Omeha Enthusiasts Awaiting Anxiously the Opening of Sesson.

SEVERAL PRELIMINARY GAMES SCHEDULED

Regulars and Colts Will Cross Bats This Afternoon and the State University Team Will Appear Tomorrow.

The base ball fan is now in his glory. The seasons of the National and the American leagues began Thursday and dispussions of prospects of the various teams, club standings, batting averages, pitching abilities and divers other things associated with the popular national sport are now the order of the day. In Omana the local of Chicago, sustained the predictions of his ing the last few weeks. It is the exception ment incident to the opening of the Western league season, which begins May 5. with critical discernment and the unanithe local aggregation well in the fore of the pennant chasers from the Leginning rounds—the limit.

in the preliminary exhibition games held thus far the local team has shown up ad- Every point of argument, other than an mirably. Manager Keith has a galaxy of abiding faith in his cleverness and his stayably effective work, and each of the siab Since McGovern wrested from George Dixon artists is improving perceptibly. The work the featherweight championship which the of both the in and outfielders is such as to latter had held for years he has been disjustify the predictions of an impregnable posing of all comers with a marvelous support for the manipulators of the sphere. while all of the men have done exceptionally good work with the stick.

The arrival of "Bill" Wilson, the celebrated National league catcher, has strengthened the local team considerably. Wilson is a past master in the art of back He has served in this capacity with the New York Giants and in the Louisville team. More recently he was a member of the Kansas City team. Wilson draw, in accordance with a pre-arranged has put in the last week in careful practice along with the other members of the team his backers by the Brooklynite and his and has been doing most of the catching. manager, the fact that he was on his feet He is in spleudid form and made a dis- at the end, dishing up to his opponent an tinet impression in his initial appearance assortment of choice viands and had the at yesterday afternoon's game. Wilson better of the concluding round, will always took a turn with all of the local pitchers redound to his credit and the luster of his and expresses himself as highly pleased success will not soon fade away. It is not with their delivery. Hughes he pronounces beyond the range of possibilities to believe the roost likely pitcher he has ever encoun- that had the fight continued beyond the

game, scheduled for Monday last, owing to and the fighting they put up in the conthe rain, was a keen disappointment to the cluding round. It was clearly White's several fans who braved the threatening round. He uppercut the Brooklyn fighter weather and went out to the Vinton street repeatedly and the latter was unsteady on grounds hoping to see an exhibition between the locals and an American league aggregation. Inasmuch as Minneapolis defeated Kansas City in the opening game of the American league season there is much speculation as to what the outcome of the game with Omaha would have been had it taken place. President Keith firmly believes that his team would have been victorious, but his confidence in the Rourke family of players is so great that he would have no hesitancy in tackling any team in the National league, Philadelphia preferred.

The locals have several preliminary games on tapis prior to the opening of the season. This afternoon Captain O'Connell's galaxy day's fight will be of inestimable value to of artists will try conclusions with a team White. For many years he has been a of colts selected by President Keith. The prominent figure in the prize ring, but his game will be called at the grounds promptly career has never been marked by any event at 3:30 and President Keith has wagered so important as his bout with the generally Manager Rourke a suit of clothes that the recognized wizard of the squared circle. Colts will win the struggle. Lew Camp and Heroafter White, if he keeps a steady pace Dorcas, the ebony-hued first baseman who and improves with the passing of time, wil was numbered with the Originals last year, be a recognized figure of prominence in and seven of the regulars will complete the pugilistic affairs and more than passing in-

teams will line up as follows:
Regulars. Positions. Colts.
Wilson Catcher McCausland
Hughes Pitcher Dillon
Rebsamen First base Dorcas
O'Connell Second base Mackey
Toman Shortstop Ferris
Hoy Third base Dunn
Baer LeftfieldBurrell
McVicker Centerfield Hurlburt
Lauzon RightfieldCamp

Monday and Tuesday afternoons the Nebraska State university team will meet the Omahans on the local grounds and two interesting games are in prospect. Captain O'Connell of the local team coached the university boys and developed an exceptionally strong team. Manager Rourke does not anticipate that the students will administer his family a dose such as the Illinois university players gave Comiskey's Chicago American league team, but nevertheless anticipates a lively struggle and one well

Thursday and Friday the locals will go to Thursday and Friday the locals will go to
Des Moines and meet in exhibition games
be refused the Broadway Athletic club, and one of their future adversaries in the Western league. Next Saturday and Sunday the Des Moines team will play in this city.

On the following Wednesday Manager Rourke and his colony of players will move westward, playing exhibition games at Grand Island, Kearney and North Platte, and arriving in Denver for the opening of the season May 5. Four games each will be played in Denver, Pueblo and St. Joseph. when the first professional game of the season will take place on the home grounds May 19, between Omaba and St. Joseph.

WHIST.

IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS Three of the buttons, however, are missing, manager by the promoters of the Jeffriesand the secretary would consider it a favor. Corbett fight it would be one of the wonders any member or non-member who may of the age if an agreement should be reached have them in their possession would return whereby the Westchcater club would be them to the club. The result of the play chosen,

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Miller and Anthes

PALAVER OF THE PUGILISTS

McGovern's Introduction to His First Pronounced Opposition Afforded by Tommy White.

Tommy White, the featherweight pugilist enthusiasts are on the qui vivo of excite- friends in his bout with "Terrible Terry" McGovern at Chicago Tuesday night. The rather brief season between now and Sepexhibition of the manifold arts of the game The movements of the Balth-Rourke he possesses as given by him at that time family of ball players have been watched warrants the assumption that he may yet mous verdict is that Omaha . . s .cam that he surprised a large proportion of the folwill reflect credit upon this to and place lowers of fistiania by standing up before the Brooklyn fighting machine for six

Those who had faith in White's ability to complish this feat were in the minority. which has already done remark- ing qualities, opposed such a conclusion rapidity, suggesting the possible possession of a hypnotic charm. White is the first man outside of Dixon to stay five rounds with McGovern for almost a year, and his success in doing so entitles him to consideration in featherweight circles second only to that bestowed upon McGovern. Indeed the latter's star has been dimmed to a far greater degree than is appreciable by the casual observer of things pugilistic.

While White failed to get the credit of plan forced upon the Chicago fighter and sixth round White would have gained a pronounced victory. Such a belief has for The failure of the Minneapolis-Omaha its foundation the condition of the two men his feet, seemingly indisposed or unable to put up very strong resistance as the Chi-

cagoan shot out his left with vicious intent. The fight was governed by straight Queensberry rules and the men were permitted to hit in clinches and breakaways. Inasmuch as the betting was all on the basis of White's lasting through the six rounds, the Chicago lad primarily had for his purpose a defensive campaign. He departed from his policy at various intervals, however, and administered McGovern punishment, not particularly severe, but surprising in that it was the first real opposition that the Brooklynite had encountered since corraling the championship.

From the standpoint of the future Tuesroster of the Keith aggregation. The two terest will be taken in the contests in which he is one of the participants. Another meeting between him and McGovern will be looked forward to with much interest.

> The action of the New York police commissioners in refusing a renewal of the by the contestants indicate that the match license on the Coney Island Athletic club will be an exciting and withal a highly after its expiration May 1 came as a thunderbolt from a clear sky. It has completely disarranged things pugilistic and the are as follows: fighters as well as the supporters of the game are wondering where they are at, The championship fight between Jeffries and Corbett was scheduled to take place at the Concy Island club May 11, but without a license that club cannot provide accommodations for the event.

Sharkey and McCoy were also booked for an encounter before this club June 23, and two of the big fights of the coming season which promised so much for ring followers are in a rather chaotic state.

If the New York police board follows its unless a revision of sentiment is brought about, it is a certainty that the fights will not be held at the club decided upon, at least on the dates arranged. Corbett has expressed himself as willing that the fight should take place before May 1 and thus be brought off under the existing license. Jeffries has suggested that some other club will have to be secured and expressed himself as willing to fight in Kansas City or

Unless the police commissioners change their minds and decide to grant renewed license to the Coney Island club the only available eastern location for such an event is the Westchester Athletic club, near New There was a good attendance and some York, which is operated by Martin Julian, very interesting hands were played at the and where the Fitzsimmons-Ruhlin fight regular meeting of the Omaha Whist club will come off. Owing to the pronounced Wednesday evening, which was button night. prejudice existing toward this club and its

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The transfer of the welterweight cham-Billy" Smith to Matty Matthews in their fight at New York Tuesday night was acround go at New York, but failed. He athitherto impossible feat was accomplished

Anticipating the early demise of pugilism Horton law becomes effective there has been a deal of activity on the part of the prominent fighters and their backers durtember 1 unfilled.

Besides his go with Corbett Champion Jeffries has been scheduled for a fight with accomplish greater things than he did when McCoy and may take on Fitzsimmons, Sharkey and Ruhlin, besides a few second and third-raters who will be picked up as easy money for the purpose of adding a few shekels to the coffers of the champion. many matches have been announced and called off since this spirit of matchmaking manifested itself that it is difficult to keep track of coming events, but there promises to be enough prize fighting among the topnotchers during the next few months to furnish a surfeit for the most enthusiastic

BIG TOURNAMENT THIS WEEK

Attractive Program Arranged for Annuni Meeting of Nebraska State Sportsmen's Association.

The delegation of Omaha sportsmen who attended the Lincoln Gun club shoot in the capitol city last week and had a thoroughly enjoyable time, have returned and all of the which will be built under the supervision local shots are now devoting their attention the twenty-fourth annual tournament of the Nebraska State Sportsmen's association, which will be held in this city Tuesday. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. That it will be one of the most interesting and successful events in the history of the assoiation is a foregone conclusion.

The program for the four days' shooting an exceptionally attractive one. much so, indeed, that sportsmen from far and near have signified their intention of participating in the various events and the attendance promises to be unusually large. A feature of particular importance is the adding of \$1,000 in cash to the purses.

The first two days will be devoted strictly to target shooting. On Wednesday the state championship event for the handsome gold trophy will be shot. There will be twentyfive targets, and the entrance fee will be \$3. Thursday the regular program of tar gets will be followed by the state championship contest for a diamond badge. There will be fifteen live birds, thirty yards rise. and the entrance will be \$15.

The big day of the tournament will be Friday when the Omaha handicap, open to the world, will be shot. This event is attracting extraordinary attention from clever shooters, both local and from abroad. There of \$15, birds extra. High guns will winclass shooting. The handicapping. done by the management.

The annual business meeting of the state at the Paxton hotel, which has been selected urious landaus or coaches, with their livas headquarters for the visiting shooters by the local committee.

RULES FOR CHESS CONFEST

Strife Between Nebraska and Mississippi Excites Much Interest on Part of Chess Players.

Nebraska chess players are awaiting with musual interest the forthcoming match with representatives of the state of Mississippi and the preparations being made scientific one.

The rules which will govern the contest Each Nebraska player shall play one game with his Mississippi adversary.
 Drawn games shall count one-half to

each player.

3. The time limit between receiving moves and posting replies shall not exceed seventy-two hours. Sundays excepted, and in case of a violation of this rule without reasonable cause (the referre to decide what is a reasonable cause) the player violating the rule shall forfeit the game; providing, however, that a player has, in each game he plays, seven days of extra time, which he may avail himself of a day at a time (fractions of a day to count as a day), or two or more days consecutively, but in taking advantage of this rule the player exceeding his time limit must, in sending his reply to his opponent, upon which reply he has taken over the seventy-two hours, notify him as to the extent or exact amount of extra time taken.

4. The winner of each game, or in case of a draw, the first player, shall forward in The time limit between receiving move

cancel said game.

5. A move once dispatched cannot be recalled. If a legal one it must be abided
by: if an illegal one it will be subjected to
the same penalties as for a false move
played with an opponent vis a vis except
in case of first offense, provided for in
rule 11. The rules of the American Chess
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8. When several moves are sent at once and one of them is found illegal the sender must suffer the punishment for a false move and the game proceed from that point. The subsequent moves which were forwarded with the illegal one must, however in that case be canceled.

7. If a player assumes that his adversary will make certain moves and sends hypothetical moves they shall not be binding unless the adversary makes the moves assumed.

umed.

If a player sends more than one move adversary may select which he pleases.

If a move bear more than one interpre-If a move bear more than one interpreion the player receiving it must answer
h his next move, which shall be final,
ept cases covered by rule 11. If this is
done the move must be interpreted acding to the intention of the sender,
h. A move not intelligibly described inis the penalty of sending no move,
cuch in this event the receiver is bound
once to notify the opponent that move
s unintelligible.

was unintelligible.

11. A player sending faise or illegal move or a move bearing more than one interpretation shall at once be notified by his opponent and such a player may then correct error, provided he do so within twelve hours after receiving opponent's notification. And for this offense he shall suffer no penalty, except that two days of his extra time, as provided for in rule 3, if he have that amount left, otherwise all the spare time that remains shall be deducted; provided, however, that no player is to have the advantage of this rule more than once in a game.

have the advantage of this rule more than once in a game.

12. If in any game fifty consecutive moves be made by any player without losing a piece or pawn the game may be declared drawn by either party.

13. Every player shall be entitled to a vacation of one month in each year, taken consecutively or a week at a time. The player claiming vacation must forward his moves to his opponent, stating the number of weeks he proposes to avail himself of bnd at the same time notify C. Q. DeFrance at Lincoln, Neb., and M. D. McGrath at Brookhaven, Miss. His opponent shall not be bound to mail replies until such time.

such time.

14. The referee shall decide all disputes arising, being governed by above rules as far as practicable. In case of referee resigning or being unable to act said C. Q. DeFrance and M. D. McGrath shall select

a substitute.

15. A player being sick or otherwise un-able to continue his game, providing none of the players object, may have a sub-stitute play for him until he is able to resume game.

16. Members are placed strictly upon their

IN THE WHEELING WORLD.

Side paths are the latest fancy of bieyels pionship of the world from "Mysterious riders. For the moment the ancient slogan, "good roads," is retired from duty and the smooth and narrow path pushed to the fore complished in one of the cleverest exhibi- by the League of American Wheelmen. The tions of the season. Two years ago Matty movement bears the familiar earmarks of attempted the same thing in a twenty-five- air-line rallroads, which have enlivened the teurs. These numbers include a large squad tained the desired end most decisively in is a trifle more warm air in the side-path reasons and are now anxious to race again their last bout. In the nineteenth round the project, since wheelmen possess a greater and also the professionals, Michael, Starreach of lung than railroad promoters and buck, Bald and Johnny Johnson. The proby Matthews and he will henceforth be are a shade more skillful in airing their fessional ranks have been swelled this year privileged to disport himself among the wonderful schemes. The fact that side by the addition of a squad of well-known and prevent public support. Wheelmen Everett, Ryan and Ray Duer. The moto in New York as soon as the repeal of the must, therefore, go down into their own cycle teams that are ready to compete the pockets for the whorewith. Doubtless they season now numbers forty. In addition there expect to do that very thing. But suppose are twenty-five professional racers whe wi a few of the proposed side paths are con- have motor pace machines. structed and skillfully sandpapered, can the for any pugilist to have any dates for the fraternity afford to pay for patrolling the line? If not, there will be an extended repetition of the rooting that made the Florence path a wagonway. Exclusive privileges will not be tolerated on public highwill derive benefits, the sooner will the hopes of riders be realized.

> The press committee of the League of mation on the side path movement: "The Colorado division of the League of American Wheelmen is now at work on a propocontinue it through to connect with the done by adopting the idea of Chief Consul-Earle of Michigan in having a 'side-path day,' during which the wheelmen will turn out and build the path themselves." (Wouldn't that jar you?)

Chicago-New York 'trunk line' side path, of the League of American Wheelmen, are going on steadily. Investigations show that the paths already built are practically comploto lines between Albany and Syracuse between New York and Albany, a compartier of counties' in New York want the City to Buffalo."

"Preparations for the construction of the

Divisions of the League of American Wheetmen have secured the passage of side- path newadays are new in the game. path laws in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Oregon, and are fighting for them in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maryland, Illinois and Michigan. The New York law providing for county sidepath commissioners is the one generally favored in drafting new bills.

Washington's wide asphaited streets and the government's "sandpapered" highways will be twenty-five pigeons, an entrance fee in the suburbs fairly teem at this season with self-propelling vehicles, which are becoming as numerous as were bicycles at twenty-five to thirty-two yards, will be the national capital ten years ago, when nearly all American cities hardly knew of other transportation than horses. The new association will be held Wednesday evening conveyances are of all forms, from the luxeried drivers and footmen, to the whizzing light runabout manipulated by the clerical, senatorial, professional or feminine hands of their owners. One western company has already delivered forty electric machines to Washington purchasers and it is trying to fill orders for nearly 100 more Most numerous, however, are the steam car riages, which are becoming as common nuisances to unwary pedestrians and almost as numerous as trolley cars, their chief ad vantages lying in their smaller first cost, their economy of maintenance and their great radius of action.

> Colonel Pope, the well-known bleycle manufacturer, is authority for the state ment that automobiles will soon be so cheap as to be within the reach of all. He intimates that the reduction will be even greater than that which has taken place in the bicycle market within the past three years. The time is coming, he says, when a first-class automobile, made for two, can be purchased for \$250.

A writer in Harper's Weekly gives these fine points in bicycle riding: "Nothing can be more dangerous than rid-

ing with the saddle post too high. The correct length of reach can easily be tested by amount of extra time taken.

4. The winner of each game, or in case of a draw, the first player, shall forward in five days the score of game to C. Q. De-France at Lincoln, Neb., and M. D. McGrath at Brookhaven, Miss. If this is not done the referee shall have the power to cancel said game.

5. A move once dispatched cannot be recalled. If a legal one it recannot be resitting up right on the saddle with one pedal the saddle too far back or too low. In either case the knees bend too much and the muscles of the legs soon become exhausted. If the saddle is too far back it is necessary to lean forward in the ungraceful and unhealthy position of the 'scorcher' in order to reach the handle-bars.

"Despite the legion of instruction books that have been published and the number of schools for learning to ride the bicycle. one still sees a great many of the women who wheel making the same old mistakes. They do not sit upright on the machine as they should, with the shoulders thrown back, the chest out and the head erect. Not only is this the most graceful position for fiding, but it is also the most healthful. Curiously enough, common sense and vanity. usually diametrically opposed to each other are united on this point. The woman who rides with her head and shoulders bent forward over the handle-bars, whether she 'scorchea' or rides leisurely, is not only hopelessly ungraceful, but she deprives herself of the healthful advantages of the exercise, for cramped lungs cannot breathe properly and the heart soon labors in this

It has been solemnly decided in Cincinnati that deaconesses of a certain order shall not ride bicycles. There is still a considerable class who hold that the wheel is too giddy and frivolous for really serious

To the end that even a suspicion of team work may be done away with; that secondraters may have a more equal chance with the top-notchers; that the prize money may be more satisfactorily distributed, and that more general participation in the grand circuit may be secured, the National Cycle association Board of Control has in contemplation several very radical but indisputable commonsense amendments to the racing rules governing the professional champion-

The suggestion that all drawn by lot at the tape, heat by heat, thus doing away with collusive team work, and giving second-raters some chance for place money, has met with general approval, anwill doubtless be adopted. The Board of Control, however, proposes to go further henor not to consult in this correspondence match and any known infraction of this trust will subject offenders to forfeiture of team work in the final, by restricting that trank and score. heat to but three starters, counting five,

championships. To secure a wider distri-\$200 purse all told, to be split up as he sees fit among the three starters in the final heat

The number of cycle cacing men who are preparing to race this season comprises more than 400 professionals and 5,000 amagalety of the world in years past. There of amateurs who have retired for various paths are necessarily exclusive will excite amateurs. Among them are Kramer, Rutz, the opposition of owners of other vehicles Hausman, Kusel, Goodwin, John Nelson,

Bicycle company, at which it was expected question of supporting racing would be decided, adjourned without doing anything in the matter. Routine business ways and the sooner the wheelmen get back and private matters were attended to. Acto good roads, from which all the people cording to Vice President Merseles the racing question was not discussed, but was turned over to the executive committee, as were other matters of detail. Racing men who called to make negotiations were re-American Wheelmen furnishes this infor- ferred to Vice President George Pope, but no one succeeded in obtaining an interview with him. Cooper and Kiser are the chiefs among the racing men who have been hangsition to build a path from Denver to the ing upon the decision that was expected. In Nebraska state line; Nebraska will be asked fact, it depended upon what kind of arto carry it through that state and lowa to rangements they could make whether they went abroad or remained here during the Minneapolis-Chicago path. This may be racing season. It is now taken for granted that there will not be any general employment of racing teams, but the face of Cooper and Kiser as American representatives at Paris was settled, as they are to remain on this side, so the American Bleycle company probably held out some inducements to this pair of speed merchants.

The difference between the old days and the present ones was forcibly presented to a reporter by a roadhouse keeper away down on the cycle path near Coney Island, says and Rochester and Buffalo and all the com- the New York Sun. He is a man who in missioners between Albany and Buffalo former days was well known "in the have promised to fill in the intersecting game," and is now catering especially to stretches this season. There are few paths the wheelmen He said: "I have been sitting here trying to do business on my name atively short distance, and the New York and reputation and look at what I am up division of the League of American Wheel- against! Look out there now. There are men will give particular attention to this one, two, three riders, all newcomers, three stretch. What is known as the 'southern out of four. See, there are one, two, three, four out of seven, all novices. There is path and it is probable an additional one one and here comes another. That is the will be built through them from New York way it goes all day long. To talk to those riders about the year before last or the traditions of the game is wasted breath. More than half the riders coming down the old-timers have tired of the path and are out for long trips on the island, or up the state, or over in Jersey. These longtrousered riders at whom you scoff as renters of hired wheels are the newcomers. Some in hirest wheels, but look well and you will see a lot of well-dressed persons of the vell-to-do class with business suits

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