BASKET BALL SETTLES DOWN

Players Swinging Into Season's Games with Steadier Gait.

SOME SURPRISES ARE STAGED

Second Righ School Tenms and Other Quintets Bing Up Some Unexpected Victories Over Healthy Opponents.

Standing of Basket Ball League.

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Swift and Company...... 0 Neb. School for the Deaf, 2 0 With the basketball season amo Omaha tossers well under way, teams of the three leagues are settling down for a most strenuous season. All of the mintels are putting forth their best wares and are striving for points of vantage so that they will not be outdistanced in the first few weeks of play. Nearly all of the aggregations have located and bolstered up their weak spots so that in several of the leagues the teams are becoming more balanced.

neil Bluffs Y. M. C. A.

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.

Bantists Making Strides. Of the flippers, the South Omaha Baptists seem to be making the largest strides in their improvement. The scrapaggressive way in which they took fall out of the Kountze Memorials Tuesday evening was a surprise unlooked for. The First Methodists also have tights

secured several new men and expect to back stronger than ever. So far the Church of the Covenant have not met any of the quintets, but will do so this week. The Covenators have a fairly strong aggregation and exect to have their prowess felt before are in action for any length of

ened up. After two defeats the Baracas

first game last week against the South naha Baptists and at their initial debute had the misfortune to lose 29 to

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 secretaries.

First National Bank seems out of place, in 1912 over the Ginnts, while last year because of weakness. Both the Young they saw the Braves badly maltreat the Men's Christian association secretaries Athletics. and the high school trounced them un-

stronger teams in the league.

the Tri-City league. With Burken- first series to be terminated in men liave some of the best talent in

ellevue College and the Waiter G. Clarks also have two strong quintets in the mixup, who are able to give a good

accounting of themselves. Weigle's buccaneering crew of Pirates Wilson, Clepser and Williard on their rester they have as able a bunch of basket cagers as any of the quintets.

Swift & Co., Council Bluffs Young Men's Christian association and the Nebrasks Sechool for the Deaf also give promise of having good teams. Banket Ball Notes.

Joes is the undisputed leader of the outh Qmaha Baptists.

The Thorpelans are out for the Class B hampionship. Up to date they have not

Noiapd still refuses to listen to the entrealies of the Telephone team to re-join their aggregation. Fellows, the aggressive forward of last season's Telephone quintet, has at last decided to join the Clarks.

With the Christmas holidays coming on teams in the Commercial and Tri-City leagues will lay over for a rest. Bawerman got away in great shape in his first game with the Kountze Memorials, shooting four goals from field. New Year's day, Moran's Murphy Did its will journey to Shenandonh, Ia., and there engage the military team known as Co. E.

The Waiter G. Clarks are represented y this bunch of tossers: Montgomery, ann. Smith, Parish, Fellows, Meyers and

The 'Ln Plasoma club of Bemis park have recently organized, and would like to here from some of the local teams. Call Harney 2023 and ask for H. Line-

"Stub" Hascall, president of the Church league, is out of the city on a honey-moon tour. The judge was recently mar-ried in Topean, Kan.

Stark and Cooper are the bright stars for the Nebraska School for the Deaf, Between them they shot each baskets against the Pirates Thursday evening. The Council Bluffs Young Men's Chris-ian association are represented in the Pri-City league by the following bunch; Hermik, Hendricks, Puryear, Grok and

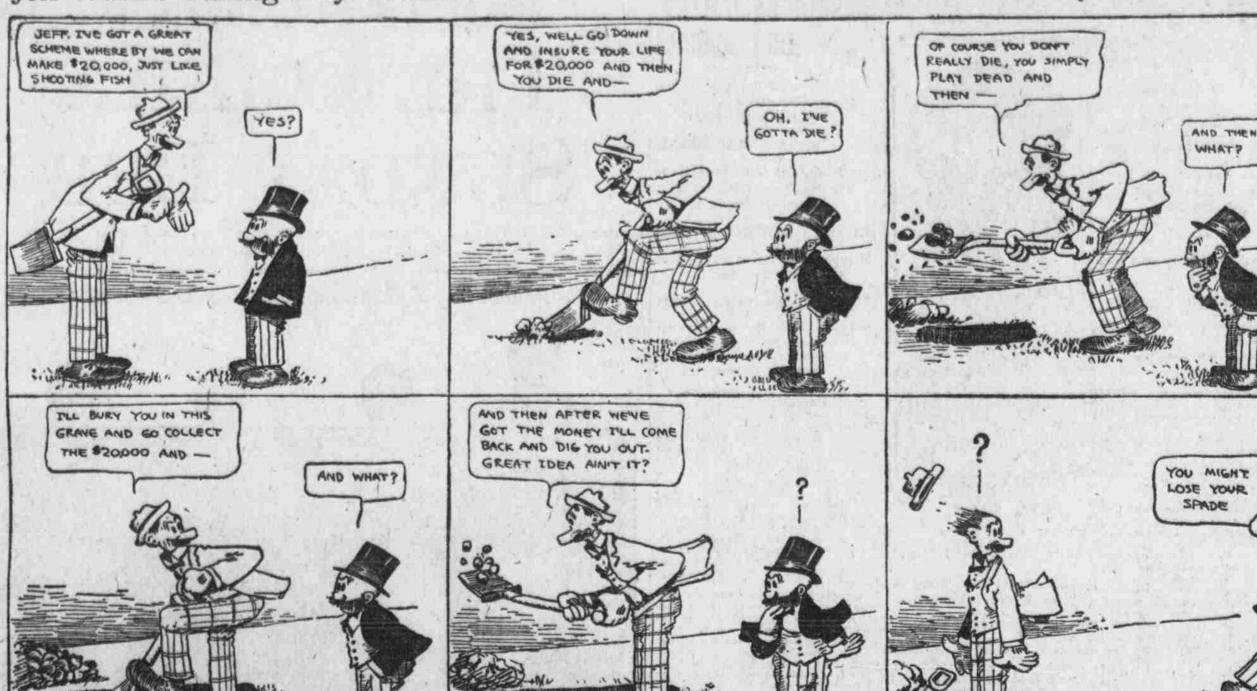
Here is the First Christian lineup, that a sweeping everything before them: Hob-on, right forward; Clepser, left forward; Weigle, conter; Parrish, right guard; Weigle, left guard.

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

Those First Methodist Baracas have a conducted aggregation in this lineup; awrence right forward; Clevett, left forward; Usop, center; Sammor reard; Fitspatrick, left guard. The Swift & Co. aggregation will con-test their game against the Council Buffs Tsung Men's Christian association played Thiraday evening on the Ne-brasaz School for the Leaf gymnasium.

Jeff Wasn't Taking Any Chances

Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher



(Continued from Page One.)

T.e. Nebraska Telephone company won every world's series in which one seems to have deteriorated from the of the Bean teams engaged. Twice they crack organization of last year. Of all saw the Red Sox winners in close historic the teams in the Commercial league, the series, once in 1903 over the Pirates and

reifully, the first game ending 54 to longest, as well as the shortest, series and the second 54 to 2. In the modern record. Both the 1903 and The Omaha National Bank and the 1912 series went eight games, the only Council Bluffs Cohe are two of the American-National clashes which have been stretched out that far, while the immonds Townsends hold the calcium | Beston-Athletic series last full was the road. Hughes, Platz. Drummond, Mc- | sames. Chicago licked the Tigers four Whinney, Ritchie and Koran the gun straight games in 1907, but the first game

> 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.

series does not amount to a great deal. score of 20 to 14. Sixty per cent of the first four games National commission.

That means that the two clubs divide only 30 per cent of the profits of the make after that, which, with a five-same 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, season the two world's contenders made present prohibits the playing of the game. next to nothing on the series

Foot Ball at Big Unis Worst Abuse Modern Educational System

dle west here last night.

offered to promising athleses.

system until they have no time for study. They have no time for anything

STANTING OF INTERSTATE THREE-CUSHION LEAGUE FARMER BURNS SHOWS AT

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 18.-The standing of the players in the Interstate Three-



NATIONAL VICTORIES CLEAN

The Hub, therefore, has seen the two

In glancing over the records of past

Were there any "fixing" in base ball what would be more natural than to have

CHICAGO, Dec. 19 .- Foot ball at the great American universities is the "worst Pelton, Bob Pisher, Bob Storer, Harry future act as the executive head of that abuse of the modern of the gas system," Dr. Gardner, Dick Wigglesworth and Rex venture. Charles Alexander Richmond, president of Union college, Schenectady, N. T., asserted in an address at the annual banquet of the college alumni from the mid-

"The foot ball situation in most coleges is disgraceful," Dr. Richmond said. 'Fathers and mothers allow their sons to be exploited in the arena for profit like circus performers or vaudaville actors. Academies are accured for athletic material and inducements of all kinds are

"The men that go into foot ball are driven and coached under the professional





that the profits of the owners in the could only defeat the same team by the

Franklin Academy claims the champion- claim on the fact that it played nine feated by both teams, but on the Cam- It admits for no discussion. It estab- put their heads together last summer, both Bob and Carl Weigle, Barrowman, fight it tooth and nall to a seven-game ship of the Republican valley by virtue games, winning every one of them, and series? Almost every year the critics of having played seven games out of which during the season met and defeated the against Cambridge for the season of 191s over that of Mr. Williams, and the formal out of it. advise the fans to look for a close fight, it won six and lost one. It says that strongest teams in the locality. It is give McCook two victories and Franklin mer has therefore been awarded first a scrap to the finish, but the close series McCook High school is the only other true that there is just one team played by one victory and one defeat. contender, and that comparative scores both schools by means of which the ques- McCook's record is absolutely without Five of the series have been terminated give Franklin the count, as Franklin de-in five games and one in four, showing feated Cambridge 27 to 0 and McCook and that team is Cambridge.

Now, McCook High school claims the with Cambridge, one each at Cambridge, claims the championship over Franklin goes to the players, with 10 more to the championship of southwestern Nebraska and one on their respective home fields. academy.

In the Sunday Bee of November 29, the and the Republican valley, basing the On their home fields Cambridge was de- records. The data tells its own story. Keeline and a bunch of other shooters

Franklin failed to mention that both team twice defeated by McCook. It is on McCook and Franklin played two games the strength of these games that McCook

tirst four games, and what they can FINE TRIBUTE TO HAUGHTON M'SHANE NAMED SECRETARY

(Continued from Page One.) has been booked to become head coach of the Columbian university foot ball team etc., profits are cut way down. Last in case the faculty lifts the ban which at

Fish is a close student of the Haughton system and knows all the twists and Made More Safe on the Curvesturns that have brought success to Cam-

bridge id the last few years. Old Stare Assistants. Most of the old Harvard stars are devoting their time to Harvard foot ball as assistant coaches to Haughton, however, Lethrop and Paul Withington,

off to coach elsewhere. ing positions, the most of them are in- knew the finer working points of the tent on following original plans for their racing game. after-graduation work. Logan, the quarschool; Pennock, the all-America guard, nuse, N. Y.; Hardwick will go into business. Francke will continue his ctudies at Harvard, Jeff Coolidge will follow a business career in Boston, as will Bradlee, the halfback. Swigert, the substitute quarterback, will go into the steel

business in Portland, Ore. SAN DIEGO EXPOSITION

Farmer Burns, the grand old man of the wrestling game, has deserted Omaha for a few months. The Former has become a "speedway" magnate. He has the motordrome for opening January 1. The Furmer has a little drome about 300 feet in circumference. In it he will

Is Chosen for Important Post Beoause of Familiarity with Game.

TRACK IS TO BE CHANGED

Grandstand is to Be Made More Extensive Than Was at First

Anticipated. Sheriff Felix McShane has been appointed executive secretary of the Omaha Tommy Campbell, Percy Wendell, Sam Automobile speedway, and will in the

Hitchcock all hover around Cambridge McShane was selected for the imporduring the fall season, instead of hieling tant post because of his familiarity with the automobile racing game. To the Although any of the first string play- stockholders and officers the speedway ers of this year's team who will get their is a business investment, and it was degrees in June might sign up for coach- deemed advisable to procure a man who

McShane is a race fan and makes it a terback, will go to the Harvard Law practice to visit all of the big races. He is intimately acquainted with nearly will enter a chemical business in Syra- all of the widely known drivers, and his connection with the local corporation is expected to give it considerable prestige among the men who face death behind the humming motors.

McShape will be absolute manager of the track. He will go to San Francisco for the Vanderbilt cup races at that city, February 22 and 29, and he will also go to Indianapolis and Chicago, if the track at that point is completed and the race held on June 13 as scheduled. McShane will sign up the really big drivers, the men who are most expert at the game and are known not only all over this country but Europe as well, for the initial race on the Omaha boards. He expects to sign such men as De Palma, purchased the motordrome concession at Oldfield, Burman, Pullen, Rickenbacher, the San Diego exposition and is building Anderson, Maiford, Alley, O'Donnell, Patschke and other stars.

Resume Work in the Spring. Work on the Omaha track will be stage automobile races. He has several started this spring. At present some devmen and one woman under contract to tations from Jack Prince's original plans drive little twenty-horse power machines. are being made. Prince's crude idea as The Farmer also has the athletic con- to the triple radius and the banked .50 cession and any athletic event which may turns was all right, our could change the pulled off at the exposition, the Farmer that a skillful engineer could change the cession and any athletic event which may turns was all right, but it was found angles and the pitch and add both speed

and safety in entering and coming out of the turns. These haness are being

drafted and will be made when work on

the construction again starts.

Another change in the original plans has been made. It was first decided to build a half length grandstand for the opening race and enlarge it if necessary. But the confidence of Richard Kennerdell, the American Automobile association head, who declares the Omaha track will be one of the most spectacular in ment to build a full length grandstand, capable of holding many thousand people Also, the stands will be built up within eighteen feet of the track. It was first planned to build them back forty feet. But stands so far back would impair the view of apectators toward cars which enter the first turn, while at eighteen feet the view will be perfect. Strong guard rails of steel will circle the outside of the track, so that a car cannot plunge off the track into the stands. The work on the dyking at the west side of the track has been completed, s that no high waters in Carter take can

seep through under the construction. KANSAS HOUND TAKES **FAIRBURY COURSING TROPHY**

PAIRBURY, Neb., Dec. 19.-(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 Summerfield, Kan., together with first money. Their dog, Racing Rymen, outlassed all other dogs in points of speed.

Hard Pine, a splendld racing dog belonging to James Kasparek of Odell, was awarded second money. John Griffin of Bloux City took the purse stake, his dog being entered by C. D. Parker of this city. Barl Morian of this city was judge of

the coursing meet. Cubs Book Exhibitions. The Chicago Cubs have exhibition dates booked as follows: April 2 and 2. Birmingham; April 4, Nashville; April 5 and 6, Chattanooga, and April 8, 9, 10 and 11,

Bee Want Ads Produce Results.

California Tennis Player Given the New Omaha Gun Club Planning Ex-Place of Distinction.

FOR THIRD YEAR STRAIGHT WILL BID FOR TOURNAMENTS

In Placing Him Above R. Norris Williams, Second, Report Ex-

plates Ranking According to Record.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 .- The ranking Lawn Tennis association issued the annual list today, Maurice E. McLoughlin of No. 1 for the third consecutive year. spring so that when the shooting season In placing the hero of the Davis cup matches above R. Norrig Williams 2d, the national champion who beat Mc-Loughlin at Newport, the committee clearly stated in the report that the ranking is according to the record.

and W. M. Hall, the committee, sum up Omaha Gun club broke up about a year their finding as follows:

Comparison Unnecessary. "The committee deems unnecessary to comment on the comparison of these two

place." The committee recommends that the arbitrarily rated No. 1, and that the rule be made clear as to whether or not Davis cup matches are to be taken into ac-

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

The first ten men, singles: Inde first ten men, singles:

1-Maurice E. McLoughlin.

2-R. Norris Williams, 3d.

2-Kari H. Behr.

4-R. Lindley Murray.

5-William J. Clothier.

5-William M. Johnson.

7-George M. Church.

5-Frederick B. Alexander.

5-Watson M. Washburn.

10-Elias F. Fottrell.

In doubles the first ten are: 1-M. E. McLouglin and T. C. Bundy. 2-George M. Caurch and Dean Mathey. 3-K. H. Behr and T. R. Pell. 4-William M. Johnston and C. J. Grif-

-H. H. Hackett and F. B. Alexander. 6-Nat Browne and Claude Wayne.
7-W. N. Niles and A. S. Dabey.
8-W. J. Clothier and G. P. Gardner, ir.
8-G. C. Shafer and King Smith.
10-R. D. Little and F. C. Imman.

The first ten women: The first ten women:

1-Miss Mary Browne.

2-Miss Florence Sutton.

3-Miss Marie Wagner.

4-Mrs. Edward Raymond.

5-Miss Edith Rotch.

6-Miss Eleanor A. Sears.

7-Mrs. Robert Williams.

5-Mrs. H. A. Niemeyer.

10-Miss Sars. Livingston.

10-Miss Sara Livingston Dartmouth May Play Michigan or Illinois

CHICAGO, Dec. 19 .- Michigan or Illinois may fill the dates on the Dartmouth foot bail schedule definitely declined today by the board of Athletic control of the University of Chicago. Immediately upon being notified that the maroon card already contained too many hard games to allow one with the green to be added, Walter A. McCormack, representing the alumni of the Hanover school, wired Paul Bartleme, Michigan athletic director at Ann Arbor, and George Huff, in charge at Urbana, inviting them to meet the Dartmouth eleven in 1915 and 1916. The Chicago schedule, is it understood is complete, but has not been given out.

Would Buy Ball Clubs. in apite of hard times in base ball there seem to be a number of players nursing the notion that there is money in managing. Miller Huggins and Charley Herzeg seek to buy the Butfalo International league club. Buck Freeman is said to be anxious to become a club owner in the Tri-State league and Jack Deal is another player who thinks he could prosper as a team owner in the Tri-State.

McCook High School Claims Championship of Southwest Nebraska | M'LOUGHLIN GETS HONOR | CLUB HOUSE FOR GUN CLUB

tensive Improvements for 1915.

Also Probable that Many Inter-City Shoots Such as Columbus-Omaha

Event Will Be Held Hera Next Year. The erection of a new club house, recommittee of the United State National plete with all the comfort and luxuries which a first class trap shooter should enjoy, is the plan of the new Omaha Gun of California getting the honored place club. The club house will be started this

less of an infant organization, but its members are live ones and they expect Fred C. laman, chairman; W. L. Pate shooting centers in the country. The old

> ago and the grounds across the river were abandoned.

- Form a Real Club But Ray Kingsley, Don McCown, Art.

At first only one trap was installed. but the first squad of members was so large that another trap was installed last national association pass a rule that in week. Probably before the 1915 season games less and lost one of them to a coming years the national champion be opens more traps will be built so that any number may shoot without delays.

There are now about 100 members in the club. Some are expert shooters, but many are as yet novices at the game. The club members are encouraging the sport among those who are not marksmen, and every attention is given to those who are anxious to learn. That spirit will bring many into the organization, and it is expected that the membership will advance rapidly during sub-

sequent seasons.

Bid for Tonraments. 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. While the Western Handicap was lost to Omaha, the shooters are not downcast, will renew their energies next year. The success of the Omaha-Columbus

inter-city shoot a week ago, when the trappers faced zero weather to indulge in their favorite pastime, has prompted the officers of the club to promote several such inter-city shoots next year. It is probable that a dozen of such will be held here and at other places next year. With the new Omaha club expending such efforts, as well as the Carter Lake club, Omaha is bound to occupy a goodly portion of the trap shooting calcium next

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. 12.—To the Editor of The Bee. An argument came us 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 is The Omaha Hee. Answer through sporting columns, please. How much is it?

two for each royal pair, or twelve points