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It Is Held Annually When France Pays Tribute to Spain.

PRICE OF AN ANCIENT PEACE.

After More Than Five Centuries Three Calves Are Still Humbly Presented Each Year to the Haughty Descendants of the Victorious Spaniards.

Every year there takes place in the Pyrenean highlands a remarkable fête. It is held at the boundary stone of San Martin, which separates the French valley Bareton from the Spanish valley of Roncal. Every year the representatives of the French peasants assemble there in order to pay the Spaniards a tribute, which consists of three calves of the same age and the same color, and the delivery of the calves is accompanied by ceremonies which sufficiently indicate that the old inhabitants of the Roncal valley were once victorious over their neighbors.

At 9 o'clock in the morning the mayors of the various villages in the Bareton valley, bravely adorned with their blue, white and red scarfs of office, march up to the boundary stone. In front of the column walks a lad, with a pike, from the point of which flutters a little white pennon as a gage of peace. The three calves are dragged in the rear of the procession at the end of long ropes. Calves and scarfs take up their position by the stone and await the arrival of the Spaniards.

They are soon visible in the distance. In front walks a man clad in sheepskins, who waves a red pennon at the end of a pike as a sign of war. Behind him walks the alcalde of Isaba, the principal village in the valley of Roncal, and following him come the alcaldes of the other villages, their staffs of office in their hands. The bulk of the procession consists of shepherds, stern looking fellows armed with old sabers and matchlocks.

The alcalde of Isaba is all glorious to behold in a long black garment fastened by gold buttons, a tall white ruff, tight fitting knee breeches, red silk stockings and buckled shoes. A sombrero covers his head, and in his hands he holds the staff adorned with silver knobs, the emblem in Spain of magisterial dignity.

As soon as the Spaniards reach the rendezvous the alcalde of Isaba steps to the front and addresses them in solemn ceremonial style:

"Are you come to pay tribute and swear friendship according to old custom and tradition?"

"That is the reason of our coming," answer the French.

Then the two standard bearers approach the boundary stone and lay their pikes crosswise upon it. After a few moments the Spaniard takes his up again, sticks it into French soil and then places it as before on the stone. On the cross formed by the two shafts the representatives of the two valleys swear to keep the peace with loyal mind.

Then follows the delivery of the three calves to the Spaniards. They are examined by a veterinary surgeon and accepted, after which all present take up their stations under a shady oak, and, following the example of the good St. Louis of France and Alfonso the Wise of Spain, the alcalde of Isaba enthrones himself among the gnarled roots of the oak and proceeds to act as a magistrate.

Shepherds and neatherds pass before him and prefer their international complaints. The judge listens to both sides, bids them bring forward their witnesses and delivers judgment without delay, inflicting a fine on one, awarding compensation to another, punishing one and affording satisfaction to his victim.

After all the quarrels are settled the alcalde undertakes the appointment of the pasture guardians for both valleys, so that he enjoys even greater authority in the township of Bareton than the president of the republic himself. Finally, they all betake themselves to Spanish soil, where a Homeric feast is set out, and till late in the night the banquet goes on, the descendants of the old warlike mountain peoples drinking together in brotherly unity in commemoration of the conclusion of the peace of 1375 and the installation of the above ceremonies.

About 300 years after this treaty had been made the French began to refuse to pay the tribute, but after some negotiations they consented to continue it. In more modern times they tried to get the tribute commuted to a sum of money, but the Spaniards declined, but agreed to forego the firing of guns in the direction of France as being a wound to French amour propre.—London Spectator

Her Opinion.

"Woman is considered the weaker vessel," she remarked, "and yet"—"Well?" he queried as she hesitated. "And yet," she continued, "man is often broke."—London Opinion.

Nice Present.

Groom looking over the presents. Did Mrs. Grampus give us anything? Bride—Oh, yes! She has given us six months to live together.—Chicago News.

WHEN BILLY ROCHE DIDN'T QUITE UNDERSTAND JIMMY JOHNSON.

"Billy Roche," spouted James Johnson, the well known manager of fighters, recently, to the Adonis manager and referee, "you remind me of a Spanish toreador every time I gaze upon your manly face."

"Them's kind words, James," responded Willie, as his chest expanded, "and I appreciate the remark, for I know it comes from the heart."

When Johnson blew the office Roche turned to Charley Harvey. "Say, Charley, what's a Spanish toreador?"

"One who tosses the bull," was the reply.

Now Roche refuses to allow Johnson's name to be mentioned in his presence.

HOCKEY SEASON OPENS.

Great Fight For Amateur Title in New York Is Anticipated.

The opening of the ice hockey season in New York is looked forward to with much interest by the followers of the game. The Amateur Hockey league will start on Jan. 7, with the Crescent Athletic club, the champions, and the Hockey club as the attraction.

The Hockey league will have a new contestant for this season's championship, and the race for the title will be more interesting than in the previous years. Having won honors in nearly every other sport, the Irish-American Athletic club will be represented this year on the ice by a team that should be capable of holding its own. For years the winged fist club has endeavored to secure a place in the league, but has been unable to do so until this season.



SHIREFF, ONE OF THE CRESCENT STARS, tried to secure a place in the league, but has been unable to do so until this season.

The club has secured the services of several star hockey welders, and with Garon, the former Wanderer, to lead them on the Irish-American Athletic club is likely to make the champion Crescent team hustle to retain its hockey prestige. The Irish-American Athletic club will be represented on the ice by the following players: Garon, Mitchell, Kinsella, Baron, Harmon, McDonald, Lapat, Stickney, Bryan, Kelly and Smith.

The Hockey club will also be strengthened by new players from the disbanded Wanderer and New York Athletic club teams. Several of the best players in the league were on the winged foot and the Wanderer teams, and after the clubs declared that they would not be represented in the league this season the star players were quickly signed by the Irish-American Athletic club and the Hockey club. The Hockey club will be captained by J. Gordon. The Crescents will have nearly all their old veterans on the team this year. Neither Shireff nor Liffon has lost any of his speed, and the Brooklynites expect to capture the title again.

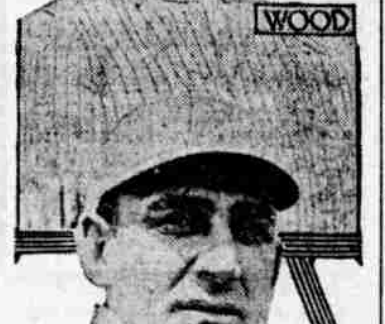
WOLGAST EARNED \$240,000.

Former Lightweight Champion Made This Sum in Three Years.

Ad Wolgast has been deprived of his lightweight crown, but he has enough of earthly wares to act as somewhat of a balm. Manager Tom Jones has made the statement that during the period of close to three years that Wolgast was the lightweight champion of the world he made \$240,000.

Half of this big fortune was made up in purses, and the rest was accumulated in bets, theatrical engagements and outside investments.

MEN WHO HELPED MAKE SPORT HISTORY.



Photos by American Press Association.

Wright made new world's record in pole vault. Travers won amateur golf championship. McLaughlin captured national lawn tennis honors. Wood's great pitching had much to do with the Boston Red Sox winning the American league pennant. Stahl managed and played first base on Boston Americans.

Callahan Has New Training Scheme. Jimmy Callahan has a new scheme for preventing his recruits from throwing their arms out in the first week of spring training. The Sox manager says that during that time he is going to refuse to let any player wear a glove or mitt. He believes that if the men are obliged to catch the balls barehanded they will object to having any one hurl the sphere at them with much force in the throw.

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EIGHT HOUR LAW PASSED.

Senate Remedies Defect in Initiative Measure Passed in November.

Salem, Feb. 4.—The senate today passed the eight hour bill for employees on public works which the people endorsed in November, but which failed to become a law because of a lacking enacting clause.

Tickets for Reception Bartered.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Prompted by the discovery that non-transferable cards of admission to the army-navy reception at the white house tonight are being improperly bartered sleuths will be on hand to see that only proper person are attended. This will be the last reception of the present administration.

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WANTED—Boarders and roomers; 1601 Adams; phone Red 3291. Mrs. G. E. Moore. 1-17-13

FOR RENT—Rooms suitable for offices or light housekeeping. Inquire of B. F. Lewis, Lewis bldg. 1-24-13

FOR RENT—Furnished room with bath, close in. Inquire Observer. 1-28-13

FOR SALE—Horse, light hack and harness. Inquire 1411 S. Avenue. 2-3-6t p

FURNISHED ROOM FOR RENT—Desirable location. Close in. Mrs. Frank Pike, 101 Greenwood, phone black 3832. 1-27-13

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Call 902 Penn. Ave. Phone Main 715. 1-30-13

FOR SALE—One to 4 lots lying on brow of hill overlooking city. Small tract just outside city limits. 5 room house and barn. Will also consider sale on terms. Edw. W. Kammerer, Phone Black 1532. 1-31-13

WANTED—Woman wishes work by the day. Phone Red 501. 1-30-13

WANTED—Lady wishes work by the day. Phone Red 581. 1-30-13

FOR RENT—Six room cottage on First street. Call Mrs. Ryneason Red 3651. 1-31-13

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished room with bath, private entrance. Close in. Inquire Zenda Candy Store. 2-4-13

LOST—On East Adams, velvet handbag with bank book with name Anna Nelson in it. Return to Observer. 2-5-13

STRAYED—Yearling heifer, all in right ear. Swallow fork in left ear. No brand visible. Color black some white. Came to my place in November. Owner may have same by calling and paying pasture bill. W. E. McClure ranch. 2-5-13