

Mutt Must Have Thought a Train Hit Him

Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher



BASKET BALL CHAMPS MEET

Fastest Teams of Four States Play in Omaha This Week.

THREE GAMES TO BE PLAYED

It Has Been Arranged that Each Squad Shall Meet the Other, Thus Deciding Championship of Missouri Valley.

Plans were completed last evening by C. E. Reed, athletic director at the Omaha High school, for the Missouri valley inter-scholastic post-season basketball tournament, which will be held at the O. M. Y. association gymnasium Friday and Saturday of this week.

Three premier floor quintets will be entered, all the pick of Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas. Those represented will be Omaha High, Nebraska champions; Kansas City Central high, champs of Missouri and Kansas, and Ottumwa High school, winners of the inter-high school basketball tourney of Iowa this year.

Definite assurance that the two outside teams would enter was received in the form of telegrams yesterday from F. M. Hammett, director of athletics at the Ottumwa school, and Prof. Porter Graves, manager of sports at the Kansas City Central High school. The Ottumwa squad will leave there Thursday afternoon at 6 o'clock and arrive here late in the same evening.

There will be three games in all, one Friday afternoon, another the same evening, and the final contest Saturday night. All the contests will be staged at the "O. M. Y." gymnasium. It has been so arranged that each team will meet the two others before the close of the meet.

Jones and Kelly Are Returned to St. Joe

CHICAGO, March 25.—First baseman "Tex" Jones, and Outfielder Kelly have been turned back by the Chicago Americans to the St. Joseph Western League club and Catcher Clemons has been released to Wichita, whence he came, according to news from the training camp at Waco today.

BOWLING TROPHY GAMES TO BE ROLLED OFF SOON

At a meeting of the Greater Omaha Bowling association, a system was adopted for the rolling off of the games for the La Veldora trophy, a \$50 silver loving cup. There are eight leagues in the association at present and the present winners in each league will roll against each other for the cup.

BOXING CARD AT FT. OMAHA GYM WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Five boxing events are on a card to be given at the gymnasium at Ft. Omaha Wednesday evening. For the wincup Kid Jensen, the local blacksmith, will box "Tommy" Moore of the post.

Another Contract Received

The contract of Pitcher Bunny Horn was received yesterday by Dick Grotte, secretary of the Omaha ball club. Bunny sent a letter also in which he states that he is coaching the Atlantic Christian association team at Wilson, N. C., and getting in good shape. He said his contract was entirely satisfactory and that he will work hard to make this his best year in league baseball. He will report in Omaha on April 5.

City Hall Quakes For the Old Regime

Excitement reigned rampant in the city hall for a while yesterday afternoon, following the fall of a part of the ceiling. A patch of plaster dropped the eighty feet to the first floor, narrowly missing street Commissioner Tom Flynn, who was headed toward an elevator. As a larger chunk of plaster was loosened the area where it was likely to fall was fenced in to forestall possibility of injuries.

TENNIS PLAYERS ASK CHANGE

Present Scheme of Representation is Not Satisfactory.

COMMITTEE TO REPORT SOON

Contention is that Club of Ten Members Should Not Have Same Voice as a Club with 100 Players Enrolled.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Many lawn tennis players are wondering whether anything will come of the effort being made to bring about a change in the present method of representation in the United States National Lawn Tennis association. The matter will come up at the annual meeting of the association on February 9, at which time the committee on representation, which was appointed at the last annual meeting, is expected to make its report. This committee consists of Joseph R. Carpenter, Jr., Philadelphia Cricket club; Ward C. Burton, Minneapolis Yacht club, Minneapolis, Minn.; Calhoun Craig, West Side Tennis club, New York; Frederick C. Colston, Baltimore Country club, and Thomas C. Bundy, Los Angeles (Cal.) Country club.

Women Will Enter Fencing Tourney

NEW YORK, March 25.—Women are to be admitted as competitors to the national championship tournaments of the Amateur Fencers' league of America. That was the declaration of Dr. Graeme Hammond, president of the league, and he even went further in stating that the Fencers' club of New York was about to inaugurate a series of weekly soirees in which teams of women fencers, with foil, would meet teams of men.

WOMAN CARRIES A BLACK RABBIT ON STREET AS A PET

In the east society women have taken to carrying with them Bantam chickens as pets, thereby putting aside the famous lap dogs. In Omaha the fair sex like more attractive pets, and they consist of rabbits, cats and birds. Yesterday a young woman got on a Tannan car with a black rabbit in her arms. About its neck was a pink ribbon, tied in a fuzzy knot. When the woman left the car she patted bunny upon the head and he instantly crawled into one of the large pockets of her coat.

CABRERA GETS AN AIRING

Iron President of Guatemala Feels Nothing—Near Knox.

OUTDOES ALL IN HOSPITALITY

Last Ruler of Type of Dias in Southern Republics Rules Over Downtrodden Subjects by Aid of Upper Classes.

QUATEMALA, March 25.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—If the visit of Secretary Knox to Guatemala accomplished nothing more it afforded the president of the republic a public airing, the like of which he has not had since the last attempt upon his life some four years ago.

Manuel Estrada Cabrera has a keen sense of humor and he must have had in mind more than his expressed in words when he said at the dinner given by him to his American guests at the government palace that he had hugely enjoyed the last three days.

Always at the side of the secretary, Mrs. Knox or others of the guests, the president repeatedly "showed himself" to the people—and to their unfeigned surprise. Indeed the appearance in public of the iron-handed ruler whose multitudinous duties, as he explains, have long kept him closely confined in the palace was such the feature of the visit.

Reaching the capital the secretary was greeted by a distinguished group of government officials and escorted to a mansion vacated by its Spanish owner for the use of the Knox family, through streets gaily decorated, under arches of welcome, past a duplicate of the statue of liberty and always between rows of soldiers, behind whom must have been a majority of the city's inhabitants. All were respectful, but one looked in vain for a glimmer of the sort of welcome that a distinguished guest expects in North America.

That evening 2,000 Indians took part in a torchlight procession and President Cabrera giving his arm to Mrs. Knox stepped to an open window from which he witnessed the weird scene. It was a pathetic sight—tall, thin, women, children and their miserable garb made more fantastic by the uncertain light of their torches, trudging along to doleful music and occasionally cheering for Cabrera for the entertainment of the president's American guests.

Little is said of the president and if what is said is true, he is a nearly perfect man. The obsequiousness of his ministers at the various functions was marked. He directed every move. At the slightest movement of his hand men rose and stepped toward him and retreated automatically.

The president attended a dinner at the American legation. At its conclusion a dignified figure surrounded by officials left the legation and stepping into the presidential carriage was driven swiftly away. Ten minutes later Cabrera emerged unattended from the house and climbing into a dilapidated public conveyance was taken to the palace. The president never follows the natural route in his travels about the city, nor does he ever appear just when and where he might be expected.

"Guatemala is always peaceful," said the president in an interview, "and so we do not need a court at Cartago, but some of the other republics where there are occasional revolutions need such a tribunal, and it is a good thing."

Guatemala, however, has not been especially punctilious in observing its obligations under the Central American peace pact of 1907, and only recently Salvador had occasion to complain and invite the good offices of the American State department to secure its territorial rights against Guatemalan aggression.

WAIT! IT'S MADE WITH MILK WATCH!

President an Indian. Cabrera, feels the burden of state, but has no desire to lay it down. He has been reported as in a very bad health, but he does not look like a sick man. He is cal bed time is ignored in favor of an artificial hour dictated by drugs more or less injurious, solemnly speaking.

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Perhaps the second most efficient reason why we sleep so little is the general use of grey matter stimulants—coffee, tea, cocoa, tobacco, alcohol, all or one or more in a day. Largely because at times they have enjoyed good sleep immediately after taking these, many un-medical persons are firmly convinced that they are not kept awake by these stimulants, when, in reality, as a rule they are.

PLUNGER DOWN AND OUT

Fleeting Fortune Fades Away and Process Servers Chase the Remnant.

J. Brandt Walker, the Chicago plunger who amassed a fortune of millions in Wall street during the 1907 panic, is dying. He is down and out—ill with tuberculosis in some refuge in the Adirondacks, and with sheriff's deputies, armed with writs, hunting desperately for what remnants of worldly possessions he has left in New York and elsewhere.

His friends in Chicago say he is camped in the Adirondacks, they will not tell where, fighting his last battle.

The life of Brandt Walker reads like a romance. It has been a gay one and dotted with many periods in the extremes of poverty and prosperity. He is nearly 50 years old, and he has spent three-fifths of his career dallying with the goddess of fortune.

Adversity to him was a mere incident. "Money is easy to get if you keep at it," was his motto, and when a sudden turn in the market found his all swept away—for Brandt bet every cent he had when he had it—he would borrow and keep on plugging until he had a foothold again. He had the happy faculty of turning a \$9 bill into a \$1,000,000 without musing his hair or winking a collar.

When things became too slow for Walker in Chicago he went to New York. That was several years before the panic time.

The story of his world-famed windings on the short side of stocks in 1907 furnishes material for a splendid bit of fiction. From a stack of white chips transformed into several thousand dollars in one night's sitting at faro bank in Canfield's in New York he ran the stake into the millions, selling Union Pacific and other railroad stocks short, when these securities crashed down during that period of depression.

A summer home at Lakewood, N. J., with elaborate furnishings and a collection of old paintings by old masters, and sumptuous city apartments were acquired with lavish hand when Walker cashed in his fortune.

During the last big days of his stock market coup it is said his profits averaged \$50,000 a day for a week of exchange trading sessions. Five million dollars, all in cash, is said to have been a very conservative estimate of his total winnings. But it all went, just as it came.

"I had rather die a poor man, sitting on a high stool and watching the ticker," Walker once said, "than be a rich man lacking even a single interest to keep him alive."—Chicago Journal.

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