

SWEEPING DEFTO FOUR WRESTLERS

Al Ackerman Very Anxious to Force a Match With Tri-City Mat Artists.

Al Ackerman, claimant of the welter-weight wrestling championship of the world, is hot on the trail of the wrestlers who are making their headquarters in the tri-cities and is extremely anxious to meet any or all of the local celebrities. He is so anxious in fact that he offers to take on four of the best there are harrang Tommy Thompson of Rock Island, and put the shoulders of all of them to the mat in one evening's wrestling. He is so confident of his ability to fulfill his contract that he offers the losers end of the purse, should it fall to him, to charity. Al's challenge is a direct one and mentions four preferred wrestlers in the persons of Harry Brondell of Davenport, Bull McCleary, George Roumas and Harry Hartman of Burlington. The three first named members of the quartet are already known here and Hartman is not a total stranger. Brondell and McCleary are to meet at the Illinois theatre Dec. 19, and Roumas has issued a challenge to the winner. Ackerman, who is a Tipton, Iowa, product, claims that the wrestlers here are ducking through fear of being put into the discard. As a special challenge to George Roumas, the "Greek killer," Ackerman agrees to throw him five times in 25 minutes.

Answers to the challenge may be directed to Ackerman's manager in care of the St. James hotel in Davenport or The Sporting Editor of The Argus.

CLARKE, DEAN OF BIG LEAGUE MANAGERS; OTHERS FALL BY THE WAYSIDE



Fred Clarke.

Pittsburgh—Manager Fred Clarke of the Pirates has earned the title of dean of big league managers. For 13 full seasons he has been continuously at the head of the Pittsburgh club, and of all the big league managers who started out with him in 1900 not a single one remains. Other heads have fallen thick and fast at all points around the big circuit, but his reign has gone serenely on. During his management he has won one world's championship, and never finished lower than fourth place, and seldom below third.

Clarke's great record is best known by the fact that in the 13 years during which Pittsburgh has had but one manager, the 15 other clubs in the majors have had no fewer than 86, and

there are two more to be appointed for next year, making 88 in all. Deducting from this total the 13 men named to lead the other clubs next year, together with the two vacancies that exist in the Cincinnati Nationals and New York Americans, it is found that Clarke has seen 71 rival commanders come and go in the major ranks.

Hardly an old rival remains. Connie Mack has enjoyed an uninterrupted reign at Philadelphia, and approaches Clarke's mark more closely than any other man now in the business, but Connie did not begin until 1901, so that even he has been displaced by the Pirate boss.

Clarke's closest rival in the National league is John McGraw, who took charge of the Giants in 1902.

Theater

AT THE EMPIRE.

The attraction at the Empire for the last four days, beginning today, will be Marx brothers company in "Mr. Green's Reception." This company consists of 19 comedians, singers and chorus beauties. The first act represents the interior of a country school room. The second act, which is most elaborate scenically, takes place in the school-master's garden 19 years later. The company numbers among its principals, in addition to the four Marx brothers, George Lee, an impersonator of Hebrew roles, and Vera Bright, a recent discovery of much promise. Mrs. Minnie Palmer, producer and author of "Mr. Green's Reception," maintains a dramatic school near Chicago for the training of new talent. Vera Bright is a product of this school. Two years ago Miss Bright was living with her parents near Muncie, Ill. Mrs. Palmer was riding through the country in a motor which suddenly went out of commission, and she was forced to spend the night at the Bright homestead, says the press agent. Here she heard the young woman sing, and was so impressed with the sweetness of the child's voice that she immediately entered in a contract for the services of the young woman.

PICKED BOWLING TEAM TO MAKE TOUR

A picked team of bowlers from the Tri-city and Commercial Bowling

leagues, will leave Saturday afternoon for Galesburg where it will bowl a series of games with the Galesburg Bowling club. The Galesburg team has a "rep" for speed and the local team will have to go some to prevent being trimmed. Following the Galesburg series the team will go to Peoria where it will engage the Peoria Bowling club in a series of games. The team will return home Sunday night.

Harry Bay Now a Free Agent.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 12.—The Bloomington Baseball association yesterday forwarded Harry Bay of Peoria, former manager here, his unconditional release. This action followed a decision of the national commission ordering the return of \$300 paid to Nashville for Bay's release, or that Bay be declared a free agent.

CHANCE IS TO GO TO HIGHLANDERS

Former Cub Leader Booked at Salary of \$18,000 Per Season, Report.

New York, Dec. 12.—According to a reliable source, the big baseball deal by which Joe Tinker will become manager of the Cincinnati Reds and Frank Leroy Chance will be turned over to the New York Highlanders went through without a hitch at the Waldorf yesterday. After a long talk in private President Herrmann of the Reds agreed to make the trade with President Murphy and Manager Evers of the Cubs, and it did not take more than five minutes to put the transaction in black and white with signatures attached.

The Cubs have released Tinker, their star shortstop, and two young players, Catcher Chapman of the Topeka team last season and Pitcher Loudermill, in exchange for this trio the Reds turned over to the Cubs five players—Outfielders Mitchell and Knisely, Infielders Pheasant and Corriden, and Pitcher Humphries. By the terms of the deal Herrmann will pay \$7,500 to the Detroit club for Corriden. Herrmann also will pay \$2,400 to the Akron club for Knisely's release and will receive a star American league pitcher as another angle of the transaction.

As soon as Herrmann had clinched the Tinker deal, he asked the National league clubs to waive claim on Frank Chance. Waivers from all except the New York club were secured, and a telegram was sent to Manager McGraw of the Giants, who is in Pittsburgh, asking for his consent. As McGraw has been anxious to see Chance in charge of the Highlanders, his reply in favor of the deal is regarded as a certainty.

Herrmann will notify Ben Johnson, president of the American league, by wire that Chance is eligible to negotiate with President Farrell on the payment of \$5,000, which Herrmann gave to Murphy several weeks ago for the release of the Peerless Leader. Farrell then will be in a position to sign Chance to a contract for 1913.

This deal is one of the biggest ever recorded in baseball and has been hanging fire for more than two months. Herrmann announced last night that if he had been unable to get Tinker from the Cubs he would have retained Chance, but Tinker had received the preference because the Cincinnati club had promised to land him if possible before Chance got into the now famous mixup with Murphy. Tinker will receive a salary of \$10,000 a year from the Reds and Herrmann will make a hard fight to land Roger Bresnahan, too. Chance, it is said, is to be paid \$18,000 a season by the Highlanders.

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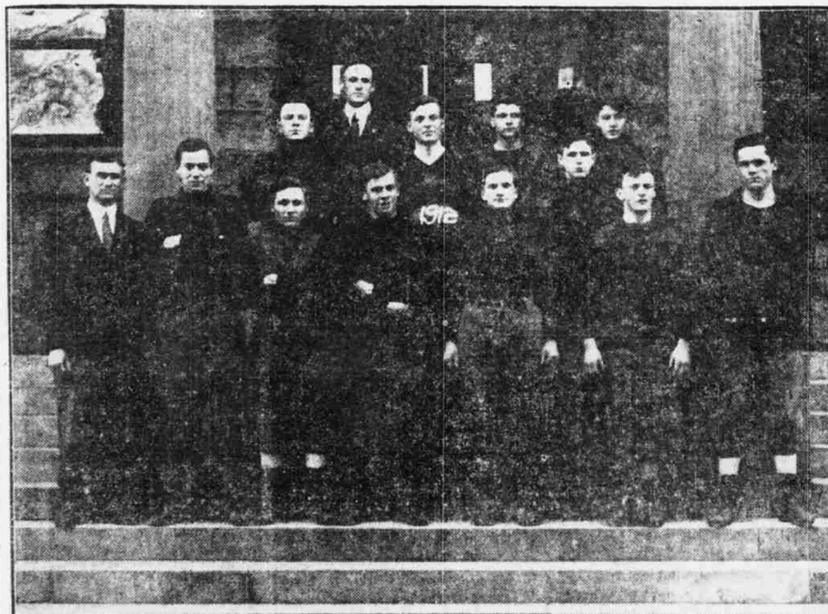
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ROCK ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM; HAD POOR START BUT ENDED UP IN FINE STYLE



After a discouraging start in which victories were few and far between, the gridiron representatives of the Crimson and Gold, finally came to their own, and at the end of the season was playing up to the standard of Rock Island high school teams of the past few years. There seemed plenty of good material at the beginning of the season, and a fair nucleus of veterans, but Coach Corneal found it necessary to make numerous shifts to instill more speed into the team, and until the players had become accustomed to their new places, they did not put up their best games. The coach's judgment was justified in the last three contests, however, even though two of these resulted in defeats. The team's playing against Rockford and Peoria high schools and the Macomb normal school was high class. Three

of the prominent members of the team, Brough, Willett and Sexton, due to a misunderstanding, are not in the above picture. Those shown are: Bottom row (left to right) Coach G. D. Corneal, Will Glass, Will Whisler, Ardo Gaetjer, Claude Kipp, Will Gleason and Earl Chalk. Top row—LeRoy Philbrook, Faculty Manager A. G. Hill, Captain Arno Tremann, Willard Larkin, Dean Hallowell and Frank Andrews.

YOUNG'S BOWLERS TAKE TWO GAMES

Captain F. W. Young's team by dint of fine bowling took two out of three games from Captain J. G. Huntoon's bowlers last evening in the series which was bowled on the Rock Island club alleys. Captain Huntoon was on his mettle bowling 325 in the first two games and 222 in the third tilt. The scores follow:

YOUNG'S TEAM.		
Sturgeon	152	126 123
Eyster	148	144 152
Tegler	126	130 152
Ralston	174	173 183

Young	167	164	177
Totals	777	737	763
HUNTOON'S TEAM.			
Rothwell	134	127	140
Murray	104	136	138
Welch	161	123	147
Dart	143	143	202
Huntoon	159	179	222
Total	701	679	849

FINE SKATING AT THE HENNEPIN CANAL

The cold spell has resulted in the formation of a fine field of ice in the Hennepin canal. The ice has attained a depth of about three inches and is excellent for skating. This morning the canal in the vicinity of Milan was thronged with a jolly crowd of youngsters who enjoyed themselves to the utmost.

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At High School

The Sophomores and the Juniors won in the girls' basketball tournament games yesterday afternoon, the former squad defeating the Seniors and the Juniors the Freshmen. The latter game was played first and resulted in a score of 17 to 5. The second game was a surprise, it being thought that the Seniors would be victorious, but the Sophomores displayed the better form, and won, 11 to 7. The two winning teams will meet tomorrow afternoon for the girls' championship of the school.

Hinchman to Manage Columbus. Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 12.—President Schoenborn of the Columbus baseball

club has announced that William Hinchman, Columbus outfielder, has been signed to manage the Columbus American association team next year. He succeeds William Friel.

FRANK CRAIG ARRESTED

Negro Pugilist Charged With Being Implicated in Murder. London, Dec. 12.—The negro pugilist, Frank Craig, known as the "Harlem coffee cooler," was arrested here yesterday in connection with the killing of Jessie McIntyre, a pretty young actress, by Mrs. Annie Gross, an American negro, on Dec. 1. At the inquest a witness pointed Craig out in the court room as the man who accompanied the Gross woman when she bought a revolver license. Craig came to London many years ago from New York. As a fighter, he met such men as Tommy Ryan, George Gardner and Jack O'Brien. He held the middleweight championship for a time. Mrs. Gross is the wife of a negro rag-time dancer, from whom she is separated. It is said that she was jealous of

the McIntyre girl and in the early morning hours of Sunday, Dec. 1, she gained access to a rooming house where a convivial party was being held to celebrate the departure of Gross and the McIntyre girl on a tour of the provincial music halls and shot the girl to death. She also attempted to kill her husband.

BUNDY WEDS MAY SUTTON

National Doubles Champion Marries Former Holder of Women's Title. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 12.—A new and permanent "mixed doubles" partnership was formed here last night when Miss May Sutton, former world's champion tennis player, became the bride of Thomas Clarke Bundy, national doubles champion with Maurice E. McLoughlin of San Francisco. The marriage of the tennis stars was celebrated in Christ's Episcopal church, Rev. Baker P. Lee performing the ceremony. Miss Florence Sutton, a sister of the bride and herself a well known tennis player, acted as maid of honor. After the ceremony there was a wedding supper at the home of the bride's father, Captain A. Sutton. Mr. and Mrs. Bundy were expected to leave on a late train for a bridal tour, but their destination was kept secret.

MRS. O. W. SWANSON. Mrs. O. W. Swanson, a former well known resident of Rock Island, is dead at her home in Elgin, Ill., according to word received yesterday afternoon by Mrs. S. A. Johnson of Sears. Mrs. Swanson moved to Elgin three years ago.

EMPIRE THEATRE

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