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NIMRODS WILL ELECT SHORTLY

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS DUE SOON.

Handling of Fry During the Summer Big Club Undertaking.

In January, the second Monday, members of the Wing, Fin and Fleet-foot club hold their annual election of officers. The members however will have their regular monthly meeting next Monday evening.

At the annual meeting the policies for the coming year will be adopted and officers elected. Various enterprises have been undertaken in this the initial year of the club's organization, but above all else, probably, was the manner of handling trout fry planted here this year. Not only did the county streams receive extra supplies but the shipments were exceptionally well handled under the direction of the club officials and members.

A rabbit drive this winter and the subsequent hasenpfeffer were two other important items in the initial year's history.

The M. I. A. basketball quintet is getting into shape for its winter schedule. The team is much the same as last year with Elmer Stoddard an added person to the line-up. The squad has been working out for several days and is growing better rapidly and the members feel that the team this year will be stronger by several degrees than anything yet produced by the amateur club. Within a short time the regular schedule will commence.

Next Thursday night the high school five meets the Joseph five in the opening game of the season in scholastic circles here. The squad is pretty well rounded up for the initial contest.

Halfway, Dec. 26.—Joe Heinrich, the candy-making wrestler of Baker, last night decisively defeated Ed Warner, the local heavyweight wrestler, in two out of three falls in which Warner sustained fractures of two ribs causing him to lose the final and deciding fall. Only a small crowd was present.

Heinrich started in with a rush against his wily opponent, but he ran into a trap after twenty and a half minutes of wrestling and Warner pinned the Baker man's shoulders to the mat. Joe came back hard after this and tore into Warner, who wearied soon and succumbed in 10 minutes for the second fall. Heinrich continued his aggressive tactics in the third bout and after four minutes he snapped two of his opponent's ribs and Warner was forced to yield.

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HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE.

It Causes Hardening of the Arteries and Other Grave Troubles.

Physicians have always studied the pulse, because it gives valuable information concerning the body's condition of health or disease. But it is only recently that they have begun to use the term "blood pressure" frequently and to regard the amount of that pressure as of great importance. That is because they now have instruments for accurately measuring the pressure, which previously they could only estimate by feeling the pulse.

Blood pressure or the degree of tension of the blood current within the arteries is chiefly significant because a permanent increase in it is quite sure to be followed in time by hardening of the arteries and by the degeneration or disease of important organs, especially the kidneys.

The blood pressure is increased by a number of causes that increase the force of the heart beat or that contract the smaller blood vessels. Any excitement—anger, joy, fear, "nervousness"—raises it temporarily. But that is of little importance unless the emotion is frequently repeated or unless the person already has diseased arteries. The blood pressure that is permanently high is more serious. That comes from long continued mental excitement, such as worry, business anxiety or political strife or from the action of certain poisons that are formed in the system and not properly excreted.

These poisons come from the waste products of digestion, especially in large meat eaters. They raise the blood pressure by causing the smaller arteries to contract.

In small amounts these poisons are excreted at once, but in persons who eat large quantities of meat, especially of beef and mutton—poultry and fish are less harmful—they are sometimes formed in amounts so large that the kidneys cannot dispose of them promptly. When this happens, especially if it occurs in a person who is under a constant mental strain, like the politician, the financier or the chronic worrier, there is grave danger of a permanently high blood pressure and, following that, of hardening of the arteries and of kidney disease, mental disturbance or apoplexy.

If you must worry be a vegetarian; if you must eat meat do so only once a day or, better still, every other day.—Youth's Companion.

King of Flowers.

On the score of age alone the peony should command the interest of all flower lovers. It has a history which began many hundreds of years ago. The tree peony, *Paeonia moutan*, is a native of China. This peony, more than any other flower, has been the glory and pride of the Chinese for nearly 1,500 years and has been a subject for their painters and a theme for their poets. In China for more than 1,000 years a record has been kept of the percentage of seedlings of this peony and their characteristics. Its great beauty and fragrance made it centuries ago the favorite flower of China's emperors, and it was called Hwa Wang—king of flowers.—Suburban Life.

Just Try It.

A curiosity in arithmetic has recently been worked out by a British astronomer in answer to the question, What is the largest number that can be expressed with three digits?

The answer is 999 (the ninety-ninth power of nine). The figure which this represents is so big that it is awesome. If it were printed in full it would fill thirty-three volumes of 800 pages each of fine type. The first twenty-eight figures are 428,124,773,175,747,048,036,987,115.9, and the last two are 80. In between these are 360,933,070 figures.

If you don't believe it try it and see.—Saturday Evening Post.

The Unknown Quantity.

"I'll bet she will," began the rash youth. "Don't," interrupted his older and wiser companion. "Don't bet that she will ever do anything. You can never tell what a woman will do." "But," protested the young man, "I was going to bet that she would do the unexpected." "Don't," repeated the elder earnestly. "Even that is no safe bet"—Judge.

The Original New Zealanders. The original New Zealanders were known as the most ferocious cannibals and the most warlike savages. They were big, gaunt fellows, of immense muscular force and great sagacity. These savage New Zealanders, though they ate their enemies, interred their own dead, and they believed that the third day after burial the heart separated itself from the corpse and was carried to the clouds by an attendant spirit.

Unfreezable.

"Can any one name a liquid that doesn't freeze?" asked the teacher. There was a moment's silence, says the Berliner Illustrirte Zeitung. Then an excited little voice in the rear of the room answered eagerly, "Please, teacher, hot water!"

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