentiment has so far crystallized at Nebraska in favor of maintaining a base ball team that meetings have been held by those interested in the sport during the last few weeks and petitions will be circulated upon the opening of school after the holidays asking that the athletic board rescind its former action doing away with base ball at the Cornhusker institution. Already arrangements are well along and it seems certain that Nebraska will not only fight the summer base ball rule at the next meeting of the conference, but will also take steps to place the game on a recognized basis at Lincoln.

Why Sport Was Dropped. Nebraska did away with base ball when

the Missouri valley conference refused to abolish the rule that players participating in semi-professional games during the summer should be barred from collegiate sport. It was stated at the time that the Cornhusker institution had no objection to the rule, had it been possible to enforce it. Cornhuskers claimed, however, that the rule was simply a dead letter on the conference's books and was practically impossible to enforce. Other colleges in the conference were admittedly playing men who participated in summer base ball, but the athletic board at the state university refused to shut an eye to this practice and as a result base ball had to go.

Since its abolishment there has been considerable dissatisfaction at Nebraska owing to the unusually large number of players who are attending the state university. Efforts have been made heretofore to get the game back on the list, but every attempt thus far has been in vain.

Former Captain in School.
The change in membership of the athletic board has removed many of the difficulties and favorable action is expected when the matter comes before the board, probably at the next meeting. At the last meeting of the base ball advocates a large number expressed a willingness to report for practice and the petitioners will be able to make a strong showing. The old captain of the base ball team, W. B. Metcalfe, is in school again this semester.

Basket ball practice will be resumed by

the squad upon the opening of school again Tuesday and the hours extended. Actual conference games will start about the middle of the month, Nebraska opening the season at home with Drake as its opponent.

Flames Destroy Seven Buildings

WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, O., Dec. 31.—Fire which originated in the basement of a department store wiped out a large portion of the business district of this city tonight and at a late hour was still raging unchecked. The total loss shortly before midnight was placed in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000 with prospects that it would go above that figure unless the fire should be brought under control soon.

Special trains from Columbus and Wilmington brought fire companies and apparatus in response to appeals from this city. Prior to the arrival of the out-of-town aid the entire city business district seemed to be doomed.
The Masonic temple, Stinson's department store, the Imperial hotel, Fayette Hardware and Furniture company, Dahl-Miliken Wholesale company, Dico-Marks Hardware company and the offices of the Hamm Fertilizer company.
After destroying all of the buildings in the block in which it originated, the flames leaped across the street and at midnight the fire-fighters were working desperately to save property in that block and to prevent extension of the fire zone.

NEW YEAR'S SPORT CARNIVAL

Cross-Country Run for Young Men's Christian Association.

GYMNASIUM FUN IN THE EVENING

Runners Will Circle Through the City for Glory and Gold. Silver and Bronze Medals.

New Year's day will be celebrated by the physical department of the Young Men's Christian association with two events, a cross-country run at 11 o'clock and an athletic carnival in the gymnasium in the evening.
Twenty-seven are entered in the cross-country run, including nineteen Young Men's Christian association members. It was hoped that teams would be entered from the Omaha High school and Council Bluffs High school, but up to last night neither school had entered a team. These may come in this morning, however.
The cup will not be awarded unless there is some other team of five members or more entered to compete with the association team. The run will be three and one-eighth miles long, through the city, the start and finish being at the association building. A gold medal will be given to the man who finishes first, a gold filled medal to the second, a silver medal to the third and a bronze medal

to each of the next seven.

List of Entries.

Those entered are: William Dineen and Mike Dineen, Excelsior Athletic club; Phil A. Carleman, I. Israelson and E. Erickson, Svea Athletic club; E. M. Jones, Monmouth Park Athletic club; Walter R. Hoffert and Wiman Cullen Bryant, unattached, and the following Young Men's Christian association men: H. P. Sicker, H. Sackett, H. N. McDermand, Fred Gearhart, P. N. Shaw, C. Carl Weigel, Frank O'Connor, E. G. Sharpe, Richard Pracht, I. J. Beard, H. C. Lewis, Roy Talbot, Dwight Powers, W. J. Pruvaznak, L. F. Homenway, Leroy Bouman, Dennis Ryan, Alex Weldenfeldt and Joe Wirt.
These are the officials for the run: Referee, Painter, C. Knox, Council Bluffs; starter, Dr. E. T. Manning; marshal, J. J. Donahoe; clerk of course, James C. Richardson; scorer, Gus Miller; assistant scorers, H. G. Montgomery and Russell Hoven; custodian of prizes, David Cole, president Commercial club; judges, C. E. Reed, J. J. Clarke, E. C. Graff, Miles Greenleaf, E. F. Denison and C. J. Thomas; timers, Stanley Rosewater, J. G. McKay and Kelsu Morgan; inspectors, G. L. Whittemore, G. C. Sutherland, John A. Farnberg, J. N. Noble, J. M. Sicker, C. C. Wendell, E. T. Ireland, W. E. Crowell, E. J. Neville, Paul Warner, N. H. Nelson and Hugh Wallace.
The athletic carnival in the evening includes a basket ball game between the Young Men's Christian association and the University of Omaha, a swimming and diving exhibition, volley ball game, wrestling and boxing exhibits, acrobatic and apparatus work and gymnastic dancing.

ZBYSZKO IN FINE SHAPE FOR BOUT WITH EMILIO PETRO

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Zbyszko passed through Buffalo on his way to Omaha, where next Friday night the Pole will wrestle a finish battle with Emilio Petro. Zbyszko looks upon this as one of the most important contests of the season and is in fine condition for the bout.

Movements of Players.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—President Lunch of the National league today announced approval of the following releases: By Boston, Harry Steinfield, made a free agent by National commission, finding of December 16, 1911. By Brooklyn, to Philadelphia (N. L.) William D. Scanlon, to Louisville (A. A.) A. W. Burch. By Philadelphia, to Brooklyn (N. L.) William E. Stack, to Wilkesbarre (N. Y. S. L.) Troy L. Fickett, to Sacramento (C. C. L.) Hugh S. Miller. By Pittsburg, to Indianapolis (A. A.) J. A. Darsey.

JUDGE GIVES STRASSHELM INDETERMINATE SENTENCE

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Karl Strasshelm, who was arrested two weeks ago at Wymore on the charge of passing a forged check at the Farmers and Merchants bank at Wymore, pleaded guilty in the district court today and was given an indeterminate sentence of from one to twenty years in the penitentiary by Judge Pemberton. He was taken to Lincoln this afternoon. Strasshelm is a young man 22 years of age. His parents live at Belgrade.

Only German Used in This Entertainment

Not a single word of English was spoken during the annual Christmas program of the German club of the Omaha High school, held in the lecture room at the public library yesterday afternoon. About forty members and friends were present. Only when one demure little maiden passed around some "divinity" fudge during the refreshment hour following was the spell of German broken. Not wishing to call the confectionary "gottlich" and knowing no other proper German name for it, the candy was given its usual name, "divinity." Several German folk songs were sung after the Christmas tree had been lighted and the program followed by an informal "refreshment hour" in which every one present took part.

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