

SPORTS

MOTORCYCLISTS TO FORM LOCAL CLUB

Fifty or Sixty "Bugs" in This City Will Perfect Organization After the First of the Year.

WILL JOIN THE F. A. M.

Membership to the Club Not to be Limited by Any Make of Machine—Will Stage Meets.

Plans are on foot for organizing a Keokuk Motorcycle club, to be a member of the American Federation of Motorcyclists. A number of riders of the city who have talked the matter over are enthusiastic over the prospect of an organization here and believe that a large membership can easily be obtained. About forty of fifty prospective members of the club will meet after the first of the year and perfect the organization.

Hill climbing contests, road races, speed contests of different kinds, trips to surrounding cities, and tours of some length will be staged by the club when the organization has been perfected. Motorcycle clubs have proved very successful in other places and have enjoyed very large memberships. The Federation of American Motorcyclists, under which the club will be organized, has a membership of over 100,000 in the United States alone.

It is not thought likely that a club house will be obtained. The club will be essentially an outdoor organization and it is thought there would be little real use for a house. A room will be secured in which to hold meetings.

The membership of the club will not be limited to the riders of any one make of machine, nor will it be necessary to own a machine in order to join the club. Anyone interested in motorcycles is eligible for membership. There are a great number of enthusiastic "fans" in town and if any of them want to join the club they will be allowed to do so.

What the A. A. A. is in the automobile world the Federation of American Motorcyclists is in the motorcycle world. Races are not considered "official" unless staged under the direction of the F. A. M., nor are records considered official unless the races in which the records are made are held under the direction of this organization. The dues are low. The entrance or initiation fee is \$1.00, while the yearly dues are the same amount.

Ritchie-Murphy Tangle Settled.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—The Willie Ritchie-Tommy Murphy tangle was finally settled today when promoter Coffroth agreed to the lightweight champion's demand of a \$15,000 guarantee for a fight January 23. Coffroth and Murphy will split the remainder of the gate receipts. Both fighters agreed to the same conditions which were to have governed the interrupted bout. They will weigh in at 135 pounds one hour before the fight. In case of rain, the fight will take place on the following afternoon.

Kayo Falls to Come Back.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—That Knock-out Brown failed to come back in his bout with young McGowan was the verdict today of fight fans who saw the Bay Ridge lightweight walloped Kayo in ten rounds.

Illinois U Gets Golf Bug.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Dec. 16.—Golf will be added to the athletic curriculum of the University of Illinois, it was announced today. Enough land will be bought to permit the installation of an eighteen hole course.

Cross Starts Training.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 16.—Leach Cross, New York lightweight, today prepared to leave for the Catalina Islands, where he will start training for his twenty round battle New Year's day with Bud Anderson at Vernon. Final arrangements for the bout were completed last night.

Koney Turns Down Feds.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16.—Ed Koney said today that he would refuse the offer of a \$30,000 three year contract to pilot the St. Louis Federal, and play first base for the Pittsburgh club, if he can get a satisfactory contract.

PROPOSE CHANGES IN HARNESS RACING CODE

Will Prevent Drivers "Laying Up" Horses When They Do Not Want to Win a Heat.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—The joint rules committee of the American and National Trotting Associations was to meet in the Auditorium hotel today to discuss a number of proposed changes in the code governing harness racing.

The most important change proposed was one providing that time made by each winner of a heat, as well as the winner of a race, or by a horse making a dead heat, should become a record. The intent of proposed change is to prevent drivers from "laying up" their horses when they do not think them capable of winning the race and hence do not want to win a heat and establish a fast record.

Norgren Grows Closest Whiskers.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Captain Nelson Norgren of the University of Chicago football team, one of Walter Camp's thirty-three American immortals, had fresh honors thrust upon him today. Co-eds at the university picked Norgren as the winner of a mustache growing contest started six weeks ago.

Gibbons Trims Joe Hirst.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 16.—Mike Gibbons today has another victory to his credit as a result of his bout here with Joe Hirst. Fans at the ring side declared the St. Paul welter stilled during the closing rounds to keep from knocking out his opponent.

"Tilly" Shafer Through With Game.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 16.—"Tilly" Shafer, New York's utility star, today announced he was through with baseball. He said he told Manager McGraw when the latter was here on the Giants-White Sox exhibition tour, that he had quit the game to take care of his father's estate. McGraw's arguments and offer of a bigger salary, he declared, were unavailing.

Eugenic Marriage Law.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 16.—Getting married in Wisconsin will be about as easy after the new eugenic marriage law goes into effect as it is now, despite the threat of the Milwaukee medical society to boycott the law and refuse to issue the medical certificates needed to obtain a license.

Half a dozen prominent members today side-stepped discussion of the doctors strike. Advocates of eugenic marriages charged that the doctors kicked because the law fixed the fee for medical examinations at only \$3. They predicted that plenty of strike-breaking doctors would be found ready to grab the \$3 fee when the law goes into effect January 1.

Wolstag Receiving Many Offers.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 16.—Former Champion Ad Wolstag has received several offers for battles to follow his ten rounds with Charlie White of Chicago here next Friday. Tom O'Rourke's New York fight club wants Wolstag to go east and meet his old rival Brown. Down in Toledo they are figuring on opening the game in January with a bout between Wolstag and Battling Schultz, and the former champion has several good offers for long bouts on the Pacific coast.

U. S. in a Panic.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—That the United States today is in the midst of a financial and industrial panic, was charged in the house by Representative Mann of Illinois. This condition of affairs he said, was due to the incapacity of democratic legislation.

Wets and Drys.

DUBUQUE, Des. 16.—The county board of supervisors today commenced canvassing the new saloon consent petition filed with the county auditor the first of the month. The "wets" claim to have 80 per cent of the voters at the last election and say they have made their petition large enough to cover either the last general or city election.

W. C. Barber, President of the Iowa Anti-Saloon League.

W. C. Barber, president of the Iowa Anti-Saloon League, is leading the fight for the "drys" and says that the petition is not worth the paper it is written on.

Roses for Votes.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] PARIS, Dec. 16.—A woman calling herself Lady Lillian Glenworth appeared in the chamber of deputies, offering roses for signatures to a suffrage petition. Her trade was brisk.

PRIEST CATCHES THIEF IN CHURCH

Man Had Warranty Deed to Keokuk Property in His Pocket When He Was Arrested.

PRIEST A GOOD FIGHTER

In Spite of the Difference in Weight He Keeps the Thief Until the Police Arrive.

A man with a Keokuk warranty deed in his pocket was caught rifling the collection box in a Joliet church by the priest, a message from that city declares. The man was George Kovack and the warranty deed for \$3,000 involving Keokuk property was made out to Peter and Anna Thompson.

The following is from Joliet: Thousands of persons in the heart of Joliet's business district were startled yesterday afternoon at the sight of two persons, one a small man clad in the garments of a Catholic priest and the other a large man, who brandished an open knife in his hand, plunge through the doors of St. Mary's church and roll to the street while locked in a desperate hand to hand struggle.

The priest was the Rev. Father J. O. Murray, head of St. Mary's Catholic church. The big man was George Kovack, a Bohemian real estate dealer of Chicago, whom the priest had detected in the act of robbing the alms box in the corridor of the church. Kovack resides with his mother at 1628 West Twenty-Second street.

The struggle, in which the priest narrowly escaped being stabbed, started when he saw Kovack extracting coins from the alms box by means of a bamboo stick, a piece of whalebone and a small lump of soft tar. Despite the great difference in their height and weight, the priest jumped upon the thief, and in the rough and tumble battle which followed both men went through the church doors and down a flight of stone steps, a distance of ten feet, to the pavement. Kovack succeeded in drawing his knife, which the priest prevented him from using by grasping his wrist. Both sustained several bruises.

At the police station a warranty deed for \$3,000, involving Keokuk (Iowa) property and made out to Peter and Anna Thompson, was found in Kovack's pocket. He said he had no reason for rifling the alms box and the police are of the belief that he is entertaining some grudge against the church. His mother had not been notified of her son's trouble up to a late hour last night.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Cry is Stop Thief.

How would you feel if every time a valuable piece of jewelry or some other equally expensive article missing in your household was found in your possession, or if not found, you were subjected to interrogated looks and insulting remarks from the members of your family? No doubt that, in time you would become hypnotized into the belief that you really were an absent-minded creature who "lifted" things much as one walks in his sleep unconsciously. If, then, they disappeared as rapidly from your pockets as they appeared there, would you not come to have an uncanny feeling familiar to that experienced play, "Stop Thief," which Cohen & Harris' company of comedians are going to reveal to us at the Grand opera house Thursday evening, December 18. The real thief whisks things in and out of peoples' pockets as he needs to establish an alibi. The result is that two of the important members of a family are subject to fits of kleptomaniac which furnishes the theme of all the fun in this funny show. The action of "Stop Thief" is said to be so rapid that one's breath is caught in the effort to keep up with the plot, and through it all there is an air of probability that makes the characters altogether natural. The famous detective Burns, says: "Stop Thief" is one of the funniest "crook" plays he ever saw. It is not an unknown quantity. The play held the boards at the Gaiety theatre, New York, all last year, where it established a pace for laughter that has not been equaled in any play produced on Manhattan in recent years.—Advertisement.

The company to play in Keokuk is the original company and composed of artists. Seats are selling rapidly. Better get yours now. This company has but one week of one night stands between Chicago and Kansas City and Keokuk gets one of these performances.

Illinois Progressives.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 16.—Judge Ben M. Lindsey, ex-Senator Albert J. Beveridge and Henry J. Allen of Kansas and Miss Jane Addams of Chicago, are among the notables attending the Illinois rally of the progressive party being held in this city today. Nearly every county in the state is represented and the program has been arranged to keep the delegates in attendance at conferences and receptions until the big rally in the evening.

Following is the program outlining the day's activities:

10 a. m.—Conference of the state central committee at Parlor Q of the Grand Pacific hotel.
11:30 a. m.—Reception, luncheon and rally at the Chicago Progressive club, 19 West Jackson boulevard.

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club, 19 West Jackson boulevard.
2:30 p. m.—Conference of county chairmen, state central and Cook county committeemen.
4:30 p. m.—Reception for visiting women at Chicago Progressive club.
8:00 p. m.—Progressive rally at Chicago Progressive club.
The conference of the state central committee will take place in the morning and questions concerning the next fall election will be discussed. A canvass of progressive conditions of the state will be taken and the probability of placing a full ticket in every county will be considered.
Raymond Robins, chairman of the progressive state central committee, has charge of this evening's rally and arranged the day's program.

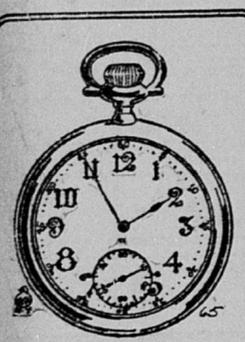
New Minister Arrives.

TAYLORVILLE, Ill., Dec. 16.—The Rev. C. W. Estes, formerly pastor of Presbyterian churches at Newton and Neoga, came here today to begin a pastorate at the Taylorville Presbyterian church.

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