

HOME STRETCH OF BASKET BALL SEASON IS HERE

Some Hot Races On—Dopesters Are Beginning to Pick the Champions.

CORRECTED STANDINGS.

Greater Omaha League.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Omaha National Bank	1	2	.333
Madison	1	2	.333
Omaha Collegian	1	2	.333
Townsend	1	2	.333
Live Stock Exchange	1	2	.333

Commercial League.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Omaha University Reserves	1	1	.500
Council Bluffs High	1	1	.500
Y. M. H. A.	1	1	.500
Western Union	1	1	.500
Commerce Reserves	1	1	.500
Thorpian A. C.	1	1	.500

Church League.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
First M. E.	1	0	1.000
Second M. E.	1	0	1.000
Third M. E.	1	0	1.000
Fourth M. E.	1	0	1.000
Fifth M. E.	1	0	1.000
Sixth M. E.	1	0	1.000
Seventh M. E.	1	0	1.000
Eighth M. E.	1	0	1.000
Ninth M. E.	1	0	1.000
Tenth M. E.	1	0	1.000

The above games are to be played at the local "Y."

With the 1920 basket ball season drawing to a close in the Greater Omaha and Commercial leagues, some real hot battles will be witnessed during the balance of the schedule, and the dopesters are beginning to pick the coming champions.

Although the Omaha National Bank suffered their first defeat in five years last Wednesday night at the hands of the Bowen Furniture crew, they are still leading the league with a safe margin, and unless all dope is upset during the remainder of the season they will top the pennant in the Greater Omaha league this year.

The race, however, in the Commercial league will most likely not be settled until the final contests are staged, on account of the closeness, and judging from the way these three quintets, the Omaha University Reserves, Council Bluffs High and Y. M. H. A.'s are playing, one of these three will win the flag. These three teams have been running a neck to neck race all season, and at the present time both the University Reserves and Council Bluffs High are tied for first honors, with the Y. M. H. A.'s in second place.

The Pearl M. E.'s, who are leading the Church league, with nine victories and no defeats, have had little opposition thus far and should easily be the 1920 pennant winners.

The feature game in the Commercial league Tuesday night will be between the University of Omaha Reserves and the Council Bluffs High school quintets, as first place is at stake. Both teams are confident of winning, and the game should be hard-fought throughout.

In the Greater Omaha league Wednesday night the Omaha National Bank-Townsend mix will be the feature event, as considerable rivalry exists between these two fives, and both are out to get the other's scalp. The Omaha Collegian have taken the franchise of the Commerce High quintet in the Greater Omaha league.

Thursday night's contests in the Church league should all be interesting, although the game between the Hanscom Park Methodists and the First M. E.'s is slated as the

EMPERESS

TWO SHOWS IN ONE

TOM BROWN'S MUSICAL REVUE
Singing, Dancing and Instrumental

BUCH BROS.
"The Ship Ahoy Boys"

SAXTON & FARRELL
Comedy Skit, "Lights"

CONWELL & O'DAY
Comedy Skit, "Detective"

Photoplay Attraction
Wm. Fox Presents
MADLAINE TRAVELER
in
"THE HELL SHIP"
A tale of ocean pirates and love.

MARTIN JOHNSON FEATURE
MACK SWAIN COMEDY
PATHE WEEKLY

Daily Matinee **Ophium** Every Evening 8:15
in the new VAUDEVILLE

FORD SISTERS: BENEE & BAIRD;
CLARA WORTON; Master Gabriel & Co.;
Willie Selar; Roy & Arthur; The Richards;
Tropes of the Day; Kinograms.

BRANDEIS TONIGHT at 8:15
JOSEF HOFMANN
PIANIST
Stage Seats \$2.50; Second Balcony 50c.
Hamlet, 10c. The Sunday Musical Club.

MOON PRESENTING The World's Best Photoplays

WILLIAM FARNUM
in Louis Tracy's Great Adventure Novel
"WINGS OF THE MORNING"
Four Harmony Boys
Century Comedy
Moon News Moon Travel

SUN IN
MAY ALLISON
IN
The Walk-Offs
ALSO
CHARLIE CHAPLIN
IN
The Vagabond

RIALTO
CHARLES RAY
in
ALARM CLOCK ANDY
Sunshine Comedy
"Spring Chicken a la Cabaret"
NGW TO THURSDAY

INDOOR SPORTS

TRYING TO KEEP THE LEAP YEAR DANCE GOING AFTER THE GANG HAVE DISCOVERED ME JANE WHO BROUGHT THE HOME MADE HOOGH

ON THE SQUARE... WHY ARE ALL OF THE MEN FUSSING WITH JULIA?... THEY'VE FOUND OUT THAT SHE MADE THE LIQUOR HERSELF AND NOW WELL THE PARTY'S JUST RUINED... WHY DON'T YOU RUN FOR PRESIDENT JULIA?... I ALWAYS HATED WOMEN UNTIL I SAW YOU JULIA DEMO... IF YOU DON'T MARRY ME I'LL GO RIGHT OUT AND GET A SEVERAL OF WOOD ALCOHOL... WHY DON'T YOU RUN FOR PRESIDENT JULIA?...

GAYETY
ALWAYS GOOD USUALLY GREAT

BRILLIANT MUSICAL BURLESQUE
Twice Daily **ALEX. MAT. TODAY**
Final Performance Friday Night

Peter S. Clark Offers His
REAL GIRLESQUE REVIEW
ENTITLED
"Oh, Girl!"

GENE "BOGS" MORGAN, TED BURNS, DANNY MURPHY, and a Coterie of Capables in
"PASSING THE BUCK"
BEAUTY CHORUS OF RARE CHARM

Evening and Sun. Mat., 25, 50, 75, 81
Week Mats. 15c and 25c A Few
Chew gum if you like, but no smoking.
LADIES' 10c AT ANY WEEK
TICKETS. 10c DAY MATINEE
Baby Carriage Garage in the Lobby.

PHOTO-PLAYS.

WILLIAM FARNUM
in Louis Tracy's Great Adventure Novel
"WINGS OF THE MORNING"
Four Harmony Boys
Century Comedy
Moon News Moon Travel

RIALTO
CHARLES RAY
in
ALARM CLOCK ANDY
Sunshine Comedy
"Spring Chicken a la Cabaret"
NGW TO THURSDAY

RIALTO
CHARLES RAY
in
ALARM CLOCK ANDY
Sunshine Comedy
"Spring Chicken a la Cabaret"
NGW TO THURSDAY

BRANDEIS Tuesday & Wed. 1 p. m. to 11 p. m.
Motion Pictures of the Late
Great Championship Match
Joe Stecher & Earl Caddock
Adm. 50c, 75c, \$1.00—1,000 Seats 50c.

MUSE
"A FUGITIVE FROM 'MAYBERRY'"
A hilarious piece, that is, who gang of crooks are captured.
Character "BLACK SECRET"
One Real Comedy

LOTHROP 24th and Lothrop
"SOLDIERS OF FORTUNE"
With an All-Star Cast. Also comedy.
Continuous Shows All Week, 6:30, 8, 9:30

Bee Want Ads Produce Results.

INDOOR SPORTS Drawn for The Bee by Tad



"TWO AND THREE" "PUTTING THE NEXT ONE OVER" WITH "DUGS" DAIR

EVERYSAPP.

FIGURING ON Sundays, holidays and wood alcohol, there are very few working days in February. Lincoln and Washington are two great men for whom we work a day less. Alexander Graham Bell is a famous gent, in whose honor we work a day more.

Alex is the bird who invented the busy wire.

By the use of electricity Alex demonstrated that it was possible to throw a voice or a fit over a hunk of wire. His first experiment was successful, and millions of folks are working "emselves ragged trying to verify the rumor. The old-fashioned phones used to be placed out in the open, but as soon as married folks started using the phones the company had to put the phones in soundproof booths.

The booth is a form-fitting chamber of horror, designed by the architect who drew the original plans for the inquisitions of the dark ages. It is just large enough to smother one client. The ventilating system is the same one employed in the sausage room of the municipal dog pound. The telephone itself is a fine example of the profane arts. There is a mouthpiece from which the adenooids have never been removed. There is also a dumbbell hanging on a hook. All bait is hung on hooks. You pick up the dumbbell and raise it to your ear 50 times. You develop the other arm by dropping nickels in the coin trap. You can vary the monotony by chinning yourself on the mouthpiece. When you feel your money turning sour, don't forget Smlax \$200, New York's leading undertaker, and the man who thinks that Joe Miller wrote the funeral prayer.

For the purpose of illustration, we will take the average subscriber and label him Everyapp. He is the hero of "My Four Years in a Phone Booth," by Stambassador Gerard.

Everyapp flatwheels into the booth. Takes dumbbell off the hook. Drops fare into trap. Gets 5 cents worth of silence. Jiggles hook and gets no chirp. His famous poker face starts to fold up on him. The harp that once in Tara's halls is no muter than the phone. He drops another nickel into the tournament, and it sounds like a doughnut dropping into a dish of hot fat. He gets a rumble.

"Wire's busy."
"Hey, I ain't asked for no number yet. How do you know it's busy?"
"Wire's busy."
"Well, it cost me two nickels. Couldn't it be busy for a nickel?"

Central throws plug into high, cuts out muffler and gives Everyapp a nickel's worth of boilermaking. His ear starts cooking. Noise stops and his two nickels have joined the great majority. He drops another jin. A habit is hard to break. Gets polite.

"Central, I'm sorry to spoil your nap."
"Miss Central to you, if you please."
"Miss Central is right. That's all I ever do."
"What do you want? Wire's busy."
"I don't want any wire."
"Well, it's busy even if you don't want it. What do you want?"
"Listen to this: Donny duie, bowsei, hockwei domm-duie. That's swearing in Chinese."
"I'm a lady."
"You ain't no Chinese lady, are you? Gimme—"

All the central gimmies him is a trip to Coventry. He starts sharp-shooting with his nickels and swats the bell each time. The twilight passes into darkness, the darkness into dawn and the February sun pops up over the horizon to do the snow contractor's work. The telephone's pulse is beating feebly. Another tumble.

"Wire's busy."
"Central, you are the only flapper I know who could stick to her original statement."
"Wire's busy."
"What kind of poisoned candy do you like, Central?"
"Wire's busy. What do you want?"
"Nothing. I only wanted to tell my wife that I won't be home last night. She ought to know it by now herself."

Everyapp falls into a male swoon. Central presses the release button and a blizzard of nickels falls gently over his body, hiding the venerable ruins like the Babes in the Woods in their quilt of poison oak leaves. Everyapp had gone where there is no telephoning or giving in telephoning.

Three Basket Ball Contests Scheduled In Omaha This Week

Local high school basket ball followers are in line for a big treat this week, as several important and snappy contests will be staged in the city. The headliner will be the Commerce-Central combat for the city championship. This contest will be staged Friday night at the Creighton gymnasium.

Besides this contest the Central boys will mix with the Sioux City, Ia., High school Saturday night, and the South Omaha team will take on the Fremont, Neb., High school squad.

Although the entire first string men of South Omaha High school were expelled from school late Friday afternoon, Coach Patton of the Packers expects to spring a surprise upon Fremont Friday night. This contest will end the 1920 basket ball season for the Stock Yards lads, as no more contests are on their schedule. The Packers will participate in the state tournament in Lincoln on March 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Knights of Zion Schedule Game With O. A. C. Juniors

The Young Knights of Zion basket ball team has scheduled a game with the Omaha Athletic club junior basket ball five for Tuesday evening at the Athletic Club court.

The game with the Athletic club quintet is the hardest game on the Zionists' schedule. The Knights have not lost a game this year. Because of victories over 10 quintets in the city they claim the amateur city championship.

Big Athletic Program at Fort Omaha This Evening

Thirty-four rounds of fighting is promised by the promoters of a big athletic program to be staged at Fort Omaha tonight. The star event will be a match between John Sudenberg of Omaha and Jimmie Delaney of Chicago. Four six-round bouts and a battle royal are included in the schedule.

With the Bowlers.

SPECIAL MATCH.	
Team	Score
Murphy	576
Kirshbaum	576
Wolfe	569
Shaw	479
Huntington	441
Total	2741
Omaha Pit. Co.	2629
Hofmann	467
Angelsberg	472
London	471
Wallace	481
Moore	695
Total	2696

Postpone Auto Race.

Los Angeles, Feb. 22.—The 250 mile automobile race, which was to have opened the new Los Angeles speedway tomorrow, has been postponed until Saturday at 2 p. m., because of wet grounds.

Bequeaths His Fortune to Armenian Relief Work

Denver, Feb. 22.—Though prevented from returning to his native land, H. Enfiljan, Armenian, never lost his love for his suffering countrymen. His entire estate, valued at \$50,000, was bequeathed to the Armenian Board of Foreign Missions, to be used in relief work in Armenia.

St. Louis Labor Unions Indorse Federation Plan

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 22.—The Central Trades and Labor unions here, representing approximately 100,000 union workmen, indorsed the stand taken by the American Federation of Labor to remain nonpartisan in politics.

Aid Poor Children.

Rome, Feb. 22.—The pope's subscription for the relief of poor children in Central Europe has reached 5,000,000 lire.

Council Bluffs and Omaha Rotary Clubs Hold Celebrations

In celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of the founding of the Rotary club, members of the Council Bluffs and Omaha Rotary clubs attended services at St. Pauls Episcopal church in the Bluffs together Sunday morning. They were addressed by Rev. Wilfred Mann, rector of the church and member of the local club.

Wednesday evening the Bluffs members will attend a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce in Omaha in celebration of the same event. Warden "Jake" Perkins of the Iowa state penitentiary will be the principal speaker. He is an honorary member of the Sioux City Rotary club.

"Ether Highball" Popular In Chicago Stock Yards

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Federal operatives are investigating the "ether highball," a strange new drink mysteriously circulated and highly popular among laborers in the stock yards district here. One whiff of it is enough to cause the blind staggers while a drink will cause the imbiber to climb a tree and chatter like a chimpanzee, it is reported. One quaffer ran into his house, seized the family dinner and fed it to the alley cats.

The drink smells strongly of ether, but its general composition is a mystery.

The total annual loss to farm crops in the United States is estimated at \$1,104,869,300.

Big ATHLETIC PROGRAM At FORT OMAHA, February 23d

Thirty-four rounds of fighting. John Sudenberg of Omaha vs. Jimmie Delaney of Chicago. Four 6-round bouts and one battle royal.

RUSSIAN PEACE CAMOUFLAGE POLES ARE TOLD

Confidential Publication of Facts Buried in Washington, Says Chicago Man in Speech.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—A mass meeting arranged by the Polish national committee as the first of a series to be held throughout the country to combat radicalism was one of the events of the Washington-day program here today.

State, county and city officials occupied the stage. Harry Pratt Judson, president of the University of Chicago, presided and the principal address was made by Frank Comerford, a Chicago lawyer, who spent six months in Russia and the Balkans recently, studying social and political problems.

News Not Surprised.

"The news this morning of a fresh battle between Russian soviet troops and those of the republic of Poland did not come as a surprise to a few of us in the United States familiar with a bit of important information now locked up in the archives of the State department, but destined to see the light soon before the foreign relations committee of the senate," said Mr. Comerford.

"Last December confidential information was disseminated in Russia by Lenin and Trotsky that they were not to be shaken if an offer of peace was made by Russia to the rest of Europe. It was not a bona fide proposal, but one designed to obtain a respite so that red Russia might gather strength for a great effort to establish communism throughout the world.

"A single copy of this confidential publication reached the state department, and I believe this to be the first public statement of its existence.

Meet in Omaha.

"True enough, the so-called peace offer made its appearance the following month. Russian leaders were not deceived, for they had been warned, but the general public of the rest of the world was. Possibly those in authority were not, for I have observed a slight apparent awakening to the knowledge that the republic of Poland must be strengthened in her resistance to the advance of the soviet menace. Poland, devastated and starving, is making a desperate stand, not only for herself, but for the rest of the world."

According to N. L. Piotrowski, vice president of the Polish National committee, subsequent mass meetings designed to interest the public in Polish affairs will be held in New York, San Francisco, Omaha and other cities.

No Deaths Reported From Olives Sold in Eight States in West

Chicago, Feb. 22.—No reports had been received of fatalities caused by the eating of stuffed olives containing bacillus botulinus sold to the retail trade in 52 towns in eight states through a Chicago wholesale grocery house.

It was believed that the warning sent out by J. L. McLaughlin, superintendent of the Illinois division of foods and dairies, had checked the sale of the poison olives and warned off possible deaths.

Mr. McLaughlin said that reports were expected Monday from inspectors who were ordered to 17 Illinois towns to which the olives were sent, to locate and destroy bottles of the relish. Federal and state food inspectors in seven other states were conducting similar investigations.

Russian and Turkish Problems to Be Topic At Peace Conference

London, Feb. 22.—The peace conference will reassemble Monday. Premier Miller and two other French ministers, Paul Bignon and M. Thomyre; the Italian foreign minister, Vittorio Scialoja, with several advisers, and the Rumanian premier have arrived.

The appearance of the representatives of Italy, France and Rumania indicates that besides the two leading questions, Russia and Turkey, there will be important discussions of an economic nature, and it is expected that a decision will be reached on Premier Lloyd George's proposal to trade with the Russian co-operative unions.

Interest centers in the Turkish decision.

Price for Jewish Bread Is Advanced 100 Per Cent

Boston, Feb. 22.—An increase in wages of approximately 100 per cent in the last six months caused the advance in the price of Jewish rye bread from 15 cents to 20 cents for two-pound loaves, master bakers told the commission on the necessities of life.

Jacob Kazanoff, formerly connected with the state food administration, submitted checks which showed that one employe, who in May last was receiving \$33 a week for his labor, today is getting \$60 for the same work.

CHURCHES HONOR WASHINGTON ON HIS NATAL DAY

Legal Holiday Is to Be Generally Observed in Omaha Today.

The observance of Washington's birthday was a feature of the church and Sunday school services yesterday and the observance will be continued today, which is a legal holiday for the banks, postoffice, city hall, court house, public library and other places.

The Douglas County Association of Nebraska Pioneers will hold a Washington day program in Labor temple, Sixteenth street and Capitol avenue, from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. The speakers will be J. J. Breen of the South Side and District Judge A. S. Trout.

Holiday at Ft. Omaha.

The men at Fort Omaha will be given a holiday today. At 2 p. m. Rev. Titus Lowe of the First Methodist church will speak on "Americanism" and Col. Jacob W. S. Wuest will speak on "The Ideal Soldier."

Public schools will be open today and the children will be impressed with the things for which the name of Washington stands.

"The Week of Song," a nationwide movement to promote vocal music, was started yesterday and will be continued throughout the week.

Table decorations in hotels and cafes were commemorative of the birthday of the nation's first president.

Yesterday was the first Sunday in Lent. Rev. E. M. Brown at Dietz Memorial Methodist church preached in the morning on "The Significance of Lent." In many other churches this subject was the theme.

Sermons on George Washington were preached at Hanscom Park Methodist, Walnut Hill Methodist, Westminster Presbyterian and other churches.

At Plymouth Congregational church Rev. J. D. Keykendall preached on "The American Legion and Compulsory Military Training" in honor of American Legion day.

Presbyterian churches throughout the city observed the subject of "Stewardship," pastors preaching upon this theme in conjunction with the financial campaign now going on. They pointed out that true Christians are merely "stewards," temporarily in charge of such wealth as has been given them, and that an accounting of their stewardship will be demanded from all.

Price for Jewish Bread Is Advanced 100 Per Cent

Boston, Feb. 22.—An increase in wages of approximately 100 per cent in the last six months caused the advance in the price of Jewish rye bread from 15 cents to 20 cents for two-pound loaves, master bakers told the commission on the necessities of life.

Jacob Kazanoff, formerly connected with the state food administration, submitted checks which showed that one employe, who in May last was receiving \$33 a week for his labor, today is getting \$60 for the same work.

Price for Jewish Bread Is Advanced 100 Per Cent

Boston, Feb. 22.—An increase in wages of approximately 100 per cent in the last six months caused the advance in the price of Jewish rye bread from 15 cents to 20 cents for two-pound loaves, master bakers told the commission on the necessities of life.

Jacob Kazanoff, formerly connected with the state food administration, submitted checks which showed that one employe, who in May last was receiving \$33 a week for his labor, today is getting \$60 for the same work.

Cole Aero-EIGHT
AT THE AUTOMOBILE SHOW
NEXT WEEK

Meatless Meals

of Lent call for a Meat Substitute

There are numerous satisfying ways to serve

Gooch's Best Macaroni and Gooch's Best Spaghetti

Try This

Macaroni With Salmon:

Prepare 1 cup of Gooch's Best Macaroni and have ready a 1-pound can of salmon. Melt 2 tablespoons of butter with a tablespoon of oil from salmon, stir in and boil 3 minutes. In a buttered dish place the macaroni and salmon in layers. Make a sauce of 2 cups of milk, 3 tablespoons of flour, salt and red pepper to taste. Pour on part of the sauce and sprinkle top with buttered bread crumbs. Bake until browned.