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BASKETBALL GAME FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Final arrangements have been completed for the ladies' provincial basketball championship contest. The event will be staged in the Varsity gymnasium on Saturday night, the opposing teams being the Alberta University (challengers) and the Commercial. The main event will be preceded by a boys' contest between Varsity and Victoria High for the intercollegiate championship of the city. This game will be called sharp at 8:15, while the provincial contest will be run off immediately after.

CRICKET LEAGUE PROMISED SOON

Cricket is to take a place in the rank of sports in Edmonton this year. A number of men interested in the game have returned from overseas and it is proposed to form a league of at least six teams, representing the wholesale houses.

LACROSSE CLUB ON SOUTH SIDE FORMED

The South Side athletes have organized a Lacrosse Club with Mayor Clarke as president, Wm. Howson, vice president, and W. G. Stewart, secretary. Treasurer, Jimmy Smith will be the manager. Great enthusiasm is being shown and the hearty co-operation of the South Side business men is assured.

SPRING ATHLETICS GETTING UNDER WAY

The golf links are opened; baseball has begun, and what with football, cricket and lacrosse leagues being organized there promises to be some real live sporting events in Edmonton this year.

A STRANGE BALL GAME IN FRANCE

The following is a resume of a baseball game which took place somewhere in France and is unofficially reported to have been a contest in the Deacon White league. Deacon refuses to be interviewed in respect to this game.

The game opened with Molasses at the stick and Smallpox catching. Cigar was in the box with plenty of smoke. Horn played first base, with Fiddle on second, and backed by Corn and Cabbage in the field, they made it hot for Empire Apple, who was rotten. Axe came to bat and chopped. Cigar let Brick walk. Shoe laced one to left for a pair and Sawdust filled the bags. Cigar went out and Balloon started to pitch, but went straight up. Then Cherry tried it, but was wild. Ice kept cool in the game, Cabbage had a good head and kept quiet and Grass covered lots of ground in the field. The crowd cheered when Spider caught a fly. Song made a hit and Wheel beat out a slow roller to first and Drum beat it to third while Twenty scored.

Wood caught Nail's drive through the box and Submarine made a dive for home. Bread loafed on second and was put out by Organ, who played a fast game. Candle was put out and String tied the score. Rubber was out stretching a single and Stove got but when Coal was put in to warm up. Crown Prince sacrificed Man and Kaiser went out. Pray to Gott. Bayonet stabbed Hindenburg's drive through left center. Then Wilson, after watchful waiting, smashed Submarine's fast one and sent several men across. Shrapnel dropped Aeroplane's fly and Hospital was safe at home. Germany put War on to run for years, but was caught napping by France and Peace scored on Allies' sacrifice to Freedom. Berlin kicked on the World's decision at first, but stayed in the game and Tommie came home when "C" Battery grounded out.

In the fifth Wind began to blow what he could do and Hammer began to knock and the Trees began to leave. The way they roasted. Peanuts was frightful. Ship hit a liner to left and Adding Machine errored on Crank's short punch. Then Whiskey got a pass and the bases were full. Chicken fouled out to Roost, and knife was out cutting first. Ten Pins up, but went out by the first route.

In the seventh, with three balls on Jew, he hit out to Lunch. Potato had a good eye and waited while Thief stole second. Match came up striking for Light, but was out and Gate closed the inning with three swings.

In the ninth Apple told Fiddle to take first base, then Song made a second hit. Trombone made a slide for third and Meat was put out on the plate. Lightning finished pitching and struck but one man. There was lots of betting on the game, but Soap cleaned up. The score was 23 to 0, and Door said if he had pitched he would have shut them out.

The Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council recently went on record as opposing any effort being made to reintroduce the drink traffic.

AMERICAN LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE HAS CHANGED HANDS MANY TIMES

Half a century ago Abe Hicken became the first recognized champion of American lightweights by defeating Pete McGuire, the scene of the great event being Perryville, Md. He turned the trick in five rounds, and thereby gained immortality and a big share of the \$2,000 purse.

The history of the American light-weight division from Hicken to Leonard would make mighty interesting reading but it would require several fat volumes to record what has taken place since that memorable day in 1868.

Hicken retired soon after his victory, and Arthur Chamber and Billy Edwards claimed the title. Chambers won by a trick and later defended his title against Johnny Clark, Chadlie Norton, George Fullames, a Canadian, and others then held forth as champions until in 1814 Jack Dempsey, the "Nonpareil" became the recognized leader of the division. Jack soon outgrew the light-weight class, and his friend, Jack McAuliffe, reigned in his stead as world's champion, from 1885 to 1894, when he retired undefeated.

The great little George Lavigne, the Saginaw kid, was lightweight champion of America and the world until 1899, when Frank Erne, of Buffalo, a native of Switzerland, annexed the honor. Joe Gans then came to the front, although for a time Jimmy Britt disputed his right to the lightweight crown, and it was not until 1908 that Battling Nelson, the Dane, took the crown from Joe's kinky dome.

Eight years ago Ad Wolgast, the Michigan Wildcat, took the honors, and in 1912 Willie Ritchie succeeded to the lightweight throne, although soon deprived of the world's title by Freddie Welsh. The latter succumbed to Bennie Leonard, the present champion of the lightweights, and it looks as though Bennie is good for quite some time to come.

1919 PRIZE LIST SETS NEW RECORD

Spring is here and garden time, and likewise the annual publication of the Edmonton Horticultural and Vacant Lots Garden Association, said publication being the 1919 prize list, bigger, better and more interesting than ever. And that is saying considerable.

This year the Prize List 1919 of this association is most attractive without and within. In design and mechanical workmanship the publication eclipses all past efforts. The prize lists and data within keeps pace with the cover. Dredge & Crossland Limited are the publishers.

Officers of this association are: Hon. Pres., Hon. R. G. Brett; Pres., W. C. Carpenter; 1st Vice-Pres., E. J. Stowe; 2nd Vice-Pres., G. Donnelly; Treasurer, H. E. Soper; Auditor, H. O. Patriquin; Secretary, Geo. Harcourt; Supt. Vacant Lots, M. J. O'Farrell.

The C.P.R. is going in for sports this season. The Canadian Pacific Social Club has been organized with the object of promoting sociability among its members. Debating contests, amateur theatricals, lawn bowling, hand ball, football and other games will be featured by this organization.

NINE TEAMS IN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Nine teams entered the Football League at a meeting of the Edmonton City and District Football Association Tuesday evening. They are Seasmocks, Canadian National Railways, Radials, Great War Veterans, Sons of England, Y.M.C.A., Canadian Pacific Railway, South Side and Swifts. The first game of the season will take place on May 3rd, between two picked teams, which will be chosen by the Executive, and the announcement of the personnel will appear one week before the game is to be played. All footballers were requested to be present at the meeting to be held on Tuesday evening, April 22nd.

The United States Solicitor General of the Post Office department has declared that there is a movement on foot among I.W.W., Anarchists and various radicals to perfect an organization to start a Bolshevik republic there.

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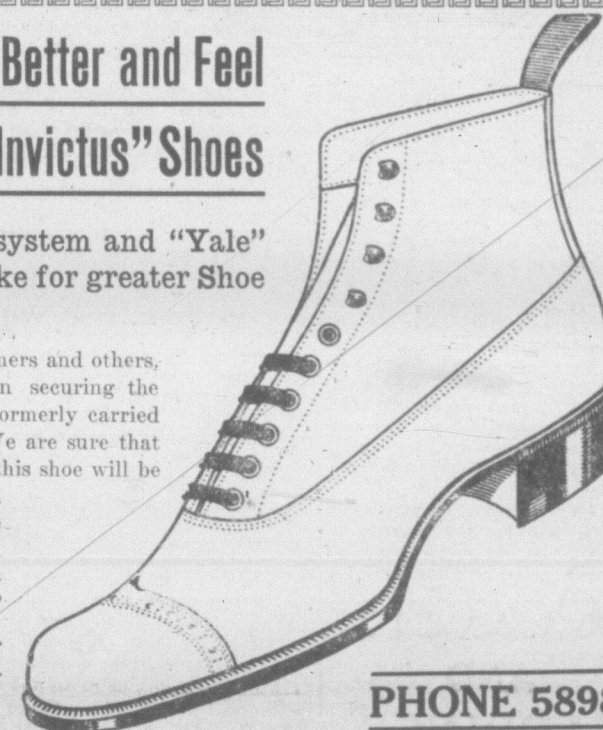
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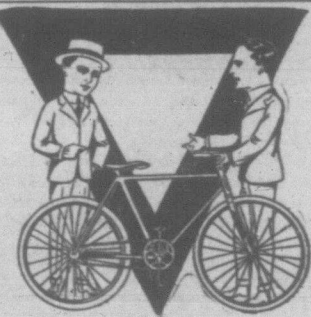
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