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TO FORM COMBINE

Stock Raisers of West Will Unite for Protection Against Beef Trust.

START IS MADE AT CHICAGO

Organization Will be Comprehensive in Scope and Promises to be Effective.

Plans for the organization of a stock raisers' combine to embrace the farms and ranches of the great central and western country were launched in Chicago yesterday. The cow man and the sheep man are to dwell together in unity, and the hog man will make a contented third.

A prime aim will be to see that the packers do not continue to carry off a lion's share of the profits on meats. A central committee representing the various live stock interests will introduce that harmony which is understood to be a euphemism for trust.

Frank J. Hagenbarth, the new president of the National Live Stock association, came to Chicago out of the "cow country," and elaborated the plan which he says "conforms to scientific latter day lines."

To Avoid Friction. "Friction costs money in economics as well as in mechanics," declared Mr. Hagenbarth in an interview. "The live stock interests are planning a re-organization along modern lines. It contemplates an alignment and grouping of every live stock interest."

"We propose to adopt the 'wing wedge' tactics of the football player and the impact will be irresistible when we are organized as proposed. For the purpose of organization each branch or interest connected with the live stock industry will be regarded as an entity, or unit, and will form the basis. Each will organize a general committee. These will represent the interest of the branches creating them and will select a representative in a central committee, which will be the whole executive authority of the association."

THE THEATRE.

December Bookings.
9—Ezra Kendall.
10—Busy Izzy.
11—Wizard of Oz.
12—Eben Holden.
13—Dr. A. A. Willis, Y. M. C. A.
14—Sam T. Jacks.
15—Village Postmaster.
17—Tom Jefferson.
18—Uncle Josh Perkins.
25—Coon Hollow.
26—Why Girls Leave Home.
27—Broadway Burlesquers.
30—San Toy.

Two Years of Unmistakable Success.

The coming visit of the successful "Wizard of Oz" Sunday is already stimulating expectation. There are possibly a half a dozen answers to the question, "What is the chief cause of the success of 'The Wizard of Oz?'" The success is unmistakable, for "The Wizard" has been playing for two years to the full capacity of theatres all over the country. Have not enormous matinee crowds of well-dressed women and tiny juveniles in their best bibs and tuckers, with the usual sprinkling of matinee men, sat through the long and varied entertainment, following every word and movement breathlessly, grudging the interruptions caused by their own irrepressible laughter and applause? "The Wizard" has



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crowded theatres at night to such a degree that the managers might reasonably wish that the charming actress who incarnates the good fairy queen and so easily transforms the field of deadly popples from summer to winter, could be persuaded to exert her magic powers so as to double the size of the theatre in order that people would not be turned away, unable even to procure standing room.

Kendall Here Tonight.

"I saw 'Weather Beaten Benson' the other night, and it is the best thing I have seen this season," is the verdict, boiled down, of a commercial traveler who makes this territory. A good way to get a line on the value of a theatrical production is to ask the first commercial traveler you meet. He has, in an unbiased critic. Ezra Kendall's new play which comes to the Illinois tonight has a lot of rooters among this class and its fame has preceded it all along the line. It is one of the best comedies of the decade and affords Kendall the best opportunity he has ever had. There is already a demand for seats that means capacity business here.

Izzy a Breezy Comedy.

With the reputation of being one of the best delineators of Hebrew characters on the stage, George Sidney comes to the Illinois tomorrow evening in the third edition of that bright, breezy musical comedy, "Busy Izzy," which scored such a hit last season. The piece is one of the breeziest farce comedies produced in recent years and is full of life and animation from start to finish.

AT HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Brown has posted programs for the first meetings of the Minerva and Belles Lettres literary societies. These societies were organized last winter, but they proved poorly patronized and the members of the school expected they would be discontinued this year. Many of the scholars wish for a revival of the clubs that were organized two years ago. These clubs included organizations pertaining to parliamentary law, current history, literature, natural science and other such topics. Each pupil was free to join the club in whose work he was most interested, and they thus held the interest of the members and were a source of profit. The revival of these clubs would meet popular approval.

CHARITIES BOARD ON A VISIT

Annual Inspection of the Watertown Hospital Today.

The state board of charities is spending the day at the Watertown asylum. This is the annual visit of the board, which holds an executive session to pass on improvements recommended by Superintendent W. E. Taylor. Dr. Taylor has several important items that he has asked the board to recommend to the legislature.

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for dyspepsia, dizziness, headache, liver or bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25 cents at Hartz & Ullemeyer's drug store.

PLANS A TOURNEY

Handball Players at the Y. M. C. A. to be Formed into Teams.

SERIES OF WINTER MATCHES

Basketball Game Between Maroons and Davenport High School.

Physical Director E. C. Earl, of the Y. M. C. A. has arranged for a handball tournament at the gymnasium, beginning Dec. 17. The number of entries will determine whether the tournament is a round robin or a progressive contest. The game is one of the most popular in the local association gymnasium, and it is expected that the entries will be sufficient in number to enable Mr. Earl to make the tournament a progressive one, where the winners of each set play the winners of the other sets. In the round robin tournament each player plays every other player entered in the tournament.

Handball has been a favorite in the local gymnasium for several years, and for an association of this size it is remarkable to have two handball courts, as there are in the gymnasium here. The game is the prime favorite with the business men, and ranks second to basketball among the younger members.

To Have Regulation Balls.

The game has never been played in Rock Island with the regulation ball, the tennis ball being substituted in both the Y. M. C. A. and the high school gymnasiums. Mr. Earl has sent for a supply of the regulation balls, and it is expected that greater satisfaction will result. There are two kinds of balls, the regulation hard ball and the regulation soft ball. The hard ball has never been favored here, and after one or two trials the tennis ball became the only one used on local courts.

This afternoon from 4 to 6 the members of the B. G. M. will enjoy a social at the association rooms.

Address by Rev. Burdick.

The address to have been given last Sunday for the members of the B. G. M. club, by Rev. C. H. Burdick, of the Second Congregational church of Moline, will be given next Sunday afternoon. Special interest is taken in this meeting, as Rev. Burdick has been unusually successful in boys' work, and has organized the only successful boys' club in the tri-cities, outside of the Y. M. C. A. Junior departments. Rev. Burdick was unable to be present last Sunday, owing to illness.

Contest With Davenport.

Physical Director Earl is arranging for a basketball game between the association Maroons and the Davenport high school team, to be played at the local gymnasium the Monday evening following New Year's. Special attractions are to be arranged for the annual open house of the association for New Year's. As Jan. 1 next year falls on Sunday, the New Year's observances will be on Monday, Jan. 2, instead.

The Y. M. C. A. team and the high school basketball team will play a game at the high school gymnasium Jan. 17.

Frank Nadler, the Davenport chemist, is to address the men's meeting next Sunday afternoon.

ARSENALS AND COLTS LOSE

In Bowling Matches Last Evening at the Central Alleys.

At the Central bowling alleys last evening, the Central's defeated the Arsenals and the Colts lost to the Business Men. The scores:

Centrals.		
Martin	168	190 182
Welch	149	144 199
Wilson	188	167 147
Nicholson	189	162 138
Avery	164	124 212
Totals	858	787 878 2523
Arsenals.		
Low	205	168 178
Bolewisky	145	153 144
Vinal	190	147 176
McDonald	121	127 141
R. Peterson	164	189 143
Totals	745	784 782 2311
Business Men.		
Heeps	169	183 189
Noffsaker	195	186 183
Salzmann	125	157 165
Andersch	133	181 166
Donahue	180	181 176
Totals	802	888 881 2591
Colts.		
Messman	136	157 145
Garbo	135	110 110
Schocker	171	111 138
Kahl	151	182 171
Jones	168	167 187
Totals	701	727 751 2235

Will Run "Seed" Special.

The Burlington Route is to run a "seed special" through eastern Nebraska, bearing lecturers who will enlighten farmers on methods of corn raising and the best way of selecting seed. These lecture courses will extend to Illinois, Iowa and Missouri.

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SATURDAY AT McCABE'S

COME, BOYS AND GIRLS. Saturday morning at 10 o'clock sharp we will give away 250 dashing colored soldiers and 250 beautiful colored dolls, to be cut from paper. Come to our book department and get one free. Each child must be accompanied by parent or some "grown up."

SANTA CLAUS.

See roof of our toy store on Third avenue at 2 o'clock for Santa Claus' appearance. Look out for the presents which he will throw to the deserving boys and girls. Don't grab.

SPECIAL SALES.

- At 9 a. m.—Good, big sateen covered Comforter, one to a customer 75c
- At 9 a. m.—And till sold, men's 50c fleeced under-wear 29c
- At 10 a. m.—And till sold, 6 dozen heavy solid silver thimbles, at, each 10c
- At 10 a. m.—And till sold, 18c taffeta ribbons, all colors, No. 40 width, at, yard 10c
- At 3 p. m.—Tinted linen and fancy pillow tops, limit of two to a customer, each 10c
- For All Day—10c to 25c laces, suitable for pin cushions, fancy work, etc. 1 to 20 yard lengths, at 5c
- \$2 House Wrappers, \$1—Chance for a sensible gift; percale and fleeced house wrappers, fancy patterns, worth \$2, at half 1 00
- 150 pounds peanut fudges, not 18c, but 7c lb., Saturday, as long as they last; remember, only 150 lbs. 7c
- Another lot of those Bavarian china 51c solid bowls for Saturday.
- Curtain Nets, worth up to 30c, slightly soiled, Saturday, while they last, yd. 10c
- \$5 wool blankets, special for Saturday, pair 3 87
- Boys' Faunteroy leather leg-gings, all day, pair. 69c
- 25c Damask Towels, all linen, knotted fringes, extra large red borders, 19c special all day
- Books are taking wings—Values greater than ever before; stock is fast melting. Saturday, 50 copies beautiful gift edition of Maurice Thompson's famous \$1.50 story, Alice of Old Vincennes 39c

THIS FOR THE CHILDREN.

To widely distribute our unequalled perfumes—Saturday at 4 o'clock our perfumery department will sell 500 pretty bottles of 20c perfumes at, each 5c. There'll be a huile for them 5c

In the Toy Store—1-piece toy dining room set, table and 3 chairs, each set in a neat box, a 25c article, at 4 p. m. 10c

Remember, Santa Claus at 2 p. m. Music in the evening.

SPORTING NOTES

Johnson's \$10,000 Salary.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—The tangible results of the final session of the American league at the Annex yesterday were confined to the reelection of C. W. Somers of Cleveland as vice president of the league, the naming of a new board of directors, and the passage of a resolution or two to govern the internal affairs of the organization. The rest of the day was spent in discussing informally schedules

Congalton Goes to Columbus.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 9.—Outfielder Congalton, who played with Washington last season, has been signed by the Columbus club.

Fortune Awaits Jockey Boyd.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 9.—A fortune of \$200,000 is waiting in Kentucky for little Jockey J. H. Boyd, last heard from in Seattle. Mrs. An-

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"Anti Dissolution" Sale Prices that are tickling the buyers of new and Reliable Clothing.

SUITS	OVERCOATS
Black heavy cheviot suits, serge lined, many stores ask \$7.50	Popular length good wearing black overcoats, cannot be matched for less than \$6.50
Our "Anti Dissolution" price 4.80	Our "Anti Dissolution" price 3.95
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Our "Anti Dissolution" price 13.02	Our "Anti Dissolution" price 1.88

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and playing rules and in fanning bees.

The meeting adjourned soon after 4 o'clock with a toast to the league's success, to meet again in New York in February. The new directorate is composed of B. F. Shibe of Philadelphia, J. I. Taylor of Boston, W. H. Yawkey of Detroit, and R. L. Hodges of St. Louis. The directors are chosen by clubs, which alternate each year. It was Washington's turn to have a place on the board, but, in the absence of a permanent organization in that city, Mr. Shibe was reappointed. The league voted President Johnson a continuous salary of \$10,000 a year by acclamation, which resolved itself into something resembling a college yell. A set of resolutions introduced by Secretary Bruce of the national commission was passed to make more specific the league's bylaws regarding the securing of waivers when it is desired to dispose of surplus players. It has the effect of doing away with indefinite waivers and the securing of waivers on newly drafted minor league talent during the winter. This will prevent to some extent the practices of covering up promising young players by American league clubs as favors to minor league managers.

nie Berry of this city, an aunt of Boyd, wishes to locate him.

She says the jockey is the only heir of Mrs. J. L. Boyd of Bowling Green, Ky., his grandmother. He is only 16 and had made arrangements to ride for W. L. Hazlip this season at the Oakland track, but the contract was rescinded.

Hoppe-Catton Match Postponed.

New York, Dec. 9.—William F. Hoppe, the youthful billiard professional, has been obliged to call off his match at 18 inch balk line with William Catton because of the injury which Hoppe received two weeks ago, which severely sprained his right wrist. The score for the two nights stood: Catton, 800; Hoppe, 531. Hoppe's physician declared it would be only at the expense of stiffening his wrist permanently that he could play out the contest. It therefore was decided to postpone it until a date selected by the management of the Knickerbocker academy in Brooklyn.

Central League in Springfield.

Springfield, O., Dec. 9.—At a meeting of baseball men it was decided to play Central league baseball in this city next season. A deal was closed with Manager Dugan by which he will transfer his team from Marion, Ind., to this city. A company was organized by John L. Bushnell, president of the Springfield, Troy and Piqua Electric railway company, who is back of the project; General Manager F. J. Green, H. C. Dimond, Herman Voges and others, with a capital stock of \$2,500. Dr. F. R. Carson president of the circuit committee, was present at the meeting.

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