Western League Feason Opens and Fans Are in Their Glory.

OMAHAS GIVE GENERAL SATISFACTION

Local Enthus asts Are Satisfied that President Rourke Has a Pennant-Winning Aggregation Banded Together This Year.

Omaha base ball enthusiasts are well sattsfied with the team which President Rourke has banded together for the present season: This satisfaction is well merited. In the preliminary games played with league teams in this city and at Des Moines the Rourke family made a decidedly creditable showing Out of ten games played your uncle William's band of warriors appropriated seven A ratio of victories anywhere near this while the season is in progress will land the Omahas at the head of the percentage column. A line on the players who are expected to carry the Omaha standard to the front has been laid by the fans who witnessed the exhibition games played in this city. The verdict of approval is almost

Even though the time of preliminary practice had been somewhat limited, the members of the Omaha team showed themselves to be in splendid shape before they started west to open the season in Denver The team is well balanced and it is probable that few, if any, changes will have to be made in its personnel. Captain "Ace" Stewart expressed himself

as being more than pleased with the performances of his team. "I have every now. reason to believe," he said, "that we have a championship aggregation banded together. Already the men have shown themselves to be experts in their fielding operations and the team work is of an excellent sort. I believe, too, that we have ties of the members of the team, for it takes a little time for the men to get themof the heap."

Colorado capital in time to open the season there Friday afternoon. Sanguine in Springs would bow in recognition to their *uperior playing, the Omaha players were In Jolly spirits. If they don't win every one of the twelve games scheduled to be played with Denver, Colorado Springs, St. seph and Kansas City before they return home to open the season here with McKibben's Saints May 17 it won't be because of any lack of effort on their part.

It will be difficult for the Omaha fans to curb their enthusiasm until May 17 and the opening game here promises to mark a redletter day in the base ball history of this Before leaving for the west President Rourke made arrangements for a fitting celebration of the inaugural of the season. The members of the Omaha and St. Joseph teams and prominent followers of the great national game in Omaha will join in a parade through the principal streets of the city. There will be music in plenty and the occasion will be a gala one in every respect. When the teams line up on the Vinton street reservation ready for the opening game Mayor Moores will toss the first ball over the plate and the Western

The auspices under which the Western league season opened Friday could not have been more favorable. In every city of the circuit an interest exists which presages well for a successful season. All of the teams are well matched in point of playing ability and the race for the championship ought to be sufficiently close to be exciting until the last game is played and the pennant awarded. The grade of players is even better this year than last, and that is saying a great deal when it is remem-Western league uniforms last season are now considered among the crack players in the National and American leagues

The Omaha team starts off the season with the men assigned to the positions which they played during the exhibition games. President Rourke's auccess in securing the services of Dick Buckley, the veteran catcher, to wear the windpad for Omaha, was a ten-strike. Buckley will join the team either in Colorado Springs or St. Joseph. The bulk of the catching will fall upon Buckley, although Lauzon and Glade will be retained to assist in the backstop work and for utility purposes. In his pitching staff President Rourke has He has splendid control and has at his command a stock of benders that are effective and mystifying. Another of the youngsters. Eddie Gordon, gives every in- heap on the divan. dication of making good by a large majority. He pitches well and is at all times as quarrel.

BASE BALL AT ITS ZENITH fick he established during the preliminary games Gordon will be among the leaders in the batting list. Coons, Herman and Freeland are a trio of pitchers equal in ability to any in the league. They are old-timers in the business and are made of the stuff that wins. Steele has not been showing up in he best form and it is probable that President Burke will "farm" him to one or two or three minor league clubs that have asked for the use of pitcher Skel boach has written that he will not play professional ball this year. He is in Chicago attending a dental college and pitching for amateur ball teams on the side. I will be impossible for him to join any other professional team without securing the consent of President Rourke. and the inter has given Skel an indefinite leave of absence. Roust, the old American leaguer, who has been signed for Omaha, has been delayed in joining the team be-

> Rourke family and is expected to be a strong addition to the pitching staff. The Omaha infield looks to be as strong as any in the lergue. Calhoun and Stewart hold down the first and second cushions in expressed by Sammy Harris, McGovern's A No. 1 shape and both are strong stickers. Jimmy Toman plays short in his old-time inimitable way and covers as much terri tory as one man could possibly get over. The little fellow hasn't donned his batting habiliments yet, but it's still early in the season and he has lots of time to get into hitting trim. McAndrews has proven conclusively that his selection to preside over third base was a good one. In the exhibition games with Minneapolis he played great ball. His arm, which gave him some trouble during the early part of the practic season, has worked out in good shape and he whips the ball over to first in fine style McAndrews did good work at the but in the exhibition games and his execution with the poplar promises to put him

cause of being quarantined at his home

town-Frankfort, Kan. As acon as the

well up in the batting list, There is a disposition on the part of the fans who attended all of the preliminary games to consider the outfield a trifle weak. got a good lot of strikers. It is yet too Tom Letcher in right field does not come early, however, to judge the batting abili- in for any of the criticism. He is a star fielder and a good sticker. Little Bobby Carter is a hard little worker, conscientions selves in trim. I think we will start off and willing. He fields well and does fairly the season with an even break for the good work at the bat. Running bases is championship and if hones; endeaver and his forte and in several instances he has hard work will win out the Omaha team | beaten out an infield bunt, a favorite play can be depended upon to land at the top of his. Billiam Reid is a bit weak. He gets over considerable ground in the middle garden and gobble; up the parabolas which are Wednesday at noon the Omaha team, in directed his way, but Billiam's batting charge of President Rourke, boarded a doesn't quite come up to the scratch. In westbound train for Denver, reaching the the Canadian league last year Reid was one of the crack hitters. He had an average of .327, and the year previous his their belief that Denver and Colorado average was 337. But he wasn't able to connect worth a cent in the exhibition games. It's up to Bill to make good in his sticking performances or take to the tall timbers. In case it appears advisable to take Reid out, Letcher will be switched into the center garden and Eddie Lauzen assigned to right field. Lauzon, Letcher and Carter would make a bang-up outfield and that's what it will probably be unless Reld gets to connecting with the leather in a very short time.

The race in the National and American leagues has hardly progressed far enough yet to warrant a prediction on the way the teams will line up later in the season. In the National the teams are well bunched except New York, which is already making a strong bid for an indefinite lease on the last hole. Pittsburg has hardly come up to the expectations of the base ball enthusiasts, but a series of misfortunes has been largely responsible for the losses. In the American Jimmy Manning's Washington team is carrying away a large share of the honors, with Detroit a close second. league season of 1901 will be formally The way to which Detroit won the first surprises which a base ball game frequently brings forth. The American league teams do not look to be as evenly matched as President Johnson declared they were before the opening of the season. Boston and Milwaukee have given a deplorable account of themselves so far and unless they take a brace will be left so far behind that they never will be able to catch up. With National, American and Western the leagues running in full blast from now on the base ball enclusiast will be in his glory bered that a number of the men who wore and all other sports will have to step aside and give the great national game full

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with rage. 'You have deceived me!" he cried. "Your me to believe! I find that the revolution a galaxy of artists. Young Graham prom- of which you are the daughter was a cheap ises to be one of the stars of the league. affair, in which nobody was killed and almost no property was destroyed!" Then he strode away into the night, and

the woman sank in a wretched, sobbing The next day all Caracas talked of their

Golden Gate Holds Out Inducements for Pugilistic Followers.

M'GOVERN CCCUPIES STAGE OF ACTION

Featherweight Champion Has Instatled Himself in His Trenches and Awaits Coming of Enemy-Big Pugs Will Meet Later.

tle easily and giving his opponent a drubtook four rounds for McGovern to turn the forecasted.

chance he stood of winning the fight was the benefit of a draw decision. nanager, while in the city a couple of weeks ago when enroute to 'Frisco. is siways liable to come and the man who gets it in first is the one who is going to

his pugilistic career in this city and is little colored featherweight of this city.

Haich Smith was greatly worked up over the match. He haunted the vicinity of the sent McClellan to the races. newspaper offices Tuesday night waiting for the verdict of the fight. "I guess I got a good right to be interested." he said. "Look where it would put me if Garduer Referce Jimmy Bardell gave a draw deplonship because I have a draw with him." But Gardaer didn't win, so Haich is still in the ranks of the future possibilities.

The ease with which McGovern stowed Gardner away renews the demand on the part of the followers of fistiana that the disputed title-to defeat such second-raters as Gardner, for it must be admitted that thing of the sort. Gardner is a second-rater now. He has fought so long and so many men and has neglected proper care of himself for so long that he is not entitled to position with the topnotcher. This very reason occasioned a good deal of unfavorable criticism to the McGovern-Gardner match

when it was first announced. Reports of the fight show that Gardner landed but few good, clean blows upon his adversary and at no stage did he have the remotest chance of winning. In the fourth McGovern waded in to finish his man Gardner was sent to the floor four times before the final knock-out came. The blow which finally put him away for keeps was a right in the pit of the stomach, followed by a hard left to the jaw.

The fight in San Francisco Tuesday night which are promised during the next few two or three bouts that are promised and INTERNATIONAL CHESS MATCH other fighters will probably show sports their knowledge of the points of the game. The grand finale will be the meeting between Jeffries and Ruhlin, with the heavyweight champiouship a stake. Everything is said to have been arranged for this match to take place in Frisco and all the details completed except the selection of the date. It is probable that the fight will come off July 3 or 4.

is probable that McGovern will take on Frank Erne before he leaves the coast. A meeting between these two men would be an event of more than ordinary interest. They met in New York last July and Erne was defeated in three rounds. At that time he was not in condition, however, because he had to scale down to a weight too low to permit his making a creditable showing. McGovern professes to be willing to take on Erne and give him the advantage of a weight in excess of his own. If these men get together on a satisfactory agreement of weight the go ought to be an all-fired good one. If McGovern should win he would accomplish a remarkable performance and would thereafter occupy an unique position that of holding the championships of the light, feather and bantamweights. Should octal standing is not what you have led he be unable to whip Erne, it certainly tenuation would exist in the fact of Erne's weight handicap.

> An ambitious young fighter, Herrera, a featherweight who has lately come to light in California, will be given a chance to show his prowess by McGovern before he leaves the coast. Herrera defeated a fighter

NEW MECCA FOR FIGHTERS of little consequence some time ago, but surprised himself and his friends in being able to turn the trick. His success evidently gave him the idea that he is of championship stock, so he has sought i match with McGovern. The featherweight champion has agreed to give the Californian a trial and the fight will likely be held some time this month

Down at Louisville Monday night there were a couple of pretty hot fights. One of them was between Matty Matthews and Tom Countie of Dunkirk, N. Y., for the welterweight championship and the other was between Dave Sullivan of Brooklyn and Jack McClellan of Pittsburg, a pair of well known featherweights. Matthews The fight between Terry McGovern and was successful in defending the champion-Oscar Gardner in San Francisco Tuesday ship title which he held, being awarded night resulted just as everybody expected the decision at the end of the twentieth that it would-McGovern winning the bat- round. During the first part of the encounter Coulting had all the best of the bing which he will not soon forget. It argument and then the tide of battle changed in favor of the champion. It was quarantine is lifted Reust will join the trick. That was just about the length of a stiff fight, however, all the way through time that well-informed sporting men had and the crowd didn't take very kindly to the verdict in favor of Matthews. They Gardner was clearly outclassed. The only thought Counig ought to have been given

The chance wallop which you hear about every now and then played an important "I part in the engagement between McClelland onfidently expect Terry to win," he said, and Sullivan and resulted in a victory for but there is a possibility that Gardner the Brooklyn boy. The little feathermight get in a chance wallop. I don't care weights fought a battle which few of the how good a fighter a man may be if he Louisville devotees of the stuffed mittens gets into the ring with anyone he is liable had ever seen equaled. The go was fast to get the worst of it. That chance wallop and furious and there was plenty of science mixed up in it. During the last part of the fight Sullivan played a waiting game. He took all sorts of punishment, but the Especial interest was taken in this fight man who was dealing it out was all the in Omaha because of Gardner's wide ac- time becoming weaker and weaker because quaintance here. The little fellow began of the expenditure of his energy. In the twentieth Sullivan saw an opening. He still known as the "Omaha Kid." Beside mixed things lively and had McClellan or this he appeared here a short time ago the floor for eight seconds before the round in a meeting with Haich Smith, the clever was fairly started. When the Pittsburg man got up Sullivan was after him again and succeeded in landing the blow that

Jack Roberts, the English featherweight who engaged in the fight with "Billy" Smith, the New York pugilist, who died should win. In my last fight with Gardner from the effect of injuries presumably resulting from his match with Reberts becision at the end of twenty rounds, so if fore the National Sporting club at Lon-Gardner wins I would have the right to don April 22, has been exonerated from dispute his title to the featherweight cham- any responsibility in Smith's death. 'The coroner's jury, after carefully investigating the case, returned a verdict reciting that Smith had come to an accidental death.

Nat Smith, a brother of the dead pugilist claimed that his brother had been given some water to drink after the end of the Brooklyn Terror hereafter take on men who seventh round and charged that the water are likely to be able to give him a run had been drugged. This theory was routed, for his money. There is little credit for however, by the testimony of the phya man like McGovern-a champion of un- sicians who attended Smith. They asserted that there was no indication of any

> There is some hitch in the matching o Jack Root and "Kid" Carter for a fight at Appleton, Wis., May 14. The crimp in the plans for a meeting between these men comes in the controversy over clean breaks. Root has held out for clean breaks, but the Brooklyn man doesn't want them. The result will probably be the substitution of Bob Long, the lowa colored middleweight, in place of Root.

Danny Haley, a promising local fighter, whose experience in the ring has been confined entirely to amateur fights, has issued a challenge through the sporting editor of The Bee for a match with Jim Stafford, champion middleweight of lowa. A meeting between the two men will probably be arranged in the near future, as Stafford's was the first of a series of pugilistic events friends state he will be perfectly willing to defend his title against all comers.

dules and Scores in Recent Cable

Contest Between Great Britain and America. We are indepted to the Literary Digest for the schedules following and to the Brooklyn Eagle for scores of two games in the recent cable match between Great Britain and America for the Newnes trophy.

According to the conditions of the contest three matches must be won consecutively before the trophy is won. America won in 1896, Great Britain in 1897 and 1898, America in 1899 and 1900 and the present tle necessitates playing over the entire series. It may, in fact, be years before either side eventually wins the valuable trophy

The pairings this year were as follows:

The openings: 1 and 6, Sicilian; 2 and 3, irregular; 4 and 5, Ruy Lopez; 7 and 10, queen's gambit declined; 8, Giuoco Piano; 9, would not be discreditable to him, for ex- Dutch. America had White at the odd numbered boards and Great Britain at those even numbered. The score:

OREAT BRITAIN. AMERICA.

Record of matches: America, Gt. Britain.

gambit) and lost. It would seem, after all, that the first move gives white some ad-

"Another interesting recapitulation de- 43

in the past won five times. Yesterday's was his initial draw. Hymes, on the other hand, von his first victory, as in all previous matches he has drawn. Barry. Hodges and Hymes have never been defeated."-Brooklyn Eagle.

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face.
P-Q 5.
63-P-R 7. P-Q 7. and White, if he wish, may play B-Ki 3, stopping it; but, better, 64-P-Ki 8 (Q) ch, K x Q.
65-P Queens, ch, and if K-R 2.
65-P Queens, ch, and if K-R 2.

THIRD TABLE-IRREGULAR.

7-B-Kt 5
S-Q-B 3
9-Kt-Q 2
10-Kt-K 2
11-B x Kt.
12-Kt-K B 4
13-Q-B 4
15-Q-B 2
16-Kt-B, 17-Kt-Kt 2,
18-Kt-K 3,
18-Kt-K 3,
18-Kt-K 3,
18-Kt-K 3,

20 P. K Kt 3, 21 P. X P. 22 Kt (R 4) K 2, 23 Kt-Kt 3, 24 Caseline (Q R), 25 R-R R. 26 Q R-R. 27 Q-Q. 30 Q-R. 31 Kt-Q 2, 27 R-Q. 31 Kt-Q. 34 Kt-K. 34 Kt-K.

34 Kt-K Kt, 35 Kt-K Z 36 Q-Kt, 37 Kt-Kt Z 38 Kt-Kt Z 38 Kt-Kt Z

first skt st. Drawn.

(a) A well contested game. The opening,
L., P-Q E 3, is sometimes known as
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inches came next with a score of 278.

The bowling alleys have been running at full tilt the last week and the enthusiasts give no sign of letting up during the hot weather. Interest in the sport is probably kept up to a certain extent by reason of the prizes the prominent alleys continue to offer for high scores. At Clark's alleys the prize winners last week were C. Contast. the prizes the prominent alleys continue to with a score of 110 at duckpins, and Charles French, with a score of 9 at nine plas. For the women's prize Mrs. Herman Reselin won at fourback, with a score of 52, and tied Mrs. Fred Krug's score of 168 at tempins.

At the Gate City alleys the prize winners were George Lavidge, with a score of 66 at five back, and A. Kortlang, with a reore of 8 at seven down.

High scores for the last week were as follows

Gate City Alleys-Ed Burgess, 216, 226; C S. Seaman, 296, 204, 220; W. S. Sheldon, 217 T. White, 266, 214; J. J. Davey, 210 ,20 A. Mogge, 202; C. A. Pegau, 202; Wood Hartley, 204; E. M. Traey, 202; George Lavid 266; Teddy McNair, 214. Clark's Alleys-W. H. Stapenhorst,

200; F. W. Schneider, 219, 222; F. J. Beng 203, 220; James Smead, 205, 212, 207; C. Lovell, 223, 245, 219, 203; Ed Lawler, Frank Conrad, 201; W. H. Emery, 256, 215 203, 223, 213, 259, 280; "Plumber" Read, 200, 108; A. Cole, 228, 201, 247, 216, 238, 213, 221, 25, 237, 213, 209, 234, 213; W. A. Bowman, 341; M. R. Huntington, 202, 207, 204; H. Beselin, 225; Joe Gutmann, 222; Fred Blake, 201, 212, 222; Harry Yost, 206, 231; Grover Smith, 202, 216; P. C. Davison, 212; F. Sander, 205; W. W. Hartley, 200; William Wig-

itis Object Explained.

Chicago Post: The tenderfoot watched the alner for some time in silence. "Are you sinking that shaft in the hope airiking ore?" he asked finally. "Hardly," replied the miner, as he rested

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512 1901 5 4 Tot'1.30% Counting draws as one-half for each it is interesting to note that white won seven out of the ten games. Of the games actually won white had five and black but The Sicilian defense gave black but half a game out of two; the Lowenthal (3 P-Q R 3) defense to the Ruy Lopez fared no better, black getting only half a game | out of two played; irregular defenses, too, failed, black getting but half a game out of two, and the Dutch defense proved a loser against Newman's P-Q 4. The Giuoco Piano turned cue a draw and the queen's gambit declined one won and one lost. In this latter opening Ward declined the gambit by .. P-K 3 and won, while Howell tried ...P-K 4 (the so-called St. Paul counter

> rived from the match is that which sums up the work of Barry, Hodges, Hymes, Showaiter and Pillsbury in all the international cable tournaments thus far. Pillsbury won his first victory yesterday. Showalter met his first defeat, his past record including four successes and one draw match. Barry

P Q B - Kt Q B - P K 3 - V x P - Kt B 1 - B Kt 5