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## GREENLEAF WINS BILLIARD CROWN

### Defeats Erwin Rudolph, of Chicago, in Play-off For Pool Title.

DETROIT, Dec. 20 (AP)—Ralph Greenleaf of New York again holds the world's pocket billiard championship. This star cueist defeated Erwin Rudolph, of Chicago, in the play-off for the world's crown by 125 to 69 in 18 innings. The game was not spectacular, but was marked by hard fighting and excellent defensive work. Both players seemed to be showing the strain. Greenleaf bleeding twice and making a foul once, offenses seldom charged against the headliner. Rudolph also was guilty of at least four misses on easy shots. By winning the title, Greenleaf earned \$1,000 in cash and a salary of \$5,000 a year given by the National Billiard Association. Greenleaf also will receive 10 per cent of the net gate receipts. The tournament this year outdrew any previous tournament in the history of pocket billiards, playing to capacity crowds at virtually all of the games. Rudolph will receive \$1,000 in cash and a salary of \$5,000 a year. He also will receive 15 per cent of the net receipts.

## Army Gridsters Remain on Train On Journey West

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 20 (AP)—Army's football squad and its accompanying delegation of 123 passed through Kansas City early today on their way to California. Train weary legs got but little exercise during the stop, as a majority of the group preferred the warm ears of their special train to a station platform where a near zero temperature and biting wind made life uncomfortable. Plans of Coach Bill Jones to hold a practice session today at Syracuse, Kan., in preparation for the cadets' 11th New Year's day with Stanford university appeared doomed to postponement because of the cold and prospect of a snow covered field. The inclement weather may have an important effect on the cadet gridsters, as they also were forced to forego a scheduled workout yesterday at Galesburg, Ill., and probably will not find comfortable temperatures this side of the Rocky mountains. A stop was made at South Bend, Ind., late yesterday, but not for the purpose of taking practice. The cadets listened to cheers and wishes of good luck in its game on the coast, from its important rival and 1929 conqueror—Notre Dame.

## "Tipless" Game Is Played In Kansas

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 20 (AP)—A "tipless" basketball game between the Wichita university and Emporia Teachers here last night drew commendation from coaches and provided spectators with a thrilling 27 to 26 victory for the Teachers. The game was played as an exhibition of basketball minus the center jump. Under the rules, the team scored on receives the ball out of bounds under the basket. Coaches said the plan speeded up the game and gave the team scored upon a quick chance for retaliation.

## Ancients Ate Bananas

Bananas have a long history, although they have only been imported into western lands within the last few years. The ancient Egyptians are said to have eaten this fruit, and it was certainly known to the Romans, Greeks and Romans centuries ago. Perhaps one of the strangest developments of the All-America argument was the tendency to table Albie Booth of Yale for further consideration. Albie's failure to shine at the close, and the fact that as a sophomore he has two more chances to make the all-star aggregation contributed to this, yet support in the balloting was conspicuously lacking for the youth, who was more talked about than any other ball-carrier of the season. There can be no question about Booth's class—not to anyone who saw the Blue jacketed old play the great Red Cagle and the equally great Al Marsters on successive Saturdays. When it's figured that 150,000 saw Albie on these two days, he ought to be able to muster a few votes. He got the checkers, anyway. Next year he may get the ballots.

## Safety Pledge Reminder

Employees of a Pennsylvania tin plate mill raise their right hands twice a day. It is to remind them of their safety pledge to prevent accidents at work.

## Franklin Had No Patents

Benjamin Franklin, who was noted for his numerous inventions and discoveries, never asked for or received a patent of any kind.—Pittsburgh Magazine.

## Week's Worst British Pun

A visitor wants to know why an article in the basement of a London store is priced cheaper than a similar article in an upper floor. Ah, that's another story.—London Humorist.

## Old Jamestown Church

The exact date of the erection of the church in Jamestown, Va., is not recorded. It was probably finished in the year 1629.

## Seat of the Mighty

In other days a woman was forced to take a back seat. Now she desires it so she can drive the car.—Atlanta Constitution.



## Sport Slants by ALAN J. GOULD

The All-America debate is about wrapped up for 1929, but it is interesting to note greater agreement this year than usual on a number of the outstanding stars. Four of the all-stars, Joe Bonchess of Pittsburgh, Jack Cannon of Notre Dame, Ben Ticknor of Harvard and Frank Cardozo of Notre Dame, were unanimous selections, so far as any mythical team observed to date is concerned. Red Sleight of Purdue and Bronko Nagurski of Minnesota were so close to being unanimous that there was scarcely any difference, thus establishing extraordinary agreement on six of the 11 men nominated for honors. The widest range of opinion was reflected in the choice of half-backs, although The Associated Press country-wide consensus showed Tony Canva well ahead of all candidates and Red Cagle, the Army captain, mustering sufficient votes to beat out Peck Welch of Purdue by a close margin. Lam of California, Glasgow of Iowa, Bunker of Tulane and McEvey of Tennessee ran strong in a number of precincts. Fowler and Tappan flashed a close race for the distinction of sharing the flanks with Donchess, Montgomery and Schwarz. Donchess furnished a good contest for the honor of being opposite Cannon at guard. Ticknor ran far ahead of any center. Among the fullbacks, Pug Parkinson of Pitt and Tony Holm of Alabama were the favorites, although Welch, Marsters, Nagurski and Pomeroy were the pick of scattered experts.

## Columbia Must Wait Year, N. W. College Vote

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20 (AP)—The Northwest conference faculty representatives and coaching representatives failed to give an unanimous vote necessary to elect Columbia university a member of the conference yesterday. A statement, describing the feeling of the group was made by vote of the members: "Columbia university was asked to maintain itself under all the conference rules for one year and at that time final action will be taken upon its application." This constituted the vote of the conference as it stands the final acceptance of Columbia until the 1930 fall meeting. Votes for the annual track meet, tennis tournament and playoff for conference an doubles the final schedule. The track and field meet will be held at Whitman May 30 with the previous day for preliminary trials. The tennis tournament was awarded the College of Puget Sound and will be held May 30 and 31. The baseball playoff was set for May 26, 27 and 28 and will be held on the west side of the school that wins the division title.

## BASS FAVORED TO BEAT TOD THIS EVENING

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—The betting fraternity is willing to give odds that the junior lightweight championship will transfer its headquarters from Seattle to Philadelphia tonight when Tod Morgan defends his somewhat synthetic title against Benny Bass in Madison Square Garden. Overnight odds made the deadly punching Bass an 8 to 5 favorite but these were expected to narrow to around 4 to 5 at ring time. The fight is for 15 rounds. Morgan will have an advantage in weight, height and reach. The stockily built Bass is much the harder puncher. Bass' last major engagement here was against Tony Cannonier for the featherweight championship. On that occasion, Bass suffered a broken bone in his shoulder early in the fight but fought so bravely that he barely dropped the decision in the great little New York Italian. Morgan is a trail looking fighter who can box with any of them but whether he can stand up under Bass' punishing blows the experts are inclined to doubt.

## Union Schools Begin Vacation This Afternoon

By W. V. Connor (Observer Correspondent) UNION (Special).—The Union schools are closing down Friday afternoon following Christmas exercises in the high school and grade rooms. The holidays will last nearly two weeks, January 2 being the date set for the resuming of regular work in the schools. Friday evening several of the teachers left for various places in Oregon and Washington. Miss Patterson will visit with relatives in Portland, Miss Hood in Ferndale, Wash., Miss Hulac in Sheridan, Ore., Miss Schaper in Prosser, Wash., Miss Clark in Condon, Ore., Miss Key, a grade teacher, in Weston, Ore. Mrs. Rees will probably be in Portland part of the vacation being the date set for the resuming of regular work in the schools. Supt. Roy Conklin of the local schools will be a delegate from this county at the Oregon State Teachers association meeting in Portland this month. A disconnected wire in North Union left several houses in darkness Wednesday night, including the L. H. S. church where a dance was in progress. A temporary connection enabled the Mormon folks to continue their dance and early the next morning the damage was repaired. The local Odd Fellows are having degree work this Friday evening, two candidates taking the second degree. Headquarters company of the national guardsmen hold an extra drill Wednesday evening in order that they might not have to meet on their regular night next week. This time it would have fallen on Christmas eve. Another special drill may be arranged to take the place of the New Year eve meeting. Tenben Greenwood who was taken to Hot Lake several days ago is reported as being in a very serious condition. His wife and family were shopping in La Grande Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Robb is owner and manager of the local meat market. John and Vivian Richards and Charley Connor were over from Cove Tuesday evening to attend an encampment meeting at the Odd Fellows hall. This end of the valley has received a much needed supply of moisture, several days of rain being followed by a snow. The ground was not frozen when the snow fell so practically all the moisture is sinking into the soil. A regular business meeting and social hour was held at the church Wednesday afternoon by the Methodist and Ladies Aid society. Lunch was served following the business session. Sadies Connor, Nora Cheney and Lizzie Caster acting as the serving committee. LaVerne Clark and Jane Smith, two Union girls who are attending Gooding college in Idaho, are expected home this Saturday for the holidays. Miss Clark entered the college last September, while this is the second year for Miss Smith. The two young women will spend the holidays at the homes of their parents in Union. Alex Gambill, Giles VanHousen, Alverio Jones and Charley Cross from Union are joining the new Canton lodge which is being organized in this county. It is understood that the meetings of the order will be held alternately in La Grande and Union. Installation of officers for the Redebak lodge will be postponed until January 15 owing to the fact that the first meeting night is on New Year's. Grand and Glorious "Next to finding a wadded paper dollar in the top pocket of an old pair of trousers, I doubt if there's a grander feeling in the world than having a fine, well-established son." —Abe Martin in Farm and Fireside.

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## Pasadena Tourney Draws "Big Shots"

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 20 (AP)—More than one hundred twenty of the nation's best professional divoteers and nearly an equal number of amateurs are gathered here today bent on wrestling from Craig Wood, Bloomfield, N. J., professional, the \$4,000 Pasadena open golf title. A majority of the "big shots"—Walter Hagen, Leo Diegel, Johnny Farrell, Texie Maney, Horton Smith, Bobby Cruickshank, Tommy Armour—and numerous others will seek championship money. A sweet potato weighing 14 pounds was grown by Lizzie Robinson of Sumter, S. C.

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