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Omaha Bowlers Preparing to Enter Four Bowling Tournaments

Pin-Tumblers Polishing Up for Big Events

City, I. B. C., American Congress and Annual State Tourneys on Tap for Next Two Months.

By RALPH WAGNER.

With the American Bowling congress, International Bowling association and annual state and Omaha city tournaments scheduled for local pin smashers within the next two months, interest in the alley sport in this village is sort of running kinda high.

First on the list comes the annual city pin tourney at the Omaha alleys, and judging from the number of entries already received by Secretary Harry Wilson, the 1922 tournament will be the largest ever held by the Omaha Bowling association.

Last year's entry list was the largest on record, but 1922 is expected to set a new mark. Twenty five-man teams competed in this event last season, and nearly that number have already entered this season's event, in spite of the fact that the tourney is a good month off.

Bowen Team Champs.

The Bowen Furniture quintet captured the honors last season with a total of 2,730. The Furniture dusters nosed the Hartman Furniture crew out of first money by one pin. The Nicholas Oils were third with 2,719, while the Omaha National bank cashed in for fourth money with a score of 2,712.

The championship Bowen team was composed of W. Barron, H. Fritscher, Jimmie Jarosh, Kenneth Sciple and Al Wartchow. Jarosh was high man with 578, followed by Wartchow and Fritscher.

J. Jarosh Wins Doubles.

Doubles honors for 1921 belong to Jimmie Jarosh and Al Wartchow, who scored 1,225 for first money. Ole Olson and A. Romas placed second and H. Clark and F. Dillon third.

Gus Toman, who copped the singles' championship with a score of 702 last season, is rolling in his usual stride this season and is expected to be up among the money winners next month. C. Zarp placed second with 661 last season.

Jimmie Jarosh and C. Zarp tied for first place in the all-events last season, but in the roll-off Jarosh took three straight and finished in first money. Jimmie collected 1,754 tallies and tied Zarp for the lead, but the latter fell way down during the roll-off.

Plenty Good Material.

So, with nearly every bowler who competed last season in the city tourney on deck again this year, together with a large crowd of new bowlers who are rolling good scores, prospects for a banner city tournament look more than promising.

Following the city tournament comes the International Bowling association tourney at St. Paul, February 10 to 19, inclusive.

Omaha will be represented at the I. B. A. by the Omaha National banks, Nourse Oil, Woodrow Cafe, Roseland Garden, Universal Auto Tops, Sams Indians, Union Pacific and the Gordon Chocolate teams, and perhaps more. The local bowlers roll in the singles and doubles February 18 and the five-man events the following day.

Will Enter A. B. C.

Following the I. B. A. tournament the local alley hounds will prepare to indulge in the gentle art of pin smashing at the American Bowling Congress tournament at Toledo.

Because of the long trip to and from Toledo the Omaha entry list will be small compared to other cities. However, the Nourse Oils, Sams Indians, Omaha National bank, Woodrow Cafe and Universal Auto teams are planning to enter the red letter event of the bowling world.

The annual state tournament will be staged this year at the Omaha Alleys during March.

Nebraska Mat Team Will Meet Minnesota at Lincoln in February

Lincoln, Jan. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Nebraska and Minnesota wrestling teams will meet at Lincoln February 18, according to an announcement made today by coach R. G. Clapp of the wrestling teams. This makes four meets in the western intercollegiate wrestling and fencing association for the Cornhusker graplers.

It is necessary that a member of the association, to be entitled to claim the championship, must have at least four meets with members of the association. Nebraska will probably meet West Virginia and Oklahoma graplers also this winter.

The schedule to date:

January 21—Northwestern at Evanston.
January 28—Ames at Ames.
February 18—Minnesota at Lincoln.
February 25—Iowa at Lincoln.

"Slim" Sallee Signs Toledo Contract

Toledo, O., Jan. 7.—Harry "Slim" Sallee, veteran left-handed National league pitcher, has signed a Toledo American association contract, it was announced today.

Cotner Cagers Trim Wayne Normal, 57-7

Bethany, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special.) Cotner cagers defeated Wayne Normal at Bethany Friday night, 57 to 7. The Bulldogs took an early lead over the Normalties and walked away with the game without difficulty. Wayne fell before Midland by a score of 63 to 18 Thursday night.

Represent Commerce High on Hardwood Floor

Frisch Hangs up Unique Record

FRANK FRISCH, star infielder of the world's champion Giants, established a unique playing record last summer. He was one of the six players in the league who exceeded 200 hits. He slammed out 211, finishing second in this respect to Roger Hornsby. He was one of the eight players who made at least 100 runs, tying for second place with 121.

Frisch was one of the six players in the league to take part in every game. He was one of the nine players who made five hits in one game. He was one of the ten who scored four runs in one game. He outdistanced the base runners with 49 stolen bases.

With the exception of Emil Meusel, who was not with the Giants during the entire season Frisch led the woird's champions in batting, with an average of .341. In addition he established a record in a world's series by making four hits in as many times at bat in the first game.

Charges Dismissed Against Amateurs

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Charges of professionalism brought against Joie Ray and Loren Murchinson of the Illinois Athletic club, Jackson V. Scholz of the Detroit Athletic club and Frank and Joe Loomis of the Chicago Athletic club will be killed, according to an announcement today by Charles A. Dean, head of the Central Amateur Athletic union and member of the committee that investigated the charges.

JOIE RAY.

The athletes were charged with "padding" expense accounts for trips to eastern cities to compete in Amateur Athletic union games.

Dean declared that the charges were not sustained, in the opinion of the committee and that it had recommended to the National Amateur Athletic union that the charges be dropped.

Mr. Dean also announced that Joie Ray would continue to compete in meets and that Scholz had left the Detroit Athletic club to compete under the colors of the New York Athletic club.

Entry Blanks Mailed to Star Speed Demons

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 7.—Entry blanks were mailed today to all the star racing drivers of America and Europe for the tenth annual 500-mile sweepstakes that will be held at the Indianapolis motor speedway, May 30.

Entries will be received up to midnight, May 1.

Special Chef Will Accompany Chicago Cubs to Spring Camp

Chicago, Jan. 7. — President William Veeck of the Chicago Cubs believes that the way to a ball player's heart is through his stomach, especially on the spring training trip. And Mr. Veeck followed up his theory today by engaging a special chef to accompany the squad to Catalina island.

American Students at Oxford Stage Grid Battle for English

OXFORD, Jan. 7.—The "new men" beat the "old men" by a score of 6 to 0 recently in the annual intercollegiate football game played by Americans in Oxford university. The University Parks field is rough and turf-covered and very unlike a good gridiron. The boys appeared in track suits and sweaters, since no football togs were to be had in Oxford.

But the 250 rooters and the shouts of "go get 'em" and "hold 'em" and the familiar line plunges and forward passes made up for the lack of football atmosphere as regarded externals. As usual, the English spectators were astounded at the rooting. They were surprised at the referee's cheerful firmness when he remarked casually to some of the players who were grumbling a little, "you lose five yards if you keep on crabbing."

F. W. Layman, Wyoming and Wadham, fullback for the new men, was the star of the game. He made the touchdown in the second quarter, breaking loose around right end for a 40-yard run.

Logan and Schlaifer in Fettle for Main Battle

Gunner Joe Quinn, Minneapolis welter, and Navy Rostan of Chicago, who swap punches over the 10-round route on the Labor temple boxing card Monday night, arrived in Omaha yesterday morning.

Frankie Schmalzer, the clever little battler of the Windy City, who exchanges blows with Earl Puryear, Denver bantam, in the opener, also arrived Saturday morning, making all the scrappers on the temple card on the scene of battle.

The boxers established their training headquarters at the Queensbury Athletic club, where Morrie Schlaifer and Buddy Logan, who will meet in the main event, are working out.

Logan is in the proverbial pink of condition. Never in his ring career has the Omaha welter trained as hard for a scrap as the one with the Hebrew lad.

Logan Has Never Been Floored in Whole Career.

Schlaifer, who has been cutting a big swath in the welterweight division, will endeavor to accomplish a feat which Champion Jack Britton and every other welter has failed to do—to knock Logan down.

In all his ring career Logan has never been floored or taken the cout, which is a record few fighters who have fought very long can boast.

Logan is developing speed and hitting power by mixing his sparring skits with Puryear, who is exceptionally fast, and Jack Taylor, the hard slugging light-heavyweight.

Schlaifer is working out with Mickey Brown, a tough lightweight.

The fighters will "weigh in" at 3 Monday afternoon.

Logan and Schlaifer are both down to weight.

Gus Fisher Will Manage Oklahoma City

Portland, Ore., Jan. 7.—Gus Fisher, veteran catcher of the Portland team of the Pacific Coast league, was granted a release yesterday by President W. H. Klepper, and he accepted the management of the Oklahoma City team of the Western league. Fisher came to Portland in 1910. Klepper said he could have sold Fisher for $1,500, but in view of the service he had rendered the Portland team he did not want to stand in his way of getting the Oklahoma place.

Barnes and Hutchison Matched With Coast Pros

Del Monte, Cal., Jan. 7.—Jim Barnes, American open golf champion, and Jack Hutchison, British open champion, have been matched to meet John Black and MacDonald Smith, leading Pacific coast professionals, here January 22.

Nourse Oils Will Bowl Fremont Team for $500 Purse

The Nourse Oil company bowling team of the Greater Omaha league and the Sonin Clothiers of Fremont will meet in a home and home match at Fremont, January 14, and Omaha alleys, January 22, for a side bet of $500. Total pins of the two series will decide which squad will cart home the 500 berries.

Ralph and Kenneth Sciple, Wartchow, Toman and Johnson or Learn will represent the Oils, while Hammond, Wright, Taylor, Douglas and Middaugh will bowl for the Clothiers.

Hastings College Is Victor Over Kearney

Kearney, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special.) Hastings college took the Kearney Teachers' college quintet to a cleaning here last night, 32 to 17. It was the opening contest of the season. The game was nip and tuck until the last quarter when the visitors took their winning lead.

Lincoln Lightweight Is Matched With Montana

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Harry Reed, lightweight, will meet Young Montana of Cheyenne, Wyo., in the main event of the National guard fight at Grand Island January 18, according to Billy Hale, Reed's manager. These two lightweights scrapped in a 10-round draw at North Platte several months ago.

Ponca Wins Twin Bill.

Ponca, Neb., Jan. 7.—In a double-header basket ball game played at Waterbury, Ponca High was twice victorious, the boys winning, 52 to 6, and the girls, 38 to 4. Tucker, Ponca's veteran guard, was the star.

Husker Captain Has to Commute or Lose His Job

"THE Traveling Captain" will likely be the sobriquet under which "Tony" Smith, captain of the Nebraska university basket ball team, will labor this season.

Tony is a student of the Nebraska Medical college of Omaha, and in order to practice with the team has been compelled to make the Omaha to Lincoln journey each Friday and Saturday.

"I don't know just yet how I shall keep in condition during the week, but guess the "Y" gym will furnish all the exercise and practice I need," said Smith in commenting on the enforced journeys.

Smith's case is possibly the first on record where a captain of a college team was drawn from a branch of the school away from the main establishment, although Northwestern university at Evanston, Ill., often has faced a similar difficulty with members of its football and baseball teams who happened to be students in the professional school departments—law, dentistry and medicine—in Chicago.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

York Wallops Harvard.

York, Neb., Jan. 7.—York High defeated Harvard Friday, 38 to 9, in the first game played here this season.

Sedgwick Wins Game.

Sedgwick, Colo., Jan. 7.—A hard-fought basket ball game at Sedgwick between Big Spring, Neb., and Sedgwick town basket ball teams resulted in a score of 46 to 15 in favor of Big Spring. Good team work was shown by both quintets.

Valparaiso Wins.

Valparaiso, Neb., Jan. 7.—Valparaiso High school defeated Raymond High school here last night, 59 to 9, in basket ball. At the end of the first half the score was 30 to 5.

Fairfield Legion Wins.

Fairfield, Neb., Jan. 7.—The local legion squad defeated Edgar Legion in a fast game of basket ball, 28 to 13. Superior High school defeated the local squad on Superior floor, 28 to 22.

Soldier Cagers Victorious.

Shenandoah, Ia., Jan. 7.—Playing hard from whistle to whistle, Company E soldier basketeers defeated victorious Silver City boosters last night, 38 to 26.

Oakland Loses.

Oakland, Neb., Jan. 7.—The Oakland high school boys' basket ball team lost to the North Bend, 18 to 37. The game was fast and was marked by good team work on the part of both teams, North Bend winning through superior basket shooting.

Oakland Girls Win.

Oakland, Neb., Jan. 7.—The Oakland High school girls team played the Emerson girls team here last week, winning by the one-sided score of 67 to 9. The team work and goal shooting of the Oakland girls was too much for Emerson.

Play to 31-31 Tie.

Central City, Neb., Jan. 7.—Central City High school and Newman Grove High school fought to a tie score on the local's floor last night. At the end of the regular playing period the score was 25 to 25 and after five more minutes of playing the score stood 31 to 31. Both teams being tired out it was decided to leave it a tie.

Eagle, 29; Elmwood, 9.

Eagle, Neb., Jan. 7.—The Eagle High school cagers defeated Elmwood high at Eagle Friday night, 29 to 9. The Eagle girls lost to the Elmwood girls, 15 to 29.

Havelock Loses.

University Place, Jan. 7.—University Place High school won from Havelock High in basket ball at University Place Friday night by the score of 39 to 12.

Geneva, 14; Friend, 11.

Geneva, Neb., Jan. 7.—A good opener for the basket ball season was the game with Friend here Wednesday night, when Geneva won by a score of 14 to 11. The game was unmarred by differences and clean ball was played on both sides with Campbell leading in Friend's plays and Manning and Mulligan for Geneva. Omaha Commerce, state champions of 1921, will come here January 12.

O'Neill Trims Stuart.

O'Neill, Neb., Jan. 7.—O'Neill High school basket ball team defeated Stuart at Stuart Friday night, 25 to 20.

Wakefield Loses.

Wakefield, Neb., Jan. 7.—Wakefield High lost its first basket ball game of the season to Ponca Friday night, 22 to 6. The game was played at Ponca. Both teams played a good game, but the superior shooting of the Ponca forwards swung the pendulum of victory to Ponca City's side.

Win Double-Header.

Sedgwick, Colo., Jan. 7.—The Bigspring boys' and girls' basket ball teams won a double victory Friday night, the boys winning their contest, 35 to 6, and the girls, 22 to 20.

Grand Island Victorious.

Ravenna, Neb., Jan. 7.—Grand Island took Ravenna High cagers into camp for a 20-to-19 victory this week. The game was close and hard fought all the way.

Lincoln High Team Trounces Alliance

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Lincoln High school defeated Alliance High school in basket ball here Friday night by the score of 23 to 12. The Alliance team has won six and lost three games on its trip across the state. The westerners meet Waverly Saturday night.

Roscoe Hall Outpoints Omaha Lightweight

Des Moines, Jan. 7.—Roscoe Hall, state champion lightweight boxer, outpointed Harry Boyle of Omaha, here last night in a six-round bout.

Hall won four rounds, the other two being even.

Lewis Puts Texas Giant to the Mat

Wichita, Jan. 7.—Ed (Strangler) Lewis threw Dick Daviscourt of Texas in two straight falls here last night, the first in one hour 24 minutes, with a headlock, and the second in 26 minutes, with a grapevine.

Tijuana Results

Tijuana, Jan 7.—First race, five furlongs: W. C. Dooley, 108 (Huntamer), $5.80, $3.20, $2.00, won; Infield, 105 (Wilson), $4.80, $2.80, second; Mike Dixon, 111, (D. Hurn), $53.60, third. Time, 1:07. Crispie, Dewey Field, Grace Trimble, China Jane, Skylark and Valentine Lady ran.

Second, five furlongs: Rosa Atkin, 103 (Noble), $8.60, $6.40, $3.80, won; Chrome, 108 (Miles), $8.20, $5.00, second; Fond Hope, 106 (Jacobs), $2.80, third. Time, 1:07 2-5. Renfal, Lester Franklin, Al Porter, Emma Weller, Trump Card, Jewel City and Marion Fluke ran.

Third, five and one-half furlongs: Dr. Tubbs, 99 (Jacobs), $6.40, $4.00, $3.60, won; Jay Mac, 98 (Studer), $26.80, $8.80, second; Kimona, 97 (Huntamer), $3.80, third. Time, 1:17. Tom Craven, Bookworm, John S. Wiggins, Country, Shirley Summer, Jacobel, New Britain ran.

Fourth, five and one-half furlongs: Due De Guise, 109 (Parke), $15.60, $7.00, $3.80, won; American Maid, 104 (Huntamer), $4.40, $3.00, second; Our Maid, 116 (Saladin), $3.60, third. Time, 1:18 2-5. Choirmaster, Orleans Girl, Duly Fashion and Ellen Smyth ran.

Fifth, six furlongs, handicap: Little Florence, 119 (Parke), $11.20, $4.40, $3.20, won; Wedding Prince, 114 (N. Duggan), $2.80, $2.00, second; Thriller, 107 (Huntamer), $3.20, third. Time, 1:20. Indian Prince, Eyebright and Incognance ran.

Sixth, mile and 70 yards: Shortstop, 107 (Noble), $4.60, $3.40, $2.40, won; Rafferty, 115 (Studer), $5.20, $2.80, second; Shenandoah, 112 (Huntamer), $2.40, third. Time, 1:54. Mistress Polly and Miss Stathem ran.

Seventh, five and one-half furlongs: Don Dodge, 108 (Bower), $9.40, $4.80, $2.60, won; Plum Blossom, 105 (Huntamer), $2.60, $2.80, second; Pueblo, 110 (Noble), $2.80, third. Time, 1:13. Review, Tutt, Madam Byng, Charlie Boy, Bit of Blarney ran.

Basketball Results

FRIDAY'S RESULTS.

LOCAL.

Omaha University, 37; Dana, 7.
Creighton, 44; Yankton, 11.
Council Bluffs, 44; South High, 19.
Central, 20; Sutton, 13.

OTHER SCORES.

Pittsburgh, 44; Marietta college, 25.
Lombard, 36; Parsons, 11.
Michigan, 27; Michigan Aggies, 26.
Lincoln High, 23; Alliance, 12.
Missouri, 37; Drake, 25.
Grand Island, 20; Ravenna, 19.
York, 38; Howard, 9.
Beaver City Legion, 47; Stamford Legion, 12.
Fairfield Legion, 28; Edgar Legion, 13.
Superior High, 28; Fairfield, 22.
Valparaiso High, 59; Raymond, 9.
Cotner, 57; Wayne Normal, 7.

Central Trounces Sutton, 20 to 13

Sutton was unable to penetrate Central's splendid five-man defense system Friday night and the local cagers turned their first contest of the season into a 20 to 13 victory.

The game was played in the City Auditorium before a large crowd.

Central led all the way. In the last 10 minutes of play Sutton ran up its score within four points of Central's, but a cage shooting spree in the closing minutes carried the locals over the top to victory.

Scienhauer, captain and center, starred for Sutton, making five of his team's six field goals.

Keyt played a great game as running forward for Central and made three goals. Beerkle, center, made three and Konecky two.

The playing of Konecky at guard was one of the outstanding features.

The lineup and summary:

CENTRAL (20)		SUTTON (13)
Reynolds	R.F.	M. Wieland
Keyt	L.F.	Soilemah
Beerkle (1)	C.	Scienhauer (c)
Lawson	R.G.	Schwartz
Konecky	L.G.	C. Wieland

Substitutions: Sautter for Reynolds, Field goals: Reynolds, 1; Keyt, 2; Beerkle, 3; Konecky, 2; M. Wieland, 1; Scienhauer, 5. Free throws, Beerkle, 2; C. Wieland, 1.

Jock Hutchison Wins Golf Title

Holder of British Championship Turns in Score of 304 for 72 Holes.

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—Jock Hutchison of Chicago, holder of the British open golf championship, won the northern California open golf championship today, with a medal score of 304 for 72 holes of play. He made the four rounds in 80-73-76-75. Eddie Traub of San Francisco was second with a total of 313 and Harold Sampson of San Francisco scored 314 for third place.

John Black of Oakland, who lost the title today, Leslie Davies of Millvalley and A. M. Espinosa of Oakland, tied for fourth place with 316.

Jim Barnes, open champion of the United States, and Dave Prufelli of Oakland, with a score of 318, were tied for fifth place. The low score for amateurs was made by Jack Neville, former amateur champion of California, who was sixth with 322 strokes.

Wills and Tate Battle to Draw

Portland, Ore., Jan. 7.—Bill Tate retains his title of colored heavyweight champion of the world. He and Harry Wills fought 10 rounds to a draw last night in the Milwaukee arena, in one of the most barbarous battles in the history of the state.

HARRY WILLS.

Ttate, in superb form, had as an adversary a wild man, a tiger, a fighter, who had lost his head and who depended for victory on the terrible blows he could land with his long right arm. Tate cut Wills under the left eye. Tate uppercut him repeatedly, knocked him down to one knee on one occasion, had him groggy.

Wills repeatedly brought that awful right resounding against Tate's kidneys, with a crack that sounded like the crack of a gun.

Bunney High Gun at Atlanta Shoot

Atlanta, Neb., Jan. 7.—The fifth annual merchandise shoot was held here January 2 by the Atlanta Gun club with an entry of 24 shooters.

Loran Bunney was the high gun, dropping 25 clay 'hawks" out of 25. B. H. Hopkins, E. R. Hopkins and S. Rager shot into a tie for second place with 22 targets each.

Twenty-four prizes were awarded by the business men of Atlanta and a large crowd of visitors were on hand to witness the event.

Advance Guard of Red Sox Leaves for South March 2

Boston, Jan. 7.—The advance guard of the Red Sox, comprising pitchers and catchers, will leave for their spring training quarters at Hot Springs, Ark., on March 2, it was announced today.

Harry H. Frazee of New York was re-elected president of the club at a business meeting yesterday.

Merkle's Boner, Classic Play of Majors, Retold

Here's Dope on Famous Game That Cost New York Giants Flag in 1908.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Unless published periodically, the details of the world's greatest bonehead play fade out of the memories of baseball fans so completely that a new crop of arguments sprouts into a prolific harvest of queries regarding the famous faux pas of Fred Merkle, which cost the New York Giants a championship and perhaps a world's pennant.

FRED MERKLE. [TRIBUNE Photo.]

JOHNNY EVERS. [TRIBUNE Photo.]

It's the same play, of course, that made John Evers a nation-wide reputation as a strategist, and gave birth to his book, "Touching Second," which still is in print, and would settle all arguments if the village libraries would only advertise it is an occupent of their shelves.

Here's Typical Inquiry.

Typical of the queries which come to the writer spasmodically about the illustrious incident is the following from a small town in Minnesota, and worthy of reproduction, although unsigned:

"Its some Despute here with some Real Base Ball Fans about that Bone Head Play Cork Merkle made in that game that he did not tutch that Base and John Evers Threw Merkle out What Base was Merkle runing to that time Merkle dident run to. its no bets so Please Gave me Answer what Base Mergle was runing to some here say it was to 1B and others say Merkle was runing to 2B Your Respt

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There is no doubt about the earnestness of the fan who wrote that, nor about his desire to learn what happened on September 23, 1908, which was a long time ago. The writer long ago armed himself against such queries by copying out of the files the dope on that game.

How It Happened.

For the benefit of the Minnesota fan, and perhaps thousands of others who have forgotten, it is reproduced here, in the hope that by constant repetition enough clippings from the Tribune will be saved by the fans to settle all future "desputes."

The game was played on the Polo grounds, with the following lineup:

Cubs—Hayden, lf; Evers, 2b; Schulte, rf; Chance, 1b; Steinfeldt, 3b; Hofman, cf; Tinker, ss; Kling, c; Pfiester, p.

Giants—Herzog, 2b; Bresnahan, c; Donlin, rf; Seymour, cf; Devlin, 3b; McCormick, lf; Merkle, 1b; Bridwell, ss; Mathewson, p.

Incidentally, although that game happened only a little over 13 years ago, there is not a man in either team's lineup who was actively engaged in the major leagues last season.

Occurred in the Ninth Inning.

The famous play occurred in the ninth inning with the score tied, the Giants being last at bat, of course. Seymour went out. Devlin singled, but was forced at second by McCormick. Merkle singled, putting McCormick on third with two out. Bridwell then singled to center. McCormick crossed the plate with what ought to have been the winning run. But Merkle ran from first base to the clubhouse without touching second.

Hoiman fielded the base hit in the center field and, in spite of a lot of interference from the Giant players, made the play to second, where Evers touched the bag and forced out Merkle, thereby wiping off McCormick's run, since it was a third out and a force out.

Umpire O'Day made the decision, although he was working behind the plate, and it was up to Bob Emslie to call the base decisions.

O'Day Looking for It.

But O'Day was forwarned because the same play had come up in Pittsburgh a fortnight before, when O'Day was unpiring there, and he failed to see it, thereby attracting considerable criticism to his work. Therefore, when he saw Merkle start for the clubhouse on Bridwell's safe hit, O'Day knew what was likely to happen and saw what actually did happen.

His alertness cost the Giants the game that would have given them the National league pennant in 1908 and a chance at Detroit for the big flag. The Merkle play made the pennant race a tie at the end of the schedule and the National league's directors compelled the Cubs to journey to New York overnight and play off that "Merkle game" after the season was over. Chance's men boarded the Twentieth Century Limited, rode all night, licked the Giants in the playoff, then rode all night back to Detroit, and copped the world's championship, winning four games out of five.

That was some team to travel with, I'll tell the world.

Beaver City Cage Team Trounces Stamford Legion

Beaver City, Neb., Jan. 7.—Beaver City Legion cagers defeated Stamford Legion, 47 to 12, here Thursday night in the opening game of the season at Beaver City.