

BASKET BALL SETTLES DOWN

Players Swinging Into Season's Games with Steadier Gait.

SOME SURPRISES ARE STAGED

Second High School Teams and Other Quintets Ring Up Some Unexpected Victories Over Healthy Opponents.

Standing of Basket Ball League.

Table with columns for League, Team, W, L, Pct. Includes Church League, Commercial League, and Tri-City League.

With the basketball season among the Omaha losers well under way, teams of the three leagues are settling down for a most strenuous season.

Little of interest took place in the church league last week. The First Christians seem to have an edge on the other quintets and up to date have not lost a contest.

Baptists Making Strides. Of the flippers, the South Omaha Baptists seem to be making the largest strides in their improvement.

So far the Church of the Covenant have not met any of the quintets, but will do so this week. The Covenanters have a fairly strong aggregation and expect to have their prowess felt before they are in action for any length of time.

The Kountze Memorials played their first game last week against the South Omaha Baptists and at their initial debate had the misfortune to lose 25 to 25.

Second Team a Surprise.

What caused the greatest surprise in the Commercial league was the handy manner in which Mills second high school team took a fall out of the Young Men's Christian association secretary.

The Omaha National Bank and the Council Bluffs Cubs are two of the stronger teams in the league.

Drummond Townsends hold the calcium in the Tri-City league. With Burkenroad, Hughes, Platz, Drummond, McWhinney, Ritchie and Koran the gun men have some of the best talent in the city.

Two Strong Quintets.

Bellevue College and the Walter G. Clark's also have two strong quintets in the mixup, who are able to give a good accounting of themselves.

Wegle's buccannering crew of Pirates also gave promise of being one of the leaders in the Tri-City league.

That Swift & Company team seem to be playing in hard luck.

Joak is the undisputed leader of the South Omaha Baptists.

Chaman at center for Bellevue college is lifting them out of the air in great style.

Eight field goals was the total Oble Myers made against the Pirates last Saturday.

The Thorpeles are out for the Class B championship. Up to date they have not lost a game.

Patty performed in a stellar way against Maxwell's tribe of secretaries, last Thursday.

Noland still refuses to listen to the scolding of his telephone team to resign their aggression.

Fellows, the aggressive forward of last season's telephone quintet, has at last decided to join the club.

With the Christmas holidays coming on teams in the Commercial and Tri-City leagues will lay over for a rest.

Baverman got over the Kountze Memorials, shooting four goals from field.

New Year's day, Moran's Murphy did it all for him to be a member of the team known as Co. E.

The Walter G. Clark's are represented by this bunch of telephone quintets: Louis Smith, Parish, Fellows, Meyers and Poesch.

The La Plazoma club of Bemis park have recently organized, and would like to hear from some of the local teams.

"Bub" Hascall, president of the Church league, is out of the city on a honeymoon tour. The judge was recently married in Topeka, Kan.

Mark and Cooper are the bright stars for the Nebraska School for the Deaf, between them they shot eight baskets against the Pirates Thursday evening.

The Council Bluffs Young Men's Christian association are represented in the Tri-City league by the following bunch: Hornik, Hendricks, Puryear, Grot and Folsom.

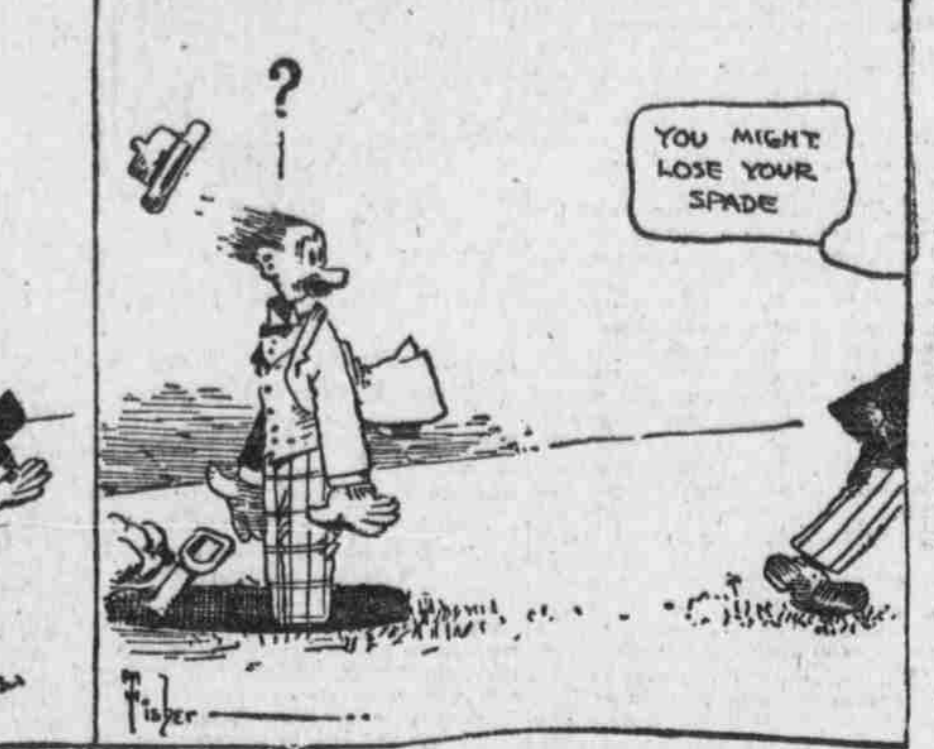
Here is the First Christian lineup, that is sweeping everything before them: Hobson, right forward; Gleason, left forward; Wegle, center; Parrish, right guard; C. Wegle, left guard.

A new organization has recently come into the field. The newcomers are known as the Townsend Reserve, and are claiming the championship of that class of basket ball.

Jeff Wasn't Taking Any Chances



Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher



NATIONAL VICTORIES CLEAN

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won every world's series in which one of the Bean teams engaged. Twice they saw the Red Sox winners in close historic series, once in 1903 over the Pirates and in 1912 over the Giants, while last year they saw the Braves badly maltreat the Athletics.

The Hub, therefore, has seen the two longest, as well as the shortest, series in the modern record. Both the 1903 and 1912 series went eight games, the only American-National clashes which have been stretched out that far, while the Boston-Athletic series last fall was the first series to be terminated in four games. Chicago licked the Tigers four straight games in 1907, but the first game was a tie.

In glancing over the records of past world's series, what must immediately strike an outsider is the fact that out of eleven series only two went to the limit. Nothing could be a greater boost for the honesty of base ball.

That means that the two clubs divide only 20 per cent of the profits of the first four games, and what they can make after that, which, with a five-game series habit, has not amounted to nearly as much as seems to be generally supposed. With the extra expense of arranging for the series, sales of tickets, etc., profits are cut way down. Last season the two world's contenders made next to nothing on the series.

Foot Ball at Big Unis Worst Abuse Modern Educational System

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Foot ball at the great American universities is the "worst abuse of the modern educational system," Dr. Charles Alexander Richmond, president of Union college, Schenectady, N. Y., asserted in an address at the annual banquet of the college alumni from the middle west here last night.

"The foot ball situation in most colleges is disgraceful," Dr. Richmond said. "Fathers and mothers allow their sons to be exploited in the arena for profit like circus performers or vaudeville actors. Academics are scorned for athletic material and inducements of all kinds are offered to promising athletes.

McCook High School Claims Championship of Southwest Nebraska



In the Sunday eve of November 29, the Franklin Academy claims the championship of the Republican valley by virtue of having played seven games out of which it won six and lost one. It says that McCook High school is the only contender, and that comparative scores give Franklin the count, as Franklin defeated Cambridge 27 to 0 and McCook could only defeat the same team by the score of 20 to 14.

and the Republican valley, basing the claim on the fact that it played nine games, winning every one of them, and during the season met and defeated the strongest teams in the locality. It is true that there is just one team played by both schools by means of which the question of the championship can be settled, and that team is Cambridge.

McCook's record is absolutely without a defeat, while Franklin has played two games less and lost one of them to a team twice defeated by McCook. It is on the strength of these games that McCook claims the championship over Franklin academy.

FINE TRIBUTE TO HAUGHTON

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Most of the old Harvard stars are devoting their time to Harvard foot ball as assistant coaches to Haughton, however, Lothrop and Paul Whittington, Tommy Campbell, Percy Wendell, Sam Felton, Bob Fisher, Bob Storer, Harry Gardner, Dick Wigglesworth and Rex Hitchcock all hover around Cambridge during the fall season, instead of being off to coach elsewhere.

Although any of the first string players of this year's team who will get their degrees in June might sign up for coaching positions, the most of them are intent on following original plans for their after-graduation work. Logan, the quarterback, will go to the Harvard Law school; Penhock, the all-America guard, will enter a chemical business in Syracuse, N. Y.; Hardwick will go into business, Francke will continue his studies at Harvard, Jeff Coolidge will follow a business career in Boston, as will Bradley, the halfback, Swigert, the substitute quarterback, will go into the steel business in Portland, Ore.

M'SHANE NAMED SECRETARY

Is Chosen for Important Post Because of Familiarity with Game.

and safety in entering and coming out of the turns. Those hangars are being drafted and will be made when work on the construction again starts.

McShane is a race fan and makes it a practice to visit all of the big races. He is intimately acquainted with nearly all of the widely known drivers, and his connection with the local cooperation is expected to give it considerable prestige among the men who face death behind the humming motors.

KANSAS HOUND TAKES FAIRBURY COURSE TROPHY

FAIRBURY, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Fairbury's second annual coursing race closed this afternoon after a three days' meet. Eighteen racing dogs entered the coursing meet daily and Fairbury lost the Blue Valley silver cup trophy, which went to Stephens and Page of Sumnerfield, Kan., together with first money. Their dog, Racing Rymen, out-classed all other dogs in points of speed.

Hard Pine, a splendid racing dog belonging to James Kasperek of Odell, was awarded second money. The Chicago Cubs have exhibition dates booked as follows: April 2 and 3, Birmingham; April 4, Nashville; April 5 and 6, Chattanooga; and April 8, 9, 10 and 11, Memphis.

Work on the Omaha track will be started this spring. At present some deliberations from Jack Prince's original plans are being made. Prince's crude idea as to the triple radius and the banked turns was all right, but it was found that a skilful engineer could change the angles and the pitch and add both speed

M'LOUGHLIN GETS HONOR

California Tennis Player Given the Place of Distinction.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The ranking committee of the United States National Lawn Tennis association issued the annual list today, Maurice B. McLoughlin of California getting the honored place of No. 1 for the third consecutive year. In placing the hero of the Davis cup matches above R. Norris Williams 2d, the national champion who beat McLoughlin at Newport, the committee clearly stated in the report that the ranking is according to the record.

The committee deems unnecessary to comment on the comparison of these two records. The data tells its own story. It admits for no discussion. It establishes without any doubts whatever the superiority of M. McLoughlin's record over that of Mr. Williams, and the former has therefore been awarded first place.

The women's list, again headed by Miss Mary Browne of California, was prepared by E. Wallach, chairman; Mrs. Thomas C. Bundy and Mrs. B. F. Briggs.

The first ten men, singles: 1—Maurice B. McLoughlin. 2—R. Norris Williams, Md. 3—Karl H. Behr. 4—R. Lindley Murray. 5—William J. Clothier. 6—Miss Edith Roth. 7—George M. Church. 8—Frederick B. Alexander. 9—Watson M. Washburn. 10—Elias F. Fottrell.

in spite of hard times in base ball there seem to be a number of players surging the notion that there is money in managing. Miller Huggins and Charley Hoge seek to buy the Buffalo International league club. Buck Freeman is said to be anxious to become a club owner in the Tri-State league and Jack Deak is another player who thinks he could prosper as a team owner in the Tri-State.

CLUB HOUSE FOR GUN CLUB

New Omaha Gun Club Planning Extensive Improvements for 1915.

WILL BID FOR TOURNAMENTS

Also Probable that Many Inter-City Shoots Such as Columbus-Omaha Event Will Be Held Here Next Year.

Omaha will make a strong bid for shooting tournaments in the future. With two gun clubs here, the Omaha club and the Carter Lake Gun club, both of which are recognized as first-class clubs, Omaha will be accorded considerable prestige.

CHICK AUTREY ON TRAIL OF FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH

CHICK AUTREY, former Rourke and now first baseman for the St. Paul club, is anxious to be graded from the lesser of the Twin cities to the Pacific coast. Chick believes that the "Fountain of Youth" is the Pacific coast, although Omaha is a nice town to spend the winter in, and he has asked the management of the association club to trade him to a coast league team.

CRIBBAGE HAND COUNTS TWENTY-FOUR GOOD POINTS

DEADWOOD, S. D., Dec. 18.—To the Editor of The Bee. An argument came up in a game of cribbage over the counting of a hand, which is as follows: Four sevens in hand, deck head ace. The parties interested agreed to leave it to The Omaha Bee. Answer through sports column, please. How much is it? F. R. E. Answer—Twenty-four is the right count. Four sevens make six royal pairs, or twelve points, and the ace counts fifteen-two for each royal pair, or twelve points