

Mutt Was Evidently Doing the Same Thing



Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher

BIG BLIZZARD 27 YEARS AGO

Government Forecaster Tells How Nebraska Weather History Was Written in January, 1888

MANY LIVES LOST IN STORM

Colonel Welsh looked up from his daily incantation over the much-lined United States weather map yesterday and pointed with satisfaction to some words which he had written on the southeastern corner of the map, in the gulf of Mexico.

"These words were in bright red and stood out boldly among all the blue and black cabalistic signs and figures with which the map was covered and from which the colonel was working out his daily prophecy."

"January 12, 1888."

"That is what the colonel had written. Only this and nothing more. He pointed to the words."

"Do you know what this is?" he inquired.

"Sure," said the reporter, "that's the birthday of any man or woman who will be 27 years old tomorrow."

"That," said the colonel, "is the date of the big blizzard. Everything dates from the big blizzard in this country as everything in Ireland dates from the time of the big wind. That was certainly some blizzard."

Many Died in Storm.

Those who experienced the rigors of the storm "tight all their battles over again" as the anniversary of the day comes around. It was a storm that left death and suffering in its wake all up and down the Missouri valley and from the lakes to the mountains. Forty-one deaths in Nebraska were directly due to the blizzard, with as many more in Iowa and varying numbers in other states.

The story of the great sleighing carnival to Council Bluffs is perennially recalled—how 500 Omahans in 25 sleighs and, accompanied by a band, drove across the river on the ice and were met on the other side by an equally large contingent of Council Bluffs people; how the storm descended while they were dancing late in the afternoon; how most of them were compelled to remain in Council Bluffs over night.

Wind High and Biting Cold.

The wind blew thirty to forty miles an hour and the thermometer registered 18 degrees below zero. The storm raged all that night and until noon the next day. It was days until telegraph lines and railroads were working on schedule time. Lack of telephone communication in those days gave a long life to rumors of various citizens being frozen to death. In Omaha there was only one death as a result of the storm.

Fred Eiler, a cigar maker, who, returning home, lost his way in the snow and lay down at Twenty-third and Leavenworth streets and died.

January 12, 1912, three years ago, was the coldest day in Omaha for forty years, the temperature going down to 27 degrees below zero. One day in 1884 Omaha snows and cars were tipped by a hyperborean spell, which, measured by Mr. Fahrenheit's popular instrument, was 22 degrees below zero.

Brings Back Recollections.

Colonel Welsh looked out of the window at the sky. He was dreaming of these past exploits of his bureau, days when it leaped into the spot light, pushing aside all other topics of human interest.

But the sky was blue, the temperature mild. The proverb says, "Happy nations make no history." And ordinary weather makes no history.

But the local weather man knows that all things come to him who waits. Sometime his department will be in the limelight again. But for the present—

"Fair and slightly warmer tomorrow," said the colonel.

RANCHMAN CHARGED WITH THE THEFT OF CATTLE

SUNDANCE, Wyo., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Paul Bernard and Roy Kinghorn, well known young ranchmen, are under arrest, charged with the theft of \$2,000 worth of cattle from Henry Weare, a neighbor. Weare found thirty head of his stock missing and, it is alleged, traced thirty head to the ranch of Bernard on Indian creek and seventeen head to the ranch of Kinghorn on St. Onge creek. Both prisoners assert innocence.

RITCHIE AND WELSH TO FIGHT TEN ROUNDS

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11.—While Ritchie, former lightweight champion, accepted an offer here today to meet the title holder, Freddie Welsh, in a ten-round, no decision bout at Madison Square Garden on or about February 9. Ritchie said he would enter the ring at catchweights. He refused to make weight for a bout of less than twenty rounds in which the title was not at stake, except by the chance of a knockout.

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Handicap Bowling and Midwest Are Now Arranged For

The Omaha City Bowling association was organized Sunday afternoon to manage a city tournament and a state handicap tournament this spring and the Midwest congress next fall. The following officers were elected: M. K. Kinnebrew, president; Art Cummings, vice president; Carl J. Cain, secretary; George Zimmerman, treasurer.

The tourney for the city championships will be held starting February 21. Its entrants will be eligible to bowl at the American Bowling congress at Peoria, starting March 12. Carl Cain will manage the city event and a committee consisting of Dick Grotte, chairman; Chet Weekes, Henry Fritscher, George Zimmerman and Red Ratkin was elected to draw up a schedule.

Another meeting of the bowlers will be held next Sunday afternoon to select a president of the Midwest organization and to draw up final arrangements for the city tourney.

Amateur Athletic Union to Meet at City Hall Tonight

A meeting of the new Amateur Athletic association of Omaha will be held this evening in the council chamber of the city hall. The purpose is to perfect a permanent organization and elect officers to officiate during the ensuing year. Everybody who is interested in the proposed athletic club is invited to attend.

Peckinpough Signs Yankee Contract

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 11.—Roger Peckinpough signed a three-year contract today to play with the New York American league team. His signature was obtained by Manager Bill Donovan of the New York club. Both Peckinpough and Donovan declined to state the salary involved. Joe Tinker of the Chicago Federals made an unsuccessful effort to sign Peckinpough.

ROY MONTGOMERY MAKES THREATS IN HIS PAPER

GILLETTE, Wyo., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Roy Montgomery, mayor of this town, whose conviction of white slavery in the Wyoming United States court has been affirmed by the federal appellate court, in the current issue of his newspaper, the Gillette News, serves notice on his enemies that they will hear from him later. Commenting on Montgomery's prospect of a term in the Leavenworth penitentiary, the News says that "he will take it like the game fighter he is, and after so-called justice has been satisfied, he will be found back on the firing line, scratching the thin reform veneer from the backs of those who have been using that same reform to cloak their race." The term to which Montgomery was sentenced is two and one-half years.

WALTER CAMP RETIRES FROM YALE ATHLETICS

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 11.—Walter Camp has retired from the position of football representative on the Yale University Athletic association and Prof. Robert N. Corwin has been named in his stead for the coming year, according to announcement made today by Captain A. D. Wilson of the football team. The retirement of Mr. Camp, it is explained, is in line with his desire to sever official connection with athletics, and does not curtail his services as graduate advisory coach to the football captain and coaches.

Vote to Continue.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 11.—The Eastern Base Ball association at its annual meeting today voted down a proposition presented by Director Clark of the Hartford club to disband for a year. It is possible, however, that the Hartford of New Britain may be dropped from the circuit. No confirmation was given regarding the fact that the Federal league was considering the territory, particularly Hartford and New Haven.

Not Gone to Feds.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 11.—Jack Egan, an American league umpire, said today he had not signed with the Federal league for the coming season, as has been reported in Chicago.

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BRITISH NOTE IS UNSATISFACTORY TO WASHINGTON

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ican reply is finally sent, the State department will give out statistics showing when and where American ships have been detained.

It is admitted at the State department that the action of some American exporters and ship masters and placed the British in possession of a strong argument in favor of its present position. But with the recent arrangements for having outgoing cargo loaded under the inspection of treasury officials and with the system of licenses which the British note states has been granted to insure rubber and perhaps wool exported from America from reaching Germany and Austria, officials are inclined to believe that the war soon will be open for a completely satisfactory understanding between the two governments in regard to the treatment of neutral shipping and they are encouraged in that belief by the fact and responsible tone of the British note.

Chief Grievance Is Ignored.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The opinion prevails among American shipping agents in London that Washington will answer the British preliminary reply to the American shipping note, because of what they term its ex-parte nature. While Great Britain made it clear that no reply was expected until it had given its own final answer, American shippers believe that there are certain phases of the preliminary note which require explanation. The failure of the British reply to explain that copper and other American exports to neutral countries probably were forwarded in large quantities to Russia is looked upon as an important omission. Another point dwelt upon by shipping agents is the fact that Great Britain has not taken into account the virtually complete cutting off of German exports to neutral countries, which of necessity must buy from the United States goods which cannot be had from Germany or England.

Considerable comment has been aroused by the fact that both the American note and the British response scarcely touched upon the chief grievance of shippers—the great delay in determining whether cargoes detained are contraband. Agents of American firms which have suffered from this condition feel that specific statements of the annoyances and delays which shippers have endured would hasten an adjustment more effectively than general statements.

G. W. MAXWELL IS DOUBLE TARGET TRAP SHOT CHAMP

George Maxwell of Hastings is the champion double-target trap shooter for 1914, according to averages just published. Maxwell won the professional championship by breaking 124 rocks out of 129 for an average of .953. He leads the amateur champion by several points.

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Blackburn Wants to Know Why Judges Have Failed to Act

At the annual meeting of the Omaha Bar association Saturday night, following the dinner at the University club rooms, Thomas W. Blackburn, the retiring president, in an address, called attention to the fact that the judges of the district court had failed to act on the recommendations of the Bar association, calling for an investigation of the charges of misconduct, made by The Omaha Bee several months ago.

During the course of his remarks, Mr. Blackburn said:

"I regret to say that the judges have taken no steps to carry out the recommendation. Just why the court has felt that it had no immediate responsibility in connection with the matter I am unable to say. My personal opinion is that the course taken by the court is neither justifiable nor wise. Several members of this bar have been subjected to public criticism. Not only so, but indictments have been returned by the grand jury against them. Most of these indictments were dismissed without prosecution. Nevertheless the individual members of the bar who were indicted are compelled to remain under the cloud of the indictments and the bar of the city is still the subject of criticism because of the charges upon which the indictments were said to have been based."

"It seems to me that the judges of the district court cannot justify themselves in ignoring a situation such as was laid before them by this association."

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President—Charles G. McDonald, Secretary—J. T. Dyar, Treasurer—Annan Raymond, Executive Council—W. A. DeBord, F. A. Brogan, R. G. Young, Thomas G. Crane, T. W. Blackburn.

Cole Killed Himself, Thinking Man He Had Shot Was Dead

ENCAMPMENT, Wyo., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—William Cole was not killed by Charles Sanger after attempting to assassinate the latter, but committed suicide, believing he had accomplished his purpose, is the conclusion of Coroner H. K. Bennett, after an investigation of the tragedy of last Thursday morning at Sanger's ranch, in the remote Big Creek district. Therefore no inquest will be held on the body of Cole.

The first report of the tragedy said that Cole, hiding in Sanger's barn, attempted to assassinate Sanger as he came to the door of his cabin in the early morning, firing six shots at him and shooting him through the arm and eye. Coroner Bennett's investigation established conclusively, however, that Sanger did not fire at Cole, but that the latter,

South Dakota Sets Trap for Antelope

DEADWOOD S. D., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—South Dakota's antelope trap, the only one of its kind permitted under state laws, and that only because the state is conducting it, is now ready for business at a point sixteen miles north of Belle Fourche. The trap is a corral erected by the state game warden for the purpose of securing some of the unwary animals that roam that section and later placing them in the state game preserve near Custer. It is surrounded by a ten-

Opium Queen is Arrested on Liner

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Mrs. Sophia Ghee, known to the police as "the opium queen," was arrested in her state room on the steamer Philadelphia when the vessel docked here today, charged with being the American agent for a band of

opium smugglers that has headquarters in Liverpool. Federal authorities said they were prepared to prove that Mrs. Ghee is responsible for the distribution of \$25,000 worth of opium throughout the United States.

Mrs. Ghee was born in England, of Austrian parents. She is the wife of Chow Ghee, a Chinese who lives in Liverpool. Eleven men belonging to the band of alleged smugglers of which she is said to be the guiding genius had previously been arrested here and in Chicago.

Cue Artist Dies.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 11.—Parker A. Byers, one time three-cushion billiard champion of the world, mentor of Jacob Schaefer, Ora Morningstar, George Slogson and Frank Ives, died at his home to day, aged 52 years. He had played professional billiards for forty-five years.

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