

# OMAHA PLANS TO HAVE SKI-ING TOURNEY SOON

### Best Snow in Years Rousing the Various Clubs to Action—Boys to Organize.

Moonlight skiing will be the latest attraction in local outdoor sporting circles this winter if present plans, according to N. J. Weston, physical director, and Carl C. Weigel, assistant physical director of the Young Men's Christian association, materialize.

It is the intention of both Weston and Weigel to form moonlight skiing clubs and hold parties during the long winter months, since all indoor sports have been indefinitely suspended on account of the shortage of fuel.

"The snow this year is the best we have had in years," said Weston, "and it will make an excellent pastime for grown-ups as well as youngsters." Hanscom park is the most logical place to hold these skiing parties, said Weston, because of the many hills.

Last week a party of business men, headed by Weston and Weigel, journeyed to Hanscom park and skied for many hours. They were so well pleased that they are going to organize clubs.

Both Weston and Weigel will have charge of clubs organized at the "Y" and intend to hold a tournament.

It is planned to hold the first contests about Friday night, while there is plenty of snow.

Outdoor sports will be the only pastime the Omaha public will have for some time, according to the present coal situation, and with plenty of snow the skiing parties should draw considerable interest.

The committee of athletics of the "Y," which Verne Moore is president, George Arrish, Art Bromley, Joe Reil and C. E. Drew, members, will hold a meeting Tuesday afternoon and organize a ski-club for the boys' department of the "Y."

# Suit Manufacturers Recommend Shorter Skirts for Women

Cleveland, O., Dec. 7.—The styles committee of the National Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' association recommended suits from three to four inches shorter than at present for the 1920 season in its report at the closing session of the annual convention here. The committee decreed that skirts next season will be from seven to nine inches from the floor for women and about 10 inches for misses, as compared with four to six inches for women and six to eight inches for misses at present.

Skirts, the style makers say, will be "frankly short," but without abbreviation. One thing to be avoided if one wishes to be stylish, is the extreme. Tunic and pleated skirts will be worn.

Fullness at the hips will be a feature of many of the smart spring suits.

Sleeves will fit snug and close at the tailored skirts.

Sport suits for spring and summer wear are recommended. Novel belts with leather and metal and a new type of collar—slender and rolling—will be a detail of the suits. The Lord Byron and Peter Pan designs will be popular.

The newest wrap for women is not unlike the old Roman toga, a graceful, enveloping garment that can be tucked up and pulled together.

Series of coats, suits and skirts will stay up," said R. Michael Printz of Cleveland, chairman of the style committee.

# School Girls Refuse to Sit Beside Skunk Hunters

Nashville, Ind., Dec. 7.—Either the pupils of the public school here will have to give up skunk hunting or they will have to change clothes before they return to school after a profitable skunk chase.

It all started when girls attending the school complained to the teacher when compelled to sit close to the mighty skunk hunters.

The skunk hunters are standing firm, declaring they will not forfeit the profits of the chase.

The girls are also standing firm, declaring they will not attend school unless something is done with the hunters.

The school board has taken the matter under advisement and a decision is expected within the next day or so.

# BRINGING UP FATHER—



# Independent Basket Ball Team to Play for Omaha Bee

### Quintet of Former Independent Stars and University Players Under Leadership of Omaha Uni Coach, Arranging Stiff Winter Schedule With Leading College Teams.

When the present coal situation is relieved and heating arrangements return to normal, the basket ball season will hold sway in local sport circles. All the high school teams will start their schedules, the "Y" leagues will open and the independent teams now organizing will begin the tours arranged by the various managers.

One of the strongest and best teams in this section will play under the colors and name of The Omaha Bee. This quintet will play local games and a tour through the states of Nebraska and Iowa is being arranged, taking in Ames, Nebraska, Nebraska Wesleyan and other important basket ball centers in the two states.

**Ernie Adams Captain.**  
The team will be captained by Ernie Adams, formerly an Omaha University player and the present coach of the Omaha Uni cage quintet. Ernie has lined up seven players who will compose the team, each of whom has had considerable experience on collegiate fives or track independent organizations in the past few years. Ernie, himself, is a forward of no mean ability and will play this position on the team.

The pivot position will be played by Harry Williams, the versatile athlete, who plays basket ball, football, base ball and does a little horseing in the heavyweight division. Williams has played center on a number of independent teams and has always performed like a star.

Another forward, Frank Mahoney, last year picked on the mythical all-state high school five, former star forward of the Commercial High quintet, is also on the list.

**Parish in Line Up.**  
Ability to play either guard or forward places George Parish on the list for one of these positions. Parish is probably the best all-around basket ball player in Omaha. He has made an enviable record playing with the Creighton university team and the Omaha university five.

A returned soldier, from the aviation corps, George Trumbull, will play one of the guard positions. Trumbull is one of the stars of the Fremont high school team and was also one of the mainstays of the Kelly field aviation corps cage quintets.

Another all-state high school player of 1918, Paul Konecky, is placed at guard. Konecky was one of the stars of Central high school's basket ball organization. He was highly rated in the all-state selections and was also an all-city team player.

Gary, an ex-Nebraska Wesleyan guard, is also selected by Captain Adams for this important post on The Bee team. Gary, while with the Wesleyan team, was often called upon to play forward and acquitted himself creditably in this position and may play in some of this year's games as a forward.

**Will Add Players.**  
Even with this lineup, Adams is not quite satisfied and will add former university players, from Nebraska and Iowa teams, if he can land them.

Coach Tommy Mills has promised The Bee team at least one game, and probably two, during the season. Coach Ben Beck of Nebraska Wesleyan has also stated a willingness to put The Bee five on his schedule. The Husker coach, Schessler, is willing to bring the Nebraska team to Omaha for a game with The Bee quintet if suitable financial arrangements can be made.

Arrangements will probably be made this week for games with Iowa state and other leading Iowa college teams. As soon as permission is granted by the fuel administration for the local gymnasiums to open, the Omaha university team and The Bee five will play several exhibition games to fit themselves for the stiff schedules each team has mapped out.

# Politics and Business Of Base Ball to Fore In Magnate Meeting

New York, Dec. 7.—Base ball business and base ball politics come to the fore here during the present week with the gathering of major and minor league magnates in annual meeting.

The new International league club owners will be first to gather, going into session Monday morning at 10 o'clock with President David L. Fultz in the chair. One of the most important actions of the International magnates will be the transfer of the Newark club franchise to some other city, Syracuse, N. Y., apparently is favored.

On Tuesday the National league will hold its annual meeting. The directors will formally award the 1919 pennant to the Cincinnati club and consider the 1920 schedule, which it is understood probably will consist of 154 games. The question of a new agreement with the minor leagues may come up. A new board of directors will be elected, but President J. A. Heydler will hold over.

Wednesday there will be two meetings of the American league, one here and the other at Chicago.

# COACH SCHULTE OF NEBRASKA IN FAVOR OF KICK

### Present Rule Covering Try For Goal After Touchdown Is Satisfactory, Says Husker Mentor.

By HENRY F. SCHULTE, Head Football Coach University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.

Brown's victory over Dartmouth by a score of 7 to 6, in which the New Hampshire team had a field goal, has been mentioned merely because the Rhode Island team had a better shot at a more equitable rule, has been mentioned in the annual argument for the elimination of the goal kick after touchdown. In a written interview to The Omaha Bee Nebraska's chief mentor, who is considered the authority on football in the west, gave out the following—Editor's note:

The debate concerning the worth-while-ness of the goal kick after touchdown is making its annual appearance. The points on each side of the question are approximately these: The crowd likes the placement kick after touchdown, particularly because it is a play out in the open and more particularly because it tends to make or break a tie, and possibly because it is an individualistic stunt.

Suggestions have been made that all tries for goals after touchdown were made directly from in front of the goal posts; the trial would have a greater air of fairness than the present practice, which demands that the trial be made directly back from the point of the touchdown, or else the trial must follow a rather doubtful kickout. It is often argued that there is no justice in forcing a kick to be made at the point of the touchdown. However, it must be borne in mind that the very fact that a good position should be sought for the trial for goal after touchdown makes the teamwork in securing the touchdown a bit more difficult for the touchdown directly between the posts, because it is of more value than the touchdown in the corner of the field. Incidentally, the possibility of a goal kick forces the goal line into steady defense, not only up to the goal line, but to the medial point between the goal posts.

True enough, the goal kick every often breaks the tie, but why not? It is barely possible that criticism of a tried goal kick does not come so much from the player or the spectator as it does from that element that may have other than honor or glory on the game.

**Dempsey Has Two Big Offers to Meet French Champ, Carpenter**  
Chicago, Dec. 7.—Two flattering offers for a match between Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion of the world, and Georges Carpentier, European heavyweight champion, have been received by Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager.

The following telegram was received today from Dempsey's manager by The Associated Press: "Just received a cable from Edward Cochran, the English promoter, offering \$175,000 to meet Carpentier; also have offer from Tortorich, the New Orleans promoter, of \$150,000 for Dempsey's end to box Carpentier. Dempsey is making motion pictures here, but is doing light training every day and will be willing and ready to defend his title as quick as Carpentier or any other suitable opponent the public demands to meet Dempsey can be arranged. Would much prefer fighting in America than going to Europe, but will accept the best offer. With best wishes."

**Albion Basket Ball Team Wins From St. Edward**  
Albion, Neb., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—A victory for Albion was the result of the basket ball games between the Albion and the St. Edward teams.

The Albion girls excelled in team work, having possession of the ball all during their game, winning by a score of 37-0.

The St. Edward boys played a fast game, but the Albion team excelled in guarding, and won by a score of 39-18.

**Columbia Professor Warns All Teachers Against A. F. L.**  
Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 7.—Public school teachers were warned against joining the American Federation of Labor by Dr. George A. Strayer of Columbia university, addressing 500 instructors of South Jersey here recently. He pointed out the sentiment of the people against the Boston police who went on strike and said that the teachers invited the same punishment if they struck as organized labor units for increased salaries. Even an organization and affiliation with the A. F. of L. would invite suspicion and fear.

He said that teachers' salaries were meagerly, in a way, but that they could secure improved conditions only through fair play with the public.

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# Benny Leonard Aspires to 158-Pound Honors

New York, Dec. 6.—A match with the middleweight champion, Mike O'Dowd is Benny Leonard's ambition, and Manager Gibson is pulling the strings. Leonard firmly believes he can outbox and outpunch O'Dowd, who is not a world-beater by any means, although holding the title once defended by Bob Fitzsimmons, Tommy Ryan, Stanley Ketchel, Billy Papke and Frank Klaus, all capable middleweights.

**Showed Only Fair.**  
O'Dowd recently made only a fair showing in a ten-round fight with Mike Gibbons, who since has announced his retirement. O'Dowd also failed to show championship skill in a battle with Jack Britton, holder of the welterweight title. As Leonard has more than held his own in bouts with Britton, he feels that he can whip the middleweight champion, and if they can be matched to box in New Jersey they will arouse tremendous interest among local ring followers.

Leonard insists he can make the lightweight limit, 133 pounds, whenever he is called upon to do so. Recently the lightweight champion went to one of the big insurance companies and took out a new policy. He had to submit to a physical examination and, after stripping to the buff, he jumped on the scales. The beam was tipped at exactly 135 pounds, showing that the champion still was a legitimate lightweight, in spite of reports to the contrary. Leonard is only 23 years old, the youngest title holder in his class that the ring ever has developed in this country.

"Leonard is the greatest lightweight of them all," says Manager Gibson, "I saw McAuliffe, Lavigne, Ernie, Gans, Nelson, Ad Wolgast, Ritchie and Welsh, former champions, when in their prime, but Benny, in my opinion, would have beaten all of them. I managed Packey McFarland for several years and although he was a master boxer, Leonard would have outpointed him in 20 or 25 rounds."

Benny is full of confidence and believes that he can whip more than one of the present middleweights.

**Dancing Takes Jump In Popularity Since Dry Spell**  
Cleveland, O., Dec. 7.—Has dancing taken the place of John Barrymore?

Leading authorities on the terpsichorean art here believe it has, and present figures to bear out their belief.

Charles P. Johnson city dance hall inspector, declares that more than 10,000 dancers weekly make use of the 110 city dance halls—a figure that smashes all previous records.

Private dance halls and academies report that, despite increased prices, they are unable to accommodate the crowds.

And the hotels who discontinued after-theater dancing when the dry spell began have reinstated it in its former place of honor and find that they have more business than ever before.

In any event, the maddest swirl of dancing that has ever engulfed Cleveland is in full swing. What matter the cause?

On with the dance.

**Detroit Police Ship Whisky In Special Car Under Guard**  
Detroit, Mich., Dec. 7.—The Detroit police department has just shipped 6,000 quarts of whisky to the state pure food and drug department at Lansing. The contraband goods were captured from bootleggers and whisky runners during the last three months and were sent to Lansing in a special car, guarded by armed constabulary.

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# MEXICAN CRISIS HOLDS UP MOVE ON PEACE PACT

### Congress to Put Situation in South Before All Other Matters This Week.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The Mexican situation overshadows all questions likely to come before congress this week.

The senate foreign relations committee will meet tomorrow to give further consideration to a resolution requesting President Wilson to break off diplomatic relations with Mexico and to withdraw recognition of the Carranza government.

Senator Fall, republican of New Mexico, author of the resolution, talked over the situation with the committee meeting of later.

Aside from Mexico, there is work enough to keep senate and house busy until the holidays, as there is little probability that the German peace treaty will be taken up in the senate meanwhile.

**Hold Up Treaty Action.**  
Indeed, no action on the treaty before next month has been expected.

Senate leaders still hope to get a vote this week on the Cummins bill designed to meet conditions with return of the railroads to private operation and control, but with the long fight over the bill's anti-strike provision there may be no final enactment until next month. President Wilson announced last spring that the roads would be turned back the first of the year, but many senators believe now that he will wait until the new law is effective.

Senator Sterling, republican, South Dakota, will attempt to have the house pass this week his sedition bill, penalizing attempts to overthrow the government.

The coal strike and other industrial troubles will be considered tomorrow at a special meeting of the senate labor committee. Chairman Kenyon hopes that congress in some way may be able to assist in settling the strike, possibly by providing an adjustment tribunal. A resolution calling upon the government to take over and operate the coal mines as an emergency also is being discussed and the committee will consider the resolution of Senator Jones, republican, Washington, proposing congressional investigation of the coal strike.

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