



Be Prepared This Christmas



Don't Forget All Your Good Resolutions of Last Year Remember how you promised yourself that another year you would start your Christmas shopping early and avoid the worry of last-minute shopping.



A Good Place to Trade

SPORT NEWS

Harry Wills Stops Boston Pug In Fourth

NEWARK, N. J. (AP)—Harry Wills, New Orleans heavyweight title contender, technically knocked out Jack Thompson of Boston Monday night in the fourth round of a 12-round match at the First Regiment armory.

Wills rushed out of his corner in the fourth, intent upon ending the battle. He sniped at Thompson around with his right hand and left in the head and ribs.

It was a rough and tumble encounter most of the way. Wills was guilty of questionable tactics at close quarters in the first and second rounds, while he unmercifully battered Thompson about the body.

In the third, Thompson again took head from Wills to side without raising a glove in defense as his opponent's blows rattled off his chin.

Gophers Are Anathema In Eyes of Golfers

GREAT FALLS, MONT. (AP)—Lost golf balls are not the problem to members of Meadow Lake Country club here that they are on other links. With the exception of a few willows which grow on the bank of the Missouri river, skirting the course, the fairways are devoid of trees.

HOPPE AND COCHRAN TO MEET FOR TITLE

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—William F. Hoppe, world champion 15.2 ball-line billiardist, defeated Jacob Schaefer II, Monday night in one of the greatest matches in the history of the game, 500 points to 447, and will meet Walker Cochran for the title in Chicago at a date yet to be announced in a play-off for the title for which they now are tied.

Zev to Race Once More This Year, Owner Says

CHICAGO (AP)—Zev, defeated world champion 3-year-old will start in at least one more race this year, Harry P. Sinclair, his owner, announced here Monday. He said that it was possible that his own might start in a race with Zev before this season ends.

Mr. Sinclair reiterated his statement made after the victory in Memorial over his horse at Latonia, that for one day at least Zev had met his better 3-year-old.

"Zev never looked better to me than he did before Saturday's race," he said. "He came out of it in good condition and I have no excuses to offer."

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British Laborers Decrease

LONDON (AP)—There has been a general flight of laborers from the land according to figures of the ministry of agriculture, which show that on June 4, 1923, there were 572,000 laborers employed in England and Wales as compared with 589,000 in 1921.

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DELINQUENT TAXES HIGH

Unpaid Roll in Wallowa County Is Practically 40 Per Cent of Total.

Tax delinquency on the 1922 roll was slightly greater in Wallowa county after the October 5 payments than was the delinquency last year. The tax roll aggregated \$486,729.59, after adjustment of errors and exemptions and the addition of assessors' and sheriff's assessments and collections. On that roll the delinquency amounted to \$186,514.35, or 40 per cent of the total, as shown by the books of Deputy Sheriff George Richards, in charge of tax collection.

This ratio runs close to the average for the last three years, the figures on October 5 each year being: 1921—tax, \$561,795; del.—\$262,500, or 40 per cent. 1922—tax, \$525,629; del.—\$208,290, or 39 1/2 per cent. 1923—tax, \$486,729; del.—\$186,514, or 40 per cent.

So the unpaid taxes on the current roll are a little more than last year and the same percentage as two years ago. Actual collections made in 1923, up to October 5, are as follows: On old rolls \$ 2,479.22 On 1918 roll 2,439.50 On 1919 roll 7,238.97 On 1920 roll 41,066.55 On 1921 roll 26,314.59 On 1922 roll 276,102.50

Total \$365,632.95 The interesting thing in these figures is that the total collections this year to October 5, fall far short of equaling the 1922 tax roll. In other words the collections, including payments on all delinquent taxes, failed to amount to as much as had been levied to pay for 1923 current expenses. This is not final for the year, however, as tax payments are always heavy during the last two months of the year, and it is still possible for the total to come up to the amount levied. In fact this is highly probable.

Tax payments came in so liberally in the closing months of 1922 that collections for the second half of the year were the largest for the period in the history of the county, aggregating \$278,163. Between Oct. 5, 1922, and the close of that year, \$60,000 was paid in taxes on the 1921 roll, reducing the delinquent list from \$150,000 to \$20,000.

When the county reaches the stage

where total tax payments for the year equal the tax levy for that year, the financial stress of some of the lower taxing bodies, like towns and school districts, will be relieved, for the annual income then will be the same as the amount levied to meet the budget. Apparently that stage will be reached shortly. County finances have been managed with such conservatism that the county has kept on its feet and on a cash basis.

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