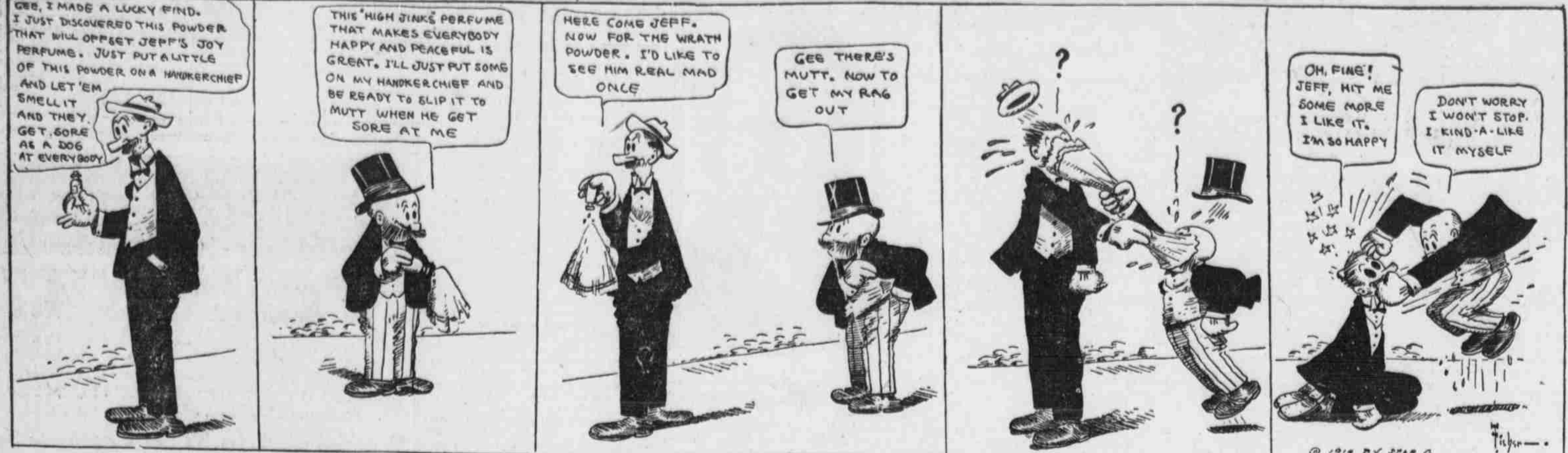


You'd Hardly Think This Possible, Would You?

Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher



TWO SYNDICATES WANT CUBS

Are Rivals in Bidding for Control of Chicago Nationals.

TAFT RECEIVES MANY OFFERS

Cincinnati Capitalist Not Inclined to Propose Looking Toward Sale of His Interests.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—Two syndicates of Chicago business men are rivals in bidding for the control of the Chicago National league club, the base ball organization now owned principally by Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati, since he took over the interests of Charles W. Murphy Saturday night.

A bid of \$700,000 for Mr. Taft's stock by a coterie of Cub fans was made today and word reached their representative, Louis J. Behan, that Mr. Taft would give them consideration with the other bidders, so a committee of three of them will go to Cincinnati tomorrow night to see him.

The Behan bid was distinct from the proposition made by the syndicate represented by William Hale Thompson, who asked that Mr. Taft submit to him and John A. Fugh and Charles A. McCulloch a price for his holding.

It was said that a number of Cincinnati men in addition to the Behan committee will travel to Cincinnati, to see Mr. Taft personally about their proposition.

Receives Numerous Offers.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 22.—The probability that the majority of the stock of the Chicago National league club will not remain long in possession of Charles P. Taft, Cincinnati capitalist, who purchased it on last Saturday from Charles W. Murphy, was indicated here today when it was announced that Mr. Taft had received numerous offers for the stock and was not disinclined to listen to propositions looking toward the sale of his interests.

It is more than probable that one body of men and possibly more will arrive in this city tomorrow to head conferences with Mr. Taft.

Mind Not Made Up.

The one proposition that is known to have been made, that from Louis J. Behan of Chicago representing a syndicate of men from that city, appears to have impressed Mr. Taft, although in announcing that he had received a telegram from Mr. Behan today Mr. Taft wished it distinctly understood that he is considering a number of propositions and was far from making up his mind on any of them.

With the exception of the Behan offer, the names of the men making the other propositions were not given out.

The apparent negotiations for the purchase of the stock owned by Mr. Taft indicates that it will be some time before the announcement of the name of the next president of the Cubs will be made. This is made certain by the knowledge that Mr. Taft now owns the controlling interest in the club and it is understood he will not consider calling a meeting of the club until he has finally decided the

Iowa High School Rifle Team is Tied for First Position

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—A school boy record was established in the six weeks' matches of the High School Rifle Shooting league when Wendell Smith, a member of the Deering High team made the possible score of 500. The scores also show that first place honors are being hotly contested, a tie existing in every division. The Deering of Portland, Me., and the Iowa City teams are tied for first place in Class A, having won all six matches, while in Class B Jamaica, L. I., Erasmus Hall of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Stoneham, Mass., are on even terms, and in Class C Cedar Rapids, Ia., and Placer County of Auburn, Cal., share honors. Summary:

Class A—Iowa City, 944, vs. Portland, Me., 938; Deering, Portland, Me., 904, vs. Morria, New York City, 899; Salt Lake City, Utah, 875, vs. Baltimore Poly., 875.

Class B—Stonewall, N. Y., Free, 781, vs. Eastern, District of Columbia, 781, vs. Springfield, Mass., Technical, 885.

Class C—Cedar Rapids, Ia., 831, vs. Broken Bow, Neb., 814; Warren, Pa., 812, vs. Warren, Pa., 800; Manual, St. Louis, Mo., 795, vs. Houston, Tex., 791; Tucson, Ariz., 848, vs. Utica, N. Y., Free, 781; Placer County, Auburn, Cal., 808, vs. Central, Grand Rapids, Mich., 838.

Folsom Prison Loses Its Star Pitcher

REPRESENTATIVE, Feb. 22.—Folsom prison lost its most popular convict today.

Eugene Lavender, burglar and star pitcher of the "major league" base ball team of the penitentiary, got an unconditional release from the state, but when he stepped from the prison gate Sheriff Fleming of McLennan county, Texas, was waiting with extradition papers to draft him back to the Texas courts to stand trial on a burglary charge.

Lavender served four years at Folsom and was the idol of the "fans."

Smoky Joe Wood Improves Rapidly

PORT JARVIS, N. Y., Feb. 22.—The condition today of "Smoky" Joe Wood, pitcher of the Boston Red Sox, operated on yesterday for appendicitis, is good, according to his physician. Wood is at his home at Twin Lakes, and Dr. F. E. Geanor, who performed the operation, said after a visit at Wood's home that an early recovery was expected.

YANKEES TO ASSEMBLE AT TEXAS TRAINING CAMP

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Plans for assembling the New York American league club's players at the Texas training camp were announced by the club tonight.

The vanguard will leave here Thursday for Houston. Arthur Irwin, Mike Bergen and Trainer Charles Barrett will be in charge of the party.

The contingent of pitchers now at Hot Springs, led by Coach Tom Daly, will arrive in Houston about the same time. Franch Chance will be there on Sunday morning, March 1, to receive the players.

WHITE SOX PLAYERS MAROONED BY FLOODS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 22.—Among the railroad passengers marooned by the floods were the Chicago White Sox of the American base ball league, who left on a special train from Chicago Thursday night. Their train was halted by washouts east of Colton. Railroad officials said tonight that the base ball train would be brought in tomorrow, twenty-four hours late. According to present indefinite plans, the White Sox will remain here for several days before proceeding to their training quarters at Pass Robles.

FRANKE SECURES GOOD PRELIMS FOR WRESTLING

Charles Franke has secured a preliminary match for Wednesday evening's go between Jess Westergaard and Leo Fardello which promises to be a corker. Bob Manokoff, who wrestled Frank Gotch here some time back, will wrestle with Frank Coleman, one of the Omaha school of wrestlers. Another big preliminary will be secured as soon as possible.

Curtiss Jumps to Feds. It is stated that Curtiss, the former Superior twirler, who did good work for Newark last season, has followed Cy Felera's lead and has jumped to the feds.

Condemned Signa. Pitcher Joseph H. Connelman has recently signed his contract with the Pittsburgh club, the twirler attaching his signature during the gathering of the magicians in New York.

MURPHY HAS OVER MILLION

Late Owner of Cubs Says He Has Made This Out of Game.

WILL TAKE IT EASY FOR TIME

Does Not Expect to Retire from Business Because He Says He Is Too Young for That.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—"I started in base ball with a shoe string and tonight I am worth more than a million dollars," Charles Murphy, who sold under pressure yesterday the controlling interest in the Chicago National league club, said tonight.

Mr. Murphy sat comfortably in a nest of pillows, for he is still suffering with lumbago, in the great room of his \$50,000 home and seemed at peace with the world.

"I'm a happy man," he said, "because I haven't a thing to worry about, nobody is calling me names and criticizing me and it seems as if a large weight had lifted from my shoulders. I feel just like the man who was asked what he would do if someone gave him a million dollars. He replied that he would room in the best hotel in town, leave a call for 5 o'clock the next morning and when he was awakening at that hour, tell the world to go to blazes." Mr. Murphy chuckled and then grew serious when he was asked to tell how much Charles P. Taft gave him for the 33 per cent of the stock of the club.

"I would be violating a confidence to give the exact amount," he replied, "but, estimated on the basis of the price I received for my interest, the club is worth more than \$1,000,000. A half million or so is a lot of money, but the Cubs are worth it. During the time I ran the club I believe it was the most prosperous organization in the league."

Murphy retorted that he was through with the financial end of base ball, but said he was still a lover of the game.

"I'm going to be just a plain fan and sit in the bleachers and yell at the players, roast the umpire and criticize the management," he said. "I am familiar with the other side of the game, so I'm going to have a lot more fun than most fans."

"I am going to rest for a year and then I expect to enter some other line of business. I'm too young to retire from active life. I still retain a half interest in the grounds on which the Cyn park is built and a similar interest in the grounds of the Phillies. The rental from these properties is all the income I'll ever need."

Pegoud Will Make Flights in America

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Adolphe Pegoud, the French aviator, who first demonstrated the stability of the aeroplane under various unusual conditions by making flights upside down and "looping the loop," will visit this country next June to engage in a series of flights, it was announced by the Aero Club of America tonight.

The proposed world-circling aeroplanes race of the Panama-Pacific exposition has aroused all Europe, it was said at the Aero club tonight. Many inquiries and offers of co-operation from organizations and individuals eager to assist in making the event a success have been received, as have also numerous applications from aviators who would enter in the race.

Forty Thousand Loss in Fire at Norfolk

NORFOLK, Neb., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Telegram.—Fire at 5 o'clock this morning did \$40,000 damage to three stores in the main business part of Norfolk. The Kleasaw drug store was completely destroyed with a loss of \$15,000 on building and stock. The shoe store of P. E. Davenport and the dry goods store of A. L. Killen were seriously damaged by smoke. The fire started in the Kleasaw drug store and was fanned by a high wind.

Arrive at St. Augustine. ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Feb. 22.—Twenty members of the St. Louis National league base ball team, headed by Miller Huggins, manager, late today arrived here for their spring training.

H. Hamilton Fyfe, English journalist, was talking in New York about Mexico, whence he had just returned. "Among the Mexican Indians," he said, "two things astonished me—first, the early age at which the children begin to smoke, and second, the late age at which they continue to be nursed by their mothers." "Frequently the Indian babies are suckled till they are 4 years old. By that time they have learned to smoke, and it is not uncommon in the Indian villages to see a child leave its mother's breast and immediately light up a comfortable 'after-dinner' cigar."—New York Sun.

SINGLE TAX EXPONENT DIES

Joseph M. Fels, Leading Supporter of Theory, Passes Away.

GAVE MUCH MONEY TO CAUSE

Expended More Than Hundred Thousand Dollars Annually to Spread of Doctrine Here and in Foreign Countries.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22.—Joseph Fels, millionaire soap manufacturer, single tax advocate and philanthropist, died at his home today from pneumonia after a brief illness. He was 61 years of age.

Mr. Fels spent most of his time advocating the doctrine of the single tax in this country and Great Britain. He recently returned from England, where he had given a large part of his fortune to the creation and maintenance of a single tax co-operative colony near London.

Employees of his firm in this city profit by a profit sharing system inaugurated by Mr. Fels. Although he early became an advocate of Henry George's ideas, it was not until he went to live in England about eight years ago as the English representative of his firm that Mr. Fels began to devote his energy to the cause of single tax. Since then his friends estimate he expended more than \$100,000 annually and visited every part of the world to advance the propaganda. Not only was he a leader in the cause in this country and England, but he was a large contributor to funds for the single tax campaigns in Denmark, Germany, France, Spain, Austria, New Zealand and Canada.

His guarantor to the Fels fund in America, with headquarters in Cincinnati, was \$25,000 a year.

Mr. Fels was prominent as a speaker and writer as well as a contributor for the cause which he advocated, and even during his last illness was engaged in preparing an article on the subject.

Mr. Fels was born in Halifax Court House, Va. He received his early education in Baltimore and came to this city when a young man, and with his father and brothers started in the soap business in a small way. He is survived by a widow, three brothers and three sisters.

DOCTORS JOLLY THE LAWYERS

Exuberance of Legal Verbosity Stirs the Ribilities of the Medicals.

The medical profession is perennially accused of lack of clarity of expression in dealing with medical subjects. In the accusation there is a certain amount of justice, but the critics forget that many scientific subjects, especially those of a technical nature, cannot easily be dealt with in the language of the street. Nevertheless, the charge that we are not clear and direct in our method of expression, says The Journal of the American Medical Association, makes us sad. That is, until we happen to get hold of a piece of composition written in legal phraseology. Then by comparison the most turbid of medical expressions become clear. These facts are suggested by reading a charge made by a grand jury against a physician who had rendered a bill against the county for more than was due him. Briefly, the doctor had claimed to vaccinate twenty-seven more persons than he actually had vaccinated, and thus obtained from the county \$27 which did not belong to him. The misdemeanor was not an involved one, but the grand jury stated it thus:

"John Doe on the fourth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve, in the county aforesaid, with force and arms did unlawfully, by using deceitful means, artful practices, defraud and cheat the county of — in the state of — out of the sum of \$27."

And as though this charge were not sufficiently overwhelming, the grand jury goes into details regarding this misdemeanor thus:

"The said John Doe then and there represented to said board of commissioners that he vaccinated the above-named persons and the said board then and there paid the said John Doe one dollar each for the above-named persons, and said payment was made upon said representation, and said representation so made by the said Doe that he vaccinated the above-named persons was false, and made by the said Doe for the purpose of cheating and defrauding the said county of — and said board of commissioners of roads and revenues of said county out of the sum of twenty-seven dollars, and because of said false representation said county of — was cheated and defrauded by the said John Doe out of said sum of money, contrary to the laws of said state, good order, peace and dignity thereof."

A noted English statesman, long since dead, once accused his political opponent on the floor of the House of Commons of being "intoxicated with the exuberance of his own verbosity." A study of legal phraseology leads the layman to wonder if this is not a species of intoxication indulged in by those who are submerged in an otherwise dry subject. If so, a new field of investigation may be opened up. A study of the pathology of the verbal "jag" might throw some light on this obscure subject.

SHAMBERG KILLS BURGLAR

Pawnbroker Shoots Man He Finds Lurking in His Shop.

WAS ROCCO FRANCISCO, BARBER

Crawled Through from Adjacent Cellar and Came Up by Trap Door, When Surprised by Proprietor.

When Harry Shamberg, 1705 Davenport street and proprietor of a pawn shop at 308 North Sixteenth street, returned to his store shortly after 7 o'clock Sunday to remove what money he had from his safe, he found a burglar lurking in the store, half hidden by a pile of clothing. Shamberg emptied his pistol into the pile of clothing and called the police. When Officer Wheeler and Chauffeur Warner arrived they found the intruder on the floor, bleeding from a number of bullet wounds. He was taken to the police station, where he died on the operating table while police surgeons were giving him treatment preparatory to sending him to a hospital.

The dead man is Rocco Notar Francisco, an Italian barber, living at 922 Capital avenue and employed at his brother-in-law's shop next door to the pawn shop. In his pockets were found a tallow candle, a glass cutter and a knife. His overcoat, which was afterwards found next door, had a loaded revolver in one of the pockets. The dead man is survived by a widow and a month-old babe.

Shamberg's Story.

"I left the pawn shop at 7 o'clock in the afternoon," Shamberg told the officers, "and I returned at 7 to turn on the night light and remove the money from the safe to my home. When I entered the store I heard a noise in the rear and saw a movement under a pile of clothes. I saw a man lying on the floor, partly hidden from view by the clothes. I asked him what he was doing there and he started to get up. I was afraid he was about to attack me and I emptied the gun at him and ran to the front of the store and yelled at passersby for help. When I came back the man was on the floor, groaning."

Worked from Barber Shop.

Shamberg was taken to headquarters and booked as a "suspect," but was afterwards released on bond of \$5,000, signed by friends.

Investigation showed that Francisco had come to the barber shop late in the afternoon and locked himself in. After divesting himself of his heavy overcoat, he let himself into the pawn shop, which he entered through a similar trap door. On this trap door, however, was a small stove, but the intruder was able to shove it out of the way and entered. After doing so he put the stove back on the door. As nothing in the store was disturbed, the police think that Shamberg entered the store only a short while after the prowler. It is believed that Francisco, after entering, meant to make his exit by breaking out

ROOM FOR MORE LIVE STOCK

Only Nineteen Head of Cattle to the Square Mile in This Country.

Statistics show that the world contains about 450,000 head of cattle. Eliminating those countries that count buffaloes as cattle, and use their animals only for their milk and for draft purposes, the count would approximate 325,000,000 head.

Of these, the United States has 57,000,000 animals from which to obtain our beef, dairy products and leather. It has been sometimes thought there was little room for any great expansion of live stock raising in the United States.

But if the number of cattle to the square mile in this country is compared with some of the other countries, it will be seen that our land is far from being crowded. As the census of different countries relates to different years, the comparison given below cannot be exactly correct, but it fairly illustrates the point:

Country	Year	per Sq. Mile
Belgium	.....1911	109
Denmark	.....1909	150
Netherlands	.....1910	123
United Kingdom	.....1911	97
United States	.....1913	19

If the experience of these countries is worth anything, then there is no ground for the feeling that as population increases and the demand for more food products from the soil becomes more urgent, the live stock must be crowded out. It is a simple question of increased production, of the limits of which we have not yet reached even the outskirts.

These countries all produce more to the acre than we do, and no small share of the credit is due to the large proportion of cattle to fertilize the land. In these countries, also, particularly in the United Kingdom, greater attention is being paid to the type of cattle. Development of an early maturing breed means economy in feedstuffs. An animal that is ready for market at two years takes less feed than one that requires four years to mature. Consequently, an acre of land can be made to support more beef.

There is no sense in saying that the United States cannot raise the beef and dairy products to feed its population. It can do it, and more, too, and can supply a much larger proportion of its leather stock. Whatever else it needs for this, it certainly has the area. But it needs more expert live stock farmers.—Wall Street Journal.

Key to the Situation—Bee Advertising.

Trainer for Feds. "King" Brady, last season's trainer with the Columbus club, and at various times connected in a like capacity with Ohio State university athletics, has signed to fill the position of trainer with Tinker's Chicago Federal league team.

O'Connor Fed Scout.

Manager Mordecai Brown of St. Louis, the other day made the announcement that Jack O'Connor, who was in charge of the team last season, would be appointed to scout for the St. Louis Federal.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Charles Lindville Held Up by Young Footpads and Robbed.

POLICE ARE KEPT VERY BUSY

Applications for Lodging Increase and Number of Persons Requiring Surveillance Said to Be Larger.

Charles Lindville, 1535 North Twenty-eighth street, was held up and robbed of 50 cents Saturday night at Twenty-eighth and B streets. The robber was little more than a youth in age, though he wielded a wicked looking gun, according to Lindville. Lindville was returning to his home shortly after 10 o'clock when the footpad stepped out of the shadows and ordered him to throw up his hands. The appearance of the gun confirmed the order and Lindville obeyed. Later he reported the case to the police, but the robber had escaped.

Many Seek Shelter.

For weeks past the number of unemployed in the city has steadily increased. At the police station night after night the number of those who apply for lodging runs as high as thirty or forty men. Saturday night the number was near the latter figure, it is said. The police say that as a rule the sleepers are workmen or men who would work if they could get it. The real bad characters of the city are the gangs of pool hall habitués, who will not work and whose appearance at all hours of the night keeps the police uneasy. Latterly certain of the rooming houses in the downtown district are said to have given shelter to women driven out of Omaha by recent police operations.

Magie City Gossip.

Owing to the fact that today is a legal holiday there will be no meeting of the city council.

City Clerk Perry Wheeler expects to spend a day in Lincoln on business during the coming week.

The children of the schools are expected to be dismissed today on account of Washington's birthday.

Office space for rent in Bee office, 2311 N. street. Terms reasonable. Well known location. Tel. South 57.

Justice of the Peace Hugh McCulloch will make a hurried business trip to Galesburg, Ill., during the week.

Robert Rundle of Chicago is spending some time on a visit with relatives and friends in this city and in Omaha.

The condition of the Jones brothers and William Harkins, all of whom were injured in a street car accident Saturday night, was reported as encouraging yesterday.

The Ladies Aid society of the First Methodist Episcopal church will serve a 6 o'clock dinner at the Methodist church, Twenty-fifth and E streets, on next Thursday evening.

Gibbons Outposts McVey. NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Mike Gibbons of St. Paul recently outpointed Al McCoy of Brooklyn in a ten-round bout in Brooklyn today. Each man weighed 153 pounds.

Brother to Feds.

Al Hummel of the Knoxville Appalachian league team has signed with the Pittsburgh Federal. He is a brother of "Silent John" Hummel of the Superbas.

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Beginning Tuesday morning February 24th, we place on sale 200 suits and overcoats at \$8.50, which remain from our Half-Price Sale that closed Saturday night. They consist of just a garment or two out of the many full lots purchased last fall. All the patterns are not the best, but the qualities are absolutely dependable. This is the last call; our final clean-up price. These garments sold from \$17.00 to \$30.00

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