

BOISE PRESIDENT FAVORS DROPPING MONTANA TOWNS

FRED BOSSNER, HEAD OF IDAHO CLUB, BELIEVES THAT JUMPS ARE TOO LONG

RECENT EMBROGLIO MADE LIGHT OF BY EDITOR

NORTHWEST TRIBUNE OF STEVENSVILLE THINKS FAULT WAS ON BOTH SIDES.

AN UNFORTUNATE AFFAIR

Believes Parties to It Should Have Been "Spanked and Put to Bed"—Virtually Denies Publicity Given the Game by Bitter Root Team.

An editorial in the Northwest Tribune of Stevensville seems to make light of the controversy which arose in the recent basketball game between the Missoula high school and the Stevensville team in which the decisions of the referee, principal of the Stevensville school, caused Coach McGough to call his men from the floor. Here is what the Tribune editor thinks:

Coach John McGough and team of the Missoula high school boys came up Saturday evening and played basketball with our high school team, coached by A. A. McSweeney, principal of the Stevensville high school.

There seemed to be some dissatisfaction that the leaders could not or would not circumvent so everything went to pieces. Just like the work of a pack of kids who needed spanking and putting to bed.

As near as we can ascertain from those who were there both sides were to blame. It was really a misfortune for both parties and much to be deplored by all lovers of basketball, but all have learned a lesson that will not soon be forgotten. Try it again boys and be more careful.

The editor of this paper never played basketball but he did play the real old-fashioned game of football and baseball, where a man had all the little peevish bumps on his anatomy knocked off and he was alright in any man's country to put through his best and take his medicine as it was prescribed for him. Nuff sed.

HEAD OF BOISE CLUB FAVORS DROPPING OF MONTANA

FRED BOSSNER, PRESIDENT, DOESN'T LIKE LONG JUMPS TO THE NORTH.

AFRAID OF THE LEMON

Advocates Taking Ogden and Salt Lake From the Union Association to Form a League of Cities That Are More United.

Fred Bossner, president of the Boise baseball club, has recently set forth that city's attitude in regard to the coming baseball season. Mr. Bossner's statement came as an answer to a query from the Tribune of Salt Lake. Following is the query and President Bossner's reply:

"You have been quoted as saying that Boise will not re-enter the Union association unless assured that such action will be to the best interest of the game in your city. Will you inform us just what you will require from the organization as a condition of Boise coming in? Please wire fully."

In answer to this came the following reply:

Boise, Idaho.—The quotation to which you refer may be a little misleading. At present Boise is connected with the Western Tri-State league, which is protected by the National Baseball association. Hence, Boise is not in a position to act regarding association with the Union association. But if at the annual meeting of the Western Tri-State league on January 26, it is found that some of last year's towns are not prepared to go ahead next season, then it will be up to us to determine whether it will be better to re-organize this league or to cast lots with the Union association.

"At present it looks as though there is a possibility of certain towns dropping out. At the same time we are assured that others are waiting to come into the Tri-State league. Just now we are seeking information regarding the Union association to use in case it is thought best that Boise should return to the Union. Our desire is to give the Boise people the best baseball possible under the most favorable conditions.

"We do not wish to dictate in any way, nor do we carry any chip on our shoulders. We are in honor bound to stand by the Western Tri-State league until some other town breaks away.

"However, we must be assured that we will not be handed any lemons, as was the case when we belonged to the Union previously. Long railroad jumps into Montana might be one of the things which would cause us to hesitate. Personally, I prefer having Salt Lake and Ogden cut loose from the Union association, thus eliminating big jumps into Montana. In other words, we prefer to be in a league with Salt Lake and Ogden, but I do not believe that Montana towns can be figured successfully in a league in this territory."

TOO MANY PHONES FOR HAMILTON

MEETING CALLED FOR PURPOSE OF DOING AWAY WITH ALLEGED NUISANCE.

TRAIN IS HELD UP IN ILLINOIS

TWO MEN STOP ALTON "HUMMER" BUT FAIL TO BLOW SAFES.

Hamilton, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Agitation against the dual telephone system which has been in vogue since the advent of the Montana Independent Telephone company has culminated in the calling of a mass meeting of local business and professional men, as well as all telephone users for Friday evening at the chamber of commerce building. At this meeting it is expected that the two-phone nuisance will be put squarely up to the two companies operating locally with a view to an early adjustment of the matter. Local business and professional men have long chafed under the arrangement, which necessitates the maintenance of two telephones in office and store. The matter has been talked over quietly and has finally resulted in the calling of a mass meeting.

A local professional man stated this evening that the doctors, lawyers and business men of the city are practically united in an endeavor to bring about some adjustment which will cut out one telephone. "We are thoroughly disgusted with the present system which compels us to maintain two telephones, and intend to put the matter up to the companies," one business man declared today. "If the two companies can come to some agreement which will do away with the present inconvenience we will be satisfied. If they can't do this it will probably result in the general adoption of one telephone for the other."

It is expected that a largely-attended meeting will result from the call.

NEGROES TO SETTLE IN COLONY

JACK JOHNSON AND OTHER BLACKS WILL ESTABLISH CLUB IN EXCLUSIVE RESORT.

POISONED.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Mary Raude collapsed and sank to the floor today at the coroner's inquest over her husband, Ed Frank Raude, when Dr. W. H. Burmeister testified that a chemical analysis of the victim's viscera showed it contained 30 grains of one kind of poison and 13 grains of another. Raude was found dead in bed at his home several days ago after he had made a will bequeathing his property to his wife.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The purchase of a summer home and model farm by Jack Johnson, the negro puglist, in the exclusive millionaire colony at Lake Geneva, is to be followed by the establishment of a negro club there, it was announced today.

A number of acres at the north end of the lake in one of the most desirable parts of the colony, which is known as the "Newport of the west," were secured by option December 17, it was stated today, by W. G. Anderson, a negro attorney, formerly one of Johnson's counsel. Anderson said he would close the deal tomorrow.

The property will be owned by a syndicate of 10 negroes, men associated for the establishment of a club which will be known as the Lincoln Social Athletic club.

Johnson has announced his intention of making his permanent summer home in the colony.

If either Jack Johnson or members of the so-called "Social club" of negroes attempt to establish a residence in Lake Geneva they will find Mayor Frank Aulosky arrayed against them. The mayor said tonight he would confer with residents of the village and take whatever action they deemed best.

"I don't think either Johnson or any member of his race will establish themselves in our midst," the mayor said, "but should any of them attempt any such move, I will take the case up with the residents. I suppose the police powers would cover such a case."

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PLANNED BY CHURCH

STEVENSVILLE, DEC. 23.—(Special)—The following program will be given at the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening, Christmas eve:

FUNERAL TODAY.

Hamilton, Dec. 23.—(Special)—The remains of Frank Timmons, who died early Saturday morning at Dixon, Mont., arrived in this city last evening, accompanied by the bereaved wife of the deceased, O. E. Smith and Miss Zula Smith of Dixon and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tapp of Sandpoint. Funeral services will be held from the family home tomorrow at 11 o'clock, Rev. Father Lynch of the Catholic church officiating. Fred and Henry Timmons, brothers of the deceased, arrived this morning from Lewistown to attend the funeral.

TAFI PARTY WELL.

Colon, Dec. 23.—A wireless dispatch was received here tonight from the battleship Arkansas, which is bringing President Taft and his party to the canal zone. The message said that all on board the vessel were well. The Arkansas is due here at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

PREPARING A WELCOME.

Panama, Dec. 23.—Cordial wireless dispatches were exchanged today between President Porras and President Taft. Panama is preparing to give the American executive a noteworthy welcome.

BOY BANDITS SHOOT LAD.

St. Louis, Dec. 23.—Ordered by four boys of his own age to throw up his hands or prepare to die, Kenneth Miller, 11 years old, did neither, but laughed and walked off, thinking it a very good joke, in spite of the revolvers displayed by all the "bandits." A bullet which tore through his arm unweeded him, but he fled. The four holdups leaped into a wagon and escaped. The boy's wound is not serious.

CASAS GRANDES IS CAPTURED BY REBELS

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 23.—Casas Grandes, the most important town in the ranching and lumbering district southwest of Juarez, has been taken by rebels personally commanded by General Pascual Orozco, Jr. It was reported today from rebel official sources. Also it was said that the federal column of 800 men marching against the rebels at Asuncion, was defeated with its commander, General Jose Blanco, among the prisoners taken.

THOMAS J. HEFLING IS UP AND AROUND

Hamilton, Dec. 23.—(Special)—County Treasurer Thomas J. Hefling, whose appointment as chief deputy by State Treasurer Ras was announced in The Missoulian, and who has been confined at his home in Corvallis for two weeks with a severe attack of quinsy, appeared at the courthouse yesterday to clear up a list of work which has accumulated during his illness. Mr. Hefling was on the job again this morning, although still weak from his sickness. He has been busy today receiving congratulations, both on his appointment and his recovery. Mr. Hefling announces that he will go to Helena the first of the year to take up his new work, and will move his family there next spring.

SHOT IN BAGGAGE CAR.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 23.—Alexander McGill, special agent for the Mobile & Ohio railroad at Tuscaloosa, Ala., was shot to death Sunday in a baggage car of Mobile & Ohio passenger train No. 105 and his body thrown from the train onto a bridge over Gypsic creek where it remained hanging between the cross ties until discovered by a searching party today. Napoleon Jones, a porter on the train, was arrested and charged with the crime.

LIGHT YOUR TREE WITH ELECTRICITY

Tree Set, including 8 lamps, \$2.50
Tree Set, including 16 lamps, \$4.25

Electric Heating Pads are popular.

We have received our third lot within a month. From \$3.50 to \$6.00, according to size.

Electric Table Stoves are very acceptable.

The second lot is almost exhausted. Hurry, to get in line.

Price \$5.50 to \$6.50

Coffee Percolators. Any one receiving one will appreciate it. Coffee cannot be made better by any other method. These sell at \$5.50 and \$6.00.

ELECTRICAL GIFTS for EVERYBODY

MISSOULA LIGHT & WATER COMPANY

YERRICK'S Cut-Rate Liquor Store

In addition to selling much better goods for a great deal less money than any other liquor store in Missoula, Yerrick is giving absolutely

FREE! FREE! With Each and Every Purchase Amounting to

\$4.00 A beautiful seven-piece glass set.

\$2.00 A beautiful seven-piece glass set.

\$1.50 A beautiful three-piece glass set.

There is a range of designs of which you make your own choice.

The number of these sets on hand is limited, so hurry and make your purchase while the supply is good.

TRADE HERE AND SAVE HALF

Bell 284 B. 121 West Front Street Ind. 455

PINCH HITS

One day nearer to that directors' meeting.

Boyd and Collins have started training for their go next Monday night.

Our idea of nothing to do is to be president of the DeSmet Chamber of Commerce.

If President Bossner will gather 'round us for a few minutes we will whisper something to him, and it won't be along the "sweet-nothings" line, either.

Harold Jones, the high-school half-back, has almost forgotten there ever was such a game as football. He came the crutches yesterday.

Gentle game, that football.

President Van der Putte must be from Amsterdam, else whence the name. His actions are typical of the race.

Fabius might have been able to give them all pointers on this concurring business, but that was before they heard of Van der Putte.

At a recent meeting of the high school football team, Peter Mahrt was chosen captain for next year. Peter should make good at that job. Walter Kemp was selected as manager.

"Gentleman Jim" Corbett is performing at the Empire in Butte. Too bad we haven't some polite vaudeville here.

The Northwest Tribune says that both sides to the recent basketball squabble should be spanked and put to bed. We say right here and now that we pass on spanking McGough. If the editor wants him spanked he can do it himself.

Jim Bonner—not the county surveyor—received a beautiful beating at the hands of the Durable Dane the other evening. Mr. Nelson is simply determined to make those "cant-come-back" fellows go grass.

People who have seen Rubs Marquard in vaudeville say that he's some pitcher.

Owen Kelley gained two pounds last week.

Recent reports from Helena say that Maurice Weiss is making arrangements to turn his stock over to a company, as he has too much business. One of the best sportsmen on the circuit leaves with Weiss, but where is Helena going to play next year?

A LIGHT TRIP IN THE AIR.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Silas Christofferson, in a hydro-aeroplane carrying four automobile searchlights, flew over San Francisco last night. He was in the air for 20 minutes, and though his machine streaked the sky with its high-power lights, few persons saw him. He rose from the bay at Harbor View and returned there for a landing.