

BRINGING UP FATHER

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STAGE IS ALL SET FOR THE BIG PULL

International Tug-o-War Staged by Jack Prince Opens at Auditorium This Evening.

FOUR PULLS EVERY NIGHT

All set for the big international tug-of-war which will be held at the Auditorium all this week, starting tonight and ending with the pulla next Sunday night. Everything is in readiness for the cracking of the pistol which will start the two first teams on their way. The Auditorium will all be fixed up today with the big pulling platform installed in the center of the building so as to be in full view of everybody, no matter where they may be, and the decorations and the flags of the various nations entered will be put up.

Four pulls will be held tonight, as every other night of the event. Thus all eight teams take part every evening and each team pulls each other team one time. By this series of elimination there can be no dispute as to place in the final standing.

Le Bron to Referee.

Bert Le Bron, who is of French descent and therefore a neutral as no team representing France is entered, has agreed to referee the pulla.

Jack Prince, the veteran promoter who is staging the event, declares it will be his biggest success in the way of tug-of-war. Prince has staged innumerable tug-a-lls over the country. The first one he ever put on was at the coliseum twenty-five years ago and that was considered a success. But the pull this year will be even bigger says Jack.

"I expect over 15,000 persons to attend during the week," said Prince. "Tonight you will see at least 5,000 persons on hand, and perhaps 5,000."

Examine all Pullers.

All eight teams are in the best of condition. They will, however, all be examined by physicians before they are allowed to take part in a pull. The examinations will occur every night so that by no chance one of the pullers may suffer from physical exhaustion.

Six men will pull on each team. Nine men are allowed on a team, thus making three substitutes.

George Green's band will furnish the music. The bandmaster has his musicians all trained in playing the national airs of the countries taking part so that there will be no slip 'twixt the lip and the instrument.

The countries represented in the tug-of-war and the team captains are as follows:

- American—Frank Greenman.
- Sweden—Kenneth Lundquist.
- Denmark—Erlend Tolboed.
- Italy—J. M. Calabria.
- Bohemia—Frank Riba.
- Ireland—Phil Lynch.
- England—E. Day.
- Germany—Pete Loch.

Washington Wins Foot Ball Contest Played in the Rain

PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 2.—Playing in a rain that marred the tournament of roses, the Washington State college foot ball eleven defeated Brown university, 14 to 6, here today in a game that featured the city's annual New Year festival.

Vigorous assaults on the Brown line and constant bucking tactics kept the Rhode Island athletes continually on the defensive. They held Washington scoreless in the first half of the game and even imperilled the goal of the westerners on one or two occasions, but they finally were beaten back on the water-soaked field in the third and fourth quarters, Washington getting a touchdown and goal in each.

Boone, who replaced Hanley at right half for Washington at the beginning of the second period, scored the first touchdown and plunging Washington fullback, Dietz, put over the second one. Despite the wind prevailing during the game the fullback each time booted the ball between the goal posts.

NEWSPAPER DECISION GOES TO HARVEY OVER BEECHER

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 2.—Johnny Harvey, New York, lightweight, was given the decision in a twelve-round bout with Willie Beecher, also of New York, here today. Beecher was badly beaten in every round. The weights were, Harvey, 134½; Beecher, 126.

Many Diseases Come from the Liver

Constipation, headache, bilious spells, indicate a sluggish liver. The tried remedy is Dr. King's New Life Pills. Only 25c. All druggists.—Advertisement.

MILLER THROWS TURNER TWO OUT OF THREE FALLS

BILLINGS, Mont., Jan. 2.—Walter Miller of St. Paul, world's welterweight wrestling champion, today defeated Joe Turner of Washington, D. C., holder of the 115-pound American championship belt. Miller took two out of three falls.

Advertiser and customer profit by the "Classified Ad" habit.

ANOTHER BOWLING LEAGUE ON DECK

Teams Wishing Franchises Will Meet to Form Huntington Organization.

TO BE CLASS B MATERIAL

Another league will be added to Omaha's already large number of organizations this afternoon, when teams wishing franchises meet at Huntington's alleys to organize the Huntington league.

The league will be composed of Class B material who average around 160. Already six teams have applied for franchises and two more teams will be given franchises upon application at this afternoon's meeting.

The present lineup of teams are Kirkendall Shoes, Dad's Swedes, First National Bank, Dycke's, Omaha Structural Steel company, Midland Glass and Paint company. They will roll under a handicap system, the matches to be staged on Tuesday nights.

Several leagues postponed their scheduled during the week and rolling was somewhat light on the local runways.

Just to liven things up Dad Huntington sprung another new one on Omaha bowling circles, by pulling off a big New Year's eve party at his alleys. Special matches were played for prizes by both men and women bowlers. Miss Lois Nesbit won first prize in the women's contest with 201, Miss Rauber 20 with 197, Miss Bruck 24 with 191, Miss Goerne 4th with 187, Miss McGreer 5th with 181 and Mrs. Evans 6th with 179.

For the men Jimmy Jarosh won first prize with 244. Other prizes were won by G. Toman, J. Meister, C. Zelst, W. Hageman and J. Kieny.

Refreshments were served to all and a five-piece orchestra added tone to the festivities. A few who couldn't make their feet behave danced to the music on Dad's alleys, making it necessary for them to be recanted and repolished.

Bowling Notes.

The Clara Bellows are averaging 2.83 in the Boston league.

Grin Doherty is back in the 500 class for a week at least.

Joe Deber still contends he will lead the Gate City league.

A slight woe never expected to see. Con Stegner shooting a hook.

At least four Omaha teams plan to enter a B. C. tournament at Toledo.

Watch the Omaha league race. Four teams are in the running for the lead.

The Ford Motor league has disbanded, owing to so many players attending the Ford school of instruction at night.

McShane of the Byrne-Hammer team has refused to sell his bowling shoes, which means that he still thinks he is a bowler.

Nelson of the Walnut Grove team is the most consistent shooter in the league. His games never vary over five pins from each other.

Pat Haley, our bowling friend from Des Moines, dropped in to look us over New Year's day. Pat is still praising the Omaha Middlewest tournament.

President Ries, who won the booby prize in the Mid-West tournament is the only ordinary candy are likely to see. Sometimes cleanliness is promoted in a careless child by a gift of especially interesting soap. A fancy tape-measure may be found for from 10 to 15 cents, and an older girl or even boy may value it. Little fancy trays, to hold collar buttons or other trifles, are often coveted, especially if "mother" or an older sister or brother has one on her or his bureau. A gold or silver dollar, or a coin of 1787 denomination, done up carefully in a box or in layers of tissue paper tied with bright ribbon, would give pleasure!

HOW TO FILL STOCKINGS

Oodles of Useful Articles Within Reach of a Small Purse.

Bright or soft-colored balls of twine, take up much room, and worthily. Fancy candy images or canes are naturally not wholesome, and are not presented as tags of ordinary candy are likely to see. Sometimes cleanliness is promoted in a careless child by a gift of especially interesting soap. A fancy tape-measure may be found for from 10 to 15 cents, and an older girl or even boy may value it. Little fancy trays, to hold collar buttons or other trifles, are often coveted, especially if "mother" or an older sister or brother has one on her or his bureau. A gold or silver dollar, or a coin of 1787 denomination, done up carefully in a box or in layers of tissue paper tied with bright ribbon, would give pleasure!

Cubes or other shams of fancy "pin balls," small boxes of preserved ginger or pineapple; firs, dates or prunes; pretty emerys; paper-knives; penknives; folding-cups; bulbs of Chinese lilies; hyacinths or other flowers; paper-weights; pencils; a compass; a small weatherhouse (with the lady and gentleman to come out in either fair or stormy weather clothes); small "mascot" images, of elephants, monkeys, or other animals; shoe-horns; button hooks; watch charms; match boxes—all these are available and most of them need not cost more than 10 cents apiece. Many cost only 5 cents.

For more money, the assortment grows indefinitely. Folding scissors and knives, with or without attachments, melt the heart of the ordinary boy, and are not unacceptable to his sister. A spoon, cup, or knife and fork of his very own appeal to nearly every child. Handkerchiefs, gloves, and ice and roller skates are still popular. The latter pretty nearly fill the stocking without further help. Little articles of jewelry, simple and not showy, are allowable, even if they are not "real."

THREE HIGH FLOOR GAMES THIS WEEK

South High-Fremont, Central High Council Bluffs and Beatrice-Crete Stage Combats.

LATTER GAME TO BE THRILLER

Three games of importance in the state-inter-scholastic field will be played on Friday and Saturday of the coming week. South High will meet Fremont next Saturday evening at the South High gymnasium. Central High will meet Council Bluffs on the Omaha Young Men's Christian association floor Friday evening. Crete and Beatrice will clash Friday evening on the Queen City floor.

All three games will give a little actual dope on how several of the bigger teams of the state are going to pan out. According to the reports from Coach Mulligan's official circle, the Central quintet is not faring as well as might be expected of a big school team. As South High meets the Bluffs quintet on the Omaha gym floor the week after the Central-Council Bluffs game, dopsters will have an opportunity for comparison of the two Omaha fives. Coach Mulligan's losses are in the prime of condition as is usually the case and plan to give the Fremont lads the go of their life. Last year the local five defeated the Fremont team by a large score.

The Crete-Beatrice conflict will be some battle. Both teams defeated Wilbur, a strong first class combination in the same district, by practically similar scores. With the exception of Geneva, these two quintets are generally the best southwestern Nebraska can produce. The game Friday night will be largely attended and bitterly fought. Beatrice is an athletic town to the core and turns out en masse to most all games.

Read The Bee Want Ads. It Pays!

BREEDING THE SILVER FOX

Can Be Raised on Farms and Each Animal is Worth \$4,000.

Let all fond fathers and indulgent husbands take more courage. Somebody may set them the sea otter and thormine, the sable and the ermine, but practically the other of that quintet of regal fur-bearers, the silver fox.

They call him silver fox, although he is jet black, barring a silver tip to his tail and a few silver threads in his magnificent coat. He's a dandy; but if you wish to meet a real black fox enthusiast I'll introduce you to General H. S. Huldikoper, who has spent his summer vacation on Prince Edward island.

On a space not larger than Philadelphia 25 fox-breeding companies have about \$10,000,000 worth of foxes. They grow them as a Bucks countian raises pigs; but instead of about \$50 for a porker the assessed value of each silver tip is \$4,000. The foxes in that one small section of Canada are worth more than all the domestic animals on the island.

The silver fox is an animal of romance. A century or more ago the Hudson Bay company would pass one of its hardy trappers \$1,000 for a single pel. More than one such lone woodsman who had got the coveted skin met his death at the hands of another, who stole it from him.

But about fifteen years ago an ingenious Canadian decided that it was time to admit science into partnership with the fox. So he bought a pair from a trapper and began to breed them in captivity.

A mother fox holds to the Rooseveltian principle that her subjects should be discouraged, and in her dozen years of life she will rear an average of thirty-five baby foxes.

A good black fox, properly silvered, will now fetch \$15,000. On one company's farm an old tabby cat became the foster mother of two orphan foxes, worth \$10,000, and reared them as creditably as the old wolf suckled Romulus and Remus, the founders of Rome.

I gather from what General Huldikoper tells me and from other sources that black fox farming is now very profitable. A couple of years ago I wrote that prices for black fox skins had declined.

Nearly thirty companies owning fox farms have paid all the way from 25 to 500 per cent dividends. Two women earned 160 per cent on their investment in a year by raising foxes.

The profits would indicate that the black fox fur market is still sky high, but if this farming game goes on so successfully I should think this Rittenhouse square necessity would have to drop in price very decidedly. And so with the other fashionable furs, barring seal and Otter. Even a fur layman can see that it might be difficult to have a seal farm out in the North Pacific.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Shoe Prices Doubled.

Shoes have doubled in price in Vienna in the last few months, and it's largely through the wearing of the short skirt, which calls for higher footwear. It is not that raw material is scarce at all; there is plenty of it from ox, calf and goatskins, but tanning materials are hardly obtainable at any price. Most of these come from abroad, but their import has been rendered impossible by the war for some time past. With the aid of these Austrian tanners could convert a hide into leather in three weeks; the

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same process now takes four months. Some of these materials are now costing seven times the ordinary price.

UNION FOR TWO EMPIRES?

Important Conferences Between Germans and Austro-Hungarians Deal with Economic Relations.

DUAL MONARCHY IS FEARFUL

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) ZURICH, Switzerland, Dec. 26.—Important conferences between German and Austro-Hungarian politicians and leading representatives of finance and commerce are now going on in Vienna and Berlin for the purpose of finding a basis of establishing closer economic relations between the allied empires. Although several meetings have already taken place, no definite results have yet been obtained. The industrial and commercial interests of the two countries are so divergent that it is difficult to see how an understanding can be reached which will prove satisfactory to both sides. And so far every conference seems only to have discovered new troubles in the way of reaching an agreement.

Austro-Hungarians fear that just as at present they are under the domination of Germany in military affairs, so later their financial and economic independence will also be lost before the persistent and powerful monarch of Germany. The whole question is one of the most vital importance for the future welfare of the dual monarchy, and incites far more interest in the business community than the progress of the war.

Since the Franco-Prussian war Germany has become an industrial state, while Austria-Hungary has remained essentially agricultural. With the exception of Bohemia, Moravia and Lower Austria, which includes Vienna, all the other provinces of Austria are purely agricultural, and Hungary is overwhelmingly so. In both parliaments, at Vienna and Budapest, the agrarians always possess a large majority.

Closed Union a Necessity.

Nevertheless, both politically and militarily, a closer union between Germany and Austria is generally regarded as an absolute necessity, and it is doubtless intended to be so long after the war is ended. But the problem as to how this is to be brought about is exceedingly complex.

By high protective duties Austria has long maintained an economic existence independent of Germany, and, indeed, even opposed to German interests. In Austria everything is much dearer than in Germany, from 20 to even 50 per cent. The difference in prices is especially great in heavy wares, such as coal, iron, steel and machinery. It is only through these protective duties that Austria has managed to develop a growing industry, and prevent the country from being flooded with cheap German products.

For some years Austria has almost monopolized the trade in the Balkans and the Levant, but latterly German merchants have been creeping in there and capturing customers. This has been the case more than ever since the annexation by Austria-Hungary of Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1905, when both Turkey and Serbia boycotted Austrian goods. The rapidly with which Germany seized the opportunity to enter these markets caused intense irritation in Vienna and Budapest at the time. Nor has this feeling diminished since. German trade has steadily grown in southeastern Europe, while Austria's has steadily decreased.

How all these matters will develop after the war nobody can foresee. Undoubtedly Austria-Hungary is placed under heavy obligations to Germany for its military aid in the war. How and in what form will Germany require payment for such services? Probably through preferential customs tariffs, or perhaps by a customs union. In either case, it is declared, Germany stands to gain all the profit and Austria to suffer all the injury. For when German wares would swamp Austrian markets, prices generally would be forced down, and Austrian competition for the trade in the Balkans and Levant would be hopeless.

Hence it is easy to understand the covert opposition, in nearly all parts of Austria, to Germany's efforts to bring its all in closer commercial relationship. It is feared that economic dependence will surely follow military. Ever since the war began things have occurred which indicate Germany's aim at bringing Austria-Hungary under its commercial subjection. Only a short time ago the big banks in Berlin sent circulars to the principal Austrian investors in the first and second Austrian war loans offering to advance them 91 per cent of the face value of their holdings provided they would use the money for investment in the third loan. The Austrian banks were only advancing 75 per cent of the former loans. Such incidents have created much distrust in the Austrian capital, and show the necessity for exercising the utmost caution before entering into any new kind of economic arrangement with Germany, which may be fraught with the most serious consequences for the future of the dual monarchy.

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hands were in work. Then, too, the younger classes of the "homeless," who were formerly unable to obtain work in the city in winter, can now get employment easily. The factories are constantly inquiring at the night shelters for workers. Then, too, "homeless" families are much fewer because the landlords are compelled to show more consideration before ejecting tenants, and the families of reservists are often better able to pay the rent than in normal times.

CHRISTMASTIDE ON THE FARM

City Notions of Loneliness a Source of Rural Amusement.

We read in the papers that some big preacher was going to have a special meeting at his church in the city to pray for the people who have to spend a lonesome Christmas on the farm. Father and mother and the rest of us have laughed at that more than a little. I guess that preacher never spent a Christmas on the farm. Why, you couldn't find a place where there was more excitement!

One day father would be reading the paper when all of a sudden he would lay it down on his knee and say, "Hmmm!"—nobody could say it just the way father could, mostly through his nose—"hmmm!" here it is almost Christmas. Where's this year gone to, anyway?"

Then mother would put down her mending and say that time certainly did fly, and that she was afraid the raspberry

was turning. But mother knew that Christmas was almost here, for hadn't she been knitting wristlets for a month? Every time father came into the room she had to hide her knitting—father must never know that he was going to get a pair of wristlets. One year he would be as surprised as could be when he found a knit mitten in his stocking, and the next year he couldn't understand how Santa Claus knew that he wanted a pair of pulso-warmers with a fancy red edge. Sometimes father would come across the pulso-warmers with the needles sticking in them in the paper-rack and never suspect that they were for him.

The horses and cows and chickens and everything could tell when Christmas was coming. Nobody can tell me they can't. They would all snuggle up close and rub their noses and old Ned would stop eating his oats the night before Christmas and let a fellow rub him a long time, and you know how hungry he usually was and how nothing could get him to take his nose out of his feed-bow. Then, if you would talk to the animals about Christmas in a low voice, they would all turn their heads to listen and look at you with big eyes, and even old Caesar, the rooster with the frozen toes, would come hopping up nearer. You can't tell me they don't know about Christmas.—Leslie's Weekly.

Do You Have Sour Stomach?

If you are troubled with sour stomach you should eat slowly and masticate your food thoroughly, then take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. Obtainable everywhere.—Advertisement.

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