

Bringing Up Father



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BASES ON BALLS UNPOPULAR

Ban Johnson Seeks to Eliminate Intentional Passes.

REMEDY IS STILL FAR AWAY

Magnate Says All Proposed Cures Are Worse Than the Disease

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Some plan whereby the giving of intentional bases on balls can be eliminated from major league baseball is being sought by President Ban B. Johnson, of the American League, who recently has received many letters from base ball followers protesting against the practice.

For several weeks President Johnson has been searching for some remedy for the strategic pass, but with no success.

"The intentional base on balls has come to be one of the most, if not the most unpopular plays in base ball," he said yesterday. "The great majority of the game's patrons seem to oppose it. So do I, but what are you going to do about it?"

"Many complaints have come to me recently suggesting that pitchers giving intentional bases on balls be penalized, but no one has suggested a good method of stopping the pass. If we pass a rule forbidding the pass, the pitchers will simply make a bluff at trying to get the ball over the plate and will give the star batsmen their bases on balls just the same. This, likely would result in a lot of wrangling if the umpires attempted to penalize what they thought were intentional passes, because the pitchers invariably would protest that they were trying to put the ball over."

"Some have suggested penalizing all bases on balls with equal severity, but that cure would be worse than the disease. Fewer pitchers would be able to make good should such a rule be made."

Dr. Tanner Leaves Billings Stable

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—The retirement of Dr. Charles Tanner from the management of C. K. G. Billings' stable of trotters and pacers removes from the light harness world one of its most notable figures. For the past two years Dr. Tanner has been in poor health and has repeatedly requested Mr. Billings to release him from the management of the former's trotting interests. At last Mr. Billings reluctantly consented.

It is the intention of Mr. Billings, it is stated, to make Curlesneck farm headquarters of the trotting authority in the United States. He will remove all his stallions and brood mares from Lexington, Memphis and New York and begin breeding on an extensive scale. Among the famous horses to be stationed on the farm are Uhlau, Lou Dillon and the Harvester.

Brooklyn Club Buys Cuban Shortstop

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—The Brooklyn club of the National league announced today that negotiations have been completed with Tommy Romanach, the young shortstop of the Almadenes club in Cuba. Brooklyn stated that the player had accepted their terms. When the Brooklyn team was in Cuba last month Captain Jake Daubert was very much impressed with Romanach's playing and tipped President Ebbetts off about the player. Romanach is only 18 years old and is an architect.

CANADIAN SOCCER TEAM WINS GAME IN SNOW

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25.—With several inches of snow on the ground and falling throughout the play, the Professionals of Toronto, Canada, defeated the local Columbia club in St. Louis' chief soccer game of the day by a score of 2 to 1. In spite of the inclement weather a large crowd witnessed the game.

CHES AND CHECKER CLUB TO MEET SATURDAY NIGHT

Saturday evening will be visitors' night at the Omaha Chess and Checker club, room 21, third floor Continental block, corner Fifteenth and Douglas streets (entrance to the building at the rear of the Berg clothing store). All chess players, particularly non-club members, are invited to be present and play a game in the simultaneous chess exhibition to be given by La Rue Williams, one of the club's best players.

Lindsay to New Orleans

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 25.—Bill Lindsay, third baseman of the Portland team in the Pacific Coast league, will be sold to New Orleans, according to an

announcement today by Manager McCredie of the Portland team. All Coast league clubs have granted waivers on Lindsay.

Beachy Goes Pegoud One Better on Loop

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—Lincoln Beachy, the aviator, celebrated Christmas today by breaking a world's record, looping the loop five consecutive times from a height of 500 feet and landing in a narrow street on the Panama-Pacific exposition grounds.

Beachy turned a double loop at a height of 200 feet, which he says is a record in itself, as Pegoud, the originator of this particular freak of aviation, always has performed from a great height.

Levinaky Takes Bout. NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Battling Levinaky, light-heavy-weight of this city, defeated Jack Driscoll of Brooklyn in a ten-round bout in the latter city this afternoon. Levinaky weighed 155 pounds and Driscoll, 158.

Women's Feet Blown Off by Dynamite

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—All efforts proved unavailing today to unravel the mystery of a startling outrage against two colored women, last night in which Mrs. Sophronia Johnson and daughter were the victims. Both were terribly injured by a dynamite explosion. They are unable to account for the same and insist they know no reason for the action. Detectives have made careful investigation and have found no trace of anyone having been in the neighborhood of the Johnson home at Gilbertown, near the city. They have been unable to discover where any dynamite has recently been bought.

Young Man Held For Theft of Bell

LOGAN, Ia., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Roy Davis, living in southern Harrison county is now with Sheriff Rock awaiting the action of the grand jury for the alleged offense of entering Floral hall at Missouri Valley and taking a highly prized bell belonging to the Harrison County Fair association.

BOMB IS EXPLODED UNDER BED OF WOMAN AND GIRL

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 25.—An explosion of dynamite, which probably fatally injured Sophronia Johnson, colored, and her daughter, aged 11, wrecked the Johnson home here early today. The police learned that the dynamite bomb had been placed underneath the bed occupied by the mother and daughter, and exploded by means of a fuse seventy-five feet long, which ran from the bomb through the bedroom window out into the alley. Detectives failed to get a trace of the perpetrators early today.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES FATAL TO MRS. BURICH

IOWA CITY, Ia., Dec. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Mary Burich, aged 70, fell dead this morning while attending mass, at St. Wenceslaus Catholic church. Doctors ascribed her death to heart disease, accentuated by excitement over the Christmas festivities.

Dangers of a Cold.

Do you know that of all the minor ailments colds are by far the most dangerous? It is not the colds themselves that you need to fear, but the serious diseases that they so often lead to. For that reason every cold should be gotten rid of with the least possible delay. To accomplish this you will find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy of great help to you. It loosens a cold, relieves the lungs, aids expectoration and enables the system to throw off the cold. For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

Parker's Associate Kills Himself

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—George P. Parker, an attorney, formerly of Brooklyn, Mass., who was connected with the law office of Alton B. Parker, committed suicide today by shooting gas. He was not related to Judge Parker. His friends here assign no reason for the act.

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M'KELVIE TO TEST THE LAW

Lieutenant Governor to Go Into Courts Over Constitution. WOULD RUN FOR GOVERNOR

Constructs Clause in Liberal Fashion and Will Not Be Satisfied Until the Court Acts.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Whether the constitution means what it says is to be tested before the primary by Lieutenant Governor McKelvie, who proposes to file for the republican nomination for governor. Secretary of State Wait will refuse to accept the filing and the courts will be called upon to settle the matter.

While the supreme court has at one time decided that a man must be eligible at the time of the election, the lieutenant governor refuses to see it that way and many join with him in the same idea.

The constitution reads that "None of the officers of the executive department shall be eligible to any other state office during the period for which they shall have been elected."

Lieutenant Governor McKelvie constructs the clause to mean that no executive officer can be "elected" to serve as governor for any part of the term to which he has been elected, the whole interpretation of the law being on the word "eligible." He claims that if elected as governor he will be eligible to serve for the reason that at the time he is sworn in he will not be serving as a state officer and therefore will be eligible.

Others who look upon it in the same light refer to the election law which says that a man must be 21 years of age at the time he casts his vote. He may register at an age less than 21, provided he will be 21 at the time he votes. They say the constitution must be interpreted the same way and must apply to the time the act is carried out and not to the preparatory act.

Notes of Kearney and of Buffalo County

KEARNEY, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—On the third annual day, which was held in this city on Tuesday, nearly \$300 was collected for the benefit of St. Lukes hospital, which was taken over by Bishop Beecher two years ago and placed upon a substantial basis.

Three inches of ice has formed on Lake Kearney in this city and the young people are enjoying the afternoons and evenings skating.

The Plaza cafe was sold on Wednesday to Somers Greth, a local restaurant man, at sheriff's sale.

Christmas dinners for 100 of the city's poor was provided by the Salvation Army and the citizens contributed liberally toward the fund.

The German Lutherans held their first service in their new church, which they acquired some time ago, on Christmas day. The church has been all remodeled and the officers will make it strictly modern.

HARMAN ISSUES PAMPHLET ABOUT VOTING BY MAIL

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Food Commissioner Clarence E. Harman has had printed a pamphlet to inquire into present legislative procedure and budget systems in Nebraska and in other states resolved at the recent meeting in Lincoln to ask the newspapers of the state for publicity to their request for suggestions from citizens, former members of the legislature and others familiar with present legislative procedure in Nebraska.

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Wednesday sold its store to M. B. Walker of Washington, Kas., who takes possession of the stock on February 1. Mr. Beagle and Mr. Van Arsdale have been in business in Beatrice for the last thirty years.

Charles Sparks, a farmer living near Odell, was arrested Wednesday on the charge of assaulting Joseph Le Poldevin, a neighbor. His case will be heard Friday before Judge Ellis.

Thomas Carlton of Beatrice and Evelyn West of Pickrell were married here Wednesday by County Judge Walden.

The following marriage licenses were issued Wednesday by Judge Walden: Elbert Buss, aged 22, Beatrice, and Emelle Flesner, aged 17, Beatrice; Alfred William Pyle, aged 23, and Beryl Wignall, aged 18, both of Liberty; Floyd Charles Kirk, aged 24, Atxell, Kas., and Orlie Mae Kreunbach, aged 18, of Liberty.

Another Recall Petition Ready

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Once more the merry war is on between the men who would recall Commissioner King, who has charge of the publicity and safety department of the Lincoln city government and the friends of the commissioner.

The first recall petition, while containing something over 1,500 names, was declared insufficient by the city clerk, who decided that about 40 per cent of the names thereon were not registered voters and threw out the petition. Ex-County Attorney F. M. Tyrrell challenged the right of the city clerk to throw out names of men who were voters, but who had not registered at the last registration of their place of residence. The petition contained about 200 more names than was required, but after the ruling of the clerk it lacked a sufficient number to force the recall election. Men were sent out immediately with new petitions and yesterday they were filed running the total list of names up to about 2,000. Counting out the 40 per cent thrown overboard on the original petition by the clerk, the present list, if all are counted by the clerk, will make the recall petition contain 1,550 names, about 200 more than is required.

L. J. Titus, Holdrege Banker, Drops Dead

HOLDREGE, Neb., Dec. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—L. J. Titus, president of the First National bank of this city, died at his home last night at 7 o'clock. His death came suddenly and preceded by only a brief feeling of weakness. He was 72 years old and had been at the head of the Holdrege bank since 1892. Mr. Titus came to Holdrege from Harvard, Neb., where he had also been engaged in the banking business, having come to the state in 1875. He was a native of New Jersey. Funeral services will probably be held here Sunday.

Accused of Stealing Skunk Skins.

SIDNEY, Ia., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Galen McIntosh, a Sidney trapper, was recently robbed of three dozen skunk skins that were stored in his barn. Neighboring towns were notified by wire, and yesterday Frank Derr, of Sidney was arrested in Nebraska City while trying to dispose of a job lot of skunk hides.

He was brought back to Sidney and bound over to the grand jury. He gave bail in the sum of \$500.

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bank of McCook, has been appointed special administrator of the estate of the late V. Franklin, which aggregates over \$25,000, and is now in dispute. There are but three heirs, the widow and two daughters.

Lincoln Elks' Club Remembers Children

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The Elks' club of Lincoln celebrated Christmas by entertaining between 4,000 and 5,000 children at the club house this morning.

Each child was given a sack of candy, a horn and one or two other presents. The weather was intensely cold and many of the children were crying with the cold before they could gain admission to the building because of the large crowd. The Young Men's Christian association building across the street was thrown open for the children and large numbers of them were taken there to get warm.

However, all were provided for in spite of the severe cold and long waiting.

MRS. ADLAI STEVENSON DIES AT ADVANCED AGE

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 25.—Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson, wife of former Vice President Stevenson, died here early tonight. She had been ill for several months. Mrs. Stevenson was 70 years of age and is survived by her husband and three children, Lewis G. Stevenson, president of the Illinois State Board of Pardons; Mrs. Martin Hardin of Chicago and Miss Letitia Stevenson, at home.

Mrs. Stevenson was elected president of the Daughters of the American Revolution four times and had recently published a history of that organization.

DES MOINES MAN IS KILLED BY STREET CAR

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 25.—Alex. Deane, 30 years old, was killed almost instantly this morning when a street car going at high speed left the rails and struck him. Deane was waiting to board the car at the turn at the foot of a hill. The brakes failed to work and the car plunged thirty feet from the rails.

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Gypsum Mines Are Now Safe. State Mine Inspector Sweeney is greatly pleased over the situation as to the gypsum mines near Port Dodge. They were brought under the state mine inspection law last week and he made his first inspections in July. He ordered three of the mines to be equipped with escape shafts at once and, although there was much grumbling about it, this was done. Since then a fire which burned the top works of one shaft fully justified the order, for had the fire occurred when the mine was filled with men and had there been no escape shaft many would have perished. It is regarded as remarkable that these mines were permitted to go for so many years without inspection or being required to equip for safety. They are now declared to be in excellent condition.

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is co-operating with the stockholders to secure someone to take hold of the bank who will give it strength and make sure of carrying on the business. The banking department finds there had been no dishonesty in the management, but is as yet unable to explain the mystery of the bank permitting one customer to get away with a large amount of money and nothing to show for it.

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