

BRINGING UP FATHER

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ROURKE REJOICES THAT WAR IS OVER

Omaha Club Owner Predicts that Halcyon Days of Old in Base Ball Will Return Again.

ALL DEPENDS ON PLAYERS

"That is certainly sweet music for the ear of the minor league owner," declared Pa Rourke, owner of the Omaha Western league club, when the news that peace in baseball was assured was broken to him.

"The halcyon days of old," rejoiced Rourke, "will return again. With two major leagues, no outlaws, no contract jumpers, everything happy and peaceful within organized base ball, the fans will come back and the professional game resume its place as the national pastime in America."

"But during the last two years the players have played when they wanted to and mostly they loafed. They fussed and fumed about salaries and most of the base ball business consisted of scrapping over finances instead of over pennants. When a club owner offered a player a contract he could reasonably stand, the player laughed, demanded more money, got it and then played indifferent base ball."

"Expect a Better Year Here." "But it will be different now. The player will have to hustle. He'll play real ball or he'll lose his job. The result will be the game which once more have its attractions for the fans and will prosper. I expect the Western to have fifty per cent better season next year now that peace has been declared."

Rourke opines that there will be some neat salary cutting in the majors before the season opens in April. "The big boys are tired of paying railroad pension salaries to temperamental stars," said Pa, "and you won't hear many more yarns about \$15,000 and \$15,000 salaries from now on."

Athletes Will Be Punished. "That many of the players who bolted from organized base ball and leaped to the Feds will not be allowed to re-enter the majors is Rourke's belief. He ventures the opinion that those who had big loop jobs before the Feds appeared will be forced back into the minors. "Of course the big stars who broke reserve clause contracts three years ago probably will get back," he said. "The penalty for such offense is suspension for three years and the three years is up for several of them. They will not suffer. But some of the other fellows who broke contracts which is a five-year offense will be penalized. Others who broke contracts and signed long-term high-salaried contracts with the Feds will be allowed to return to the majors upon agreement to pass up their demand on the contract obligations. Of course all players in the Feds will revert to the organized ball clubs which previously controlled their services."

"All in all it is mighty pleasant news, and you'll find every minor league owner tickled to death."

To Start Play in Tri-City Basket Ball League Soon

The Tri-City Basket Ball league will start soon after the first of the year and the first game of the regular high school schedule will be with Council Bluffs High, January 8. After two week-end practices the coach has a line on his material, but has not picked a first squad. A hard practice of from an hour to an hour and a half each day and the squad is kept on the jump during this whole period.

"Fuzzy" MacFarland and John Crowley of the basket ball squad have challenged Coach Mulligan and Fred Spinning of the faculty for a hand ball game to decide the championship of the school. The coach is just learning the game, but he is willing to take a chance.

Operation on Joe Tinker Successful

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Joe Tinker, manager of the Chicago Federal league champions, submitted to an operation today for stone in the kidney. Intermittently through the base ball season Tinker suffered intense internal pain and was repeatedly advised that an operation was necessary. The visit to the hospital was delayed because the manager was determined to direct his club's fight for the pennant. Recently it was believed that inflammation had set in and today the incision was made by Dr. M. L. Harris. The report from the hospital was that Tinker was resting well after the operation.

Just an Earful

By Tad

Someone said some years ago that one way to get along in the world was to keep your ears open and your mouth shut? Ever hear of Heer Placke, the Holland champion? Oh, yea, he met Kid McCoy in Philly about twelve years ago. There was an awful hullabaloo over the big cheese, and the affair drew quite a crowd. This guy Placke, you know, weighed as much as a dreadnought and was the Woolworth building of the hopes for size.

He had McCoy worried by the stories of his fights, but the Kid said nothing, and pointed to Placke's corner, and the fight sawed more. He looked at the big slob in the other corner and figured out how to lick him.

They fought the first round, and although the Kid did belt the gigantic korgonoin hard and often he failed to drop him, and tired quite some from his efforts.

He came up for the second round still tired, but hopeful. Placke, who looked like nothing in a Placke, who looked like nothing in a Placke, suddenly dropped his hands, and pointing to Placke's corner, said:

"Say, that second of yours wants to speak to you." The big boob turned, and as he did so McCoy unbuttoned a right that started from the floor and ended against the Dutchman's chin.

Half an hour later, when he woke up in the dressing room, Placke asked: "Say, vot did dot feller vom me for?"



LINCOLN MEN BUY CLUB FROM JONES

Stock Company Formed to Take Over Western League Club at Once.

STONE HEAD, HOLMES MANAGER

LINCOLN, Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—A group of Lincoln business men tonight bought the Lincoln club of the Western league from Hugh L. Jones for \$12,500. The deal has been pending for some months, pending a canvass of the business men to secure stock subscriptions.

George Stone, formerly a member of the St. Louis Browns, will likely become head of the new organization. Articles of incorporation are to be filed tomorrow with the secretary of state, with the following incorporators: C. S. Sherman, Frank J. Richards, Ed Young, Jr., Leo Soukup, John G. Burkett and J. W. Holmes.

William "Ducky" Holmes, manager of the Lincoln club five years ago, will again assume the management, and will begin at once to rebuild the club. An additional \$2,000 stock subscription has been secured to provide funds for working capital and to buy new players.

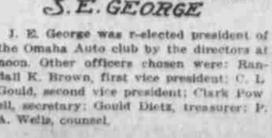
The temporary board of directors elected yesterday is George R. Stone, John G. Burkett, Frank J. Richards, Ed Young, Jr., and Frank Eager.

The annual meeting will be held in February.

Feds Are Fined. Arthur Wilson, catcher of the Chicago Whales, and his guest, Grover Hartley of the St. Louis Feds, were fined \$3.50 for racing in an automobile at Decatur, Ill.

Learn Will Wrd. Pitcher Lear of Cincinnati states that when the next season is over he will wed Miss Hinson of Alexandria, Tex.

RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE OMAHA AUTO CLUB.



J. E. GEORGE

WILLARD AGREES TO FIGHT FULTON

Champion is to Get Thirty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, Win, Lose or Draw.

NEW ORLEANS IS THE PLACE

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Articles of agreement binding Jess Willard, the world's heavyweight champion pugilist, to a match March 4 at New Orleans with Fred Fulton of Rochester, Minn., for the world's championship, were signed here today.

Under the articles of agreement Willard is to receive \$32,500 win, lose or draw, and Fulton is to get \$7,500, a provision that in lieu of the lump sum he can elect to take 15 per cent of the profits if the receipts amount to more than \$50,000 and 10 per cent of the moving picture rights.

The agreement makes the fight a twenty-round match, to be fought before the new West Side Athletic club of New Orleans.

The agreement was signed by Tom Jones for Jess Willard, Mike Collins for Fulton and Thomas S. Andrews of Milwaukee for the athletic club.

The referee will be chosen later.

Sex in Vaudeville. Jim Scott and Buck Weaver of the White Sox are in vaudeville.

Table with columns for various sports leagues and teams, including Ford Motor League, CROWN GAS, and others, listing names and statistics.

NOTRE DAME WILL PLAY NEBRASKA

Huskies and Indiana Catholic Foot Ball Teams Will Meet at Lincoln Thanksgiving Day.

CONTRACT FOR ONE YEAR ONLY

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Notre Dame and Nebraska will meet again in 1916 on the gridiron and for the first time in five years the Cornhuskers will play a Thanksgiving day game. Manager Guy E. Reed announced this morning that he had entered into a contract with Coach Jesse Harper of Notre Dame, which would bring the Catholics to Lincoln again next year on Turkey day.

Thanksgiving foot ball was abolished among Missouri Valley conference schools five years ago, but re-established last season early to permit Kansas and Missouri to play a Turkey day game. The Huskers were quick to grab the opportunity for a Thanksgiving day battle, the most profitable financially of any of the season.

Harper held out for a two-year contract, the 1917 game to be played in South Bend, but Reed said he did not care to bind Nebraska's new coach by any such arrangement and Harper readily consented to a yearly contract. The Notre Dame game last year was the most thrilling of the season and Reed counts himself fortunate in securing the strong Catholic school for the Turkey day bill.

Six other games, it was announced, had been arranged with the following teams: Drake university, Kansas Agricultural college, Iowa State Agricultural college (Ames), Kansas university, Nebraska Wesleyan university and Iowa university, all to be played at Lincoln except the Iowa game. The dates were not made public.

SCORES IN WEEKLY WHIST MATCH AT PRAIRIE PARK

At the Prairie Park Whist club's play Monday evening the most noticeable features were the marked improvement in teamwork of Abbott and Cowdry and the bad slump of Buck and Shawcross. Score follows:

Table listing scores for East and West players, including names like Cook and McCann, Abbott and Cowdry, etc.

Ewing Raises Berries.

Cal Ewing owns a ranch in northern California near Shasta Springs, and is going in strong for strawberry culture.

COYOTES TO PLAY HERE IN JANUARY

Burgess-Nash Basket Ball Team of Omaha Closes Contract for Game with South Dakota.

OBIE MYER ELECTED CAPTAIN

A contract for a game between the University of South Dakota basket ball quintet and the Burgess-Nash team of Omaha in this city January 22 was closed yesterday. Negotiations between the locals and the Coyotes were started some time ago and the deal was consummated yesterday.

The Coyotes are said to have a cracking good floor quintet this year and the locals believe they will show Omaha followers of the basketketeering sport a good exhibition.

The Burgess-Nash team of Omaha has now closed contracts for four big games in Omaha with outside teams. They are the All-Stars, who will play at the Young Men's Christian association Tuesday next; the University of Nebraska, which will play here January 30, the University of South Dakota, which plays here on the above date, and Nebraska Wesleyan, which play here the middle of January or the first week in February.

To a pretty tasty schedule of big games for Omaha. Obie Myer, star forward on the Burgess-Nash team, was elected captain of the squad at an election held Tuesday evening. Obie is one of the best basket shooters in Omaha and it is upon his ability to flip the goals that the Burgess-Nash team largely depends for victories. Obie is a big, rangy chap, plays a fast game on the floor and shoots accurately from all parts of the floor and from all angles.

Charley Peters is Willing to Tackle Martenson or Greek

Charley Peters, the Papillon grappler, ventures the opinion that Joe Stecher is not the only Nebraska wrestler who can dump one Paul Martenson of Chicago, the man who wrestled Stecher for the fourth time at Sioux City the other night. Peters has deposited the sum of \$100 with the sporting editor of The Bee as evidence of good faith, and he challenges either Martenson or Kuvorov, the Greek, who wants a crack at Stecher. Kuvorov was matched to wrestle Stecher at St. Joseph last week, but Stecher had the grip and called the match off.

The \$100 posted with The Bee is a forfeit for a side bet of from \$100 to \$500 with either one of the wrestlers mentioned above. Mr. Peters says he prefers to wrestle in Omaha.

Peters started wrestling here several years ago and beat all comers in the preliminaries when matches were staged at the Auditorium with Gotch and Beel and Burg and other as the principals. Since that time he has been in other parts of the country and has wrestled some of the best of them, always giving a good account of himself. He wrestled a half-hour draw with Ernst several months ago. Peters is the man who posted \$100 a short time ago for a match with Strangler Lewis, but the Strangler did not see fit to take him on.

Dewitt Defeats Weston.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The Dewitt basket ball team won a close and exciting game Tuesday evening from Western, by the score of 17 to 13.

Advertisement for Golden Sheaf Whiskey. Features a bottle of whiskey and text: 'GOLDEN SHEAF WHISKEY A "HI-BALL" ---IS MADE OR MARRED BY THE WHISKEY IN IT. You know of whiskies, well-tasting when undiluted, that lose their aroma when mixed with soda or seltzer—their richness disappears. Most Men with Persnickety Palates Prefer Golden Sheaf in all Hi-Balls because the smacking, aromatic flavor stays right with it. ILLER & COMPANY The Willow Springs Distillery OMAHA'

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Table titled 'Walk the Bowler' listing bowling scores for various leagues and teams, including Ford Motor League, CROWN GAS, and others, with names and scores.