

WESTY HOGANS OF WEST WILL BE HELD IN OMAHA

Nebraska Scattergun Enthusiasts Organize to Stage Huge Shooting Tourney in This City Each Year.

Omaha is to be the scene of "The Westy Hogans of the West" next summer unless plans made by a score of prominent Nebraska trap shooters go astray between now and the first week in July.

The Westy Hogans shoot is an annual event staged in New Jersey. Not even accepting the big Interstate championships such as the Grand American, the Western and Southern handicaps, this event ranks as a leader.

Friday night a number of Nebraska scattergun enthusiasts gathered at the Fremont Gun club and laid the foundation of an organization which will promote a Westy Hogans of the West each year in Omaha.

It will be a handicap tourney and will be held the first week in July. This year the dates will be July 1, 2, 3 and 4. The shoot will be conducted on the same plan as the Grand American except that the division of the moneys will be different—three moneys for each 10 entries throughout the program will prevail.

Known as Minks. The name of this organization is the "Minks." The word contains the first letter in the names of the following five states: Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and South Dakota.

The following officers were elected: G. M. Redick, Omaha, president. Al Koyen, Fremont, first vice president.

Cal Waggoner, Diller, second vice president. F. E. Ellison, Omaha, secretary-treasurer.

H. S. McDonald, Omaha, corresponding secretary. The board of directors will consist of Charles Morehouse, Fremont; R. J. Middaugh, Fremont; Frank Middaugh, Fremont; Bruce Thorpe, Eagle; Dudley Dickinson, Kansas City.

Charter Members. The following are charter members of the "Minks": R. J. Middaugh, Fremont; Arthur Keeline, Omaha; Frank Middaugh, Fremont; G. M. Redick, Omaha; C. H. Stoner, Fremont; Charles Reese, Omaha; Carlos Morehouse, Fremont; F. E. Ellison, Omaha; H. M. Landroth, Fremont; H. S. McDonald, Omaha; Al Koyen, Fremont; Lew Adams, Omaha; A. Nelson, Fremont; B. W. Barnes, Omaha; Otto Pohl, Fremont; William McCaffrey, Omaha; C. H. Phillips, Fremont; John Ragan, Omaha; Cal Waggoner, Diller, Neb.; R. C. Kingsley, Omaha; Ed Vaner, Adams; A. H. Frye, Omaha; D. B. Thorpe, Eagle; Dudley Dickinson, Kansas City.

The shoot will be the biggest thing in a trap shooting way ever attempted in this part of the country. It will surpass even the Western handicap, which has been held in Omaha a number of times. Added money to the sum of \$2,000 will be offered. This is the first time added money to a shoot in this part of the country has been more than \$1,000.

Charley Murphy Wants \$20,000 From Weeghman

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Charles W. Murphy, former president of the Chicago Nationals, said today he would appeal to the directors of the National league at the meeting in New York next month to compel Charles H. Weeghman, president of the club, and the stockholders, to pay \$20,000 which Murphy contends is due him for rent on the old National league park.

The action, Murphy said, would be separate from the suit he filed here yesterday. He named J. Ogden Armon, William Wright and others as defendants with Weeghman.

Talk of Independent Loop in California Is Growing

Talk of an independent league to operate in California next season, but little is said about it being "outlaw" and the inference is it will recognize contracts issued by organized base ball. Nor does it seem to be the idea to compete with the Pacific coast league for patronage, as the teams will be located in the smaller cities, with the possible exception of a team that will bear the name of Oakland, but will play its games abroad.

Auburn Trims Falls City In Fast Basket Ball Game

Auburn, Neb., Jan. 19.—(Special.)—The annual basket ball game between the Auburn and the Falls City High schools resulted in a victory for the locals, 28 to 25. The game was closely contested throughout, the score varying but a few points at any time. Elliott of Auburn was easily the star, making many difficult goals from the field. Next Tuesday the locals will play Newman Grove in the gymnasium.

Coal Ruling Delays Play In Charity Billiard Event

Chicago, Jan. 19.—The American billiard players' three-cushion tournament for the benefit of the ambulance fund, scheduled to start here on Monday, has been postponed one day owing to the ruling on billiard rooms. Twelve of the leading players of the country will compete, donating their services on behalf of the fund.

Rodgers Relents

Bill Rodgers declared with great civility that he had quit base ball but that not even a job as manager could coax him back, but finally he listened to the entreaties of the back-slash of the new Sacramento Coast league club and reconsidered his consent.

Only Two of Braves Of 1914 Now Remain

There has been much comment on the breaking up of the champion Athletics of 1914, but the changes in the champion Braves of the same year have attracted little notice. Yet they have been almost as radical.

The Braves of 1914, the most spectacular team in base ball, the club which defeated the Athletics in four straight games and caused Connie to dismember his team, will include in 1918 only two of the men who made up the winning aggregation of four years ago.

Rudolph is the only one left of the three pitchers who made possible the campaign of 1914 and who helped trounce the Athletics. Red Smith, the third baseman who played throughout the season, but was in the hospital with a broken ankle at the time of the world's series, is, with Rudolph, the sole survivor of the 1914 campaign.

The Braves of 1914 included Pitchers Tyler, Rudolph, James, Hess, Davis, Crutcher and Cochran; Catchers Gowdy, Whaling and Mitchell; Infielders, Schmidt, Evers, Maranville Smith and Deal, and Outfielders Connolly, Whitted, Cather, Mann, Moran and Devore, and Duguey and Gilbert, utility men.

MILITARY DRILL IN ASSOCIATION, HICKEY ORDERS

American Association Head Predicts Good Season Despite War and Cities Toronto as Proof.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Military training of base ball players will be carried out in the American association next season, Thomas J. Hickey, president of the league, announced tonight. Efforts probably will be made to have the War department detail military instructors with each of the eight clubs. These details will be mapped out at the schedule meeting of the association to be held in Milwaukee next month.

President Hickey said the association faces every prospect of a successful season despite the war, but at the same time "will always be ready and only willing to be governed by the wishes of the government and its needs." "We look forward to a good year," he said. "The people have become so accustomed to base ball that I think they would be lost without it. All 1917 season was good, considering all conditions. Naturally, after war was declared, the excitement following, occasioned by the efforts toward enlistments, diverted the attention of the people from their regular channels, causing them temporarily to forego amusement and recreation.

"People must have some kind of outdoor amusement. Some play golf, some tennis, others motor. But the masses enjoy base ball. It is truly the American game. The federal administration has approved the game. We drilled our players in military tactics last season and will do it again next season."

Cites Case of Toronto. As an argument that people want base ball as a war-time sport, President Hickey referred to the situation in Toronto, Canada, which last season won the International league pennant.

"Toronto had the best year in its history," he said, "in face of the fact that Canada has been deeply in the war for more than three years and the fact that 10 per cent of Toronto's population is in the military service. This shows plainly that the people want recreation—and that base ball is the kind they like. "We will start the 1918 season with as strong an organization as ever and will maintain the usual high standard of the game as long as the people want it."

McGill Alone is Shy. With the signing of Edward F. "Ned" Egan as pilot of the Milwaukee club, the managerial roster of the association is complete with the exception of Indianapolis. James C. McGill, the owner of the club, has several leaders under consideration to succeed Jack Hendricks, who is to manage the St. Louis Nationals.

Completing Plans for Funston-Dodge Carnival

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 19.—Plans are now being made for a big Camp Funston-Camp Dodge athletic carnival in Convention hall here January 25-26. Although the program has not been completed, the committee in charge states it will include war events with hand grenade throwing, bayonet contests and ambulance races, together with boxing and wrestling matches.

One of the headline features, it is said, is to be an exhibition boxing contest between Mike Gibbons and Bob McAllister. Gibbons is boxing instructor at Camp Dodge, Ia., and McAllister holds the same position at Camp Funston. Earl Caddock, wrestler, now at Camp Dodge, has promised to meet wrestlers from the opposing camp in handicap matches. Other mat. matches are promised.

The boxing program will be a large one, according to the officials in charge. Bouts are to be held in various classes, starting at the lightweight class, about 135 pounds. There are no featherweights in the army, the minimum weight being 128 pounds. Bouts at 145, 158, 160 or 175 pounds and even heavier are to be staged. The soldiers at Camp Funston already have begun boxing contests there, in order that the instructor may pick the best of about 300 men who are anxious to compete at the Kansas City carnival.

COMMERCE HIGH FLOOR FIVE—Business students who not only play other high school teams, but play regularly in the Omaha Commercial league. Reading left to right: Levinson, Nicotero, Camero, Bernstein, Shanahan and Coach Green.



TOUCHES OF HUMOR PICKED UP ALONG THE SPORTING PIKE

One About Golf

Charley Johnson, Happy Hollow professional, in a fanning bee the other day told this one: "An Englishman playing on the golf course on the other side got away a good drive which hit an Irishman who was sitting on the fence on the edge of the course. The ball hit the Irishman, knocking him off the fence. The man, knocking him off the fence. The Irishman was willing to settle damages for five pounds. The English golfer replied that he had said 'fore' from the tee. Pat replied: 'It's a go, take four.'"

Larry on the Job

In New York they are telling one on Larry McLean, once famous as a National League catcher and still famous as a rouser in New York. All the docks and other places are guarded by soldiers, who have orders to shoot. Larry had a friend in command of a certain military company and one morning about 2 o'clock decided to go call on him, down along the water front.

As the big catcher approached the dock he was halted by a sentinel, who demanded: "Who goes there?" "Why, me, of course," bellowed McLean, "who didja think I was?" "Advance and give the countersign," called the sentinel.

"Countersign?" queried Larry. "Why, this ain't no department store! Gangway there—I gotta see my pal!" "You can't pass," insisted the soldier, "without the word. Back up, there!" And his bayonet glittered menacingly.

Famous Sporting Man of Early Days Dies in West

James McCord, famous sporting man of the west who lived in Omaha years ago when this city was a bright spot on the map of rough-and-ready sport world, died in Oakland, Cal., at the age of 67 years, according to word received here by Bill McCune, an old pal of McCord's.

McCord started out as a boxer. He was a handy chap with the gloves and he engaged in many fights here. He made Omaha his headquarters and is well remembered by the old timers here.

During the gold rush, McCord left Omaha and went to Alaska, where he opened a gambling house. He later operated gambling houses in Seattle and the Nevada mining camps. He was famed as a "square player," something of a novelty in those early days, and through his long career as a gambler no charge of fraud was ever directed against him. He was one of the best known and most picturesque characters of the mining towns during the gold rush days of Alaska and Nevada.

Four Matches Are Played In "Y" Hand Ball Tourney

Four matches have been played in the doubles hand ball tournament (Christian association). Results were as follows: Hufter and Moise beat Garvin and Carns. McCarty and Reed beat McLean and Frankfort. Calvert and Abbott beat Herman and Remington. Ritchie and Koran beat Gilman and Dowley.

Sox to Aid Egan.

The Milwaukee Brewers worked with the St. Louis Cardinals in exchange of players last season and the St. Louis club practically made the Brewers, but this year the new manager, Ned Egan, hopes to draw most of his needs from the surplus of the Chicago White Sox.

Methodists Are Victors.

The Wayne Methodist Episcopal church basketball five defeated the Wakefield High school here 44 to 34. It was Wakefield's first defeat of the season.

ject came up about saluting negro officers.

Most of the boys said they wouldn't salute a negro. Dick came back with the rejoinder that he had saluted them. He then told the reason: "In the section of the signal corps where I was stationed our paymaster was a negro and was so black that an ace of spades would look like an ace of light. Of course, we didn't want to salute him, but when he had our dough, what else was there to do?"

"We'd go up kinder hesitating like and try to get out of saluting, but he'd notice it every time, and would say: 'Come up with it,' and up would go our right hands. Sure was tough, but believe me, when you needed your kale like we did, you would have kissed him if the regulations called for it."

OMAHA WHISTERS WILL ENTERTAIN ANNUAL TOURNEY

Omaha whisters are preparing to entertain the 24th annual tournament of the Central Whist association. The tourney will convene at the Hotel Rome February 15 and 16.

It is expected that more than 100 whisters will take part in the event and cracks from all over this territory, including such cities as St. Joseph, Kansas City, Sioux City, Lincoln, Fort Dodge, Des Moines and Davenport, will play.

Omaha whist sharps, as a rule, have been fortunate in the Central whist play and the local team has captured the championship several times.

Jimmy Kane Leads Hoop Shooters in Pro League

Jimmy Kane, former first baseman for the Rourkes, has earned the crown of leading basket shooter in the Pennsylvania state league, the major league of professional basket ball. Kane, who still makes Omaha his home in the summer time, has been managing the Scranton quintet in the Penn state game league. He piloted the team into first place in the 50-game season and it was largely due to his own scoring that he accomplished it.

Jimmy, during the 25 games composing the first half of the season, scored 220 points, an average of more than four to a game. His nearest rival scored only 192 points in the same number of games.

Jimmy has been a professional basket ball player for several years. He began to slip a bit in base ball a couple of years ago and he has retired from active participation in the diamond sport, but he is the Jimmy of old on the basket ball court and reports from Pennsylvania are that he is easily the class of the state.

Hawkeye Gridders Face Stiff Schedule in Fall

Iowa City, Jan. 19.—When the University of Iowa's foot ball team is mobilized next fall it will face a strenuous schedule of eight games, according to the list of contests already arranged by the athletic board of control and announced as follows: Sept. 22—Great Lakes at Iowa City. Oct. 5—Nebraska at Lincoln. Oct. 12—Northwestern at Iowa City. Oct. 18—Chicago at Chicago. Oct. 26—Grinnell at Iowa City. Nov. 2—Open. Nov. 8—Open. Nov. 16—Ames at Ames. Nov. 23—Indiana at Iowa City.

Oh, What a Difference a Little War Makes; Just Ask the Athlete

In the good old halcyon days 'twas great to be an athlete. For only seven months in the year was one confined by the binding laws of toil and the actual working period covered only a couple of hours or so a day. And the vacation period was five whole months.

Ah, those were the days. Pullman cars, expensive hotels, sumptuous meals and a pay check that would make a bank president weep with envy, that was the lot of the athlete. By trade he might be a truck driver or a blacksmith or a ribbon clerk, no matter, when he got to be an athlete he became a plutocrat among plutocrats.

After spending the winter at a southern winter resort, where the rates are not a cent less than 30 bucks a day, he sauntered into the sanctum of his boss and in dignified tones boasted that he be given a \$3,000 bonus in salary and that he be given a couple of thousand bonus for signing the contract—it was worth \$2,000, anyhow. To sign a contract because his wrist had been weak ever since he sprained it reaching for the free lunch when he was a barrel-house bum in Butte before he discovered he could play ball.

Did he get it? He did. Then the jaunt to the sunny south in a special train. If the secretary forgot to give him a stateroom on this

Red-Letter Days of Miracle Month

December 11. Chicago Cubs obtain Grover Alexander and Bill Killifer from Phillies in exchange for Mike Prendergast, Pickles Dithoefer and \$50,000.

December 14. Athletics send Joe Bush, Amos Strunk and Wally Schang to Red Sox in return for Veau Gregg, Chester Thomas and Marlin Kopp and \$60,000.

December 14. Browns trade Bert Shotton and Johnny Lavan to Washington for Bert Gallia and \$15,000.

December 29. Phillies get Fred Williams from Cubs for George Faskert.

January 4. Cubs get George Tyler from Braves for Larry Doyle, Art Wilson and \$15,000.

January 8. Boston obtains Charley Herzog from New York Giants in exchange for Jess Barnes and Larry Doyle.

January 9. Pittsburgh takes Charley Stengel and George Cutshaw from Brooklyn, giving Dodgers Chuck Ward, Burleigh Grimes and Al Mamaux.

January 10. Boston Red Sox get Stuffie McInnes from Athletics for players yet to be agreed on.

CREIGHTON WILL PLAY ILLINOIS TEAM THIS FALL

Blue and White Grid Card Calls for Combat With Urbana; Marquette Added to Schedule.

Illinois University. Colorado Aggies. Haskell Indians. Marquette university. South Dakota university. Drake university. Colner college. Kansas Aggies or St. Louis.

These are some of the teams Creighton's 1918 foot ball eleven will battle next fall.

Coach Tommy Mills announced yesterday that negotiations had been practically completed for these games.

South Dakota will be played at Omaha on November 2. The Haskell Indians come here November 9 and Marquette on November 16. The Colorado Aggies will fill the Thanksgiving date.

The Illinois game will be played at Urbana. No date for this combat has been set, but it probably will be played early in October. The Drake game also will be played in October.

Cotner probably will be the first game of the season. Another preliminary game may be played with Peru Normal. Peru is anxious to play Creighton and Mills will give the school teachers a date if he has an open one.

St. Louis Kicking. Mills is negotiating with St. Louis university, Kansas Aggies and Duquesne for another game. The only thing blocking a Creighton-St. Louis game is a squabble over the freshman rule. It is expected, however, this game will be arranged within a week or so.

The schedule, even in its incomplete state, is the best that has ever been outlined for the local eleven. The Illinois game will be the first time Creighton has ever invaded the big time of the Big Ten conference.

Play Wisconsin. Marquette takes the place of North Dakota. Marquette is located at Milwaukee and is one of the ranking Catholic colleges of the country. (The Wisconsin had a great eleven last year and expect to have an equally good team this fall.)

South Dakota, Colorado Aggies and Haskell Indians all were on the schedule last year, so that local foot ball fans know the class of those teams.

With Illinois, South Dakota, Haskell, Marquette, Colorado Aggies and St. Louis or the Kansas Aggies for big games, the blue and white warriors have something of a task ahead of them this fall.

CADDOCK IS SURE TO WRESTLE HERE DURING FEBRUARY

Ad Santel Probably Will Be Champion's Opponent in Clash in Omaha; Peters in the Running.

Now that he has lost the Earl Caddock-Wladek Zbyszko mat to Des Moines, Carl Marfisi is trying to cook up a February date for the champion in Omaha.

Marfisi failed to land the Caddock-Zbyszko joust because the Des Moines business men went crazy over the match. According to advices received here, the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce offered to do all the advertising, pay for the hall and foot almost every other bill. This was too much competition for Marfisi.

It is reported that Ad Santel, alias Adolph Ernst, has the inside track for a match with Caddock in February. Joe Coffey, the Chicago promoter and manager, is handling Santel and he says Gene Melady, Caddock's manager, has promised to match Santel and Caddock in Omaha in February.

Makes Two Reputations. Santel is one of the cleverest wrestlers in the game. He first made a great reputation under the name of Adolph Ernst. Then he went out to the Pacific coast and under the assumed title of Ad Santel made himself another reputation. This is an achievement few grapplers can point to.

Caddock and Santel probably would make a good match as they are wrestlers of pretty much the same type. Both depend upon speed more than weight or strength as neither is very large and they are both heady grapplers.

If the Caddock-Santel match falls through Earl may be matched with Charley Peters. It is said that Omaha surely will see Earl Caddock in a bout with that even though Des Moines or any other city horns into the running as happened with regard to the Zbyszko event, the match will be held here any how as Melady believes it is time Omaha saw Earl in action again. Santel and Peters are the two men now being considered.

Peters to Go East. Unless he is matched with Caddock, Peters shortly will make an invasion of the east. Jack Lewis, his manager, is conducting negotiations with promoters at Columbus, O., and other points and they are anxious to book Charley. Lewis probably will accept some of these matches unless he canicker successfully for the championship.

Denning, N. M., also wants to see Peters. The Nebraska national guardsmen are located at Deming and their reports of Peters' prowess has prompted the promoter there to get into communication with Lewis. He has asked Lewis who would be a suitable opponent for the Papillion carpenter and Lewis' reply was "anybody in the world."

Westside Club Ready to Take National Tourney

New York, Jan. 19.—The Westside Tennis club announced today that it would continue to stage the national lawn tennis championship tournament if the national association desired to award the 1918 date to the club. The decision was reached at the annual meeting of the club here last night. The Westside club has held both the national tournament and the Davis cup matches at Forest Hills, L. I., since the removal of the events from Newport.

The selections of the courts for the titular tennis events for the coming season will be made at the annual meeting of the U. S. N. L. T. A. to be held in this city February 15.

Four-Event Trap Shoot At Omaha Gun Club Today

First event, 10 targets. First prize, shooting gloves by Townsend Gun Co. First prize, shooting gloves by Townsend Gun Co. Second event, 15 targets. First prize, duck by F. E. Ellison.

Second prize, box candy by Barges Drug Co. Third event, 10 targets. First prize, chicken by H. S. McDonald.

Second prize, flashlight by Ray Kingsley. Fourth event, 15 targets. First prize, cuff links by John Ragon.

Second prize, thermometer by Ray Kingsley.

One Crowd Which Won't Be At Shibe Park Next Spring

Emery Titman, Philadelphia's \$400-pound fan, who was a prominent figure at the world's series last fall, is being sued for \$7,000 by John D. Shibe, of the Athletics, the suit growing out of the sales of a yacht. There's one big crowd the Athletics won't have next season.

Falls City Falls.

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 19.—(Special.)—The Beatrice basket ball team won from Falls City here last evening by a score of 26 to 21. The locals played a strong uphill game from the start and the visitors were unable to overcome their lead. Beatrice will play the fast Newman Grove five next Friday evening.

Salt Lake Loses Siglin.

The naming of Paddy Siglin as manager of the Portland Northwestern league team was something of a disappointment to Manager Walter McCredle of the Salt Lake Coast league club, for he had figured that he might be able to land Siglin as a member of his Bees.