## AS PRESIDENT OF WESTERN LEAGUE

John Savage of Joplin Club Withdraws and Election Is Unanimous: Schedule Committee Selected.

Special to The Bec. St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 22.-A politizal fight between the W. A. Rourke faction of the Western league and the Jack Holland followers brought about no decision early in the day in the battle for the presidency of the league, but later during the session the Rourke satelites scored, and A. R. Tearney of Chicago was elected to succeed E. W. Dickerson.

who is in France.

The Holland faction had called their candidate, John Savage, former owner of the Joplin club, to this city in expectation of winning the election, but when Savage with drew, the magnates made Tearney's election unanimous. Savage was the only other candidate for the

A schedule committee, composed of E. J. Hanlon, Jack Holland and Frank Isbell, has been named, but cannot act until the magnates take action on the opening game and the number of games to be played. Friction between the magnates, from the northern towns and those fron the southern towns early in the meeting prevented the naming of an opening date. The Southern league towns favor April 23 and the North-

ern league towns favor May 1. A schedule of 140 games will pass as soon as an opening date is decided upon. E. J. Haulon took up with Mayor Whitsell of St. Joseph today the matter of buying the Si Joseph base ball franchise and he has given the business interest here a week in which to raise \$14,000, with which to buy the club. He has received an offer from Lincoln, but will wait until Saturday before giving a final answer on the

Today's session was slow in get-ting under way and the magnates will hold sessions all day tomorrow in order to complete the business which must come before it at

Mr. Tearney has long been recog-nized as a leading representative of the minor organizations.

## Stecher Meets Zbyszko at Sioux City Tomorrow Night

Joe Stecher beat Jack Bucksen of Chicago in two falls at St. Louis Friday night, and Saturday left for dek Zbysako in a finish match. If Steecher wins and Earl Caddock Trapshooting Page for wrestling game, Joe will claim the championship and prepare to defend it against all comers. really intends to fetire from the

With Caddock retired the winner of a Stecher-Zbyszko match would added another page to its Sunday be the logical champion and prob-ably be recognized as such. In that feature, in charge of Lt. Tracy H event it is likely that the winner of Lewis, a former Omaha club memtomorrow night's match in Sioux ber, Lieutenant Lewis was instruc-City will be called upon to wrestle tor of the Lewis machine gun com-Pesek at an early date for the cham- pany in Omaha. Taking up his res-

to go over. Melady's interest is manifest because of his being the mana-ger of Earl Caddock. If Caddock Lewis, he is now known as Captain retires Gene will want to see the crowning of a new champion and if Earl remains in the game Gene will want to see the probable opponent to see the probable opponent Lowis' residence is now in Longneck, N. Y. of his champion.

## Detroit to Have Large Squad to Open Season

By International News Service. contracts to 50 players, the reserve list being unusually heavy this year, J. nnings intimated that a large number of these players would be disposed of before he sets out for the Tigers' training camp at Macon, Ga., next month. The Detroit club was heavily represented in the army and navy last summer, and some of the players still are in the service. The club also holds title to a number of young players who have not yet proven their worth as major leaguers, Jennings has started to cur down his squad, the first release being that of the veteran catcher Hack Spencer, who was let out un conditionally after Eddie Ainsmith returned his signed contract to President Frank Navin, of the Ti

## Detroit Pair Wins Doubles

Hand Ball Championship Detroit, Feb. 22.—William Micus and Michael Maurer of Detroit, won the national doubles hand ball the national doubles hand championship tonight, defeating Sackman, singles champion, and Groden, the former champion, both of New York in straight games, 21-18 and 21-9.

## Harvard Hockey Team

Scores Another Victory Princeton, 7 goals to 2, in Brooklyn

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## Drawn for The Bee by Tad



Winner Over Steve Savage Has Notion He Will Challenge Winner of Stecher-Zyb Go.

Wearing a smile like unto the storied grin that could not be effaced, John Pesek, conquerer of Tearney Accepts Office.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—A1 R. Tearney, for nine years president of the Three I League of Base Ball clubs, in a telephone conversation with leaders of the Western league tonight accepted their offer of the presidency of that organization.

Mr. Tearney has league been recognised.

right, Ecklund made the announce ment that he would like to wrestle Joe Stangl, the winner of the semi-windup match at the Auditorium, and will wager \$200 on the side. Failing to land a match with Stangl Ecklund will take on any light-heavyweight wrestler in the coun-

## Sioux City where he takes on Wla- Former Omahan Writing

The New York Telegraph has idence in New York, he shortly be-The Sioux Ctiy promotors are ex-pecting a delegation of Omaha fans to witness the match and Gene Me-trapshooters with news of their

Known in Omaha as Lieutenant

## University Freshmen

Team to Play Local Stars The freshman team of the Uni

By International News Service.

Detroit, Feb. 22.—Manager Hugh Jennings of the Detroit Tigers, announces that the club has sent out

Omaha National Bank five on the 'Y" floor Saturday night.

Without exeception every member of both teams has a stellar reputa-tion back of him. Floyd Paynter, Bob Russell and Austin Smith, former Central High champion with Jungmeyer and Munn, six-foot-sixers from Lincoln High's 1918 quintet will engage the Omaha five. Budd Smith and Cypreanson, Lin-coln's famous "Cyp," are also on the freshman squad. Costello and Exter will be on the sidelines. Exter will be on the sidelines.

K. Klepser, Hird Stryker, Warren Ritchie, Bob Koran, Virgil Rector, formerly of Dartmouth, Barrett, a member of the Mare Island team; Dickman of Great Lakes fame, Mor-rison and Hawkins compose the

## Horse Show Dates Fixed.

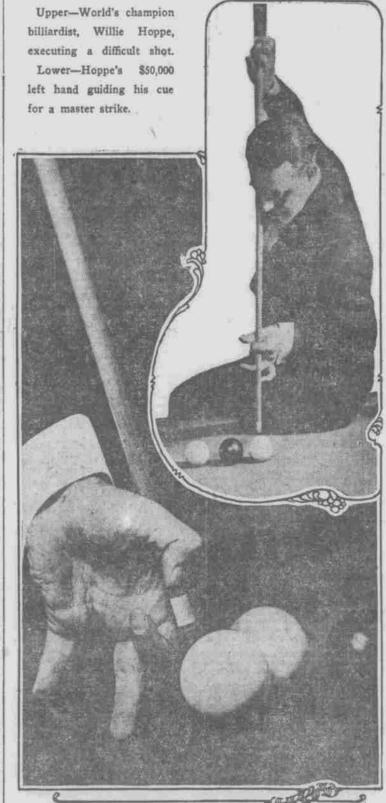
New York, Feb. 22.-The Naonal Horse Show association announced today that its 34th annual exhibition will be here at Madison Square Garden November 17 to 21.

## Spiffy Sports

Playing a bne-sided game on the "T" floor last night, Commerce high's basket ball team fraunted the Creighton high five, 25 to S., Weakened by the absence of four of their first team players the players of the Creighton high five had no chance at the honors.

New York, Feb. 22.—Harvard's indefeated hockey team defeated to be used to be

## Champion Billiard Player to Entertain at Omaha A. C.



Willie Hoppe, Present Champion, to Play Exhibition Match Game Against Former Champion, George Sutton. Both Master Cue Artists.

Omaha for a day during his tour of the country and play a match game with the former champion, George Sutton, on March 1. In fact, Hoppe with the former champion, George Omaha Athletic club when Willie Sutton, on March 1. In fact, Hoppe and Sutton will play two games, one noon and evening. at 3 p. m. and the other at 8 p. m.
The games will be played at the
New Omaha Athletic club. The O.

Lauding Royin L. C. harbors a number of billiard enthusiasts and it is expected that quite a number of them will be present to witness the exhibition. The exhibition will be one between

that takes better care of himself boxing sport in Nebraska that will than does Willie Hoppe. He trains be a credit to the state."

The Nebraska legislature will have only on the billiard tables with a The Nebraska legislature will have course of calisthenics before going to pass the Melady bill in its presto bed to keep down any excess ent form pretty soon or there won't to bed to keep down any excess ent form pretty soon or there won't weight, goes to bed early and rises be any Melady bill left. If Barney early, and then plays about eight Green and a few others that would hours of billiards every day. Hoppe like to, get to making amendments to the present measure, they will indulge in either game, for he finds that handling a golf club or base the bill. The army and navy may are training station swimmers.

## Lauding Boxing Bill

Boxing fans from far off Texas are interested in the passage of the Melady boxing bill. Gene Melady two masters of the art, Sutton having been one of the greatest players of the game ever known and who would probably be the champion if it wasn't for Hoppe. The latter is considered the greatest player of billiards in the world, and his manager, R. B. Benjamin, declares Williards in the world, and bis manager, and the world in the world. The world world in the world was world they worked they w lie is improving daily.

There is no athlete in the world yourself they will have some classy

## LINCOLN FIVE **BEATS CENTRAL** IN FAST BATTLE

Team from Capital Outclasses tically Assures State Championship Title.

Lincoln, 26; Central High, 10. completely outclassing their opponents Lincoln High's basket ball to 10, in a one sided game played on the Creighton floor last night. Spapers, Lincoln's lanky right for-ward, was the star of the fray, shoot-

ing five field goals with ease and The Lincolnites, towering above the locals, had things their own way during most of the game despite the fine team work exhibited by Coach Mullivan's men. Mulligan's men.

## Central Weakens.

Konecky, Burnham and Clements made Central's only score during the first period within a few minutes. Hopes of the Central supporters fell when the Lincolnites initiated a drive on the basket concluding it when the half ended, 14 to 6, in

save for the few times when a score appeared possible. Lincoln kept the ball down on its end of the floor most of the period and made several pretty baskets from difficult angles. his knee. Despite his injury, he played until the final whistle blew. Lincoln the state title.

Princeton, N. J., Feb. 22.-Yale defeated Princeton, 20 to 15, in an ntercollegiate league basket ball Arrangements have been made of having to collect the insurance. game here today.

for Willie Hoppe to stop off in He takes better care of his hands

St. Louis, Feb. 22.—The Kansas

an intercollegiate basket ball game

Lafayette, Ind., Feb. 22.—West-ern Conference; Illinois, 24; Pur-

Grinnell, Ia., Feb. 22.-Superior team work gave Grinnell college a 25 to 20 victory over Iowa State of Ames in a Missouri Valley confer-

# Local Quintet: Victory Prac-

Playing a wonderful game and team smothered Central High, 26

The Purple and White flippers played a neat game, and during the first few minutes of play seemed easy victors, playing rings around their opponents. When Shapers, for only the second time during the game, got a chance at the basket he registered the initial counters. Central's defense seemed to weaken, then, allowing several scores.

## Second Half Slow.

The second half was unexciting Possibility of victory disappeared when Captain Art Logan sprained The victory practically assures Lineup and summaries:

LINCOLN OMAHA. FG.FT.P. FG.FT.F PG.FT.P.

Burnham, rf 1 0 2Shapers, rf
Clements, lf 1 0 2Sougey, lf
Logan, c (C) 1 0 2Goodsen, c
Konecky, rg 1 2 4Smith rg
Swoboda, lg 0 0 6 Lewellyn, lg
Mangold, rf 0 0 0Wyncoop, lg

Totals 4 2 10 Totals 11 4 26 ing ball once or twice a week.

Fouls-Lincoln: Shapers (3), Smith yncoop (2), Omaha: Logan (2), Kon-Youse Lincoln: Shapers (2), Smith, Nyncosp (2). Omaha: Logan (2), Ken-cky, Swobeda. Officials—Verne Moore, referes; Gene Russum, scorer; Patty, timekesper. Time of Halves—Twenty minutes.

## Basket Ball Results.

Evanston, Ill., Feb. 22.-Western

Conference Basket Ball: North-western, 32; Wisconsin, 23. Cedar Rapids, Ia., Cedar Rapids High school, 54; West Waterloo high, 13.
Bloomington, Ind., Feb. 22.—
Western Conference; Minnesota,

0; Indiana, 14. Ann Arbor, Feb. 22.—Western Conference; Chicago, 25; Michigan,

team won its sixth consecutive victories to the string this merce freshman off their feet. The final score was 38 to 6. Chalbert of the Bensons featured the game, scoring eight of the Benson's 18 field goals.

Name Game Agent.

# WITH"DUGS"BAER

Woody is now popping along on the nimble ocean. He is gyrating back to pipe if the Willard-Dempsey articles contain his fourteen points. Between the peace conference and the heavyweight championship, Woody is busier than a farmhand on market day. Soon as he scampers down the gangplank of the George Washington, the prexy will clatter on board the Weehawken ferry scow to lamp the official documents. Then he will ramble back to Europe and grab the international situation by the ears.

If the job gets busier Woodrow will have to skip stop like a Farnam and Harney street motorman. When interviewed by our phoneless wire, the president had nothing to say, and didn't say it. That's where he differs from Bill Bryan like a barroom tenor and Jennie Lind. Get this right. One sapp up in Meriden, Conn., buzzed his girl that she had a voice like Jennie Lind and she knocked him for a row of Hottentot villed the say of the entire sporting world are upon Tex Rickard, while he is hunting for a site for his now famous heavyweight championship battle, between Jess Willard, the champion, and Jack Dempsey, the lages and suburbs. She thought he meant a cantaloupe.

Jennie was a singer. Anyway, the president had nothing to say and didn't say it. When Bill has nothing to say—he always says it. He is an orator. An orator is a bird who talks all day Tuesday just because it's Tuesday. Bill was going to bust out into vaudeville, but the orchestra pulled a no-beer-no-work strike just in time. Although the president didn't spill any gossip about the big shindig, we could pipe from the way that he had his high hat polished that he figured Jack to knock Jess flatter than an Omaha order of wheat cakes.

The president backing of a great host of admirers, the majority of fans will favor Dempsey, figuring his strength and speed, together with his active puglistic life recently, will more than

On the other mitt, the democratic manner in which Woody hung over the rail on the third day out convinced us that if Willard ever stretches a knuckle octave on Dempsey's profile the world is going to look very horizontal to Jack for about ten seconds. He will be wearing the water hucket for a hat and powdering his nose with the sproper. bucket for a hat and powdering his nose with the sponge,

Clemenceau, Balfour, Lloyd George and the other outfielders on and's immediate friends say that the Woody's team were too busy winding up the political barbed wire to public idea of Jess's idle life is a chirp much about the two-man war on the Weehawken ferry. Clemenceau is a good judge of fighters, having managed a couple of million during the recent tournament. He is much opposed to no-decision fights. If Yanks fight in America like they did in Europe, Clemenceau dopes that the boys in the \$5 and \$10 trenches will get an eyeful. He doesn't buzz whether he means fighting or resin. That's what makes him a statesman.

The Chink envoy to the convention hasn't anything to warble, either in Chinese or Weehawken. His papers were swiped while coming through Japan. He doesn't know who to suspect. A few years ago he would have blamed Doc Cook. This Weehawken ferry business has the slant-eyed diplomat more puzzled than a visitor looking for oysters in an Omaha oyster stew. He ain't sure whether it is a naval skirmish or a land riot.

Balfour thinks that Willard will hang Dempsey over the hawsers like the week's wash. Don't know how Balfy gets that way. You can't blame he won the championship and even it on the hot sun in the winter time.

When surrounded in Holland, the kaiser was boring holes in his wooden shoes to let his corns out. Refused to hoot anything about the big scuffle unless he got a medal for it. The old boy ain't himself since they shook him loose from his 600 uniforms. He wanted to know what the scuffle unless he got a medal for it. The old boy ain't himself since they shook him loose from his 600 uniforms. He wanted to know what the Mongolian envoy meant by going to Paris via Japan. Says that ain't no way to get to Paris. Kaiser ought to know. He is an authority on ways of not getting to Paree.

Prominent Bullshevists are knocked coo-coo by the Willard-Dempsey thing. The fact that each man has an equal chance is what makes them goaty. They don't do things that way in Bullrussia.

Until the president decides what twig he is going to light on for the summer, dope on the big tussle is going to get all wet. The prexy is going to touch second in Washington and then gallop to third base in Europe. Dempsey and Willard will start training in their limousines so as to be in shape when the referee calls 'em to the center of the purse for their

ounce and a quarter.

# Trap Gun Load Change

J. J. McGraw Has Only Self to Thank for His Continued Success in Base

## Ball Affairs. By JACK VEIOCK. New York, Feb. 15 .- John Joseph McGraw is getting to be a regular

power in base ball. After years of hard plugging, from the time he broke in with the Olean, N. Y., Independents until be cheaper and cause less recoil than the heavier load, thereby makthe present day, McGraw has never ing conditions easier for the novice. once let the fires of his ambition

While there will necessarily be to be one of base ball's biggest men die down. And his constant plug-ging and initiative have won results. Back in the days of his given youth when he first donned base ball spikes, McGraw was glad to ball spikes, McGraw was glad to a uniform load just as there is a land golf ball or base ball.

Today, as vice president and manager, as well as part owner, of the New York Giants, he is drawing South Omaha Basket Ball down an annual stipend that flirts around \$40,000, and all the while he is laying lines to make himself more powerful and more successful in

the National league. Charles Stoneman, the new president and principal stockholder in the Giants, is a personal pal of McGraw's. And it was through McGraw and Stoneman that George Washington Grant became the owner of the Boston Braves. The wags say that Grant is merely a figurehead, representing Stoneman inter-ests, but this has been denied.

Be that as it may, the McGraw machine in the National league is getting up speed, and some of these days Ban Johnson, now admitted to be the unquestioned czar of the national pastime will find himself con tional pastime, will find himself con-fronted by Little Napoleon of the Giants, with all kinds of power to tional League Base Ball club, an-ganization will be known as the nounced tonight for base ball legislation and nounced tonight that he had obtain-

in base ball, though it is something a cash consideration of a cinch that he must have some sort of lucky star or semething, because his rise has been so rapid and he has been the one-chosen above many others-guiding spirit of the most powerful ball club in either

big league.
After the present year it will not be surprising to see McGraw step down and out as a manager, though he will, of course, continue to rect the affairs of the Giants from the business helm. If he can win one more pennant with his Polo Grounders he will be content to let his managerial record stand.

## WILLARD, TO WIN, MUST BE IN OLD TIME CONDITION

Carrying Excess Weight Will Mean Loss of Circus Owner's Drawing Power and Championship.

## By KID GRAVES.

The eyes of the entire sporting challenger. The announcement of

While Willard will have the ion to win, can only be told when the men meet, next July 4. Willmistaken one, claiming that the big fellow has been doing light train-ing at his private gymnasium in his home and that he has not allowed himself to become so fat that he cannot get into fighting condition

## What Is Willard's Best?

It has been said that Dempsey ould whip Willard, even if the champion were at his best, but when you stop to consider that Willard's best has never been shown, this as-sertion is rather hard to believe. Big in the bout in Havana, when he won the title, he wasn't forced to extend himself. He simply took all that the "Big Smoke" could hand out and grinned, contenting himself with teaching he received in training for this bout to bring him up to his best and then he didn't have to exert

## Bout on the Level.

Ring experts here figure that Woody won't sprain his chance of a all agreed with me that it was abthird crack at free White House coal by not being present when Jess and without being hurt, taking no chances at all during the bout, laying back for fear that Johnson might have something that might end it, playing safe and wearing his man down until he got the signal from Urged by Association his corner to try to finish it. When as Economic Measure the signal passed, Willard reached out with his wonderful reach, an though to gauge the distance, and ohnson was in such an exhausted Scattergun experts who have had condition that the blow, light as at

### was, was enough to finish the bout. Like Kick of a Mule.

a favorite load with which they de-molish the clusive blue rock will grieve to hear that in the near fu-When I say the blow was light, I don't mean that it had no force at ture the American Trapshooting association will urge the adoption of a standard load to be used by all all, for Willard was a man that could not hit lightly if he wanted to. His light blow is like the kick of a mule. hooters in registered tournaments. This will consist of three drams of so it is no wonder that Johnson fell powder and an ounce and an eighth of shot instead of the customary over and was counted out. Jess has stated numerous times that he was Economy is primarily the object of this standardization, to eliminate afraid to hit hard for fear that he would kill Johnson and for the same reason, Frank Moran lasted his ten the necessity of making several dif-ferent varieties of shells and also equalize conditions for all. The rerounds with the champion at Madi-

son Square Garden, March 25, 1916. It has always been the advice of duction in the amount of shot used old time followers of the boxing game to string along with the champion until he is beaten and it may not be bad advice in this case. This is my prediction, if Willard can get in as good condition as he was when he met Johnson or Moran, he considerable opposition to this de-parture by persons who have beome accustomed to certain loads will win. If he cannot get in as good shape as he was for either of those bouts, Dempsey will be the champ-ion. The result of the bout depends entirely on the condition of the champion when he enters the ring.

## Keep Coin in Pocket. While not a betting man myself, I can advise those that want to wager on the result of the bout, that their

Team Defeated at Fremont Fremont, Neb., Feb. 22 .- (Special money will be safer in their pockets Telegram.) - The Fremont high than placed on either man at this school basket ball team continued early date. Willard may be in betits winning streak by defeating the ter shape than is generally thought South Omaha five here last night, and it is certain that he has time 30 to 20. Captain Keith of the Fre- enough to get in good condition for mont team was forced to retire the Independence day scrap if he when he suffered a fracture of his chooses. Whether he will or can collar-hone. The team lineup—get "right" is yet to be seen. With mont: Davis and Dana, forwards; all due respect for Dempsey's fight-Christiansen, center; Keith, Johnson ing ability and an earnest desire to and Thompson, guards. South Oma-ha: Nieman and Volz, forwards; see him win, at this time, I can only string along with the champion.

## New League Formed.

A new bowling league has been formed to roll on the Garden bowl-Holke Traded to Braves. ing alleys every Friday evening.

Boston, Feb. 22.—George W. The league season will cover a

Grant, owner of the Boston Na-period of 12 weeks. The new orbase ball reforms.

McGraw has himself alone to thank for the position he occupies James Smith, a utility infielder, and pany, Looney's Express and Har-

