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SCHEDULE GREETED WITH APPROVAL

Magnates Congratulated Upon Their Good Judgment in Adopting Rourke's Schedule-Local Season Opens Saturday.

Those persons who, in passing through Vinton street on the motor cars or otherwise, have looked out upon the work of improvement in progress at the old Nonparell park, undertaking. And anyone who has stopped to investigate just what changes are in process of completion have made no effort to conceal the admiration aroused within them for Buck Keith and Bill Rourke in their efforts to once more place Omaha in the column of professional base ball cities. This undertaking has been a big one and the fruition is yet wholly a question of guesa work. Nevertheless, Buck Kelth and his coworker have for the past few months expended liberally of their time and money to properly inaugurate base ball in Omaha. The encouragement they have received has been woefully scarce, but in the face of it all they have worked bravely, and it begins to look now as though their reward, coming in the shape of the shekels of the base ball lovers and the plaudits of all supporters of legitimate sport, is not far distant.

that Omaha will have base ball grounds of and the popular Originals will try conwhich no citizen need be ashamed. Where clusions with them. a few months ago a tangled growth of trees garnes, a commodious, well-built grandcompleted the ball park will be as smooth as a billiard table. At the same time carpenters are busily engaged in completing the bleachers and the high board fence which will surround the park. The diamond is laid out just as was the old grounds upon which the Originals and the packing house teams played last season. The home plate is in the southwest corner of the park, and right behind it is the center of the grandstand, which is constructed in the shape of an "L." It will do the base ball enthusiasie a world of good to take a trip out to the new grounds today and see for themselves just what a swagger place of entertainment Buck Keith is preparing for them this summer. The grounds will be open to the public day. invitation to everyone to see what he has been doing the last few weeks.

ule of the season's games and nothing now time, experienced players as Hess, Lauzon remains to be done except for the players Burrell, Toman, Hughes, Rebsman, O'Conto don their uniforms and gallop around the ball field as per the schedule mapped out gingery, ambitious youngsters like McCausfor them. The conclave of the league managers was an interesting affair. It was held utations to make, the Omaha team is sure in a parlor of one of Omaha's hotels and to be a strong organization and take front was attended by all of the managers except | rank with the other teams of the league. Chase of Des Moines and Hulen of Pueblo As long as the managers steered clear of the subject uppermost in their minds and which had been responsible for their meetmatter was broached ominous clouds ap- Des Moines have been somewhat dilatory shot, pole vault and mile run. The Omaha question at hand was postponed until late in the afternoon. Then each of the baseball magnates heaved a deep breath, each buckled on his armor, expelled the sporting writers from their presence, and proceeded. It didn't take long to do the busi-

"It's all over now but the shouting." This

schedules were presented, one each by Rourks and Tebeau, members of the schedule committee, and one by President Hickey. They had been studied by the members during the day and Managers been signed: Catchers, Morrow and Stan-Keith and Rourke of the home team de- ley; pitcher, Andrews; infield, Hanlon, Ancided in a conference with a couple of interested townsmen that under no circumstances would they agree to any schedule other than the one Rourke had prepared. This was not because of any selfish motives nor with any idea of conveying the impression that Rourke was the only good schedule-maker in the league, but for the reason that his schedule was the only fair and equitable one-the only one that did not give any one club an advantage over the Frank Roth, John Holland and Lynn Shark. others and the only one that gave Omaha her just deserts. When the meeting first convened violent opposition was huried at of players and promises to have a few sur-Rourke's schedule. Just why this was so prises in store for his colleagues in the did not appear, unless it could be attributed Western league. to previous ungrounded prejudice. But finally Rourke was given an opportunity to

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was an imported brand of the perfecto Hammond base ball team is now in shape escription. At any rate, "Bill" dashed off for another season's play. It will be remem t little oratory, mixing in a few good, logi- bered that last year, although we started cal, argumentative propositions and when he very late in the season, we made a good finished the percration his schedule was record for ourselves. The Young Men's adopted with enthusiasm, while he blush- Christian association went down before us ingly bowed his appreciation for the words twice in well played games, as did the solof congratulation showered upon him by his diers at Fort Crook, and several other clubs

colleagues for his forensic ability. game here will be May 19.

It seems hardly possible that next Saturday the baseball season will be inaugurated in Omaha, but It is a fact just the same, and the fans are in a fever of impatience awaiting the opening game. At that time the vanguard of the Omaha team will meet the Omaha Originals in a grand "benefit" game, which gives promise of being an event far surpassing anything ever before given in Omaha in a sporting way. Interest in the coming game is confined by no means to that portion of humanity who, by reason of their enthusiasm in the great national game, are entitled to be called Many men and women who here-'fans.'' tofore have paid but little attention to baseball are as eager to see the "benefit" as the The transformation wrought at the old nost pronounced crank, and the attendance park on Vinton street is wonderful to behold, promises to be a record-breaker. The and even though it is not yet completed, majority of the players who will compose the work has progressed far enough to show the Omaha team will participate in the game

It will be the first opportunuity for the and underbrush skirted rude benches pro- general public to make the acquaintance of vided for attendants upon the amateur ball the ball players who are going to land the of seventy-five. With such an increased pennant for Omaha this season and that stand has been erected. A large number they will be accorded a royal reception goes posted that a much better showing will be of graders are now employed in leveling without saying. These same teams will enoff the diamond, and when their work is gage in an exhibition game on the following of the "A. A." was an infrequent sight on Sunday afternoon

reached the city, upon whose scrolls of legittoday and President Keith extends a cordial ever, before all of the men whom Manager lieved that there is still time, however, to Rourke has signed and with whom negotia- develop good form. tions are now in progress, will be here. The team will be picked from about twenty-two men, and from the material the manageis applicable to the present situation in ment has secured it is expected that a team excellent practice. In case Sloux City can-Western league baseball affairs. The meet- will be selected which will give all of the ing of the managers held in this city last other clubs a hot run for their money in week resulted in the adoption of the sched- the race for the pennant. With such old- with Council Bluffs. nell, Potter, Huriburt and Baer and with land, LeGore and Hoy, who have their rep-

The personnel of the several teams in the league as determined upon thus far is pentathlon meet on April 14 with the Uniencouraging to those who have established versity of Nebraska, on the campus at Lining together—the schedule—they were in high ideals for the character of ball to be coln. The events will be a high jump, runthe best of humor, but when the schedule played in the new league. Sloux City and ning jump, 160-yard dash, putting 12-pound peared on the horizon. For this reason the in getting their players signed, but Man- men who will enter the contest will probagers Beall and Chase can be depended upon ably be Henry and Roland Finney, McElroy to collect teams that will do credit to the Painter and Welsh. The two last named league. Already Des Moines has secured are High school athletes who have entered the services of Hardesty, who hails from more especially for the sake of the training. New York; Bresnahan, who graced a pitch- Each member of the team will enter all er's box in the National league, and Lewes, seven of the events. The mile run will be the short-stop, formerly with Milwaukee. Pueblo has a strong lot of players from the west, all of whom are personally known to Manager Hulen and by whom their abil- and Painter, however, are believed to be in ities are vouched. The following men have derson and O'Dea; outfield, McLaughlin, McCarthy and McHale. They are a capable lot and warrant Hulen's assertion that his team will be well up among the top-

notchers. Denver has a team of which George Tebeau is justly proud and Omaha will be given a stiff clip in the race for the pennant by Tebeau's "Rough Riders." Among the Denver players are Vizard, Bissell, Manager Runcie of the St. Joseph team is getting together a splendld aggregation

The editor of this department is pleased to give publicity to the following letter Now it happens that "Bill" Rourke at dif- relative to the new team organized by the ferent stages in his career has been on the Hammond packing house boys. Last year road as a cigar salesman. There is no the team representing this establishment school which gives a man such a command certainly did some very clever work and of convincing argument as experience in with the strengthening that has been made selling cigars and it is said that "Bill" be- in the formation of the new club the Hamcame such an adept in the art that he could monds ought to take front rank with the in the shape of a cigar, convincing him that | To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: The

met the same fate. The Armour Stars got The schedule was published in the col- the decision over us, but nine-tenths of the mns of this paper a few days ago and all spectators were willing to bet we were the who have given notice to it agree that it is winners. The umpire's decision and intera splendid arrangement of the senson's ference by some of the Armour players lost games. The distribution is beyond criticus the game. However, that is gone, and cism, each city being given its share of we mean to put up the same gentlemanly Sunday and holiday games. Omaha is given game this season that we did last. Eddie the distinction of opening three grounds be. Welch, who manages the team this year, fore returning home to make its initial bow has his players together, and will do everyto the local fans. The local team will be in thing to make his games worth coming Denver on the opening day of the season, many miles to see. It can be seen by the May 5, going from there to Pueblo, thence line-up that he is likely to make his promise to St. Joseph and being accompanied home good. He will be pleased to hear from have marveled at the apparent extent of the by the latter team. The first professional managers of other teams for the purpose of making arrangements for games in the near future. His address is, Eddie Weich, Hammend's Wholesale Market, Omaha. Our line-up is as follows: Harry Sage and Emil Romatka, catchers; Eddie Welch and Jim Neff, pitchers; Lewis Dorcas, first base; Danger Talbot, second base; Rooney third base; Minicus, shortstop; William Monahan, center field; Roy Campbell, left field; Harry Welch, right field.

ATHLETICS AT HIGH SCHOOL

Track Team is Preparing for the Interscholastic Meet-Negotiations with Sloux City.

The track team of the Omaha High school has gone into faithful training for the interscholastic meet on May 26 to be held at Lincoln. The probable competitors will be teams ranging from twelve to twentyfive from Omaha, Lincoln, Grand Island and Hastings. The Omaha school will send a delegation of twenty, backed by several carloads of rooters. The Athletic association now numbers about 500, having grown during the year from a languid membership interest displayed by the students it is exmade than last year, when the blue button the campus.

One year ago the Omaha men lost to Three of the Omaha players have already Lincoln by four points, for the principal reason that only a small team was sent to imate sport they are expected to carve out the meet and each athlete was obliged to records for themselves. They are Second appear in almost every event. The most Baseman O'Connell, Pitcher Ray Potter and formidable opponent this year is thought Outfielder "Speck" Huriburt. These three to be Grand Island, which has been in men are intelligent, level-headed, substan- active training for the last two months. tial young fellows who have had a varied The Omaha men, on the contrary, have had experience in baseball matters and come no gymnasium facilities, with the excephighly recommended. During the coming tion of those who are members of the Young week the majority of the players will arrive Men's Christian association, and the weather and begin to loosen up their joints in prac- has not permitted the systematic crosstice preliminary to the benefit game Satur- country runs or training on the campus con-It will probably be two weeks, how- templated earlier in the season. It is be-

Negotiations are now under way for an outdoor meet with the Sloux City High school, which will afford the home team not be induced to participate in a dual meet some arrangement will probably be made

OMAHA MEETS THE UNIVERSITY

Association Track Athletes to Try Their Strength in Seven Events Against Collegians.

An agreement was made by Physical Instructor Barnes of the Young Men's Christian association on Thursday to hold a new feature to the association men, as no course has been available for that distance during the winter. The Finney brothers condition to give an excellent account of themselves in a long-distance run

At the last field meet held between the association and the university the former of press of other duties. Mr. Rasmussen, beother triumph is anticipated this year, as tournament, heads the Nebraska team, ... Pillsbury and Benedict, upon whom the won his spurs by defeating Prof. A. S. Hitchiniversity placed great reliance, are both cock of Manhatten both games in the bsent from college. The only event won by Kansas-Nebraska match. Mr. Tyson plays as Lincoln one year ago was the high jump.

The basket ball tour which the university winner of Section B, second tournament; five expected to take to Kansas City and but Mr. Tyson has shown his ability to play Lawrence, Kan., has been abandoned. The chers by correspondence, being winner of the Kansas City team would only consent to first tournament. Mr. Hartzell is substitute the arrangement on the understanding that for Prof. Hinman, winner of Section C. t was to play a return game in Omaha second tournament. Mr. Hammond scored clared off.

It is expected that the Ames avenue track undergoing repairs and a diamond, bicycle Clark each won both games from their proposed whist carnival to be held in Chitrack and tennis courts will be laid out. The base ball team, consisting of Clarke, Crawford, Abbott, Benedict, Creigh, Sprague, Kennedy, Hoagland, Anderson, Moore and leffries, will go into active training at once.

CHESS PLAYERS FORM A CLUB

fwenty Admirers of the Royal Game Unite Their Energy-Progress of Interstate Tourney.

have displayed an interest who were unable against three Mississippiana consulting. to be present when the club was temporarily organized. On motion of J. J. Points, ond street, South Omaha. George R. Barker was elected temporary president and a committee of five was ap- braska City. pointed to make preliminary arrangements as regards headquarters, tables, pieces, etc. Dr. Stone gave a brief review of the history of the former Omaha Chess club Lincoln. which flourished during the '80's and exhibited some interesting score cards hearing the names of well known chess veterans. A player who had been in Lincoln during the visit of Pillsbury there a month ago Omaha. repeated a remark made by the champion that, "There are no chess players in Omaha." It was the general sentiment that this impression should be removed at once,

The charter members of the proposed organization will be as follows: "George R. Barker, J. J. Points, J. J. Boucher, Dr. Louis I. Bogen, Rev. C. O. Larrison, E. A. Evans, R. I. McCulloh, Edwin R. Stilphen, H. S. Payne, R. N. Brecheen, J. M. Bruner, A. Rasmussen, H. Thomsen, F. W. Biddle Andrew Bevins, Edward Stringer and J. W.

The Nebraska-Mississippi correspondence gin in a few days. The Mississippi knights Nebraska Chesa association, which was orhave not yet been assigned their places, but ganized two years ago by The Bee through President McGrath will doubtless have all the medium of C. Q. De France of Lincoln, arrangements made so that the contest will etc." HaHld, Biddle and Hinman asked to be excused from playing in the match because were really the prime movers in its organi- First-A contest for the Hamilton club in the bar-gains.

Following are the names and addresses of braska Chess association and the Mississippi State Chess association. The odd-numbered players in the Nebraska team have first At a meeting held at the Millard hotel on move, and the even-numbered players in desirous of interesting you and the mem-Thursday evening the chess players of the the Mississippi team have the same priv- bers of your club. The tournament comcity formed the nucleus of an association ilege. Only one game will be played at each mittee, of which I am chairman, expects to with a membership of twenty. Another table. At table No. 15, Messrs. Sedgwick have a meeting within a few days, when meeting will be held next Thursday evening and Wyckoff play in consultation against final arrangements will be made. Our idea at the same place when it is expected that two Mississippians consulting and at table is not to interfere with the general congress the membership will be doubled, as many No. 16, Mesers, Swim, Griffin and Swim play of the American Whist league at Niagara,

match began and is barred from playing.

3. T. N. Hartzell, Kearney.

4. H. B. Hammond, Wymore. 5. C. Q. De France, 2646 Garfield street,

6. W. R. Eilis, Bloomfield. 7. Dr. G. N. Seeley, Kearney.

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Omaha. 11. D. B. Kinniburgh, Adams.

12. P. J. Barron, 419 North Tonth street,

Lincoln 13. John L. Clark. Platte Center.

14. A. Powell, St. Edward. 15. S. H. Sedgwick and W. W. Wyckoff,

York. 16. C. B. Swim, N. G. Griffin and W. S. Swim, St. Edward.

LINCOLN, March 29,-To the Chesa Editor of The Bee: Will you kindly make a correction in your column? In The Bee

zation. I have done some work for the aswas victorious by a large margin and an- ing the winner in Section A, second Nebruska sociation since its birth, but have no desire to receive credit for what is due to others.

C. Q. DeFRANCE.

WHIST CARNIVAL IN CHICAGO

Omnha Players May Be Represented at One of the Most Notable Gatherings in the West.

The Omaha Whist club is considering an invitation to take part in a whist carnival toward the end of April. The local manages second in Section A, and is one of the for which plans are being laid in Chicago. ment explained that outdoor athletics will strongest players in Nebraska. Mr. Rice It is probable that a delegation from Omaha have begun before that time and that it takes second place in Section C. Dr. Seeley will be present if the Chicago Whist associwill, therefore, be impossible to get out a has been prevented from giving much at- ation is able to mature its plans for a meet crowd. It was suggested that Kansas City tention to chess for some time, but is now during the latter part of May. The invitaplay the return game next fall, but this was in position to show his Mississippi opponent tion, which is from Edward P. Martin, not agreed to and the expedition was de- a lively time. Mr. Kinniburgh has never chairman of the tournament committee, is played in any of the tournaments, but his as follows:

informal games show that he understands "Omaha Whist Club, Omaha: I wish to will be opened next week. The grounds are how to push pawns. Messrs. Barron and address you briefly on the subject of the Kansas opponents. The other players will cage the latter part of May or the first part doubtless give a good account of themselves. of June. The Chicago Whist association Unfortunately for Nebraska, Lee Edwards expects to play a return game with the removed from the state just before the Michigan Whist association on Decoration day and our plan is to hold the carnival immediately following that event, the games to be played on Thursday, Friday and Saturhe Nebraska players, entered in the cor- day. We propose to have a series of games, respondence chess match between the Ne- teams of four, pair teams, women's games and mixed games.

> "While it is to be a western event, it is to be open to all comers and we are very but there are hosts of whist players who will 1. A. Rassmussen, 198 South Twenty-sec- enjoy an event of this kind who cannot attend the annual congress. We will give of the American Whist league challenge 2. E. R. Tyson, 711 Central avenue, Ne- handsome prizes for each event and from trophy for the year 1900-1901. reports already received we are confident the gathering will be one of the largest and most successful ever held in the west. The for the year 1900-1901, play under the railroads have promised special rates, of which you will be informed within a few pairs after each round. days. One of the principal events which we hope to have is a trophy match between teams from the Wisconsin, Michigan, North-9. J. M. Bruner, 1124 Jackson street, western, Ohlo and Chicago Whist associations. This promises to be one of the most interesting occurrences of the year in whist circles."

The Elks are continuing their winter's tournament at their club rooms in the Ware block and although the youngest whist organization in the city have attained such proficiency that they feel competent to throw down the gauntlet to outside clubs. A team of sixteen from the lodge at Council Bluffs has been invited to try its strength against its brethren on this side of the Missouri. An evening last week was fixed for the visit, but owing to an election in the Iowa town and the unfavorable condition of the weather the match was deferred. these match is now assured and play will be- of March 18 appears this sentence: "The The contest will probably be held next

This column is in receipt of a neat an-It is but just to say that the Nebraska nouncement from the tournament commit be under way by April 2. The Nebraska Chess association owes its existence to The tee of the American Whist league relative team does not include several of the associa- Bee, Nelson Hald and C. L. Owen. I hap- to the general congress to be held at tion's strong players, but it is believed that pened to be one of the charter members, but Niagara Falls from July 2 to 14. The plan the new men will do good work. Messrs. Messrs. Hald and Owen, assisted by T. N. of play adopted by the executive committee Hartzell and Dr. G. N. Seeley of Kearney, contemplates sixteen contests, as follows:

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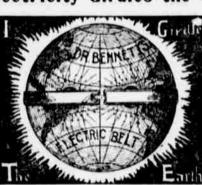
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