

### "PA" ROURKE SELLS SMITH TO THE CUBS

Gets Nifty Price on Agreement if Doesn't Make Good, Comes Back.

### WOULDN'T BUY OUTRIGHT

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—The best ball player in the Western league, according to Bill Rourke, was purchased today by President Weeghman of the Cubs when he bought outfielder Earl Smith of the Omaha club. Bill Rourke was in Chicago and personally conducted the business with President Weeghman. Here is about what Rourke said about young Mr. Smith.

"He's just a youngster, about 23 years old, hits right handed or left handed, is five feet eight inches high, weighs 165 pounds, can run a hundred in 10 1/2 seconds, is hitting .325 in the Western league this year, has a great head on him and is destined to be one of the big stars of the game."

"I got a swell price for him from the Cubs, but took a gambler's chance along with Mr. Weeghman on the deal. I stated a price that I wanted in cash. Then I stated a much bigger price that I wanted with the side agreement that if the boy does not make good I will take him back and Weeghman will not have to pay me a cent. Weeghman took the latter proposition."

### ILLINOIS MARE IS RETURNED WINNER

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ing out a two, three, two rating in the summary that cinched the place. A daughter of Trampstap, Vera Tramp, came out fourth money.

A special pacing event, for the Brandeis Stores purse of \$500, provided some clean-cut harness racing. The starters were horses that had not been returned winners in any of the races of the previous days, and of the field, J. S. Hildreth's stallion, Garrity, a son of The Mediator, was turned to as the favorite, and paced true to the dope, winning the first two heats, respectively, in 2:18 3/4 and 2:17 3/4.

### Empress Togo Second.

Empress Togo, an offspring of Togo, won the third heat in 2:17 3/4 and got second money. Nancy V. C. won the third parcel of coin, an Omaha gelding, Frank Holloway, finishing fourth in the last two heats and third in the first.

A record-breaking crowd is expected to attend get-away day at the Driving club's Great Western Circuit meeting.

Hundreds of horse-racing fans, both in Omaha and contiguous territory, have waited all week for the closing day's program, which will be featured by the classic event of the meeting—the free-for-all pace, Alamo Engine purse of \$1,000.

Country's Fastest Pacers. Entered in this race are some of the fastest pacers in the United States, and Canada.

Some of the Grand and Great Western circuit luminaries that will start in the free-for-all pace are set to settle old grudges. That a new state record for pacers will be hung up is practically a certainty.

O n the face of things, the famous Grand circuit star, Braden Direct, who has circled a mile track in 2:01 1/2, looks like a winner; one thing is sure, if the famous son of Baron Direct is "right," the other starters will be compelled to show phenomenal speed to beat him.

Ben Earl Looks Good. If Ben Earl, 2:04 3/4, Edward Peterson's bright star, starts, which no doubt he will, Braden Direct, and the other turf kings will have super-animal's jobs on their feet to keep him from returning a winner.

Then there is Lillian T., 2:02 3/4; Sayde Denmore, 2:02; Shipmaster, 2:05 1/4; Knight of Strathmore, 2:03 3/4; Columbia Fire, 2:04 3/4, a Nebraska sensation; and a host of other champions that have been entered in the classic.

Horsemen are expressing keen regret that Hal McKinney, Tom Dennison's famous stallion, cannot be seen in the free-for-all today. Hal McKinney was injured recently when he was struck by a bolt of lightning at Mount Pleasant, Ia., and although he has about fully recovered from the effects of the mishap, his owner does not deem it the wise thing to do to ship him here just yet.

The Rotary Club purse of \$500, another event on the closing day's card, will bring out some of the fastest trotters in the country eligible to the 2:19 class. There are thirteen entries. Nine colts of Great Western circuit merit are entered in the three-year-old pace, Burgess-Nash purse of \$500.

The driving club's fast half-mile oval is in excellent condition; a rain, this morning, in fact would make it even better, so old J. Pluv., if he does not rear up, and then have a heart before the races start, can't do any damage to get-away day.

Starting Judge Oliver Lehman will get the horses away in the first event promptly at 2:30 o'clock.

Mathewson of Walthill Defeats Charles Durland. Norfolk, Neb., Aug. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Charles Mathewson of Walthill, by brilliant playing defeated Charles Durland of Norfolk, in the finals of the singles championship round of the Northeast Nebraska Tennis tournament on the Norfolk Country club courts, Friday afternoon.

The score was 8-6, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2. Mathewson plays Morgan, of Wayne, Saturday morning in the challenge round for the cup.

Louise De Lopez Wins Trot for Two-Year-Olds. Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Lowa state fair races: Trotting, 2-year-olds, two one-mile heats, purse, \$400.

Louise de Lopez, ch. f., by Kinney Lopez, 1 1/2; Mack's Todd, b. f., by Sorrento Todd, 1 1/2; Alloula, b. f., by Bergen, 1 1/2; Lila Deatherage, ch. f., by Constanero, 1 1/2; Red Ben, b. c., by Bonnetta, 1 1/2; Jennie Albinson, ch. f., by Albinson, 1 1/2.

Time, 2:19 3/4, 2:19 3/4. Pacing, 2-year-olds, two one-mile heats, purse, \$300.

Matilda Lou, ch. f., by Wilbur Lou, 2 1/2; Lightfoot, b. m., by Lawful Bond, 2 1/2; Worthy Simon, br. c., by Simon Asworth, 2 1/2.

### SATURDAY'S FAVORITE—Braden Direct, leader in the odds for the big free-for-all pace at the Speedway Saturday.



### Summary of Friday's Card At the Great Western Circuit Harness Races at Speedway

Table with columns for race type, horse name, driver, and odds. Races include Trotting, Pacing, and Special Race.

### ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY

Table listing entries for Saturday's races, including names of horses and drivers.

### CORNELL HAS GRADUATE COACH FOR CREWS



Cornell has finally decided to install a graduate coaching system for its crews. Captain Johnny Collyer, former stroke-oar of its championship eight of 1915, has been designated by the Athletic association to act in the capacity of head coach. Collyer will have two assistants, former Cornell sweepmen, Charles Courtney will be advisory coach.

### VOLGA TRIUMPHS IN FEATURE EVENT

Fast Little Mare of Pastime Stables Takes Champion Stallion Stake. Cleveland, O., Aug. 25.—The champion stallion stake race, the feature event of yesterday's grand circuit card at North Randall was won by Volga, the fast little mare of the Pastime Stables, without having to extend herself. Volga, the champion 1915 two-year-old, won easily over Expressive Lou, Bingen Silk, the only contenders who gave her competition.

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The day's racing was marred by an accident. Court Gosnell, driving Hazel Armstrong in a trial heat, being thrown from his buggy and seriously injured. Summaries: The champion stallion stake, three-year-old trot, \$7,500 purse—Volga, ch. f., by Peter The Great, (White) 1 1/2; Expressive Lou, b. c. (Chandler) 1 1/2; Bingen Silk, b. c. (Chandler) 1 1/2. Also started: Brownie Watta, Moja, General York.

Time: 2:04 3/4, 2:04 3/4. Trotting, 2:16 class, \$1,200 purse—Donna Lona, ch. m., by Don Roma, (Valentine) 1 1/2; Humfat, b. m. (Murphy) 1 1/2; Binland, bl. h. (McDonald) 1 1/2. Also started: Truesda, Carolina, Ridge-mark, Ideal, Bingen, Onward Allerton, and John G.

Time: 2:04 3/4, 2:04 3/4. Cynosurus, 2:15 class, trotting, \$2,000 purse—Early Don, ch. m., by Don Gale, (Valentine) 1 1/2; Briace, br. h., by Bignara, (Murphy) 1 1/2; Colonel Riser, br. h. (Brennon) 1 1/2. Also started: Loo Princeton.

Time: 2:04 3/4, 2:04 3/4. Pacing, 2:15 class, 1,200 purse—McHenry, b. h., by McEwen, (White-head) 1 1/2; Rayo De Oro, ch. m., by Copa De Oro, (Duffee-Valentine) 1 1/2; Freddie, bl. m. (Donald) 1 1/2; John A. II, ch. m. (Benyon) 1 1/2. Time: 2:04 3/4, 2:04 3/4.

### Railway Commission at Outs With the Attorney General

Lincoln, Aug. 25.—(Special.)—The controversy over the right of the Rock Island railroad and other roads to raise the charges on excess baggage because of the raise in passenger rates has brought on a controversy between the attorney general of the state and the railway commission as to the rate to be charged, the former having dug up a ruling of the commission covering an application of the roads for permission to reduce excessive baggage rates, which was granted on May 22, 1908. In answer to the attorney general, the commission says that the ruling made by Mr. Reed practically gives the roads the right to raise the rates. In the communication sent to the commission today, Attorney General Reed reviews the situation somewhat and asserts that the commission has failed to make an order necessary to change the basis of charging for excess baggage.

### Fremont the Favored City For One Big Tractor Show

Fremont, Neb., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—Harry Rogers, who has returned from the Bloomington, Ill., tractor show, says that a number of the firms are dropping out and will not finish the circuit, which has two more shows scheduled, one at Indianapolis and one at Madison, Wis. Many of the tractor men are in favor of having one tractor show and holding that at Fremont, when it will extend over two weeks instead of one.

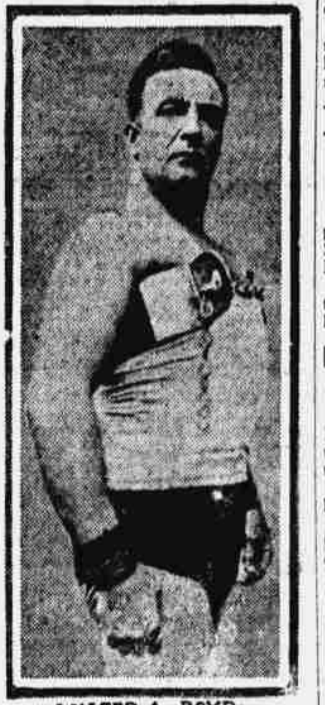
### Swims Golden Gate.

San Francisco, Aug. 25.—Miss "Baby" Wright, a San Francisco girl, today swam across the Golden Gate in 31 minutes 54 1/2 seconds, setting an official Pacific Athletic association record for women for the event. Miss Alice Goodman, another local girl, also started, and led until within a short distance of their goal, when she fell in the tide rips.

### Mrs. F. C. Letts Wins Women's Golf Title

Grand Rapids, Mich., Aug. 25.—Mrs. F. C. Letts of Cincinnati won the western women's golf championship at the Kent Country club links today, defeating Miss Laurie Kaiser of Flossmoor club, Chicago, 3 and 1. Mrs. Letts took the lead by winning the first hole, 5-6, and she never relinquished her margin. She went out in 44, seven strokes under par, and was three up on Miss Kaiser at the turn. The Chicago golfer cut down the margin by winning the eleventh hole, 4-5, but lost the twelfth. The next three were avoided. Miss Kaiser temporarily averted defeat by taking the sixteenth, 4-5. At the seventeenth, Mrs. Letts was down in 5. Miss Kaiser took 6 and lost the match.

### MISSOURI FARMER STRONGEST MAN AT HARVARD.



Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 18.—Walter Alvin Boyd of Louisiana, Mo., who is the strongest man at the Harvard summer school of physical education, exhibits his great chest power by breaking a chain while he expands his chest. Mr. Boyd claims that ten strong men are unable to break this chain with their hands. Boyd is 36 years old, is married and is the father of three children. He weighs 202 pounds. His normal chest measurement is forty-two inches. Expanded it is fifty-six inches. On his Pike county farm of 100 acres he rises at 5 o'clock every morning and works until 8. Two nights each week he devotes to a class of boys to whom he teaches physical development.

### Oklahoma Puts Ban Upon Morris-Moran Prize Fight

Oklahoma City, Okl., Aug. 25.—Attorney General Freeing today issued instructions to the sheriff, county attorney and the mayor of Tulsa, Okl., not to allow the Morris-Moran fight scheduled for Labor day to take place. According to the attorney general the staging of the fight would be in direct violation of state laws.

### Giants Buy Krueger, Kilduff of Omaha

New York, Aug. 25.—The New York Nationals announced tonight the purchase of Catcher Ernest Krueger and Outfielder Kilduff from the Omaha club of the Western league. A deal for Pitcher James Middleton of Louisville, has been closed. George Gibson, the veteran catcher, recently purchased from Pittsburgh, has been suspended for failure to report.

### Napoleon Direct Is Free-for-All Victor

Cleveland, Aug. 25.—Free-for-all purse, \$1,200, Napoleon Direct won; Single G. second; Hal Boy, third. Best time, 2:00 1/2.

### Freddy Welsh Wants To Insure His Hants

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 25.—Freddie Welsh, who will defend his title against Charley White in a twenty-round bout here Labor day, has opened negotiations to insure his hands for \$20,000 during the training period. Figures on the cost of \$100,000 insurance against rain on Labor day have been requested of Lloyds by Eddie Pitts, manager of the championship battle. Requests from women for seats in the arena today caused the management to set aside a block of seats for their use.

### Boon Farmer Killed.

Boone, Ia., Aug. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—A wealthy Boone county farmer was killed this morning when he fell from the roof of a house while repairing the chimney.

### Horricane Loss Million.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Aug. 24.—Complete reports received concerning Tuesday's hurricane place the damage in excess of \$1,000,000, chiefly to tobacco properties and the grapefruit crop.

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Advertisement for 'WOMEN—YOUR ATTENTION'. Promotes a medical service for women, offering treatment for various ailments and emphasizing the care and attention provided.