

BASE BALL GOSSIP OF WEEK

Western League Magnates at Sea Over Next Season's Circuit.

LEAGUE'S MAKE-UP FULL OF UNCERTAINTY

Present Conditions Such as Can Be Faced No Longer, but Way Out of Situation Does Not Appear.

What will it be?

Western league magnates are more deeply interested in the formation of the circuit for next season than they are in the outcome of the present pennant race. Despite their assurances of confidence, it is certain that they have never been more at sea than at the present writing, and that they know as little about what the circuit will be as they did two years ago.

vasion of the territory of the Pacific Coast league was unwarranted and not in accord with good business principles. It proved that the people are more interested in base ball than in the fights between rival magnates and that they will patronize the league that delivers the goods. If they go to the games at all. A very good evidence of this is shown in New York and Boston.

In one town the National league has the winning team and is getting the patronage; in the other the American team playing the game and the people are trying to see it. It would be a good thing for the Western league if the California people could be brought into the national agreement, but it is a cinch that no further efforts to establish a rival league on the Pacific coast will be made soon.

Playing records of the Omaha players for the season up to date afford some reason for the standing of the team in the race. Here are the statistics:

BATTING AVERAGES. Table with columns: Player, AB, R, IR, AV, W, L. Rows include Miller, Carter, Welch, Schaufelberger, Hickey, Thornton, Shupert, Genting, Soper, Gending, Compagnon, Fisher, Henderson.

FIELDING AVERAGES. Table with columns: Player, PO, A, E, TC, AV, W, L. Rows include Sanders, Gending, Genting, Thornton, Soper, Miller, Kelly, Compagnon, Fisher, Welch, Hickey.

GOSSIP FROM THE GRIDIRON

College Teams Are Slowly Coming Together for the Opening of the Foot Ball Season.

It is only a little time and the country from coast to coast will be filled with the heroes of the gridiron, and the lovers of the sport will be spending their Saturdays watching the battles of the teams. There is always much speculation and anticipation before the beginning of the season as to the strength and relative merits of the various teams, and the roll of the veterans is called in every college and high school.

The most particular change is that which requires seven men to be in the line when the ball is put into play between the twenty-five-yard lines. In this same space the quarterback is allowed to run with the ball provided he does not carry it forward within five yards from where it was snapped. For the benefit of the referee in watching this play the center of the field is marked into a checkerboard with squares of five-yard dimensions.

Another of the changes, which will be apparent to the spectators, is that in the uniform. The new rules do not allow of any hard or unyielding substance in either the padding of the harness and the sole leather headpiece and stiffly-padded uniforms will have to be replaced by softer material. All of this will be replaced and the player as securely guarded as before.

Down in Lincoln, where they had the team that was not scored on last fall, everything is working along slowly to the beginning of actual practice. Coach Booth is back on the ground with Assistant Coach Westover. The team has suffered the loss of a few men, but there is a good bunch of veterans to build around.

last year's High school team are going to the university and they should make a fair bid for the team, although both are light men. Stricker is probably the better man of the two, as he is fast and strong, besides having some weight to make him a make end. Griffith, the other man, is a line man and a good one, but he is pretty light, only weighing 160 pounds.

Creighton is looking forward to a good season this fall, as it is certain that all but one of last year's team will be back and it may be that Harry Welch will play. If he enters medical college, as he is expected to do, he will play. But his loss will not be felt seriously, as Lampier, the star fullback of St. Mary's college, will be in the graduate school at Creighton this year and he will fill in the gap nicely.

The situation at the Omaha High school is in an indeterminate condition this year but one of last year's team will be back and it may be that Harry Welch will play.

ACTIVITY AMONG THE GOLFERS

Preparatory Work for the Transmississippi Meeting at Des Moines—Ambition of the Field Club.

The last week has been one of preparation among the golfers connected with the Omaha Field club and the increased interest and excitement will carry through until after the tournament of the Transmississippi Golf association at Des Moines next month. For two years golf has been the central figure at the club and interest and the character of the play have grown apace during this period.

Only last year the Transmississippi was held on the Country club links in Omaha, but the Field club has many reasons for feeling that success is not impossible, despite the desires of other cities to have the tournament on their links.

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With these changes made and the natural roll of the seasons, it means more to the bettered condition of the turf and the greens the course should prove an ideal one for the holding of the tournament.

The holding of the Transmississippi tournament at Omaha is something that will do much toward helping the game in its popularity here and will prove of almost as much good to the Country club as it will to the Field club.

QUAINT FEATURES OF LIFE.

George R. Smith has mourned and eulogized every Memorial day at Augusta, Me., for about thirty years as one of the gallant soldiers who fell with Custer at Little Big Horn. Mr. Smith has been alive all the time, however.

Dr. J. F. Leaming, an enthusiastic amateur photographer of Cape May, N. J., had an unusual experience. In developing a plate he had exposed on a clear day of the Methodist church he found two streaks of light plainly visible, apparently coming from the clouds.

LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

The number of workers now employed in all the automobile factories of Pontiac, France, is calculated at about 20,000. According to the latest statistics on the matter, the automobile industry has exported from France during the last year automobiles to the value of \$9,000,000 francs.

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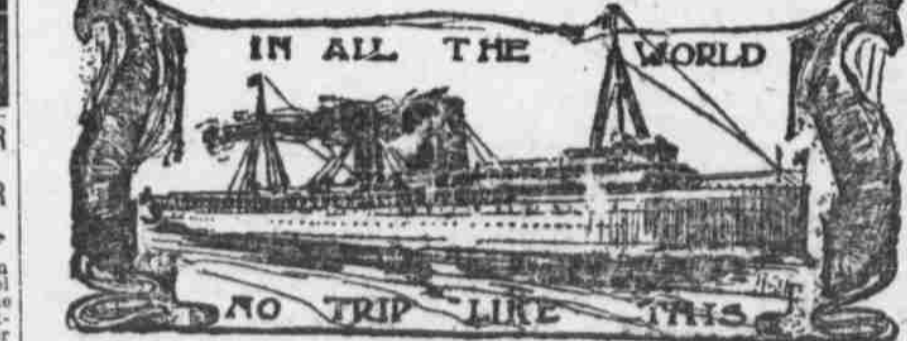
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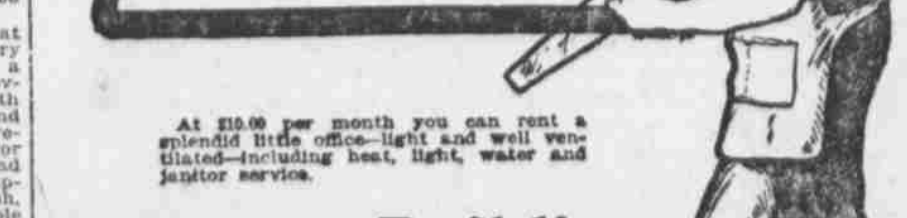
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