

# Get Rich Quick Stuff!



MY, MY—WHAT A PROSPEROUS LOOKING PERSON—IS IT "GET-RICH-QUICK" WALLINGFORD? OH NO—IT IS HIS BROTHER "GET-RICH-MUCH" QUICKER—HE BOUGHT THE RIGHT KIND OF WAR STOCKS— BUT WHY ARE THE DETECTIVES AFTER HIM? THEY ARE NOT DETECTIVES—THEY ARE LISTENERS IN THE ACT OF LISTENING. 'S THE MAN TELLING A FUNNY STORY? NO, NO. HE IS INSTRUCTING HIS BROKER TO BUY SOME MORE STOCK AND THE LISTENERS WANT TO BUY THE SAME KIND SO THAT THEY MAY BECOME VERY, VERY RICH—

# Hope and Experience Meet Again



## OMAHA MAY HAVE MATINEE RACING

Members of Driving Club Willing to Provide the Horses, Track and Grandstand.

**CITY SHOULD SUPPORT PLAN**  
By G. K. MURRAY.  
The date of the issuance of the ground hog from his winter quarters is the usual time when horsemen abandon the joys and disappointments of last year as a topic of conversation and begin to talk about plans for next season. So it proved in Omaha this year, the aggregation of high class businessmen and sportsmen who staged the big revival harness meeting at East Omaha last August having just started preparing for a spring and summer of magnificent sport.

There is a new plan on foot, gentlemen. Or rather, it is a new development of a splendid old plan. One of the principal features of it is the giving of something for nothing to the public, which it will be conceded by all, is rarely done in any sport other than harness horse racing.

**Club Members to Provide Plant.**  
The plan is to hold matinee races on the speedway track to which the public will be admitted free, without the payment of even a white chip. The fellows who will provide the horses, track and grandstand and do the driving, will be the members of the driving club. All they ask is the support and interest of the city and county officials and the public. In return they are willing to provide an unrivaled amusement feature which will bring business here and give the city much desirable advertising.

**Three Cities Pay for Racing.**  
The example set by several cities in providing matinee harness racing should only appeal to the city officials of Omaha, but to all public spirited citizens, now that Omaha has one of the best equipped plants anywhere in the country, Milwaukee, Cleveland and Denver are three of the cities in which matinee harness races are conducted by the municipalities. There is not a particle of doubt that the experiment will be attended with the same success that has characterized those of other cities. It is significant and remarkable what a hold the competitors in speed by the horse will take up on the public favor, when divested of all professional influences and surroundings.

**Many Good Horses Here.**  
There is at the present time stable at the East Omaha track more and better horses than have ever been quartered at one track in the middle west. Those horses are owned by people who enjoy the sport, and without doubt owners of harness horses would co-operate with the city in conducting summer matinees, which have grown so popular in a large number of cities. The late E. H. Harrison built and gave to Goshen, N. Y., a splendidly equipped track and grounds, and over this historic track you can witness a speed carnival at their matinee races conducted purely for sport and entertainment of the people. Omaha has the track and grandstand and a large number of night race horses.

## Pacific railway in the construction of the Locust street viaduct.

After having made a start at building the viaduct by installing concrete supports the railway apparently grew tired and quit. Month after month has passed by without any work being done and traffic to and from the speedway is forced to endure the nuisance. Local horsemen have about decided that the demise of present officials of the road and the substitution of others will occur before the project is completed.

## Supplies Shipped To Prisoners in Siberian Prisons

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)  
TIEN-TSIN, Jan. 25.—More than 2,000 tons of clothing and other supplies for Germans interned in Siberia, have been shipped from Tien-Tsin to Vladivostok by the American Red Cross. At the request of Dr. Paul S. Reinech, the American minister to China, R. M. Burr of the faculty of Peiyang university, located in Tien-Tsin, and Dr. Charles Siler, medical director of the Tien-Tsin Young Men's Christian association, have gone to Siberia to assist in the distribution of supplies.

William Warfield, the special representative delegated by the American State department to inspect prison camps in Siberia, and Frederick A. Starling, formerly second secretary of the American legation in Peking, and now specially assigned to Petrograd, will also co-operate in this relief work. John K. Caldwell, the American consul at Vladivostok, is in charge of the distribution of money for the relief of the interned Germans in Siberia, and most of the relief work will be directed from Vladivostok. The internment camps and prison camps are chiefly located far west of Vladivostok, and most of them are some distance from the Trans-Siberian railway line. Consequently, the work of distribution is extremely difficult.

Many of the supplies sent for the relief of Germans in Siberia last winter did not reach the camps until spring. The Trans-Siberian railway is so congested with supplies for the army that all other freight is side-tracked for arms and ammunition and troop trains. In addition to clothing, the American Red Cross is also sending much medicine and many medical supplies of various kinds into Siberia. Typhoid serum is greatly needed because of the prevalence of fever in many of the camps. Typhoid has been checked largely by the cold weather, but with the coming of spring a fresh outbreak of the disease is expected, and the Red Cross is endeavoring to protect the prisoners against it. Dr. Paul S. Reinech, the American minister in China, has made arrangements to get fresh typhoid serum from the United States army in the Philippines. This will be forwarded as promptly as possible, and it is believed that the supply from that source can be kept fresh even after the return of hot weather.

## HASTINGS COLLEGE DEFEATS KEARNEY NORMAL QUINTET

KEARNEY, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Hastings college defeated Kearney normal last night in basketball, 29 to 25, in the fastest and most spectacular game ever played in the local gymnasium.

**KEARNEY. HASTINGS**  
Rosen ..... R.F. R.F. ..... Cook  
Kilgore ..... L.F. L.F. ..... Galt  
Walsh ..... R.G. R.G. ..... Smith  
Ewert ..... L.G. L.G. ..... Wright  
Field goals: Galt (3), Prince (2), Christy (2), Ewert (2), Walsh (2), Ewert (2), Jensen (2). Free throws: Prince (2), Jensen (3). Referee: Saunders.

**JUNIORS STILL LEADERS IN INTER-CLASS FRAY**  
The third game in the race for the class championship of the South High school was played off last evening between the Junior and Sophomore classes teams, the former winning, 25 to 23. Another round is still to be played before the championship is decided. At present the Juniors are leaders. The lineup:  
JUNIORS—E. SOPHOMORES—H. Moore ..... R.F. R.F. ..... Walsh Orchard ..... L.F. L.F. ..... Oswald Quinn ..... C.C. C.C. ..... Larkin Walsh ..... R.G. R.G. ..... Smith Christy ..... L.G. L.G. ..... Wright Field goals: Oswald, Wilson (2), Larkin, Moore (2), Orchard (2), Walsh (2), Christy (2), Moore (2), Oswald (2), Jensen (2). Referee: Fokis; time, Patton; time of halves, 25 minutes.

## W. and J.'s New Coach at Palm Beach



Sol Metzger, the former Pennsylvania foot ball and track star, who was recently appointed to succeed Bob Polwell as foot ball coach at Washington and Jefferson, is preparing for his season by getting into condition on the golf links at Palm Beach, Fla.

## Heard At the Omaha Automobile Club

Of 2,160 miles. This is fact. One-third of the value of the crops of the country are lost each year on account of bad roads, or bad weather, the latter making the bad roads. Douglas county comes under the latter head. The hauling cost on poor roads, common dirt roads, is 25 cents a ton mile. On hard roads the cost is not quite half. Suppose the hard roads saved but 4 cents a ton. Our main county highways, carrying 4,000 tons per mile per day, can be capitalized for \$100,000 at 4 per cent. For the saving is \$400, which pays interest. Add the passenger traffic and rate it as low as you please, and you see how much the maintenance will cost per mile per year. Nationally used! Just 41 per cent of all counties of the United States are now borrowing on county credit by bond issues, to build permanent roads. Time is money! To the farmer as well as to the city man. Distance is measured by time, not by miles. The Elkhorst or Millard farmer, with a heavy load, consumes about two hours to get to Omaha. Over permanent roads he could reach Omaha in a little over an hour. Estimating his time at 20 cents an hour, he would save, on a round trip, about 20 cents in 100 days he saves \$20; 200 days, \$40. In addition, he saves at least two years' wear and tear on his team and wagon. Wear and tear means money and mounts into a good sum in a year's time. Both farmer and city man will save more on their wagon and auto wear than is paid for bond issue tax. Besides the increased valuation of the land. Small towns ask for the railroad, because it brings business. Why not good roads? Nothing brings business better than good roads. Everyone uses them. Few use the railroad. **Money to Yanks?** Ed Konechky has been quoted as saying that he is sure to play with the New York Americans if Ed Gwinnier does not buy the Cleveland Indians.

## ALONG THE GRAND CANAL Gondolas in Venice Now Carry War Material Instead of Pleasure Seekers and Sightseers.

NEW TOUCH OF LIFE IS SEEN (Correspondence of The Associated Press.)  
VENICE, Dec. 18.—Take a gondola for a trip through the Grand canal during these war days, and one sees many changes in the centers of interest well known to travelers and readers—the waltzes of the homes of Lord Byron and Composer Wagner, the poet, Browning and the American writer, W. D. Howells, the romantic palace where Desdemona waited for Othello, and further along, in the market quarter near the Rialto bridge, the house of Shylock, the quaint building standing there unchanged today, but now used as a butcher's shop where a lusty Italian butcher exacts Shylock war prices of 80 cents a kilo for the pounds of flesh dealt over the counter.

Starting from the quay San Marco, the lagoons entering the Grand canal have an air of martial and naval preparation rather than the usual carnival aspect which marks this center. The quays are lined with soldiers and sailors, and the gondolas are carrying great loads of war supplies back and forth, and transporting troops and marines from point to point while the launches from the warships dart in and out among the gondolas.

**Wealthy Ones Leave.**  
Ordinarily there are 2,000 gondolas in regular service—600 private and 2,000 public—but only a very few of these remain in use owing to the terror inspired by the bomb raids. Most of the wealthy residents have hurriedly left for the south, and there are no tourists to make use of the public gondolas. Only one first-class hotel remains open, and half of it is given over to a hospital for the wounded in from the nearby fighting lines.

Entering the Grand canal, the great domes of Santa Maria della Salute stand out on the left, but always with their war trappings, for here is located the headquarters of the Army Red Cross, where most of the work of the field hospital is regulated. The palace Venier next to the church is similarly used for army hospital administration, and the Red Cross flags are flying everywhere, as a warning of immunity from bomb raids. Further up the canal on the right is the house of Desdemona. Just what Desdemona did in her day is a matter of tradition and Shakespearean romance. Now the old palace is occupied by a rich merchant family who have fled to the south, the curtains are drawn, the lower gardens guarded by steel shutters, and the gardens neglected.

**Palaces Along Canal.**  
On the left of the canal is a row of palaces often occupied by prominent American families. Two of these, the palace Falbi-Valler and the Folignone are closed and closely shuttered, while most of the others in the quarter are partially abandoned. Opposite this group is the palace Falier, where W. D. Howells lived while he wrote his scenes from Venetian life. It is one of the few places still showing life and activity, and the well-kept gardens are full of flowers which hang into the canals flanking it in front and along one side. Just across the Grand canal is the palace Benicenzo where Robert Browning lived and died. Usually this is a very gay quarter, with crowds of gondolas passing, and the palaces alive with brilliant entertainment. But now all is silent and lugubrious, and the few gondolas creep along like Indian canoes on a deserted river.

One touch of life has been given to this quarter by some American artists who have pulled down an old palace and built a very showy front reaching down to the water. The bright yellow and red are in marked contrast with the somber palaces all around. The military escort accompanying the party pointed out an abandoned garden with a fine old palace built only to the first story. **Touch of Story.** "There is a story there," said the military escort. "That palace was begun by a son of one of the Doges. But the son got to gambling, lost all his money and mortgaged the palace yet unfinished. And so the old Doge ordered that all work on the palace should be stopped, and never again started, as an everlasting warning against gambling. And there it stands today, after 80 years, just as it stood when work was stopped, still giving its warning." Further along on the left is the gray stone building used as the Austrian embassy until Italy declared war against Austria. The flagstaff which used to bear the Austrian colors, stretches over the canal, but the place is deserted. It is a side canal is the former German embassy, also deserted. They were two of the most

## CENTRAL POWERS SHOW GAIN Figures Present Status at the Beginning of the Present Year of Warring Nations.

LAND IS WORTH \$25,000,000,000 (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, Jan. 25.—One of the most interesting statistical studies of all that have appeared in German newspapers is a summary of territory won and lost, of population gained and forfeited, and of presumed or estimated values according to Germany and its ally, Austria, as presented by W. Kaas, of the Berliner Tageblatt.

He presents his facts concretely by means of parallel columns, but does not reckon in Italy, Bulgaria or Turkey, either because their territorial gains have been inconsequential, or, as in the case of Bulgaria, because it came in so late that figures are not at hand. As to territory his tables are:

**ENTENTE**

Possessed August 1, 1914	\$4,000,000,000
Lost by Belgium	30,000,000,000
Lost by France	50,000,000,000
Lost by Rumania	100,000,000,000
Lost by Balkans	200,000,000,000
Lost in Alsace	100,000,000,000
Gained in Galicia	5,000,000,000
Net on January 1, 1916	6,312,000,000

**CENTRAL POWERS**

Possessed August 1, 1914	\$12,000,000,000
Gained in Belgium	30,000,000,000
Gained in France	50,000,000,000
Gained in Rumania	100,000,000,000
Gained in Balkans	200,000,000,000
Gained in Alsace	100,000,000,000
Lost in Galicia	5,000,000,000
Net on January 1, 1916	1,708,000,000

As to population:

**ENTENTE**

Possessed August 1, 1914	250,000,000
Lost by Belgium	7,000,000
Lost by France	20,000,000
Lost by Rumania	10,000,000
Lost by Balkans	50,000,000
Net January 1, 1916	193,000,000

**CENTRAL POWERS**

Possessed August 1, 1914	115,000,000
From Belgium	7,000,000
From France	20,000,000
From Rumania	10,000,000
From Balkans	50,000,000
Net January 1, 1916	192,000,000

## YORK DEFEATS COTNER NINETEEN TO SIXTEEN

LINCOLN, Feb. 5.—(Special Telegram.)  
York defeated Cotner basketball team last night, 19 to 16. Cotner was greatly crippled by the loss of three first team men. Captain Parmentier, the star center, Gardner, with Ewens, kept up a game fight against York. The game was featured by some roughness and very little skill. The following are the visitors, winning thirteen of the nineteen points. Knapp and Neffman starred for the home team. The lineup:  
YORK: COTNER: Strain, Burke, Ewens, Gardner, Neumann, Graham, E. C. Ewens, Neumann, Sanders, R. G. R. G., Neumann, Brit, Oster, L. G. L. G., Knapp. Referee: Max Tonic, University of Nebraska.

**Notes from Lincoln County.**  
REATRICE, Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special.)  
The farmers' institute of winners closed yesterday afternoon with 50 farmers and others in attendance. The following officers were elected in the men's department: President, S. A. Smith; vice president, T. V. Swanson; secretary, Thomas Yancy; treasurer, Julius Neumann. These officers were chosen in the women's department: President, Mrs. J. E. Jones; vice president, Mrs. J. A. Reuling; secretary, Mrs. Irving Bunderland. The statement of County Treasurer Anderson for the month of January shows a balance on hand of \$40,636.40. After deducting the defunct bank account of \$11,956.92 leaves a cash balance of \$28,679.48. Announcement was received here yesterday of the death of Mrs. Grace Stark Ayers, a former resident of the Holmesville vicinity, which occurred at her home at Seattle, Wash. She was 22 years of age, and leaves her husband and one daughter. The wolf drive held west of Filley by the farmers of that vicinity resulted in the slaughter of a large number of rabbits, but no wolves were in sight when the round-up occurred. Another hunt will be held in the same territory in about two weeks. Salt Lake Fires Again. The Salt Lake club has given unconditional release to pitcher Howard Gregory and outfielder Elmer Zacher.