BETHLEHEM STEEL COMPANY PLANS FOR ATHLETICS---TECH TOSSERS WIN GAME

TECHNICAL FIVE DEFEATS ACADEMY

Thereby Eliminating That Team From Race For City Scholastic Honors

By defeating the Harrisburg Academy quintet last night the Technical high school five eliminated that team from the race for city scholastic honors. The contest was played on the Armory floor and the final results were 27 to 19 in favor of the Technical lads.

Last night's victory over the Academy tossers was the second of the season. Despite the fact that Coach Miller tried several different combinations during the game the Techical five always held the lead. Technical played a clever defensive game and shortly after the contest had started Coach Miller's proteges had amassed a total of eleven dual pointers to the up-town lads' four.

In a preliminary contest the Technical Reserves had an easy time defeating the Academy Reserves by the score of 41 to 6. The summaries:

TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

	Fd. G.	Fl. G.	T. P.
Harris, forward	5	5	15
Lloyd, forward	3	0	6
Weisbach, center	0	0	0
Bell, guard	1	0	2
Beck, g. and c.	0	0	0
Pollock, guard	2	0	4
Ebner, forward	0	0	0
Totals	11	5	27

HARRISBURG ACADEMY

Bruce, forward	0	11	11
Froelich, forward	0	0	0
Phillips, center	3	0	6
Bortell, guard	0	0	0
Wren, guard	1	0	2
Totals	4	11	19

Referee, McConnell. Scorer, Davies. Timer, Kelling.

Tech. Scrubs.	Acad. Scrubs.
Miller, f.	Reif, f.
Holland, f.	Stone, f.
Huston, c.	Stewart c.
Freck, g.	Good, g.
Smith, g.	Fortna.
Fortna.	Herman, g.

Field goals, Miller, 8; Holland, 5; Huston, 2; Smith, 2; Stewart. Fouls, Holland, 7; Stone, 4.

Inter-City League Stars Shine In Bowling Games

Bankers' League	
Uptown	2143
Downtown	1959
Hamilton (Uptown)	199
Hamilton (Uptown)	508
Allison Hill League (Hess Alleys)	
Wolves	2428
Rabbbits	2423
Wagner (Rabbits)	236
Wagner (Rabbits)	618
Boyd Memorial League	
Palmer	2351
McCormick	2026
Blessing (McCormick)	210
L. Cocklin (McCormick)	558
nter-City League (Academy Alleys)	
Academy	1483
Middletown	1391
Johnson (Academy)	124
Johnson (Academy)	340
Miscellaneous (Fickes Alleys—Lemoyne)	
Lemoyne	1487
Evangelical	1379
Fickes (Lemoyne)	145
Fickes (Lemoyne)	363
(Dull's Alleys—New Cumberland)	
New Cumberland	1602
Lebanon	334
Updegraf (New Cumb.)	140
Smaley (New Cumb.)	350
(Casino Alleys)	
Harrisburg	2456
New Cumberland	2155
Sweigert (New Cumb.)	232
Trace (New Cumb.)	549
(Hess Alleys)	
Harrisburg Baking Co.	1351
Schmidt's	1300
Smith (H. B. Co.)	106
Hennekamp (H. B. Co.)	289

STANDING OF THE TEAMS

Allison Hill	W.	L.	Pct.
Lions	27	18	.600
Wolves	26	19	.578
Rabbits	25	20	.555
Cubs	24	21	.533
Leopards	22	23	.488
Tigers	11	34	.244
Bankers	W.	L.	Pct.
Uptown	31	14	.689
The Hill	20	22	.476
Steelton	21	24	.466
Downtown	15	27	.357
Boyd Memorial	W.	L.	Pct.
McCormick	21	6	.777
Hick-A-Thrifts	19	5	.791
Palmer	17	7	.708
Independents	14	13	.518
Boyd	9	18	.333
Excelsior	7	20	.296
Bethany	6	21	.222
Dull	4	20	.100

BURNED WITH METAL

Duncannon, Pa., Feb. 24.—Winfred, the 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Hammaker, North Market street, with other children built a fire in the lot on Thursday evening. Winfred put some babbit in a pan and held it over the first to melt. After it was melted he threw it in some water and the hot metal flew up in his face and right eye, burning him severely.

The Sportlight by Grantland Rice

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Forty-three years ago to-day, in the citadel of Mansfield, Pa., two of the greatest Batting Eyes that baseball has ever known blinked out upon the world.

They were attached unto the person christened a trifle later as John Henry Wagner. Later on there was a new christening with the John Henry supplanted by Honus—Honus the Hittite—Sultan of Swat.

Wagner is 43 years old to-day—the only ball player, with the exceptions of Cap Anson and Cy Young, who was still a major leaguer this far along the devious highway of life.

Wagner's Reign

A number of words have been spilled around John Henry Wagner before. We would esteem it considerable bliss to have a dollar for every word that has been written about him these last twenty-odd years. After buying out Standard Oil, the Steel Corporation, and settling the war debt of Europe, we have only a few millions left.

But there is always room for a few more words where praise of John Henry Wagner is involved.

Mighty-shouldered, bull-throated, lion-hearted, bow-legged, linked to a lumbering grace that covered ground with amazing swiftness, Wagner has long been an institution and an inspiration.

He has been thrice blessed—blessed with a Batting Eye incarnate—blessed with a pair of hands that might have relieved Atlas—and blessed again with a love for, and a loyalty to, the game that has never been equalled.

In his 20 years of major league baseball he has served but one flag—that first lifted by Barney Dreyfuss over Louisville and later transferred to Pittsburgh, where Wagner has spent the greater part of his baseball life.

So he has been one of the few remaining links between baseball and sentiment, proof that there is still something more to the game than the gate receipts.

A Few Records

The big infielder has more than his share of records. He has played in more games, scored more runs, made more hits and stolen more bases than any other ball player who ever lived.

In addition to this he holds the game's record of 17 successive years at .300 or above—the .300 span extending unbroken from 1897 to 1914.

Dan Brouthers batted .300 or better 14 years in succession; Keeler, 13; Anson, 12; Ed Delahanty, Nap Lajoie and Joe Kelly, 11 each. Ty Cobb has also batted above .300 the last 11 years, with some distance yet to go—but with seven .300 years ahead before he passes John Henry Wagner's mighty mark.

Cobb now holds the major league record of nine successive years of batting leadership and he hopes to move along and add Wagner's record to his credit—but at thirty, seven years above .300 is no light task even for a Cobb to face.

There have been many thousands of major league ball players, but Wagner is the only one who has ever known such a batting span.

At Forty-three

Last summer Wagner was playing his twentieth major league campaign. He was moving into his forty-third year. Yet, even then, he was above .300 most of the season, and at the finish only seven regulars in the National League were above him.

He completed his twentieth year of battle as the hardest-hitting shortstop in his circuit, while his infield play around short was still of the highest order.

As a Sportsman

Wagner has always been something more than a great ball player. No game has ever known a finer sportsman.

We know of one instance where he coached a basketball team and refused to accept any pay for his work. This," he said, "is my recreation—not my profession."

A year ago he collaborated with a Pittsburgh writer in a series of articles, all under Wagner's name.

When the check came Hans turned over the entire amount to the baseball writer, who had been the victim of a severe illness.

Money was never any part of his god. He got his living from the game, but he played it still more for the love of it.

We know on two occasions where Pennsylvania voters urged him to run for Congress. On each occasion he refused. The certainty of election would not have tempted him. "I would have to quit baseball," he wrote. That was enough to end the debate.

Hans and Larry

Wagner's greatest rival through the twenty span was Napoleon Lajoie, who was to the American League what Wagner was to the National. The Big German and the Big Frenchman are types that no living fan will ever forget. Lajoie served his twenty-first major league years last season, and this spring passes into the minors as a manager, although he will still continue to play.

How much further Wagner can go is not to be called in advance. His scalp is gray and his face is wrinkled from the eye strain of facing countless suns. But while winter may be on his head, spring still waits in his soul.

He looks like some ancient ruin upon the field, but part of the answer, at least, is this: Last year no shortstop outbatted, and only one, Maranville, had a better fielding average. He isn't hanging on through sentiment, but results.

Time has been beckoning him from a long span through an age that has been serving Youth.

But the answer in his twentieth campaign and his forty-second year was this: Batting average, .287; fielding average, .944.

So Time has about decided to quit calling him in—probably on the theory that he has grown too deaf to hear.

Considerable institution, John Henry Wagner. And you who follow baseball to-day had just as well gaze your fill at every opportunity. You will never look upon his like again.

DEATH KNELL FOR NEW YORK BOXING

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 24. — Instead of insisting on the passage of legislation immediately to stop all professional boxing in New York, Governor Whitman let it be known to-day that he would be satisfied if the present law governing bouts is repealed, the repeal to become effective January 1 next. The Governor, it was stated at the executive chamber, would like to see enacted the Slater law, which would prohibit legalized boxing immediately.

However, it has been pointed out to him that many engagements have been made in good faith for bouts durinb the summer and fall under the present law, and that it would work a hardship to many interests if all were canceled. Accordingly, he has agreed to a compromise, under which he will accept an amendment to the Slater Hill which will defer until December 31 the effectiveness of the proposed repeal.

BRIDGE CLUB ENTERTAINED

Mechanicsburg, Pa., Feb. 24. — The Evening Bridge Club was pleasantly entertained last evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. N. W. Hershner, West Main street. Luncheon was served to: Dr. and Mrs. M. M. Dougherty, Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Smith, Dr. and Mrs. Robert P. Long, Mr. and Mrs. Murray L. Dick, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Schroeder, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Biddle, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. John Faller, Dr. and Mrs. N. W. Hershner.

FUNERAL OF MRS. J. H. BROWN

Mechanicsburg, Pa., Feb. 24.—Funeral services for Mrs. J. H. Brown, who fell down the cellar stairs at her home yesterday and broke her neck, will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Dr. H. N. Fegley, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran church. Burial will be made in Chestnut Hill cemetery. Mrs. Brown was aged 75 years and was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, where she lived prior to coming here four years ago. Her husband survives.

LEAGUE MEETING NOW NECESSITY

New York League Schedule Makers Will Not Be Alone; Circuit in Doubt

Indications point to a busy session of the New York State League in Harrisburg next month. This gathering has been heralded as only a scheduled meeting, but it looks like it will be a real session. There is much to do before the baseball season starts in April.

President J. H. Farrell is not yet certain where all of his teams will pay this summer. While there has been good news coming from Elmira, it is said this franchise and that of Utica, may be sold between now and the time for the meeting.

Reports from Utica are that there must be a sale of the club in that city. Heirs want a settlement of an estate of which the baseball franchise is a part. Utica citizens have been hustling to organize a stock company and there has been much encouragement, but not enough to assure success. It is said that either Allentown or Bethlehem will pay the necessary price for Utica interests.

At Elmira there has been also much activity and with the aid of the Rotarians of that city announcement has been made that the club will remain in the city. However, there is a report that the transfer of the interests there is for the purpose of preventing a loss to the present owners who have been loyal to Elmira fans and that the new association is ready and willing to sell if there is a profit coming on their investment.

Whatever is going to happen at Utica and Elmira will be made known officially at the March meeting. There need be no worry. Those who know President Farrell have every confidence in his ability to bring about a satisfactory adjustment of all controversies and to fix a circuit that will mean another successful season.

Bits From Sportland

The Methodist Club five, of the City Amateur League, will meet the Burnham Y. M. C. A. team, on the latter's floor tonight. In a game played at Burnham at an earlier date the Methodist lads were victorious and expect to duplicate the feat tonight.

On the home floor last night the Wiconisco High School five lost a lively battle to the Enhaut High School five by the score of 32 to 21.

The Camp Hill High School tossers easily defeated the Dragon A. C. combination by the score of 36 to 22, in a game played last night on the Camp Hill floor.

The Carlisle High School Sophomore five lost a one-sided contest to the Hummelstown High School five last night by the score of 68 to 9. The contest was played on the victors' floor.

The undefeated Hagerstown Crescents went down to defeat last night at the hands of the Altoona five, by the score of 31 to 20. The Altoona five is on a five-day trip and at the present time has won four straight games, making a record of fourteen straight for the season.

In a bitterly contested game last night on the Carlisle floor the Hershey M. C. quintet lost to the Lebanon Y. M. C. A. team by the score of 36 to 34. In a preliminary game the Hershey Monarch five downed the Palmyra team.

The first squad of players of the New York Giants left for the training camp at Marlin, Texas, yesterday. Forty-one persons were included in the party with players and friends of the club.

Gus Gleichman, a former Tri-State played with the Wilmington team, has been traded by the Vernon club to the Los Angeles club, of the Pacific Coast league, in exchange for several other players.

The Melrose Grammar School five was victorious over the Oberlin Grammar School team by the score of 31 to 23, in a game played last night on the Oberlin floor.

Alden S. Swan, at one time a champion oarsman, died at his home in New York yesterday, aged seventy-eight years. In 1865 he won the single scull championship of the Hudson, in a six-mile race, and in 1872, with a rowing mate, he won the double scull championship of the National Rowing Association at Philadelphia, in a three-mile boat race.

The Camp Hill High School girls' team met its first defeat of the season last night at the hands of the Harrisburg Central High School girls' team by the score of 45 to 4.

Harry Coveleski and Oscar Vitt are the only two hold-outs on the Detroit American League club. Coveleski is well known in these parts, his home being in Shamokin, and he pitched for the Lancaster Tri-State club.

Negotiations for the sale of Joseph Wood, once star pitcher of the Boston Americans, to the Cleveland Club, were discussed at a conference between Harry H. Frazee, president of the Boston club and Robert McRoy, vice-president of the Cleveland club. No agreement was reached but another conference will be arranged in the near future.

Ban Johnson is a standpatter and is opposed to the changing of the playing rules of the national pastime and of the splitting of the world's series money among different clubs.

EASTERN LEAGUE LEADERS TO PLAY

Jasper Tossers Here For Game With Independents; Stars in Line-up

Eastern League leaders, the Jasper five will be the attraction to-night at Chestnut Street Auditorium. They play the Harrisburg Independents.

Dave Kerr, who has been out of the Jasper line-up for over a month on account of an injured knee, will jump center in to-night's game and as he always plays a starm game with the Garnets when they appear in this city, much interests will be noticed in his play with the champion Jasper team.

The locals are all in the best of condition, after two hard workouts this week, and a great game is looked for. The game will start promptly at 8.15 and will be followed by the usual dance. The teams will line-up as follows:

Independents.	Jasper.
Rote, f.	Sedran, f.
McCord, f.	Cashman, f.
Gerdes, c.	Kerr, c.
Colstock, g.	Freidman, g.
McConnell, g.	Fox, g.

Hassett School Quintet Trims St. Francis College Five In Fast Contest

The Hassett School of Gymnastics five, without the service of its star forward Gerdes, defeated the St. Francis College quintet in a well played game last night on the Cathedral Hall floor, by the score of 31 to 23. The Hassett Arrows defeated the Presbyterian Olivets in a preliminary game by a score of 62 to 6.

The Hassett tossers took the lead from the very first toss up, and, although at times the score was very close the St. Francis team never proved dangerous, and the local tossers held the lead throughout. Hassett showed superior teamwork, in which department the collegians were weak, breaking up many of their passes when an opposing player cut for the goal. Cahill, who played guard for the Hassett club five did some clever work. The summary:

ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE

	Fld.G.	Fl.G.	T.P.
Leonard, forward	2	0	4
Sanders, forward	1	11	13
Denny, center	0	0	0
Irwin, center	2	0	4
Maylock, guard	0	0	0
Burke, guard	1	0	2
Totals	6	11	23

HASSETT S. OF G.

	Fld.G.	Fl.G.	T.P.
P. Gerdes, forward	4	5	13
Reagen, forward	3	0	6
Sourbier, center	3	0	6
Gough, guard	3	0	6
Cahill, guard	0	0	0
Totals	13	5	31

Referee—Arthurs.

ARROWS

	Fld.G.	Fl.G.	T.P.
Burns, forward	4	0	8
Maloney, forward	6	8	20
Sullivan, center	4	0	8
Gaffney, guard	3	0	6
Leedy, guard	10	0	20
Totals	27	8	62

OLIVET

	Fld.G.	Fl.G.	T.P.
Polleck, forward	1	0	2
Kurtzetner, forward	1	1	3
Storey, center	0	0	0
Basehoar, guard	0	1	1
Kinter, guard	0	0	0
Totals	2	2	6

Referee—Bihl.

Middletown High Five Defeats Steelton High

In a hard fought game at Middletown, last night, the Middletown High School defeated the Steelton High School combination by the score of 23 to 18. Middletown High lost at Steelton several weeks ago and revenged itself last night. The Middletown Reserves defeated the Steelton Reserves by the score of 28 to 19 in a preliminary contest. The summary:

STEELTON H. S.

	Fld.G.	Fl.G.	T.P.
Dayhoff, forward	1	4	6
Coleman, forward	1	0	2
Brackenridge, center	2	0	4
P. Wueschinski, guard	3	0	6
Morrett, guard	0	0	0
Totals	7	4	18

MIDDLETOWN H. S.

	Fld.G.	Fl.G.	T.P.
Bowman, forward	3	5	11
Cocklin, forward	4	2	10
Rudy, center	0	0	0
Kupp, guard	0	0	0
Snavely, gurd	1	0	2
Totals	8	7	23

Referee—Baumbach. Scorer—Mahlen.

BURNING MEN DROP SAFELY

Altoona, Pa., Feb. 24.—Their clothing in flames, John Erapatic, 27 years old, and Matthew Yelenac, 23 years old, slid down a rope suspended over the ledge on which they were working, twenty feet above the ground, in the Pittsburgh Limeston Company's quarry at Clover Creek, and rolled in a shallow pool to extinguish the fire. Their presence of mind, fellow workers say, doubtless saved their lives. They were set on fire by the premature explosion of a keg of powder and were severely burned.

WELLY'S CORNER

Baseball plans for the University of Pittsburgh call for twenty games. The season opens April 24 with Juniata, at Pittsburgh; and closes with Lehigh University June 13. Walter Blair, former catcher for the New York Americans and late member of the Harrisburg league team, has been secured to coach the Blue and Gold squad this year. Blair is one of the best inside baseball men in the coaching field and should produce a winner. The team will be handicapped to some extent this year, due to the fact that no freshmen are allowed to participate in varsity athletics. This will make some of the best material of the school unavailable for the big team.

Charlie Snyder, the popular Tech. High school center, is rapidly recovering at his home, 1708 Market street, from a severe attack of pneumonia. "Charlie" had a hard time getting through for a while but the old spirit that carried him "over the line" on the football field brought him through on top as usual. He is a trifle more pale than in the middle of the swimming season, but otherwise the same.

According to a dispatch from Utica, the New York State League team will remain in that city. Assurance was given yesterday that the stock would be taken over by private citizens. The deal will be closed Monday.

Carlisle claims to have the champion target shooters of Cumberland county. This fact must be proven. M. B. Stewart and J. H. Donson, of West Fairview, have challenged any pair of shooters in the county to a 100-target race. The shoot will take place at Carlisle, in March.

Inter-City League bowlers are getting quite active. This is a forerunner of plans for the big bowling carnival to be held in Harrisburg in April. These contests offer opportunity to pick stars for the big contests. Harrisburg will entertain the best bowlers in Pennsylvania, residing within a radius of fifty miles of this city.

Unusual interest is manifested in the second bowling contest in the Pennsylvania railroad elimination contest. It will take place to-night at Altoona. The local Motive Power bowlers will compete with the shop team that lost out in this city one week ago. In the event of a tie-up the third game will be played on neutral alleys. Should Harrisburg win the local five will be in the finals at Baltimore in April.

STEELTON BOY TO MEET PAUL COYNE

Openers for the next boxing show will be Kid Bretz and Paul Coyne. The show will be held at Chestnut Street Auditorium Wednesday, February 28.

Bretz hails from Steelton and looks like a comer. He has only fought a few times, but is breaking the game good, the same can be said of Coyne who is a Lancaster product in the game. Both boys are bantamweights. A large bunch of Steelton fans have already made reservations.

Another Important Bout

Kid Smith of Columbia and George (Kid) Alberts of Reading will be an other big drawing card as Smith always puts up a great fight. Seats on sale Monday. There will be reservations for women. Many of the Italian fans are highly elated over the return of their favorite Kid Albert from Frederick, who will meet Johnny Wolgast.

Honus Wagner Celebrated 43d Birthday To-Day

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 24.—John (Honus) Wagner to-day celebrated his forty-third birthday. On February 24, 1874, in Mansfield, Pa., was born the man who has come to be known almost wherever the game is played as "the grand old man of baseball." Though far past the age when most baseball players retire, Wagner today was planning his twenty-first major league season.

Baseball fans of Pittsburgh to-night will celebrate Wagner's birthday with a banquet in his honor.

Urge Federal Bird Bill; Need For Effective Act

Washington, Feb. 24. — The Administration, it was learned to-day, is anxious for Congress to pass at this session a bill prepared by the Department of Agriculture to make effective the provisions of the ratiffied treaty with Great Britain for the protection of migratory and insectivorous birds.

The bill has been introduced in both Houses and reported favorably by the committee of the lower body and is now on the House calendar, but without any chance of passing at this session unless the Administration gets behind it. The good faith of this country might be questioned if Congress fails to pass the bill, as it was upon the initiation of the United States through a resolution of the Senate that the treaty was negotiated.

Galahad Recreation Club To Elect New Officers

On next Monday the Galahad Recreation Club will have rounded out three years of athletic activities on Allison Hill, and on that date will elect officers for the ensuing year. The event will be celebrated with a social and luncheon, at 1952 Bellevue Road.

At the present time the active membership of the Galahad Club consists of twenty-seven men and during the past year the club has added many new features along athletic and social lines. The members are looking forward to a successful summer and expect to have a baseball team entered in the Allison Hill League.

Meadowbrook Club Plans Big Athletic Carnival

Philadelphia, Feb. 24. — Entry blanks of the Meadowbrook Club of this city for their gigantic carnival of track and field sports in Commercial Museum on March 10, is out. It gives one an idea of the great meet it is going to be. Every year the program gets just a little bigger and just so much better. There are three new events this year; that is three are billed but only two may take place. One of them is a two-mile relay race between Dartmouth and Syracuse, another is a half mile race between Ted Meredith and Bohlin, the Swede, and the third is a one-mile race between Joie Ray, the greatest American miler, and Zanders, the great Swede.

There is some doubt as to whether the Swedes wil get to this country, but if they do not, Ray will run a special mile race against Windnagle, of Cornell, Overton of Yale and Devanney of the Millrose Club. Otherwise there is but one change in the program from last year. A 1,000-yard handicap race is substituted for a half-mile novice race.

RED CROSS EXHIBIT

Mechanicsburg, Feb. 24. — The Kittatiny Camp Fire Girls are giving a demonstration of American Red Cross in one of the large display windows of the Hurst estate store, West Main street, this afternoon and evening. This is the second public demonstration of this sort held here. Two years ago, Miss Anne McCormick and Mrs. Carl B. Eby, of Harrisburg Red Cross committee, demonstrated at Irving College, by the invitation of Dr. E. E. Campbell.

NO GUARD FOR POTATOES

Berks Farmer, Victim of Thieves, Appeals In Vain For Protection

Reading, Pa., Feb. 24. — Mayor Filbert turned down an application for police protection for a potato grower who is holding a large quantity of potatoes for higher prices on his farm just beyond the city limits. Some of the man's potatoes were stolen Thursday night and a guard was asked for the farm.

"You are entitled to neither police nor sympathy," the mayor told the grower. "Sell your potatoes."

BOXING
Chestnut Street Auditorium
Wednesday Evening, Feb. 28th
Johnny Wolgast vs. Kid Albert
Dick Wills vs. Billy Waltz
George Kid Albert vs. Kid Smith
Paul Coyne vs. Kid Bretz
Prices, 50¢ 75¢ and $1.00
Seats on sale at Kochenour's Cigar Store, Third and Market streets.

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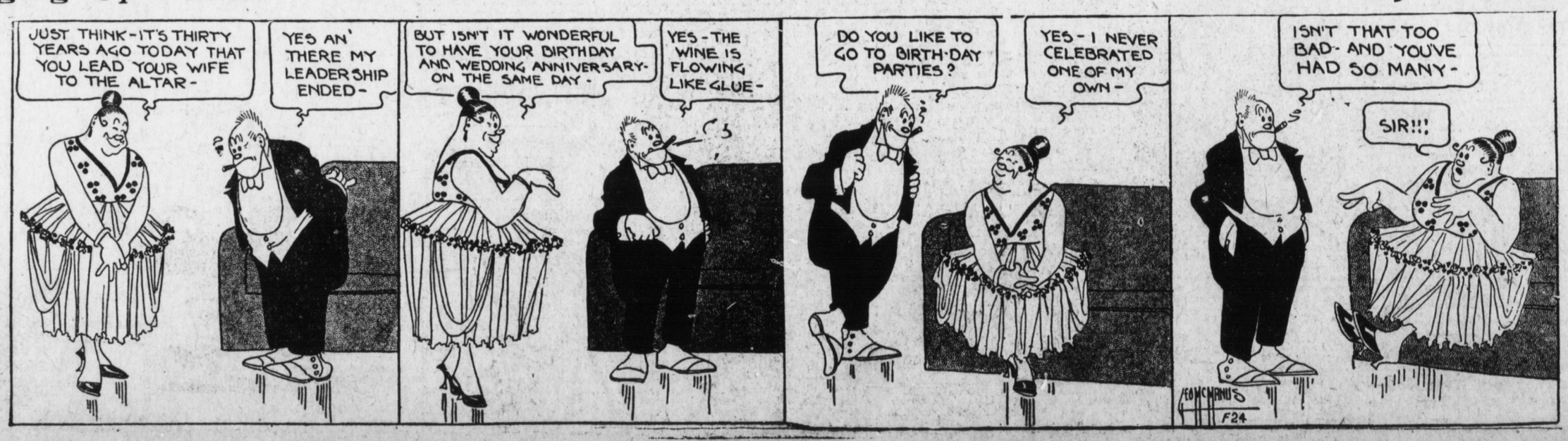
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