

BASE BALL CRANKS HAPPY

See the Light Breaking Through the Clouds at Last. CHEERING PROSPECTS FOR THE GAME HERE

Managers Hampered on the Matter of Grounds, but a Settlement of that Question is Early Expected

Omaha is now a full-fledged member of the Western league and the fans are happy. Inspired by the bright sunshine of the last few days they are already imagining themselves seated in a shady corner of the grandstand...

Speaking of the grounds suggests the only trouble that really bothers anyone now. It is a painful but strictly venereal ailment that the management has every reason for complaint on account of the manner in which its negotiations for a suitable location for the ball park have been met.

It should not be forgotten that in bringing this franchise to Omaha Messrs. S. Hurst and O'Brien have done the city a substantial favor. Not that they are coming here for their health. They do so because they expect to make a profitable investment.

While it will probably be several days before the location of the Omaha grounds is definitely announced, the present indications are that the management will be content to select the Vinton street site.

The action of the Western league in protesting against the drafting rule of the National league is amply justified, but it remains to be seen whether its members of the big league will be content to be limited to appreciate the justice of the proposition.

One of the most striking features of the base ball situation at present is the general tendency on the part of players who did a fair season's work in the big league to desert for other clubs.

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cannot afford to pay fancy salaries. When a man can make \$200 per month for five or six months he is not doing poorly. That is all a player is worth to his club.

Alex Whitehill has decided that he would like to appear in an Omaha uniform again. He is studying medicine, but he writes the sports editor that he does not see anything would suit him better than to drop anatomy for the season and play ball.

The Milwaukee team will have nearly fifty men on its claimed list. Washington wants Pitcher Carney of St. Louis, but Hurst wants him too and he will brook.

Strooklyn is said to have offered one of its pitchers \$200 for the season. And still they talk about Greater New York.

With the departure of Anson Jimmy Ryan is the only member of the 1888 champion team still wearing the Chicago uniform.

The Chicago fans are much agitated over the question whether Deaver or Everett will be selected to fill the old man's place on the first base.

Comiskey asserts that when his team lines up for the season they will be eight inches taller than every day who can hit above the 290 notch.

It is claimed that five of the National league clubs are in line in opposition to the plan to make another year or two until they are able to muster a majority.

Pitcher Perry of Milwaukee refuses to sign at the \$200 limit. It is evident that the "Adonis" has not thoroughly mastered the lessons of the last few years.

continue jurisdiction over the playing rules, but also to assume control over the strict enforcement of the amateur rule.

After spending an afternoon and evening in debate at Brown University, Providence, R. I., the intercollegiate athletic conference adjourned having done nothing but decide to refer the following questions to a sub-committee, which shall report at another meeting.

Should members of the graduate schools be considered as eligible for college teams? Should the conference adopt a set of general eligibility rules?

On Tuesday morning delegates from the University of Nebraska, the University of Wisconsin and Hastings met at Lincoln to form the State Athletic association.

F. M. Hall of Butte, Mont., has been decided on as head coach for next fall's "variety" football team at the University of Michigan.

A graduate meet of the University of Pennsylvania, George H. Frazier, '87, has been elected to the position of head coach of the football team.

It is quite probable that a team of athletes composed of the first and second men in the next annual meet of the Intercollegiate Athletic association will be sent to London in the summer to meet the cream of the athletes at Cambridge and Oxford.

Yale, Harvard and Princeton have signed articles of agreement for the first intercollegiate football tournament ever held in America.

A. A. Stagg of the University of Chicago expects to make the intercollegiate meet at Chicago on March 5, the biggest event of the year extending into the intercollegiate outdoor meet in June.

that he would much rather talk than shoot. Three of the leading citizens of Spirit Lake, including the president of one of the banks, members of the big college teams, and a few of the local politicians, this governing body should be in a position to properly investigate such a charge and would also be able to give a ruling on the matter.

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A parent problem published some time ago in the Literary Digest. The setting of the original problem was: Black, K on Q R 4; White, K on Q R 4. The three-move solution was: White, K to K 3, followed by Q to Q 2 and the mate of Q to Q 3 or to Q Kt 4.

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