CAGE SEASON IS OPENED; PARKS WIN FIRST GAME

Hanscom Boys Take Early Lead and Though Wops Threatened, Held it Throughout.

Trinity Baptists	1	0	1.000
Hanscom Parks	1	0	1.000
Calvary Baptist	1	0	1.000
M. E. Wops	0	1	.000
Benson M. E.	0	1	.000
First M. E.	0	1	.000
First Christian, C. B.	0	0	.000
Pearl Memorials	0	0	.000

Last Night Results.
Hanscom Park M. E., 24; M. E. Wops, 21.
Calvary Baptists, 22; First M. E., 14.
Trinity Baptists, 14; Benson M. E., 11.
First Christian (C. B.) Pearl Memorials, Postponed.

Playing in midseason form and staging one of the most interesting and hardest fought games seen on the Y. M. C. A. floor in many years, the Hanscom Park Methodists last night defeated their ancient rivals—the M. E. Wops, by the close score of 24 to 21, in the opening game of the 1919-1920 Church league season.

Taking the lead in the first few minutes of play the Hanscom Parkers kept it throughout, although the "Wops" threatened to tie the count on several occasions, but Reynolds, the lanky center, missed several easy free throws. Reynolds, however, scored 13 of the 21 points registered by the Wops, throwing nine free shots.

During the first half of the contest, the Parks scored 15 points, while the Wops registered 12, and in the last period each team made nine points.

Fouls were numerous in this game, 17 being chalked up against the Hanscom Park quintet, while Referee Moore was forced to call 11 on the Wops. Out of the 17 called against the Parks, 11 were of the personal order, while but seven personal fouls were called against the Wops. Duecl, the star center of the Parks, was ordered out of the game shortly after the start of the second period as four personal fouls were called against him. Altogether he made a total of nine.

Baptists Come Back.

Although the Benson M. E. took the lead against the Trinity Baptist during the first half of the game, the Baptist crew came back strong in the last half and won by the score of 14 to 11. The Calvary Baptists won their first game of the season by defeating the First M. E. quintet by the score of 22 to 14 in a hard-fought battle.

On account of the United Presbyterian team of South Side withdrawing from the league at the eleventh hour, the game between that team and the Pearl Memorials was postponed, as the First Christians of Council Bluffs, present champions of the Church league, have taken the Presbyterian crew's franchise and will meet the Pearls Saturday night.

The Presbyterian team withdrew on the grounds that two of its star players were barred on account of having signed contracts with teams of the Greater Omaha league, the Class A organization.

Saturday night's game between the Pearls and Christians will be played at the "Y" floor, probably as a preliminary. The H. R. Bowens of the Greater Omaha league are negotiating with Woodbine, Ia., for a game Saturday night and if satisfactory arrangements can be made, the game will be staged at the Y.

SULLEN GAINS TWENTY POUNDS IN SHORT TIME

Was Run-Down From Five Years' Trouble and Feels Fine and Full of Energy Now.

"I have gained twenty pounds in weight since I began taking Tanlac and am enjoying better general health than I have in years," said John P. Sullens, an employee of Morris & Co.'s Packing House, who resides at 1317 Harrison street, Kansas City, Mo., recently. Continuing, he said:

"For five years past I have been suffering with a severe stomach trouble. My appetite was so poor I had to force down every mouthful I ate, and even this would feel as if I had a piece of lead in the pit of my stomach. I was troubled so much with gas I just felt miserable all the time and would bloat something awful, and my heart would palpitate so badly it would frighten me. I was also troubled a great deal with constipation, and had to be taking some sort of laxative all the time, and I would have such dizzy spells at times it was all I could do to keep from falling. I became badly run down and felt tired and wornout all the time and it was an effort for me to get about, as I had lost so much weight I was extremely weak.

"I had taken every kind of medicine I could hear of without getting the least benefit, when a friend of mine who had been taking Tanlac with good results advised me to give it a trial. Well, I had not taken half a bottle when I noticed I was being troubled less and less with gas and my appetite began to improve, until now, after taking only three bottles, my appetite is simply fine and I can eat anything I want without suffering any bad after effects. I am not troubled with gas and my heart has stopped palpitating, and I never have that heavy feeling in the pit of my stomach after eating. I am never bothered with constipation or those dizzy spells and have regained all my lost strength and always feel fine and full of energy. I am so pleased with what Tanlac has done for me I am always telling others about it."

Tanlac is sold in Omaha at all Sherman & McConnell Drug Company's stores, Harvard Pharmacy and West End Pharmacy. Also Forrest and Meany Drug Company in South Omaha and the leading druggist in each city and town throughout the state of Nebraska.—Adv.

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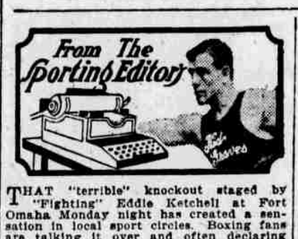


THAT "terrible" knockout staged by "Fighting" Eddie Ketchell at Fort Omaha Monday night has created a sensation in local sport circles. Boxing fans are talking it over and often declaring they will never be "taken in" in such fashion again.

But "it's the nature of the brute" to be taken in occasionally and come back for more. It may not be the last time that Omaha sports will have the wool pulled over their eyes, though we hope it is. The real followers of the game are anxious to have boxing legalized in the state of Nebraska and they decry such exhibitions as they were forced to witness the other night.

A few such affairs and there would be no hope of ever seeing the fistic game allowed here by the laws of the state. The feeling is intense and it is likely that if Ketchell or his manager, Sam Jordan, should meet some of the "solid" fans, they would go home minus a few pieces of shingle.

IT IS also in the minds of many of them that Callahan and Thiery are equally at fault. Jimmy Drexel's statement that he was informed that Callahan insisted upon meeting Ketchell rather than take the local boy on in a return bout, has given them great food for thought. If the Columbus boxer and his manager made previous arrangements for a sure victory over Ketchell, then they are of the stripe that should be barred from participation in any part of the country.

The promotors, Denny Ryan and Lieutenant Hall, are probably not at fault in any other way than that they allowed Thiery and Callahan to "hand pick" Frankie's opponent for Monday's contest. Callahan made a decided hit with the "bugs" when he defeated Drexel and the promoters probably figured him as a good card against any one. He was a good card and drew a good house, but it is problematical whether he will ever draw a corporal's guard, again.

HAVING been stung once, Ryan and Hall will not make the same mistake again in a hurry and probably will give the matching of boxers of equal ability more thought. It has often occurred that promoters have forsaken the game after a stinging of this kind, but it is to be hoped that the Fort Omaha authorities will continue their programs, as the post is the only place in the state where the boxers can perform without interference of police. Boxing contests at the Fort will always be an attraction for Omaha sport followers, providing they are not handed another "scrap" of the caliber witnessed Monday night.

Another appearance of either Callahan or Ketchell would be regarded with suspicion, but boxing fans are the right sort of people and will gladly overlook Monday's mishap if some good bouts are staged with some other scrappers in the main event. Callahan and Ketchell are undoubtedly through here. They overplayed their hand and neither would attract enough attention to make the gate big enough to pay railroad fare from Chicago, Toledo, New York or wherever they started from.

THE state's attorney's activities against boxing in the state of Iowa has put the "binger" on the bouts in Council Bluffs and Omaha boxers and their followers must depend on Fort Omaha to display their wares and witness the sport of their choice. A suggestion for a scrap at the post that would probably draw the biggest house they have had this winter would be the one that Al Fiori had billed for the show in Council Bluffs. Billy Uvick and Johnny Sudenberg were expected to draw a $3,000 house or better at the Council Bluffs Auditorium. They would probably outdraw that amount at Fort Omaha.

A CONTEST, such as those two would probably give the fans, would go a long way toward soothing the feelings of those who paid their $2, $3 and $5 to see Ketchell fake a knockout. After that disgraceful affair, a real classy bout is needed badly, in order to regain the confidence of the boxing fans. The Sudenberg-Uvick bout is just the one particular contest that would bring the game here back to the place it held before the Callahan-Ketchell fiasco. It was the intention of Promotor Fiori to have Harry Williams meet the winner of the bout in the Bluffs. The Fort Omaha matchmakers could well arrange it so that Uvick and Sudenberg should meet in a 10-round mill and Harry Williams take the winner on at a later date.

Omaha University Is Victor, Swamping All-Star Quintet, 91 to 6

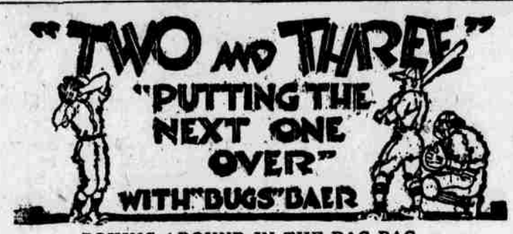
Coach Adam's Omaha University quintet scored a heavy victory yesterday evening, trouncing the All-Star five by the large score of 91 to 6. The contest was staged on the Army and Navy floor.

The Uni lads started the scoring in the first two minutes of play when Moy Pressly, former star on the Hastings college five, shot several baskets. The All-Star quintet was unable to score until the last few minutes when Leo Fried shot the first basket for them.

In the second half of the game the All-Star captain changed his lineup. This did not affect the Uni quintet as they ran up a total score of 53 points while their opponents only shot two baskets. Jack Beacom and Moy Pressly were the individual stars for the Omaha university, while Leo Fried and "Shy" Finkle were the stars for the All-Star quintet.

Seattle Manager Must Get Waivers on Two Players

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 23.—Clyde Wares, manager of the Seattle club of the Pacific Coast base ball league, must secure waivers from the other coast league managers before his sale of "Jimmy" Walsh, outfielder, to Akron, O., and "Ed" Sweaney, catcher, to Kansas City will be allowed William H. McCarthy, president of the league ruled here.



POKING AROUND IN THE RAG BAG.

STILL on the flatfooted trail of the saddest fighter who ever pulled off a glove. There are plenty. It takes more than one dumbbell to make a gymnasium.

SAM WALLACH,

Leaches Cross' brother, thought he would take a whirl on the resin and grab a few brass rings. Started as a semi-amateur in a knuckles tournament at the Irish-American club. Opponent was a nimble Swede who threw his punches discus style. Three waltzes and then let 'er fly. Sam punched him sour for one round. In the second round Von Swanson started one from the club entrance and Sam was still riding it at the exit. In spite of the signs on the wall, Sam beat all his neighbors to the street. When Sam started eating solid food again, he turned all the family fighting over to Leach and Marty.

Sam only made two mistakes. One was thinking he was a fighter. The second was trying to prove it. He is a lawyer now and grabs all his rough stuff out of a book. Leach Cross piped the fight and held the watch. When the discus tosser hit the bull in the monocle, Leach laughed himself fat. There are two days in Sam's life in which he is not responsible for debts contracted in his name. The fight was on Monday, and on Tuesday Sam tried to wear a Palm Beach suit down town in a blizzard. On Wednesday, he bought a Ouija board and started taking messages from the moon. He was drilling regiments of paper dolls all winter.

UP BUFFALO WAY.

There is a kid busting around up around Buffalo and Syracuse who holds the record for parrying 'em with the chin. He calls himself Battling Hurley. The original Bat Hurley was a fairly good bomb thrower. This Bat Hurley is a good fighter when he's standing up. He was flattened pancake style three times in four nights. He has two legs on the brown derby. One more victory and the burnt sienna Kelly is his to have and to hold. It takes some influence to get pressed and ironed three times in four nights. Fred McKay couldn't top this record without fighting double-headers.

If pride goeth before a fall, Bat has his pride looking like the Tumbling Dooleys. Pride had to work quick to get in ahead of Bat's flop.

Joe Grim's mush was a keyboard on which all the Queensbury Paderewskies ran the scale and stretched double knuckle octaves.

But Joe's career is a chirp that should be saved for a spring day, when all the earth is gay and the cuckoos are nesting again in last year's Swiss clock.

FLASHES from FILMLAND

PHOTO-PLAY-OFFERINGS-FOR-TODAY.

THE offering at the Strand theater commencing today and continuing the balance of the week, is "Hawthorn of the U. S. A." It is not often a motion picture has in its cast two recognized stars. However, in this the role of the hero is played by Wallace Reid, while Lila Lee appears in the chief feminine part. Theodore Roberts plays the role of a United States senator and Harrison Ford is Mr. Reid's partner in adventure. The picture concerns the star's adventures in a mythical little kingdom of Europe called Bovinia, where he quells a revolution and introduces American methods into the antiquated country with such fine success that the old king turns the monarchy into a republic and leaves Wallie free to marry the princess of his choice.

Moon—The first Christmas overture for a moving picture theater in Omaha has been written an arranged by Robert Cuscaden, director of the New Moon orchestra. The overture will be presented at the Moon Christmas Day as a special feature in addition to Olive Thomas, starring in "The Follies Girl," a photoplay attraction. Augmenting the orchestra during the overture will be Edwin Stevens at the Moon pipe organ. Mr. Stevens will introduce beautiful chime and choir effects on the organ.

"The Lord Loves the Irish," which has been on the screen since Sunday will be given its last showing today.

Rialto — "John Petticoats," a photo-picture starring Wm. S. Hart, is one that presents Hart in an extremely novel role and gives him an opportunity to provide the audience with lots of laughter as well as thrills. It has been drawing unusually well and will have its last showing today. Christmas day, and the balance of the week the offering at the Rialto will be "Crooked Straight," a photo-production starring Charles Ray. Ray, in this picture-story, has three fights—one with a crook in a cafe, a battle with the police in the streets and a fistic encounter with the same crook on a stairway in a small town residence. This picture Mr. Ray insists has more "punch" than any in which he has worked, and is one most people will take delight in seeing.

Sun—A laugh now and then is enjoyed by everybody, and it is part of the pleasure in seeing Rex Beach's Goldwyn picture, "The Girl From Outside," which is the offering at the Sun the entire week that you get a good laugh now and then in the midst of an absorbing story.

Neighborhood Houses

APOLLO, Twenty-ninth and Leavenworth—OLGA PETROVA in "THE LIFE MASK," and a special comedy.

HAMILTON, Fortieth and Hamilton—HOUSE PETERS in "THUNDERBOLTS OF FATE," and "GREAT GAMBLE," Chapter No. 14.

GRAND, Sixteenth and Binney—VIVIAN MARTIN in "LOUISIANA," and a Fatty Arbuckle comedy.

DIAMOND, Twenty-fourth and Lake—JESS WILLARD in "CHALLENGE OF CHANCE," and "MIDNIGHT RIDER," Chapter 5.

IDEAL, Sixteenth and Dorcas—ANITA STEWART in "MIND THE PAINT GIRL," and a Harold Lloyd comedy.

Some of the laughs are due to the characters and some to the situations. "The Girl From Outside" is a photo drama worth while seeing, so arrange your time accordingly.

Muse—The Christmas day and Friday offering at the Muse theater is a melodrama, entitled "Cheating Cheaters," starring Clara Kimball Young, a film adaptation of the famous Broadway success of the same name. "Cheating Cheaters" is one of the most unusual plays ever produced on either stage or screen. In it Miss Young has the role of a clever secret service operative, who apparently is a member of the famous band of crooks. There is a general mix-up of families, crooks and secret service people, but in the end things are smoothed out and the seed of an unusual romance takes root.

Empress — Today is the last chance to see "The Beast" the William Fox production at the Empress theater. The role of the star, the athletic George Walsh is a cowboy who has yielded to a call of the wild but through a marvlous transmutation becomes a prince charming kneeling at the feet of the girl of his dreams. Another one of those delightfully humorous Pelham Grenville Wodehouse tales of romance and adventure will start Christmas day at the Empress. "The Prince and Betty" with William Desmond starred in the role of the American who becomes a prince. Mary Thurman, erstwhile Sennett bathing beauty, is cast in the part of Betty. The plot is a unique one.

Akron Club Manager Buys Jim Thorpe From Braves

Akron, O., Dec. 23.—Dick Hoblitzel, manager of the Akron base ball club in the International league, announced Tuesday that a deal had been closed with the Boston National league club for Outfielder Jim Thorpe.

Bee Want-Ads Produce Results.

APPLICATION IS GRANTED YANKS FOR NEW MEETING

Interrogatory Session Carded for Cleveland to Interview Indians' President and Secretary.

New York, Dec. 23.—Supreme Court Justice Vernon M. Davis Tuesday granted the application of the New York American League base ball club for an order directing that an open commission go to Cleveland and take on oral interrogatory, the testimony of James C. Dunn, president of the Cleveland American League club; Walter McNichols, secretary of the club, and E. S. Bernard, business manager.

The object of the interrogatory is to question the Cleveland officials on the amount of stock which Ban Johnson, president of the American League, is alleged to own in the Cleveland club. Justice Davis gave the commission the right to question without limit and dismissed the requet of Marvin W. Wynne, Mr. Johnson's New York attorney, that it be limited to a set of written questions.

Little Rock Buys Miller

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 23.—R. G. Allen, president of the Little Rock club of the Southern association announced the purchase of Outfielder Edward "Bing" Miller from Detroit. Miller played a few games with the Atlanta club last season, but was compelled to quit the game because of illness.

AT THE THEATERS

FEW dancers have graced the Orpheum stage to compare with the finish performance of Albertina Rasch, who is the stellar attraction for the current week. She is a trainer of dancers, as well as being a creator of dances. Each member of her organization is technically expert. In addition to this artistic feature the Orpheum show this week is exceptionally pleasing; for it offers a great diversity of entertainment. One feature is James J. Morton, who humorously announces each act of the bill, and grows steadily in favor as the show develops. Harry Breen, the rapid fire song writer and singing comedian, wins heart approbation. A ventriloquial act with a surprise finish is one of the most amusing acts of the bill.

Perhaps the most delightful holiday diversion offered in Omaha is at Boyd's theater where "Tea for Three" is being served. The wit and humor, the flashing epigram and the blunt philosophy of this comedy is winning it admiring friends in veritable shoals. Incidentally the ladies may get an idea by viewing the gowns Miss Evans wears. They are as distinctly her own as are the wonderful talents she displays. A holiday matinee will be played on Thursday afternoon.

Even the penchant for buying presents instead of pasteboards of admission at this particular time of the year doesn't seem to interfere with the desire to see Dave "Snuffy" Marion and his wonderful show at the Gayety. The company is enjoying the largest attendance ever known at the Gayety during the four or five days prior to Christmas. Babe La Tour, Sid Gold and Will H. Ward afford the star excellent support. Tired shoppers' matinee today at 2:15. Tomorrow's holiday matinee starts at 3.

An exceptional duo in the field of entertainment are Edmunds & Rogers, two black face comedians, appearing at the Empress for the last times today. One of the featured acts of the bill is the original novelty, "A Barnyard Episode," in which John Orren and Lillian Drew give wonderful imitations of animals.

A most attractive program has been arranged for the Empress patrons for Christmas day. One of the featured acts will be a travesty on trench life, "Behind the Front," to be presented by Dan Holt & Co. Another feature will be the singing act, "Monarchs of Melody," in which a trio of young men specialize in character and harmony singing. Miller & Rainey have a whirlwind of original specialties. The Caxites brothers and Beatrice will render some new songs and exhibit the latest styles in dancing.

"La La Lucille" the highly amusing musical farce which enjoyed a long run at the Henry Miller theater in New York and which lately has been delighting the patrons of the Colonial theater in Chicago, will be the attraction at the Brandeis theater New Year's week. The matinees at the Brandeis New Year's week will be given on Christmas day and Saturday. There will be no matinee on Wednesday.

Patrons are already getting in line for "Fair and Warmer," which opens its stay of a week at Boyd's on Sunday. This bright Hopwood farce is to be presented by a group of capable actors, and ought to be a welcome holiday show.

"The American people demand music of the better sort," is the claim of James Stevens, who sings the "Chocolate Soldier" role in the Ralph Dunbar production of the comic opera of that name, which is the offering at the Brandeis, holiday week.

D'Annunzio Quits Fiume

Rome, Dec. 23.—Captain Gabriele d'Annunzio has left Fiume on the steamship Pannonia, according to newspaper reports.

AMUSEMENTS.

BOYD — Tonight & Week. Mats. Xmas 3 P. M. and Saturday. The Selwyn's Serve
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Next Sunday, One Week
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