

SCHOOL BASKETBALL HOLD STAGE

INDEPENDENTS DOWN CRESCENTS

Rote and McCord Work Like Trojans Against Visitors; G. Ford Out of Game

The Harrisburg Independents defeated the Crescent five of Philadelphia, on the Chestnut street ball floor, Saturday night, score 40 to 32. Harry Rote, the Gettysburg football star, played a forward position for the Independents, and together with McCord, the other forward, scored 30 of the 40 points credited to the locals.

Clean Playing Marks Game
The game was marked by clean playing on the part of both teams, only six fouls being called during the fray. McCord's tosses for long scores was a feature of the game. The start of the game was delayed until almost 9 o'clock, owing to the lateness of the Philadelphia train.

The local team suffered a loss early in the first half, when Gordon Ford, guard on the Independents, sustained a dislocation of the right knee. He was succeeded by his brother, Norman, who played sterling ball. Ford will probably be back in the lineup in about two weeks.

The locals scored first and remained in the lead during the entire game, although their lead was threatened several times by the aggressive playing of Martin and Cashman, of the Crescents.

The lineup and summary is as follows:

INDEPENDENTS		CRESCENTS	
F.G.	F.I.G.	F.G.	F.I.G.
McCord, f.	8	4	3
Rote, f.	5	0	2
Gardes, c.	2	0	1
G. Ford, g.	2	0	1
Geisel, g.	2	0	1
N. Ford, g.	1	0	0
Totals	20	4	8

CAGE TEAMS LOOK STRONG; SEASON IS WARMING UP

Tech and Middletown High Have Been Busy; Steelton Starts Season Next Week

Tech and Middletown High School basketball quintets were the two teams of any importance that got away to their basketball schedules during the week. Tech was able to nose out Danville in an extra period contest. On the next evening Lebanon crushed the same aggregation at Lebanon by a score of 62 to 19.

Middletown played a creditable game over at York with the Collegiate five, losing by only six points. Next week the lower-enders will visit the Tech gymnasium in the first of their two games. Both the first and second fives will meet.

Steelton Starts Next Week
Steelton is scheduled to start on the 29th, meeting Lebanon High School in a Pennsylvania Inter-scholastic league contest. The Academy tossers and the team at Central will not get under way until after the New Year. Oberlin, Carlisle, Camp Hill, Enhart, and any number of nearby high schools will be represented in the cage.

Reading and York, the other two members of the league, have already started to play. York has several regulars from the team that lead the league the greater part of last season, and with most of the first games played at home, they should again be able to start strong.

Reading Veteran Team
Reading, runner-up to Central last season, has practically a veteran team, but have already lost to Tamque high school. These lads have applied to the league for admittance, and from their past performance, they would be leaders in the league.

Steelton is sure to have a strong aggregation, for Coach Gaffney has a bunch of veterans from last year. Central's five is probably the best. Hill-ton is the only member of last season's squad of pennant winners. Tech will have to cut down considerable its large list of players and begin to concentrate efforts if the team at the Maroon school is to be a winner.

Schedule of Events For Boyd Memorial Building

Monday	
4.30 p. m.—Gym class, boys 12 to 14.	
4.30 p. m.—Bowling, boys 14 to 16.	
6.30 p. m.—Basketball practice for Mr. Franklin's class.	
8.00 p. m.—Class bowling, Dull's, Downie's and Excelsior classes.	
Tuesday	
4.30 p. m.—Gym class, boys 14 to 16.	
4.30 p. m.—Bowling, boys 12 to 14.	
6.30 p. m.—Basketball practice for James McCormick, Jr.'s class.	
7.00 p. m.—Story telling in the boys' room.	
8.00 p. m.—Glee club.	
8.00 p. m.—Men's Gym class.	
8.00 p. m.—Class Bowling, McCormick's and Mr. Yates' classes.	
Wednesday	
5.00 p. m.—Gym class for business men.	
6.30 p. m.—Basketball practice for Mr. Black's class.	
8.30 p. m.—Gym open to the men.	
8.30 p. m.—Class bowling, Mr. Funk's class.	
Thursday	
4.30 p. m.—Gym class, boys 12 to 14.	
4.30 p. m.—Bowling, boys 14 to 16.	
8.45 p. m.—Motion pictures for boys.	
8.30 p. m.—Story of the American Ambulance work in France by Jackson Herr Boyd.	
Friday	
4.30 p. m.—Gym class, boys 14 to 16.	
6.30 p. m.—Bowling, boys 12 to 14.	
6.30 p. m.—Basketball practice for Mr. German's class.	
8.00 p. m.—Men's Gym class.	
8.00 p. m.—Class Bowling, Palmer, Hick-a-Thrift, Bethany and Paterson classes.	
Saturday	
9.30 a. m.—Bowling, boys 12 to 14.	
10.00 a. m.—Gym class, boys under 12.	
10.30 a. m.—Bowling, boys 14 to 16.	
2.00 p. m.—Gym class, boys 12 to 14.	
3.30 p. m.—Gym class, boys 14 to 16.	
7.00 p. m.—Basketball game: Franklin's vs. James McCormick, Jr.'s, class.	

Aside from scheduled class bowling, there are open alleys every night. Billiards and pocket billiards are in order from 11 a. m. to 11 p. m.

Printers Bowling League Have Exciting Contests

Evangelical League	
Braves	395
Red Sox	271
Tigers	250
Cubs	216
Manning (B.)	115
Manning (H.)	311
Handy-maker (T.)	99
Hartman (C.)	256

Commercial League	
Bowman & Co.	2387
P. R. R. Clerks	2171
Soe (B. & Co.)	189
Soe (B. & Co.)	507

Printers (Academy Alleys.)	
State Printery	1486
Mt. Pleasant Press	1337
Dugan (S. P.)	129
Dugan (S. P.)	335

At Lemoyne (Fickes Alleys.)	
Lemoyne	2317
New Cumberland	2271
Washingier (L.)	202
Washingier (L.)	534

Boyd Memorial	
Palmer	1280
Dull's	1247
Low (P.)	185
Low (P.)	302

LEBANON ELECTS REINHARD
Lebanon, Pa., Dec. 18.—William J. Reinhard has been unanimously elected 1917 football captain at Lebanon High School. Reinhard is a member of the Junior class and has for three years played tackle on the Red and Blue eleven. He is a six-footer and weighs 175 pounds.

Amateur Basketball League to Get Under Way in Jan.

Negotiations for a playing floor for the games of the now assured City Amateur Basketball League are under way and the next step for the Board of Governors will be the consideration of applications for membership in the league and the ratification of the schedule of games to be submitted by an appointed committee some time this week.

A specially prepared blank has been sent to each prospective team in the league. This includes information and data about the team and organization which is expected to guide the Board of Governors in deciding upon the personnel of the league. Additional blanks may be obtained from them and those that are filled in must be sent to Eugene E. Miller, secretary, Boyd Memorial Building.

Rules and regulations governing the action of the league and containing eligibility for players were adopted at the recent meeting and will be revised and submitted to the accredited representatives of each team selected for membership within the next few days. The league is an assured fact and the games will probably be played during the months of January, February and March. The matter of suits, numbers for players, selection of officials and other important matters will be taken up at the next meeting of the Board of Governors.

Methodist Club Wins Close Game at Burnham

In an interesting game which required an extra five-minute period to decide the fray, the Methodist Club, of this city, defeated the Burnham Y. M. C. A. five on the latter's floor Saturday night, score 27 to 26. At the end of the regulation forty minutes, the score was tie at 23.

The game was the first time in two years that the Burnham team had been defeated on their own floor. A. Winn, forward, on the Methodist club was the star of the game. The lineup was as follows:

BURNHAM Y. M. C. A.	
Rhoades, forward	1
Peters, forward	1
Lutz, center	0
Mumper, center	2
Harper, center	5
Ar. Spie, guard	0
Totals	9

METHODIST CLUB	
Krepps, forward	1
A. Winn, forward	4
Lutz, center	5
Rapp, guard	2
Byrnes, guard	0
Totals	11

Fouls called on Burnham, 15; Methodist Club, 18. Referee, Ford.

Shippensburg Five Wins in Game With Tech Five

The basketball team of the Cumberland Valley State Normal school defeated Tech high five Saturday night, at Shippensburg, the score 20 to 15. The game was marked by close playing on both sides. The lineup and summary:

TECHNICAL H. S.	
Lloyd, forward	4
Bell, forward	4
Walker, center	0
Beck, center	1
Pollock, guard	3
Miller, guard	0
Ebner, guard	0
Totals	12

SHIPPENSBURG S. N. S.	
McEler, forward	3
Lambert, forward	1
Hays, forward	0
Charlton, center	0
Freed, guard	0
Cockin, guard	0
Hosfield, guard	1
Taylor, guard	0
Totals	5

SHECKARD TO TRAIN CUBS
Chicago, Dec. 18.—Fred Mitchell, new manager of the Chicago Nationals, hopes to sign Jimmy Sheckard, of Columbia, Pa., former star outfielder of the club, as coach for his 1917 team, according to word received here to-day.

Mitchell is quoted as saying the place would correspond to that filled by Mitchell with the Boston Nationals.

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New Local Manager of Bell Telephone Co.



Edmund Watmough Gilpin, the new local manager of the Harrisburg District of the Bell Telephone Company, 210 Walnut street, arrived in Harrisburg this morning and assumed his new duties. Mr. Gilpin's home was in Germantown. He is unmarried.

Basketball Captain Dies; Injured in Rough Contest

Redding, Conn., Dec. 18.—Joseph H. Sanford, 16 years old, and captain of the Sanford school basketball team, who played a smashing game with Bethel high school Saturday night, was found dead yesterday morning in the preparatory school here, of which his father, Dr. Daniel S. Sanford, is headmaster.

In the game, which was particularly rough, Sanford suffered an injury which resulted in a brain clot. One of his duties at the school was to go to the powerhouse each night at 10 o'clock and switch the lighting system from a dynamo to storage batteries and shut off the power operating the dynamo. After doing that he apparently fell to the floor unconscious and lay there until he died. He was not missed from his bed until this morning.

Deaths and Funerals

JOSEPH M. NESBIT
The funeral of Joseph H. Nesbit, veteran employe of the Harrisburg Railways Company, will take place to-morrow afternoon at 1 o'clock. Services will be conducted at the home, 46 Balm street by the Rev. Thomas A. Kelsch, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, assisted by the Rev. A. T. Hagen, pastor of Park Street Evangelical Church. Burial will be made in Parkside Cemetery.

MRS. DAISY MAE BLAIR
Mrs. Daisy Mae Blair, wife of Andrew C. Blair, and oldest daughter of Deputy Prothonotary Elmer C. Hummel, of Steelton, died yesterday morning at the Harrisburg Hospital following an operation. Funeral services will be held at her home, 619 Ross street, Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. The Rev. James Armentrout, of Pine Street Presbyterian Church, will have charge of the services. She is survived by her husband, her parents, one son, Roy; four brothers and two sisters. Mrs. Blair was a prominent member of Dorcas Lodge, No. 4, Ladies' Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

WELLY'S CORNER

Clarence Beck will try for a place on the State wrestling team this season. He will compete in the 175-pound class. The State collegians will meet seven opponents including Lehigh. The latter team will have "Bob" Good grappling in the same class.

Elcheberger, a York forward of two years ago, is at the State training table. He is a candidate for a guard position.

Henry Miller of Williamsport, right end of the University of Pennsylvania football eleven, was to-day elected captain of the 1917 team. Miller is 23 years old, and a member of the junior class. His brother, Ollie Miller, was captain of the 1908 team at Pennsylvania.

Frank Moran and Gunboat Smith are in fine shape for to-night's bout at Brooklyn. Moran weighs 195 pounds and Smith 185.

Westmore Wilcox, Harvard's best quarter-mile, is planning to finish his greatest halfbacks that ever lived.

Harvard career at mid-year's. His loss will prove a serious one to the Crimson track team. Captain Peschner of the team, who defeated Wilcox for the leadership last Spring, is doing his utmost to keep the speedy Southerner for the squad.

Coach Fred Bennion, of the Montana State College football team, has accepted the invitation of Coach Folsom, of the University of Pennsylvania, to assist in the coaching of his team for the game with the University of Oregon, New Year's Day, at Pasadena, Cal. Bennion will join the Easterners when they pass through Salt Lake City.

Jim Thorpe, the great Carlisle star, got back into football harness again this season. He performed halfback stunts for a professional team in Ohio. And the way that Jim tore lines, bristled around ends, punted and drop-kicked, brought back vividly the memories of what he accomplished in his earlier days when he won for himself the honor of being one of the greatest halfbacks that ever lived.

CARRANZA IS FAVORING PACT

Not Disposed to Close Down Against Agreement, Conference Find

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 18.—Indications at the close of the morning session of the Mexican-American Commission were that General Carranza was not disposed to close the door against an agreement with the American representatives who have been trying for more than three months to solve questions at issue between Mexico and the United States. When the commission reconvened to-day after a three weeks recess Alberto J. Pani reported the result of his visit to Queretaro. The report was made verbally and was received by the Americans without comment. An adjournment until late in the day was taken when it is expected the details of his written message will be discussed. The exact character of his report was not revealed, but it was learned that while Carranza had not signed the protocol drafted at Atlantic City this was not necessarily to be taken as an indication that it would not be ratified later, the signature perhaps being that of Ambassador-designate Arredondo, who is qualified and authorized to sign such a document.

Ty Cobb Greatest Hitter; Celebrates Birthday Today

This is Ty Cobb's birthday anniversary. He is 29 years old according to records. On August 30, 1905, he played in the Yankee-Tiger game. He hit one of Jack Chesbro's straight balls for two bases.

BRITISH HANDED PEACE NOTE BY U. S. AMBASSADOR

Will Be Considered by Cabinet; Premier to Speak Tomorrow

London, Dec. 18.—The peace note of the central powers was handed to the British government to-day by Walter H. Page, the American ambassador. Mr. Page called at the foreign office early in the day. In the absence of A. J. Balfour, the foreign secretary, he presented the note to Lord Robert Cecil, under secretary for foreign affairs.

There were no formalities in connection with the presentation of the peace proposals by Mr. Page. The ambassador went in an automobile from the embassy and was received in the foreign secretary's room by Lord Robert Cecil who was acting for the foreign minister, Mr. Balfour having just started on a three weeks' vacation.

Bits from Sportland

Harry Hough is out with injuries. His absence may cost Jasper the flag. Captain Samuel Phillips of the Harrisburg Academy eleven will enter Lehigh University next Fall.

Tower City five won over the ex-high tossers Saturday, score 23 to 22. In 20 seasons, Hans Wagner of Pittsburgh has scored 3,369 safe walks.

Low Shaw of Chicago, billiard star, will play all week at Academy billiard rooms.

East End tossers on Saturday defeated Oberlin, score 42 to 33.

JOHN GERMAN'S CLASS WINS
The basketball team representing John German's class defeated the Ramsey Black class team Saturday, score 19 to 9. The game was played in John Y. Boyd Memorial Building gymnasium. McFadden and Meck were stars. The line-up and summary:

Black's Class	German's Class
Albright	F.
Smith	F.
Shay	F.
Lang	C.
Shay	C.
Young	G.
Crooks	G.
Field Goals—McFadden 4, Jenkins, Krebs, Albright, Smith 2, Shay 1. Foul Goals—Meck 7 out of 9. Referee—Frank.	

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