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RELAXATIVE

A strike at the Labor Temple? It sounds rather strange, doesn't it, to have a strike at the very head centre of trade unionism? But strange things are happening every day, and the fact of a strike having been called in the building alley of the Temple by one of the equal opportunity spotters does not create much of a look of surprise now.

The billiard room is not yet completed, is being purchased almost as well as the billiard alleys, and some billiard tournaments and pool competitions will assist in creating such an interest in the Temple that during the winter it will be made the popular meeting place for all trade-unionists and their friends.

There is great rivalry among the printers for places on the tennis of the different offices. As the number of players on each team has been reduced to ten men, and about twelve men are reaching out after each of these four positions, second and third teams are being formed in some of the offices and an agreement comes to that the four highest scorers in the inter-club competitions comprising the team. The schedule committee has reported, and the following schedule has been approved:

Dec. 6—Star v. Star, Telegram, Fleming.
 Dec. 7—World v. Mail.
 Dec. 10—Mail v. News, Globe v. Star.

Dec. 14—World v. Globe, Star v. Telegram, Fleming v. News, Globe v. Star.

Dec. 17—Globe v. Telegram, Mail v. Fleming.

Dec. 21—World v. Mail, News v. Telegram, Star v. Fleming.

Jan. 4—World v. Globe, Telegram v. News, Fleming v. Star.

Jan. 7—Mail v. Star, Globe v. News.

Jan. 11—World v. Mail, News v. Fleming, Star v. Telegram.

Jan. 14—World v. Globe, Star v. News, Fleming v. Telegram.

Jan. 25—World v. Mail, News v. Star, Telegram v. Fleming.

Feb. 1—World v. Star, Globe v. News.

Feb. 4—Mail v. Telegram, Globe v. Fleming.

Feb. 8—World v. Globe, News v. Telegram, Star v. Fleming.

Feb. 11—Mail v. News, Globe v. Star.

Feb. 15—World v. Mail, News v. Star, Telegram v. Fleming.

Feb. 18—Globe v. Telegram, Mail v. Fleming.

Feb. 22—World v. Globe, Star v. News.

Feb. 25—Mail v. Star, Globe v. News.

Feb. 27—World v. Mail, News v. Telegram, Star v. Fleming.

March 1—Mail v. Telegram, Globe v. Fleming.

March 5—World v. Globe, Fleming v. News.

March 8—Mail v. News, Globe v. Star.

March 12—World v. Mail, Star v. Telegram.

March 15—Globe v. Telegram, Mail v. Fleming.

If it be any game, each man roll one ball.

It has been suggested that in 2 months between two teams the order of play to be determined by all players on both sides, who are to properly draw themselves in the game, and then all together, playing alternately, in this way greater interest would be taken in the game would be in doubt until the last ball was rolled.

The competition will be decided on the percentage system.

As will be noticed in the above schedule, the World does not meet any of the existing papers. This is the result of the issue of the Sunday World.

The Union of Labor Temple team of the City Bowling League went down to defeat on their own alleys Thursday, the Liederkranz B team doing the trick. The Unions were a factor all the way, though. The several years' experience in the game of Liederkranz B told against the several days' experience of some of the Unions. The members of the Unions appreciate the encouragement they receive from their friends. With the Temple alleys in good shape for practice, the Unions hope to meet the honours that are being presented to them.

In a practice game Monday last on Labor Temple alleys, between Toronto and Union Bowling Clubs, Toronto beat Unions by 3,057 to 2,949. Wilson, of the Unions, called top score, 610, Alison, of Toronto, rolled 581. Spink and Gillies of Toronto, by good steady bowling, put together 587 and 575 respectively. Jack Hightower, for first time up, gathered in a tidy little 420.

In the City Rugby League junior series the Unions II, last Saturday, defeated the Victoria III, in a splendid exhibition of the snap-back game. The Victoria had the game almost cinched, as it was only "fifteen-eighths" on their part that lost them the championship. The quality of football put up by those boys would surprise some of the winter

old-liners who think it is a waste of time to attend a junior match. The young fellows have the game even much better than the seniors ever will have it, and the snap and ginger displayed by them was a revelation even to some of the older snap-back experts. Were some teams such as those kept together for 20 years of experience and more weight were accumulated, the class of football served up to the public would be worth going far to see.

Holland has won the O.R.F.U. championship. Ottawa College has been challenged by Hamilton for the Dominion championship, and requested to play half the game under the snap-back rules. The Canadian Union provides for the championship being played under the scrimmage rule of football, and should Ottawa College consent to play half under the O.R.F.U. snap-back system they would be compelling something which could hardly be excused under any other circumstances than the hope of creating a Dominion championship. Should College consent to win, it would not be surprising to see them challenge Galt for the Association championship, under the same conditions, half and half. There it would be a cinch for College, as more points can be scored in a given time in Rugby than in Association.

To the Yukon hockey team will soon be on its way East in quest of the Stanley Cup, under the wing of an old famous football-hockey favorite, in the person of "Wally" Young. "Wally" is a graduate of the old Metropolitan Lacrosse Club of Ottawa, for whom when he played outside home, on the Ottawa Football Club he figured as quarter, but it was as a hockey player on the Ottawas that he won his way into the hearts of the sporting talent of Ottawa and Montreal. "Wally" takes his winning bunch with him, but Young has been so long out of the game that he is hardly capable of judging. In the arrangements with the Yukon Club, Ottawa insists on the Northmen refraining from meeting any club in the east until after the Stanley Cup games, which indicate that the Ottawas do not wish to endanger the gate receipts by a "show up" of the Yukon cup players. Should another good thing go wrong, and the Stanley Cup be pitted on the North Pole, it is likely to remain there, as the financing of the trip would not be as easy here as in the Yukon.

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The visitors have been greatly interested during their stay here in the First National Cooperative, the largest organization of its kind in the world. They were surprised at the progress it has made and pleased that it stands as the American profile in the cooperative system. The local society would achieve results greater than those of a mechanic can attain and a first class athlete. How could he afford it?

The O.R.A. may allow of the payment of officials, or in other words, allow professionals to act in official capacity at matches. What will do you remember the last that went up when it was first mentioned? Do you think it will be "amateur"? Even that ruling will be "amateur" also. Get the grafters list is increased.

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The Centralia Co-operative Society, of Centralia, Wash., organized April 1, 1902, with 20 members and \$800 capital. In the year 1902 the membership was 125 and the business done \$34,000. The business of the first half of 1904 amounts to \$15,000.

The Los Angeles Co-operative Society has made great strides; it now has a membership of 1,500 and is doing a business of considerably over \$180,000 annually. There is also a co-operative society in Los Angeles, the mayor of the city being the head of the bank.

The farmers around Harvey, N. Dak., have recently built an elevator and are running it on the co-operative plan.

Co-operation among farmers could find a place in the matter of three or four men joining owing an engine cutting shaft, a small threshing machine, a power feed grinder, a wood saw and a corn harvester.

An Italian Co-operative society, the Societa Co-Operativa, has been started by workingmen at Chillicothe, Kan. The members are making the first National Co-operative Society their buying headquarters.

The labor unions of Melville, Iowa, have organized a Home Supply Company to deal in coal, wood, flour and feed on the co-operative plan.

The largest grange store in the United States is located at Wichita, Kansas. It has been in successful operation for 20 years and it has distributed to its patrons more than \$300,000 in dividends. In Wichita is located also the Parsons Co-operative Bank, with a capital of \$100,000, surplus fund of \$35,000. Both of these institutions are managed and managed by workers of the grange. Several months ago the store buildings and all the merchandise was burned, causing a loss of about \$97,000. It was insured for \$60,000, which was promptly paid out, and with the surplus fund of \$35,000 the store was rebuilt and restored in time.

At Milford, Iowa, there is another similar enterprise. The store occupies a stone building 40 x 100 feet