BASE BALL GOSSIP OF WEEK

Western League Marrates 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, when Brother-George Tebeng was fixing up his little scheme to control the two best towns in two leagues. Whether they will own up or not, Kansus City and Milwaukee will be abandoned. It is not impossible, yet not very probable, that the Hickeyites vill compromise and abandon Kansas City to the Western. If that could be arranged. It would be a glorious consummation. But something must be arranged. Not one of the magnates is willing to undertake to put through another season under existing conditions. At present the Western league circuit holds three corking good ball towns, Omaha, Denver and Des Moines; Peorla isn't so bad, but St. Joseph and Colorado Springs are dead ones. Still the Missouri town will be carried as long as the ownersdown there want to maintain the team. For want of a better, Colorada Springe will be allowed to hold a franchise. Pueblo is no good. It ought to be the peer of any of the smaller towns in the Western, but ft, has such a large percentage of foreign ettigens, who do not care for the game, that its capacity for supporting a team is greatly impaired. Topeka has been given ome consideration as a successor to one of the franchises that will be open for disposal. The Kansas capital has plenty of life, and if Sunday games can be played there would do much better by the league than either Milwaukee or Kansas City has with the double-header arrangement. After that, the list of available candidates for franchises is remarkably slim. Many and the firing of Bill Rourke has gone over to join the "Me and Van Brunt" talk of

penetrable, and has given over his position opinion long before it is tried on the field. as manager of the Des Moines club. He Over and above the question of the makecouldn't stand for the continual knocking up of the teams, which is a universal because his bunch did not win the pennant, | question among all followers of the game and consequently relinquished the re- early in the fall, there is added discussion sponsibility for the team. On the face of now because of the new rules. The marked things, it looks as if Quinn were wrong, changes are few, but it is felt that they He is a capable manager, as good a field will have quite some little effect upon the these people will speak a kindly word for posedly sightless girl and had given her a leader as there is in the Western lists, and style of play. As to this, it is difficult to the club and use their influence toward its calf. This she attached to the Gypsy train has made a very good showing with some tell. There are almost as many views as success. Then a large representation can- and sold in Alabama. With the proceeds very indifferent material. He should have to what the new rules will bring out in not help but have a good effect on the from this sale she bought a ticket to her had the support of his team owners, in- the way of changes of play as there are other clubs. stead of their constant criticism; but, in conches and authorities of the game. any event, he ought to have had the nerve to face the music to the finish. Omaha suffered all season from demoralization resulting from Ace Stewart's defection in a fit of pique, and the move made by Quinn | twenty-five-yard lines. In this same space | tion of this work will come next year and | service, doorkeeper of the vaults of the is not at all likely to aid the Des Moines the quarterback is allowed to run with the the club will then have a course, which Fidelity Trust company. He found and reteam in the races, victories at Colorado ball provided he does not carry it forward will be 6,250 yards in length, as against turned to the owners about \$2,000,000. His Springs notwithstanding.

The terms of the national agreement, as prepared by the conferens, are certainly as liberal as the minor leagues could wish. In fact, several very important concessions have been made by the major lengues, mass plays. especially in the matter of reserve control and the farming of players. One of the greatest abuses that flourished under the reserve rule was the farming of players. by which the major league club for years any hard or unyleiding substance in either would retain control of the services of a player and keep him at work in a minor league, with no voice in the matter of disposal of services. In not a few instances the major league club secured more for the player's services than it paid him in salary. The unfairness of this is too patent to need comment. Under the the padding needs must be thicker without proposed rule, if the player is not needed any hard outer covering. The team which minor as freely as though he had never been drafted. Under the operations of good point in the new rules, as it gives a the draft the major leagues will cease the poor defensive team a chance to score practice of gobbling wholesale players from against a strong offensive team, where the minors and will select each year only such men as have given evidence of their being able to held their own in fast company. We will no longer witness the spectacle presented last spring of big league teams with twelve, fifteen and eighteen signing them for a trial they absolutely season of training, but none other of the prevented minor league teams from dealing for their services until after the season opened. From this time on the youngster school, which has gotten its team together who wants to get into fast company will have to make good in the minors and will win his way by merit instead of by chance. This will be another spur to good work in agreement work to the advantage of the minors and do no injustice to the majors, so that the agreement seems based or equity. That it will be ratified there is at the door of an era of prosperity seems

The collapse of the Pacific Northwest league is not a "blow to organized ball," as some would like to make it appear, but is merely an evidence that an organization institution is foredoomed to defeat. The in-



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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 is playing the game and the people are paying 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's a cinch that no further efforts to esinblish a rival league on the Pacific coast will be made scon.

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

BATTING AVERAGES. FIELDING AVERAGES.

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 the sport will be spending their Saturdays | ready signified their intention of going. watching the battle of the teams, There is always much speculation and anticipaheart-to-heart talks are being had just now, tion before the beginning of the season as to the strength and relative merits of the is called in every college and high school. Some are invariably missing, and the new

Omaha didn't disappoint its watchers at this play the center of the field is marked sameness of the west nine holes has been \$60,000 roll which he returned intact he has Denver, Robody looked for a victory, and into a checkerboard with squares of five one of the discouraging features of the never since received anything but studied nobody was surprised when the over- yard dimensions. There seems to be a gen- course in the past, but this will all be discourtesy. And here is all that the old whatming defeats were reported. The team erally decided opinion that these new rules changed. Some of the holes will be re- doorkeeper got in fifty-eight years for his is demoralized, and without apparent spirit, in the middle field-on the checkerboardseveral of its members are playing when will bring the kicking game back into they ought to be in bed, and the heart is favor, and also a resumption to the old gone from its ranks. Its position in the Princeton style of play, which depended pennant race is hopelessly last, and that upon the backs carrying the ball behind isn't enough to inspire the boys to any interference. It means more attempts at great effort. The team contains some great end runs, double passes, criss-crosses and individual players, and these will serve as others of the older forms of play. It also a nucleus for a more creditable organisation | does away entirely with the formation of another year, when it is hoped that Omaha the guardsback, tacklesback and other will get away from the post in better shape heavy formations for ground gaining and make a showing that will be a credit through the line. This means that the to the best ball town in the west. Manager spectator will be able to follow the play Rourke isn't making any promises beyond over the checkerboard more understand the safe one that he will do his best for ingly than was possible with the more the team next season. Sad experience complicated mass formations. Between has taught him the futility of trying to the twenty-five-yard lines and the goal win pennants on paper, but he is looking line the old rules as to the carrying of the for players as energetically as he has been ball hold, and here it is doubtful if there at any time this year, and will have some will be any great change in the method men for a tryout before the season closes, of play. There may be less mass plays in this portion of the field than usual, perhaps, but that will be because the teams have given more time and preparation to developing plays for the backs to gain ground in and less time in working up

Another of the changes, which will be apparent to the spectators, is that in the uniform. The new rules do not allow of the uniform or the harness and the sole leather headplece 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, but the new equipment will necessarily be a little more bunglesome than the old, as by the major league, he reverts to the is scored against does not have to kick off if it does no wish to this year. This is a otherwise it might never have an opportunity to touch the ball during the game.

Everywhere through the country the day now. The University of Pennsylvania has come to his assistance or inquired for pitchers signed up. Not one of these clubs have taken twenty-five of the veterans and expected to use all of these men, but by aspirants to Beach Haven for a preliminary eastern colleges have started to do any actual work whatscever. The only western for practice yet is De Pauw. The other teams are spending their spare moments proselyting and gaining new recruits for the training table rather than hardening the little leagues. Other points in the their muscles and increasing their winds in the country air at the expense of the college athletic fund.

Down in Lincoln, where they had the no reason to doubt and that haso bell is team that was not scored on last fall, everything is working along slowly to the beginning of actual practice. Coach Booth is back and 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. Engelhardt will not be back and both ends are intended solely to break up an established left open by the less of "Chick" Shedd and Cortelyou. Then it is understood that an- fall was accompanied by a great fall of other lineman will be missing in Wilson, but this is not certain. That means four men gone. With Mickel to play fullback, Engelhardt's loss will not be felt so much, but there is no one to take Mickel's place in case he is hurt. At the ends the loss will be severe, but they will be filled in pretty well with men from the last year's second

> Then there is always the new material and that is hard to determine the value of picked up the toads is a mystery. until it has been given a trial. John Westover has been rouming around the state during the last couple of weeks and has gathered in quite a husky bunch of material. Some of the men have had a little play on their high school teams and some

vasion of the territory of the Pacific Coast | 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. Sterricker is probably the better man of the two, as he is fast and strong, besides having some weight. He will try to 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 t may be that Harry Welch will play. If he enters medical college, as he 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. With McDonald as coach and the old team back Creighton expects to win every game on the schedule this year, which is quite a heavy schedule.

The situation at the Omaha High school is in an indeterminate condition this year es yet and even the students are unable to form any idea as to the strength of the team until the school year has begun and the men have gotten out to work.

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 golfing contingent at the Omaha Field club and the increased interest and excitement will carry through until after the tournament of the Transmississtppl 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. But it has been a period of preparation mostly, and the club has attempted little beyond teaching its own members to play a better and a stronger game. Now they are reaching out toward greater things and not the least of these is the hope of holding this Transmississippi tournament on the links of the Field club next year. For this reason the club is preparing to send a large delegation of players to Des Moines from coast to coast will be filled with the and they are hoping and planning to send heroes of the gridiron, and the lovers of not less than fifty, of whom half have al-

Only last year the Transmississippi was held on the Country club links in Omaha, but the Field club has many reasons for various teams, and the roll of the veterans feeling that success is not impossible, despite the desires of other cities to have the tournament on their links. The course at Joe Quinn finally proved that his hide is material is scanned and weighed by public the Field club is considered an ideal natural course, but is still somewhat new, although each year finds it rounding more and more into shape. As players from as- She was 10 years old when abducted and sociation clubs have played over it from had been compelled to travel over the entime to time during the summer, they have tire country, impersonating the part of a expressed great satisfaction in its possibili- blind girl, selling trinkets. Several years ties and in its present condition. All of ago some one had taken pity on the sup-

> But above and beyond all is the promise of what the course will be next year. It The most particular change is that which takes time to make a course or to remake Banks of Philadelphia and he holds the requires seven men to be in the line when one, and the club has been quietly working championship because he was, until penthe ball is put into play between the on a change in the course. The culminawithin 5 yards from where it was snapped. 5,700 yards as at present, and quite different largest find was \$100,000 and for its return For the benefit of the referee in watching in general character than it now is. The he got not a cent, while from the loser of a versed and other changes will be made faithfulness: In cash, \$30; three books, which will aid in the work. Then there valued at \$5; five necktles, valued at \$2; will be six new greens on the course.

> > With these changes made and the natural roll of the ground, the hazards and pulse warmers, \$1; two hats, \$6; four boxes the bettered condition of the turf and the of writing paper, \$2; one watch guard, \$3; greens the course should prove an ideal five shirts, \$6; total value, \$85. one for the holding of the tournament. Besides it is the longest course in the association territory and, as length is one Macon county, Missouri, and Elliah E. another argument for the local clubmen.

larity here and will prove of almost as The case has been tried four times it these states. With the best players of one year's absence, the good to the many, time the litigation began. who would not go away from home to see it, is indefinable,

QUAINT PEATURES OF LIFE.

George H. Smith has mourned and culoall the time, however. He writes to his he is very much alive and is making money running a stock farm at Oakland, Cal.

Another proof of the statement that one's friends vanish when wealth vanishes is proved in the case of Francis Marion Wells writer, clubman and social leader. Recently he lost his money, was taken grievously ill and sought admission to a char tty hospital. None of the people whom, he lavishly entertained in former days teams are beginning to come together every and who had then pretended to be friends

> Dr. J. F. Leaming, an enthusiastic ama tour 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. Another plate of a potato patch showed the same freak. Bound of bromide paper and found similar marks on these. This satisfied the doctor that a flash of lightning from a recent storm had penetrated the closed drawen in which he kept his materials, leaving its impress on every sheet of paper and plate he had in

> Last Saturday night an unusual thunde storm swept over the northern part of Weber county, Utah. A tremendous raintoads. People coming into Ogden encountered an army of hoppers in Taylor pre-cinct. There were millions of them, from an lach to an inch and a half long. They were so deep on the highway that they clogged the wheels of vehicles, and it was with difficulty that teams could get through. Nothing like it was over seen or known in that section. The theory is advanced that the storm was the end of a distant cloud burst, but where the cloud

ago, was kidnaped from her home in Urbana, Ill., succeeded in effecting her escape and returned to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Demiow, last week. The parents had of the men are big and strong, but know long believed their daughter dead, and nothing of foot ball. From Omaha two of while a captive of the Gypnies the girl had

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Fourteen years ago John Messengale of of the requirements of a good course, it is Reese of Charlton county went to law over a \$50 calf, and they are still at law and fighting more flercely than ever, although The holding of the Transmississippi tourn- the calf must have grown into a pretty fair ament at Omaha is something that will do sized steer by this time. He is going finally much toward helping the game in its popu- to prove an expensive one for somebody. much good to the Country club as it will justice and circuit courts, has been heard to the Field club. The association covers oned in the Kansas City court of appeals the territories of five states, Iowa, Kan- and is now pending in the Charlton county sas, Missouri, Colorado and Nebraska, and circuit court again, having been remanded includes practically all of the golf clubs in by the court of appenis. The costs now amount to more than one hundred times these states playing in Omaha again after the amount the steer was worth at the

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bome.

Dr. L. W. Brown of Eugene, Orc., relates a most peculiar circumstance. He was called to Cottage Grove on the 21st to assist in an operation to remove an eye from Mrs. Hunnicutt, who had been blind gized on every Memorial day at Augusta. in one eye for thirty-five years, and it had Me., for about thirty years as one of the been deemed advisable to remove the usegallant soldiers who fell with Custer at less member. The operation was to be per-Little Big Horn. Mr. Smith has been alive formed next morning and the woman was placed on the operating table and the atsister, who is a resident of Augusta, that tending surgeons got their instruments in readiness for the operation, when the woman shouted that the Lord had restore! her sight. Those in attendance were greatly surprised at the outburst, but the good eye was closed and she was shown several articles and could see thom plainly of San Francisco, a well known sculptor, with the eye that had been blind for year; and called the articles by name. There were helf a dozen witnesses of the occurrence and all were dumfounded. The woman had spent several hours in prayer previous to the time for the operation and just before going on the operating table offered a final prayer to God to restore her sight. She naturally feets that her prayer

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The street reliway companies of the United States, 9% in number, make returns showing an investment of \$2.00,000.

There are 27 lead pencil factories in Germany, which employ 2.518 persons and export each year 1.514 tons of pencils, worth \$2.000,000. The crop of apples this year is estimated at 45,000,000 barrels, which is more than half a barrel for every man, woman and child in the United States.

The question of the comparative economy of petroleum and coal as fuel is one of lo-ality. In New Orleans, San Francisco and Texas the saving in cost with oil is 72 per cent. In New York coal is 65 per cent cheaper than oil.

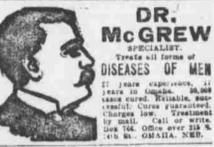
cheaper than oil.

The investment in central station electrical industry in the United States, as shown by statistics from the census office, is a little more than \$500,000,000, owned by 2,304 private companies, which receive an average of 6 per cent on their investment.

The number of workness new themselves. The number of workmen now employed in all the automobile factories of Poteaux. France, is calculated at about 20,000. Ac-cording to the latest statistics on the matter, the automobile industry has exported from France during the last year automo-biles to the value of 30,000,000 francs. The Pittsburg district has more industrial phia via the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

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Seventy-five per cent of our foreign born population in 1800 was of Teutonic and Ceitic stock—the very same that made the English. Of course, a still larger percentage of the native born are of these races and of their admixture. It is an error, then, to talk of the American people as a miscellaneous conglomeration of races. There is an American race, formed by fusion of the original races that made the English.

English.

A new motive power has been discovered by S. F. Stearns of Joplin. Mo., and inventor, who is now in New York putting in a plant which; it is claimed, will reduce the cost of generating power 40 per cent. In its operation there is no need for coal, boilers or water. The power is said to be supplied by some sort of combustion, which properly distributed, will do the work. Mr. Stearns has interested with him in the enterprise J. A. Hardy, a millionaire mine owner of Webb City and F. M. Cummings of Joplin. One of the devices was recently installed in a big mining plant near Joplin and is said to be a pycross.

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Consul General Richard Guenther, at Frankfort, Germany, reports the discovery by Edward Mollard, a Frenchman, of a new metal called "selium." The discoverer caims that selium costs but one-twelfth as much as aluminum and is lighter and stronger. It does not rust, and is therefore suitable for use in shipbuilding, for the manufacture of pipes and for railroad construction. On account of its cheapness—and as it is capable of a fine polish, resembling nickel—it would be desirable for manufacturing cooking utensits. Its density is 2.6, and its hardness is not quite that of iron, but greater than lead or kinc. Its power of resistance is said to be greater than that of iron, but less than that of steel. The meiting point is 1,500 degrees C. In melting its contracts somewhat, but moiding in forms is not impossible.

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