

# INDOOR LEAGUE RACE GROWS CLOSER EACH DAY

GAMES OF THE WEEK ONLY SERVE TO BUNCH THE TEAMS FOR THE FINISH.

## EXCITEMENT IS HIGH

Coming Battles Are Fought With Interest for the Fans—Any Team Can Be in the Finish—Athletics Must Win All of Their Games to Tie.

Closer and closer grows the indoor league race. The past week has foreshadowed the coming of a series of games which will be fought to the last ditch and which may end the official league season with the team all in a bunch. All the games during the past week were good ones. The Mercantile played even by beating the Northern Pacific and letting the White House club slip one over on them. The two tail-end teams gained half a game on the leaders and now the White House is tied with the Northern Pacific for second place with the Athletics standing on their coat-tails. The Mercantile is but one full game ahead of the Northern Pacific and White House teams. Should the Mercantile be defeated by the Athletics in their contest, it is possible for the Northern Pacific or White House teams to supplant the leaders. The closeness of the race has increased the attendance greatly and the audiences have received the worth of their money at every contest during the past week. The coming games should be even better than those just played.

On Monday night, the Northern Pacific and White House teams will play. The outcome of this game decides which team stays in second place and the winners will be but half a game behind the Mercantile. On Tuesday night the Mercantile and the Athletics will tangle. This promises to be the prettiest fight of the week. If Allen is in his usual good form the Mercantile will have to play some ball to win and it is a cinch that they are capable of playing good ball. On Thursday night the White House and the Athletics will hook up in their last contest during the present season. If the Presidentials drop this game it will put them practically out of the running although the Mercantile will have to win all of its games to keep ahead of the White House unless the Athletics should lose more than the one game. The Mercantile is in line for the cup, but will have to play some ball before the Reach trophy is claimed.

# Foxy Blankenship in Trade



CLIFTON DOUGLAS BLANKENSHIP.

Yesterday Manager Cliff Blankenship and President E. F. Murphy of the new Butte baseball association held a conference in Missoula and put through a deal involving four players. To a man up a tree it would appear that Blank got the better of the deal. He traded Rugges, a young infielder, and Pitcher Jacobs, last year with Salt Lake and Missoula, for Eddie Quick and "Nix" Perrine. Local fans know both of the men that are to come to us and, like them, Quick is a first-class pitcher, with a lot on the ball, plenty of smoke and an accurate knowledge of where the plate is. He is veteran enough

to use his head and feet 'em the right sort in the pinches. Perrine is the hero of countless battles but has not gone back a bit. On the other hand, Rugges is a youngster and must be developed. Perrine, who is also a second baseman, knows all there is to know. Jacobs is an uncertain quantity, even if he did pitch a good many splendid games for Missoula during the latter part of last season. He has little control. Jacobs, however, is a fine sort of a chap and may turn out to be a wonder. On the whole, however, it looks as if the foxy Blankenship man had slipped one over on President Murphy.

# INDEPENDENT MUST PAY JUDGMENT

SUPREME COURT AFFIRMS ACTION OF LOWER COURT IN ALLEGED LIBEL.

Helena, March 2.—(Special.)—The supreme court today affirmed the judgment for \$2,500 against the Independent Publishing company of Helena obtained in Butte in the libel suit of Jennie Kelly, administratrix. On February 21, 1907, the Independent published a dispatch from Butte stating that a Mrs. F. E. Miller was charged to have heaped unspeakable indignities upon her children by inviting men to her home, "where the most indecent orgies are alleged to have been continued during the night," that she had threatened the children with a butcher knife, and had ill-treated them in other ways.

# YANKEELAND OPENS CAMPAIGN

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to this country on a permanent basis and we are certain that if these principles can be embodied in action, such prosperity will come.

## Justice Essential.

"But prosperity must stand on a foundation of justice, justice to wage workers, to capitalists, to the general public. All we ask is such justice and we are as anxious that it should be scrupulously given as that it should be scrupulously exacted. We have announced our faith in and our adherence to a lofty ideal, for surely there can be no loftier ideal than that of the achievement of justice through the rule of the people and we hold also that the very fact that we are idealists, we are in the truest sense of the word practical men, for we intend in good faith to try to realize our ideals; and their realization will make, not only for the moral, but for the material, well-being of all our people."

Former Governor Fort attacked the Payne-Aldrich tariff law as not being a revision downwards of duties and said that if President Taft had vetoed it as a violation of the platform on which he was elected, "he would have stamped his independence and progressiveness in the hearts of the people at the very outset of his administration."

## MERGER RESTRAINED.

Seattle, March 2.—A court order was issued today temporarily restraining the Independent and Sunbelt Telephone companies from effecting consolidation of their systems. The order was issued on complaint of the city, which claims an equity of \$200,000 in the poles, wires and conduits of the Independent company, which equity will be placed in jeopardy if the merger is completed. Three deputy sheriffs who attempted to serve copies of the order on telephone officials were unable to find them. Meanwhile line-men of the company continued to connect wires of the two companies.

Children are much more likely to contract the contagious diseases when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever and consumption are diseases that are often contracted when the child has a cold. That is why all medical authorities say beware of colds. For the quick cure of colds you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

# QUITS WILSON



ROBERT EWING

Washington, D. C. March 2.—Robert Ewing, middle Tennessee member of the Woodrow Wilson state committee and democratic national committeeman from Louisiana, resigned the former position recently, giving as his reason "the extreme personal bitterness which has lately risen between my brother-in-law, Colonel Henry Watterston, and my friend, Woodrow Wilson."

# LEADERS ARE HIGHER THAN EVER

STOCK MARKET MANIFESTS A TENDENCY TO IMPROVE ITS POSITION FURTHER.

New York, March 2.—The stock market manifested a tendency to further improve its position today, leaders rising to a new high level. Conditions pointed to elimination of the supposedly large short interest, but that element was disposed to renege operations by pressing trading. There was some activity and resultant strength in the Erie and the more prominent specialties gained their advances.

Returns to the comptroller show a decrease of almost \$18,000,000 in the security holdings of local national banks between December and February 20. The report as a whole is not especially illuminating, since the decrease is largely due to the operations of one institution.

Bonds were again steady. The only special feature was a one-point gain in Erie general 4s. Total sales (par value), \$1,084,000.

United States governments 2s registered advanced 1/8; the 2s coupon 3/4, and Panamas 3/4 on call during the week.

## New York Stocks.

Table listing various New York stocks and their closing quotations on the exchange for March 2, 1912.

## Money Market.

New York, March 2.—Money on call nominal. Time loans steady; 60 and 90 days, 3 3/4 per cent six months, 3 3/4, 6 1/2 per cent.

## Livestock Market.

Chicago, March 2.—Receipts 390; market slow, steady. Beeves \$4.50@8.60; Texas steers, \$4.60@5.90; western steers, \$5.67; stockers and feeders, \$4.80@6.20; cows and heifers, \$2.15@6.55; calves, \$5.75@8.50.

## Minneapolis Wheat.

Minneapolis, March 2.—Close: Wheat—May, \$1.05 1/2@1.08 1/2; July, \$1.09 1/2@1.09 1/2.

## Grain and Provisions.

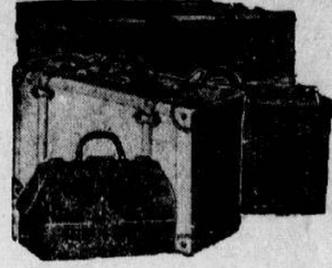
Chicago, March 2.—Wheat today closed at the top price of the week. Latest trading showed an advance of 1/2 to 3/4 to 5/8 @ 3/4 net. Bullswhines took a firm hold on wheat. Earlier the market was depressed after a moderate decline at Liverpool, due to prospects for larger world's shipments.

There was good demand for oar. Hog products rose following assertions that three packers control the greater part of the stock on hand in Chicago. May wheat opened at \$1.03 1/2 to \$1.05, ranging between \$1.04 1/2 and \$1.02 1/2, closing at \$1.04 1/2.

A metal backed ring of rubber, fastened out a few inches from the wheel of an automobile, is claimed by its inventor to prevent the splashing of mud on pedestrians and other vehicles.

# Missoula Mercantile Co. Suitcases

Specially Priced A special purchase that enables us to offer these unusual values



Twenty-five suitcases all told and each one a splendid fine piece of hand baggage. Genuine leather case, brown color, made over a strong steel frame; outside corners reinforced and riveted; brass lock and trimmings; inside lined with linen and provided with shirt fold and straps.

- Regular \$6.50 Suitcases, \$3.75
Regular \$7.00 Suitcases, \$4.75
Regular \$10.00 Suitcases, \$6.75

# Missoula Mercantile Co.

\$2.00 Men's New Rexford Hats \$1.50 New spring shapes in these popular, lightweight English hats, in several different textures, ranging from smooth to very rough; colors, pearl, gray mixed, black and brown.

# Missoula Mercantile Co.

\$1-\$1.50 Golf Shirts 50c Snaps! A cleanup of all the oddments of golf shirts from our regular \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 lines; sizes 14, 15 1/2, 16, 16 1/2, 17 and 17 1/2.

# AMERICANS IN MEXICO WARNED BY TAFT

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and others within their jurisdiction fail to apprehend the meaning and operation of the applicable laws of the United States as authoritatively interpreted and may be misled into participation in transactions which are violations of said laws and which will render them liable to severe penalties provided for such violations, may now, therefore, in recognition of the laws governing and controlling in such matters, as well as in discharge of the obligations of the United States toward a friendly country and to the end that citizens of the United States and all others within their jurisdiction may be deterred from subjecting themselves to legal forfeiture and penalties; I, William Howard Taft, president of the United States of America, do hereby admonish all such citizens and other persons to abstain from every violation of the laws hereinbefore referred to and do hereby warn them that all violations of such laws will be prosecuted rigorously, and I hereby do enjoin upon all officers of the United States charged with the execution of such laws, the utmost diligence in preventing violation thereof and in bringing to trial and punishment any offenders against the same, and finally, I do hereby give notice that all persons owing allegiance to the United States, who may take part in the disturbances now existing in Mexico, unless in the necessary defense of their persons or property, or who shall otherwise engage in acts subversive of the tranquility of that country, will do so at their peril, and that they can in no wise obtain any protection from the government of the United States against the appropriate legal consequences of their acts, insofar as such consequences are in accord with equitable justice and humanity and enlightened principles of international law.

The instructions to Ambassador Wilson, which were duplicated to the United States consuls, follows: "Referring to all recent telegraphic correspondence, you are instructed in your discretion to inform Americans

that the embassy deems it its duty to advise them to withdraw from any particular localities where conditions or prospects of lawlessness so threaten personal safety as to make withdrawal the part of common prudence, specifying localities from which withdrawal may at any time seem advisable and stating that in many such cases consuls may take charge of such abandoned effects as may be possible under the circumstances. The department is sending a copy of this telegram to all consuls in Mexico merely for their information and for the information of Americans."

State department officials insisted that the issue of the proclamation and the exchange of telegrams were not the result of startling or sensational developments in the Mexican situation. It was said they were the result of many conferences in the last few days and of long exchanges by wire between the department and Mr. Wilson to the City of Mexico.

Because of the interest felt by European nations, many of whose subjects are residents of Mexico, the state department had fully advised with the diplomatic corps in Washington. The British, German, Spanish and French embassies and legations here were informed today of the proclamation and of instructions to Ambassador Wilson, so the diplomats might similarly direct their own countrymen in Mexico. It was stated also that today's action was not to be regarded as indicating that the administration had abandoned hope of the speedy restoration of peaceful conditions. Such hope, it was said, was entertained, and the proclamation and instructions to Ambassador Wilson were expected to aid in bringing peace in addition to safeguarding the interests of Americans and allaying anti-American sentiment in that country.

## AVIATORS ENTERTAIN.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 2.—Five aviators, one of them a woman, entertained 5,000 spectators at the state fairgrounds this afternoon. Charles K. Hamilton, Philip Parmelee, Glenn Martin, Blanche Scott and Parnum Fish, the 17-year-old boy aviator of Los Angeles, took part. The meet was without accident.

Harry McIntire, the spitball twirler, was the first to report in Chicago. He was decorated with his sparklers and made the girls with diamond heels look like a lantern in a railroad shanty.

# RACING RESULTS

At Juarez, Juarez, March 2.—Injury and Meadow ran a dead heat at Juarez today. The two horses finished so close together that the judges were unable to separate them. Summary: First race, four furlongs—Iniqueta won; Negligee second; Panzarista third. Time, :47 2-5. Second race, six and a half furlongs—Maxing won; Oonoomoo second; Duchess Philippe third. Time, 1:09. Third race, five and a half furlongs—Doc Allen won; Annual Interest second; Wild Bear third. Time, 1:08. Fourth race, mile—Dead Heat between Meadow and Injury; Enfield third. Time, 1:38 3-5. Purse divided. Fifth race, six furlongs—Frazzle won; Mycenee second; Modern Friselle third. Time, 1:14 4-5. Sixth race, five and a half furlongs—Lady Stalwart won; Roberta second; Hidden Hand third. Time, 1:15.

## MAHONEY INJURED.

Neil Mahoney, who was injured during the indoor baseball game Friday evening, was still suffering considerable pain yesterday, although he was able to be around the city with his arm in a sling. Mahoney's accident was a peculiar one. He picked up the first base and in some manner the pull on his arm threw it out of joint at the shoulder. "Baron" Dornblaser, snapped the arm back into place, but it was necessary to remove the player from the game. Mahoney is a clever and clean player and his injury is regretted by all.

## STANFORD WINS.

Los Angeles, March 2.—Stanford university track and field athletes won from the University of Southern California in their annual meet here today, by a score of 74 to 57. One coast record was broken and one intercollegiate record tied. The high jump, which was won by Horne of Stanford, who cleared the bar at six feet, two and a half inches.

## DILLON AND KLAUS.

San Francisco, March 2.—No matter how the Dillie Coffey fight at Oakland next Thursday terminates, Jack Dillon of Indianapolis will meet Frank Klaus for the middleweight championship on March 23. The match was announced tonight. Jack Welsh will referee the contest, which will be scheduled at Daly City, a suburb of San Francisco. The boys will weigh in at 168 pounds at 10 a. m.

## "MAC" TO ARRIVE.

Charles McCafferty, the new manager of the Butte club, will arrive in that city on Tuesday. This information was disseminated by Frank Jones, who is in receipt of a letter from McCafferty.

# BOISE MAY BE SEEN LOSSES OF CATTLE IN THE LEAGUE ARE LARGER

IDAHO STATESMAN OF OPINION UNION ASSOCIATION BALL WILL BE DISHED UP THERE.

Indications that Boise will yet have a franchise in the Union association and that the fans will see the Union brand of the great national pastime at Cody park this summer are at the merry if advices received in the city yesterday are of any weight, says the Idaho Statesman of Boise.

The franchise matter will come up at the meeting of the league moguls to be held next week and prospects are bright for the return of the permit to the Boise club. If the plans as formulated pass into reality Bill Stevens will handle the franchise and will preside over the destinies of the local bunch in the association. Stevens claims to be loaded down with financial support furnished by Boise business interests who believe that Boise needs Union association ball and who will back the home club to a finish in case the franchise is returned to Boise. Stevens is an experienced player and ought to know the angles of the game well enough to provide a pennant winning team. He has the confidence of the construction company which is said to be prominent among his backers and is also well known to the fans.

It is known that President Lucas of the Union association, favors an eight-club league although he has said that this is impossible under present conditions unless a good eighth town can be located. Influences are at work, however, to secure such a league. Principal among the advocates of such an organization is John J. McCloskey, who is awfully strong for a double quartet of contending teams and who is putting forth his best efforts to bring this formation about.

## JAP WANTS FREEDOM.

Helena, March 2.—(Special.)—Convicted at Deer Lodge before a justice of the peace of living in open and notorious cohabitation with a white woman, Harry Hosoda, a Japanese, applied to the supreme court today for a writ of habeas corpus. It is contended that under the law he could not legally be tried before a justice of the peace on the charge preferred against him. An order directing Sheriff Neville of Powell county to show cause why the writ should not be issued, was issued and made returnable March 12.

Hosoda was sentenced to serve 60 days in the county jail at Deer Lodge and pay a fine of \$100.

## THE PRACTICAL MAIDEN.

He—"Darling, be mine and your smallest wishes shall ever be fulfilled." She (coldly)—"I am able to do that myself. What I want is a man who will gratify my biggest wishes."

ICY SHEET ON MANY RANGES MAKES HARDSHIPS GREATER FOR THE STOCK.

Helena, March 2.—(Special.)—Cattle losses in Montana will be considerably above the average this winter, according to a man whose holdings have been ranked among the biggest in the state. The range is sheeted with ice in portions of Chouteau, Hill, Blaine, Valley, Dawson and Custer counties, he says, and, in addition, the ravines have been more numerous than usual, even forcing stockmen to sell out before the wolves cleaned up their herds.

"It has been a good winter over head, but bad under foot," he said. "There was a heavy fall of snow in November, followed by a thaw and then a freeze. Then more snow fell and then came another thaw in January. This sheeted the range with ice and made it impossible for stock to reach the grass."

The influx of settlers has added to the troubles of the cattlemen; every sheltered spot on the range, every waterhole and all the bottoms have been filed upon. Upon former years the stock drifted to these sheltered places, but this winter they had to face the weather on the open range. Sheepmen have come through the winter in better shape than the stockmen. The majority of them had plenty of hay. They were forced to feed it, but it has kept their losses from being much above normal.

## BONAPARTE SPEAKS.

Baltimore, March 2.—Former United States Attorney General Charles Bonaparte, who was a member of the Roosevelt cabinet, declared today in favor of Colonel Roosevelt's nomination for president. Mr. Bonaparte rehearsed the chief features of the respective administrations of President Taft and Roosevelt, contrasting the republican defeat in 1910 with the record of "five successive and notable victories in all of which his (Colonel Roosevelt's) leadership was a prominent and indeed, decisive factor."

## A FUTURE FIANCIER.

(From Judge.) A very nice young man was calling on his sister. To make things easy, he gave him a beautiful new penny, saying, "Save each penny and soon you will have a dollar!" "I'll soon have a dollar!" replied the boy, with great eagerness. The young man smiled good-naturedly and dug into his pocket, saying, "Well, just how much more do you need?" "Only 99 cents." He soon had a dollar.