

A. B. C. PIN EVENT WILL START TODAY

Seven Hundred and Fourteen Teams Seek Prize Money at Grand Rapids Tourney.

POLITICAL POT IS BOILING

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 3.—Eighty leading business men of Grand Rapids faced new pins on brand new alleys in the Coliseum building in this city shortly after 8 o'clock tonight, their appearance marking the opening of the seventeenth annual tournament of the American Bowling Congress.

Conditions for a successful bowling meet were never brighter, according to the men in charge of the affair. While the tournament is second in size to those which have gone before, the difference is only 3 percent in the prize money, a fractional falling off that will not be noticed by those who get slices of the melon that is to be cut a month hence.

A count of the entries for this tournament shows that there are 714 fives, 1,534 doubles and 3,099 singles. The losses from the previous high water marks are heaviest in the five-man combinations, where there are forty-two fewer clubs represented.

There are thirty-two fewer doubles and seventy-nine fewer singles, but the total loss in prize money is only \$1,176.

To compensate for the loss in size the meet shows the greatest number of cities represented in the history of the competition for the national titles. There are forty more visiting teams than rolled at Toledo's 1916 meet and nearly every one of the traveling combinations is figured as a possible bidder for the title and capital prize.

The four champions, whose crowns are about to topple, if the usual custom of congress tournaments is followed are Commodore Barrys of Chicago, who upset all American Bowling congress form by repeating their victory of 1915 with a team score of 2,905 at Toledo; Henry Marino and Sykes Thomas of Chicago, who won the doubles with 1,279; Sam Schlimm of Toronto, who won the singles championship after tying at 685 in the regular competition with Frank Shaw of Chicago and Ben Huesman of Cincinnati and Sykes Thomas, who added to his doubles laurels by taking the all-events honors with a total of 1,919.

Records set since the American Bowling congress started its tournaments sixteen years ago are as follows: Five-man teams: Flor de Knispels, St. Paul, 3,006, made at Toledo in 1913.

Doubles: Al and Tony Schwoegeler, Madison, Wis., 1,304, made at Pittsburgh in 1909.

Singles: Wallace H. Pierce of Pueblo, Colo., 711, made at Peoria in 1915. All-events: Ed Herrmann of Cincinnati, 1,972, made at Toledo in 1913.

The political pot of the congress will boil next week with the main fight centered on the choice of the next tournament city. The two most prominent candidates thus far are Peoria and Cincinnati. Peoria held a tournament in 1915 that proved successful in every way, while it is ten years since Cincinnati entertained the bowlers.

Buffalo is a third party of the contest, and John Smith, vice president of the congress, has lined up all of the eastern delegates for that city, Pittsburgh and western New York show considerable strength this year in voting power.

CREIGHTON TURNS TRICK ON IOWANS

Blue and White Flippers Win From Drake Quintet by 41 to 22 Count.

LUTES IS THE BIG FACTOR

The Creighton basket flippers kept up their string of victories at the expense of the Drake university team at the Creighton gym. last night by the score of 41 to 22. The big conference team seemed unable to hit their stride, and after the first five minutes of play the outcome was never in doubt. During this period Drake took the lead for the first and only time of the contest.

Lutes and Kearney opened the game with a field goal each, and Hawley, the speedy Drake forward, tied up the count with two more. Lutes put Creighton back in the lead with a free throw, but Drake came back and took the lead on a beautiful shot by Eddy from the center of the floor.

Platz annexed a field goal and from then on the Blue and White squad were never headed. The game was void of thrills and was not as interesting to the followers of the game as the contest of the night before. The fans expected a closer contest and were somewhat disappointed at the showing of the Drake quintet. The Creighton team did not play up to the standard set by them in previous games, and it is difficult to see how the squad they trounced last night could have handled them a 38-to-27 defeat only a few weeks ago.

The Mills aggregation were going at top speed until they found themselves far in the lead, and from then on played an indifferent game. After the regulars had annexed a comfortable margin the Blue and White second team were sent into the fray.

Lutes, the big guard, playing a classy floor game and caging six field goals, was the big factor in the undoing of Iowa. Although Kearney was close behind him with five field goals, Hawley easily carries off the Drake honors with his five field goals and his clever floor game.

The game last night wound up Creighton's schedule for the week, with victories over Wesleyan, Brandeis and Drake. Next week will see Wesleyan and Brandeis on the Creighton floor on Wednesday and Saturday, and there is a possibility that the Trinity team, who recently defeated Duquesne, will be here on Thursday. Lineup: Gen-o

DRAKE. CREIGHTON. Eddy, R.P.R.F., Kearney. Hawley, L.F., Platz, Smith, C.C., Spittler (C). Hart, R.G.R.G., Lutes. Warlock (C). Substitutes: Creighton, Hainy, Mulholland, Vandover, N. Kearney, Drake, Kolner, Field. Goals: Eddy, Smith (5), Hawley (5), Parry, Spittler, Platz (3), Hainy (3), C. Kearney (5), Lutes (5). Free goals: Hawley (5), Lutes, Mulholland, Hainy. Referee: Kearney. Timekeeper: Moskowitz. Score: Drake, 22; Creighton, 41. Time of game: 30 minutes; 10 minutes intermission.

Six Saunders Towns Form Base Ball League. Fremont, Neb., March 3.—(Special.)—A base ball league including six towns in Saunders county has been organized, including Wahoo, Ceresco, Yutan, Cedar Bluffs, Morse Bluff and Memphis. It is planned to play games on Sundays during the months of May, June, July and August.

H. R. Davis of Wahoo was named president; O. O. Landenburg, Morse Bluff, vice president; Lee Williams, Cedar Bluffs, secretary-treasurer. A meeting will be held on March 13 at Wahoo, when the schedule for the season will be outlined.

Superior Wins Game. Superior, Neb., March 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Superior and Davenport High schools played a hard fought game of basketball last night, Superior winning, 24 to 15.

Wagner and Carey Fail to Sign Contracts



HANS WAGNER MAX CAREY.

Pittsburgh, March 3.—Five members of the Pittsburgh National league baseball club have failed so far to sign their 1917 contracts, according to an announcement made by President Barney Dreyfuss.

Among them are Honus Wagner, the veteran shortstop, and Max Carey, star outfielder. Wagner seldom returns his contract until several days before the players depart on the spring training trip, so President Dreyfuss does not view his delay with concern. No player will be taken south who does not send in his contract before March 10, when the advance squad is scheduled to leave, club officials announced today.

The other players who have failed to sign contracts are Douglas Baird, third baseman, and William Fischer and Walter Schmidt, both catchers.

visitors by the Greek letter societies. The big banquet comes Friday night at the Commercial club, with a number of well-known university men as speakers.

Will See Huskers. The high school boys are also going to have an opportunity to see the Husker athletes in action. The annual wrestling tournament between the Aggies and Huskers comes Saturday afternoon at the university gymnasium. Iowa fell victim to both Nebraska and Ames, but the Aggie squad is the more experienced.

In addition Nebraska and Ames will play two basket ball games—one Friday night and the other Saturday night. The Huskers fell before the Farmers on their own floor and have a score to even here.

Playing starts promptly Wednesday afternoon and an effort will be made to reach the semi-finals late Friday evening or early Saturday.

University athletics have been forced into the background by the demands of the high school tournament upon the time of the Husker authorities. Spring track work is proceeding under favorable weather conditions, but base ball has lagged.

With the tournament out of the way, Coaches Stewart and Reed plan to inaugurate a busy season of work. The basket ball men will be called together and arrangements completed for the squad's practice. Spring foot ball work will also occupy the attention of Dr. Stewart, who anticipates he will have the largest squad in recent years. Stewart wants to keep his foot ball men training until the weather becomes too trid and he will introduce a special course of training, which will lighten the work next fall.

Silver loving cups will be awarded the champion teams in each division. The Armstrong Clothing company of Lincoln, which always purchases a magnificent cup, will furnish the Class A cup. Chicago sporting goods firms will furnish those for Classes B and C, and Reed is informed they are exceptionally handsome. In addition the university gives gold basket balls, suitably engraved, to the members of each championship five, and banners to the runners-up in each division.

There is also a dizzy round of entertainment awaiting the high school athletes on their invasion of Lincoln next week. The bars have been thrown down so the fraternities may have high school visitors to the chapter houses, Special dinners and dancing parties will be given in honor of the

SANDOW TELLS WHY LEWIS DIDN'T WIN

(Continued from First Page.) limit the crowd had set angered the sports and they were threatening all sorts of things. Under those circumstances Strangler and I didn't push matters. We were content to let them go along as they were. It was a gruelling match and took much out of both men, but I honestly think Lewis could have thrown his man if he had dared. We left the grounds, a race track, in an auto after eight policemen had drawn their revolvers to protect us. There was a shower of bottles and stones. The match was declared a draw and the referee insisted that we be given our share of the gate. It took us three days to get it, which is a matter of history, but we finally got it.

War Talk from a Distance. "I think that Stecher hasn't been the same wrestler since that time. He hasn't beaten any good man and he refuses to listen to talk of another match with Lewis. I deposited \$1,000 with a Chicago sporting writer to bind a match with Stecher or Olin, who threw Stecher off the mat recently, or Zbyzsko. Lewis offers to throw any two of these men in one night, with no time limit, but so far none of the wrestlers challenged has come through with an acceptance, though our money is up."

That wild western town. Wow. While the coyotes howled a dismal farewell, we presume, Deadwood Dick Stecher, when he came down from Dodge to joust with the gentlemanly and refined Mr. Lewis, donned the sheepskin chaps, his blue flannel shirt with red bandana, the nickel-plated spurs, the high Kansas City boots and the old sombrero and bridled up the bucking bronc and galloped into town waving the old sombrero, shouting like a Comanche Indian and shooting out all the lights with a couple of hair-trigger six-shooters.

Only Ten to One. After cleaning out the old fero bank run by One-Eyed Pete, we suppose those wild and woolly westerners carried their sacks of dust right out to the ringside and some of them even stripped their precious saddles of the silver to put up some more at such reasonable odds as ten to one.

"The word came to me that the crowd would kill Lewis and me both." Soft music. "After eight policemen had drawn their revolvers." Mob scene.

"Stecher has not beaten any good man." Oh, no, nobody but Aolph Ernst and Charley Peters, both a couple of dubs, especially, Peters, that's why Lewis didn't want any of his game when a match was offered him here.

Oh, this is a wild town, this Omaha. Red liquor runs down the car tracks, red blood down the gutter; there's a prairie dog village at Sixteenth and Farnam and we go to sleep to the music of the coyote's howl and the crack of the six-gun. Travelers not escorted by an armed guard are warned to avoid Omaha. Mr. Lewis is especially advised to avoid Omaha; we've got a chap out here now, Ples-tina by name, who we'd risk even money, if not ten to one, would tie Mr. Lewis into knots so fast that Sandow would never be able to untangle the snarl.

LIGHT WORKOUTS FOR HARNESS NAGS

(Continued from First Page.) The Great Western circuit meeting in August should find it at its best. The famous string owned by Edward Peterson, president of the driving club and Grand and Great Western circuits reknown, was taken to Indianapolis last week in charge of Marvin Childs. Ben Earl, Grand circuit pacing champion and futurity star, and the following harness stars will be trained at the Indianapolis plant for the season's meetings on "big time." Baxter Lou, Rambling Jim, Mary Worthy, Ak-Sar-Ben and a 3-year-old filly by Directum Spear. All of whom were in excellent condition when they left, Ben Earl particularly so.

Tom Dennison is in receipt of advices from New York that the horse-men of the east are saying complimentary things about Al Thomas, known throughout the country as the "king of colt men." Mr. Thomas, whose home is in Omaha, broke and trained fifty colts for the Walnut Hall stock farm of Lexington, Ky., which brought all the way from \$50 to \$3,200 each at the recent five day's sale at Madison Square Garden. The Walnut Hall farm is owned by L. V. Har-kins, a famous horseman of the east and south.

Some of the sales reported to Mr. Dennison which would be of interest to horsemen in this part of the country were: Richard Bennett, a yearling by San Francisco, sold for \$3,200 to William Connor of Pittsburgh.

Blanche Fries, a 3-year-old filly by San Francisco, sold for \$1,800 to Mr. Cox. Edward P. by The Northern Man, sold for \$1,815.

The trigger, a bay colt by Walnut Hall, sold for \$1,500 to Mr. Cox. Sister Rue, another yearling colt of San Francisco, sold to Walter R. Cox of Grand circuit fame for \$2,200.

Blanche Fries, a 3-year-old filly by San Francisco, sold for \$1,800 to Mr. Cox. Some of the older horses sold were: Billy Dale, 2:07 1/4, a 5-year-old stallion, half brother of Ben Earl, sold for \$1,125.

Pay Richmond, 2:01 1/4, a pacing gelding, sold to a Kansas horseman, who will start her in the free-for-all this year, brought \$1,225. Worthy Prince, 2:06 1/4, a 9-year-old bay stallion, sold for \$810. A yearling, a 3-year-old bay stallion, sold for \$1,800. Bond issue, a 3-year-old stallion by The Bondman, sold for \$1,150.

CHAMBERS WINS BILLIARD TITLE

Gathers in Honors After Closest Sort of Brush With Symes.

CAHN IN THIRD PLACE

W. N. Chambers gathered in the state championship title and silver trophy at 18.2 balk life billiards, at the Symes parlors Friday by the narrow margin of seven points in 1,000, defeating Harry Symes, 250 to 215 for the final block of the state tourney in which Albert Cahn was a third contestant, final score for Chambers being 1,000 to 993 for Symes.

Final standings of the tourney: W. N. Chambers, 1,000 to Symes 993, and 1,000 to Cahn's 967. Total points, 2,000; grand average 8.35, high run 59, 47, 37. Harry Symes, 1,000 to Cahn's 876. Total points, 1,993, grand average 8.03, high run, 66, 46, 37. Albert Cahn, total points 1,745, grand average 4.65, high runs 43, 36, 22.

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