

SPORTING GOSSIP OF THE WEEK

Not hitting. That's the trouble with the Omaha team today. At the start of the season it looked like a bunch of sluggers. All pitchers were treated alike and all were bunched with great ease. Now it is the same, only it's no different. All pitchers are treated alike, only they are not bunched with anything like regularity. One week one end of the batting list will hit like fends, and the next week the other end will take it up, but for some unaccountable reason they can't get together. If they ever do get to hitting all at once, the story will be one that will delight the fans, for there'll be nothing in it but Omaha. But to an outsider it looks as if there should be something doing right now. The balls don't seem to be hitting anything, and they have full permission to break up as many as they like. The trouble is they do not seem to care to break up any.

Papa Bill Bourke met trouble a little more than half way when he negotiated the trade with St. Louis whereby War Sanders became a fixture on the Omaha team. It is morally certain that Brown would not be allowed to remain with Omaha for another season, for the draft rule would take him. His work has already attracted notice among the big leaguers, and so Bourke did what seemed the best thing possible. He secured the services of a pitcher who will be of value right now when he needs pitchers so badly, and one that will be a good start toward a pitching staff for next season. Sanders is not quite good enough for the National, but he is a reliable man and will be of much assistance to Omaha for the present season, and will help greatly another year. He has always been popular here, and by his quiet, effective work won many friends among the fans. Brown will be with the team until the close of the season, and with Quirk in form Omaha will have four pitchers who can be depended on at all times. The team that wins from either Brown, Pfeister, Sanders or Quirk will have to play ball all the time. Companion is a seriously sick man, and it may be many weeks before he will be able to pitch again. This is just another feature of the bad luck Bourke has had with his pitchers during the season—in fact, for the last three seasons. Companion had just rounded into real form when he was overtaken by the attack of malaria from which he is now suffering. He came home from the Denver trip fifteen pounds lighter than when he started, and during the last week was barely able to be about.

The genuine news of the week is the announcement from Denver that Tebeau and Burke have capitulated to the demand for a reduction in price, and that the 25 and 30-cent tariff will apply at the Denver grounds hereafter the same as at all other towns on the circuit. This will cost the visiting clubs 5 cents for each admission, but it is hoped that the summer attending will be increased so as to make up the difference, in fact to more than do so, and to swell the gate receipts to a point where it will be profitable for a team to go to Colorado to play. So far this season Denver and Colorado Springs have been losers and the teams from the "valley" have not looked forward with any joy to visits to the mountains because the managers knew that it would be a certain loss to go there. Even with Denver on a paying basis, Colorado Springs still stands a menace to the prosperity of the league, for the people there do not patronize the game. Omaha's last visit there saw a double header, yielded to 761 paid admissions and of these 700 were strangers. It begins to look now that when the base ball map is drawn for next season that Colorado Springs will lead well outside the boundaries.

Another story that comes out from Kansas City is to the effect that George Tebeau has had an elegant sufficiency of "ryndicate" ball and is now willing to dispose of his Denver and Kansas City holdings. Dale Gear has been given a thirty-day option on the Kansas City stock and is now trying to dispose of it locally. Tebeau is not personally popular in either town and the experience of his team at Kansas City has been disastrous. It has run behind, not only in the pennant race, but in receipts at the gate, and has been a constant drain on the Tebeau exchequer all summer. The same is true of the Denver receipts, and the loss at these towns has more than taken up the profits of the Louisville team, so that Brother George is now out quite a handsome bit of money on his attempt to control two leagues. It

in does get out of Denver and Kansas City, it will make room for good men who will very likely restore the game to its original position of popularity in these towns.

St. Joseph is another town that needs something in the way of ginger. Attendance there was never big, but during the present season it has been almost nothing. The team is a good one, capable of playing good ball, and in fact did play the fastest game of any of the six until about the fourth of July, when it let up and has since been giving an indifferent exhibition. It is said the players have caught the infection from the people, and decline to put up good games before empty benches. All these facts have been duly noted by the Western league owners and the politics of the league are now approaching incandescence. It is a 2 to 1 bet that the next meeting of the league will be a warm one and that some changes will be made on the base ball map before another playing season is commenced.

Omaha has been against it pretty hard during the last few days, but it still makes the other fellows play ball. Up till Friday night the Bourke trio had won four out of seven games played with Des Moines. The statistics of the team's work show but little change, although one or two averages might easily be better. Here are the figures:

Table with columns: BATTING AVERAGES, Last, and FIELDING AVERAGES, Last. Lists statistics for players like Quirk, Sanders, and others.

If an Omaha man does not win the middle west championship tennis title, it will be because of the bunch handed out by the weather man. How is a man to practice when the mercury measures around 125 degrees in the shade or when the courts are soaked? And it was either one or the other all the last week. The players are enthusiastic and went down to the courts, but after getting there they sat on the grass and talked of the strike. And speaking of strikes, well there is one tennis player, William Wood, who did not show up at the courts during the week on account of them. Wood is in the clerical department of Cadahy's, but the strike put him to logging beef, and he believes that one can get enough exercise in that manner without bothering about tennis. Anyhow, the training ought to stand him in good stead for the city championship.

And now the racket wielders are looking to the city championship, commencing August 1. Caldwell was the champion in singles last year, but he is very much to be envied this year, and it is doubtful if he will get into the semi-finals. At the field club it has been young Chase or Kohn, with the odds on Con, the Britisher. That veteran has been in St. Louis for the last two weeks, and though he has lost time for practice work, he has no doubt picked up new wrinkles from the champions who have been contesting at the World's fair. Chase seems to have been overworking, and, unfortunately, at present has to admit that he is tuckered out; but still there is time to recuperate, and if he is anything like he was at the commencement of the season there is going to be warm work for his opponents. And as for Kohn, that all-round athlete progresses as time goes on. Heat or rain does not bother him, and he has a chance to play, and when he does get the chance he

plays such a bit of good game that the other fellow has to look for sympathy.

But there is one knower who will carry off the championship, as it is generally believed that a number of players outside of the field and St. Croix clubs will compete. There are numerous private tennis courts about the city and perhaps some dark horse will be sprung; and then again, the Young Men's Christian association courts have bred some crooks who may make the fourth one of the field club look like St. Croix.

In the doubles, Young and Caldwell, Scribner and Pollard and Kohn and Chase are the favorite couples. Of these Kohn and Chase are the strongest pair. Caldwell's lack of practice this season will greatly handicap Young, and though Scribner and Pollard defeated Kohn and Chase only a short time ago, it was more because of the shocking game Chase put up than anything else, and unless Chase falls over himself and Scribner and Pollard will of a surety be handed an ugly bunch.

The city championship met commenced Saturday, July 23, on the field club courts. Entries close at 5 p. m., July 23. Prizes to the amount of \$1 will be offered in addition to the valuable trophy cup which must be won three times to become the property of the owner. The winner of this tournament is to play St. Caldwell, the present champion, and Young and Caldwell will have to defend their title as champions in the doubles.

From the entries already received this tournament will be the largest city meet ever held in Omaha. For the encouragement of the younger players there will be first and second prizes awarded in each event, both in singles and doubles, in consolation. The privileges of the club will be at the disposal of the contestants during the tournament. Entrance fees of \$1 will be charged. All communications to be addressed to city tournament tennis committee, Omaha field club, and those wishing to enter must send the entry card to the committee on arrangements at Will Wood, John Haskell and John Towie, with Will Wood as chairman.

The golfers of both the Country and Field clubs were as enthusiastic last week as formerly, the links for the most part being deserted. The heat, the circus and the strike are assigned for this damping of ardor. At the Field club matches sixteen will qualify after the regular club play and then play against each other for first place in match play. This will make the game more interesting as the top notchers will be pitted against each other and it will also put a stop to a lot of argument as to who is the best golfer in the club.

Mr. Tweedie, president of the Belmont club, was visiting in Omaha last week and spent most of his time in giving good advice to Christy or "Mud" regarding "golfing." "Mud, Andy," he said, "there's one too much enthusiasm in this town; ya mauna let the sport die down. What ya want is three or four good men who dinna mind a wee drappie o' rain or who dinna care o'er muckle for their companions to start the matches, an' the rest will follow like the sheepies after the shepherd on auld Ben Nevis."

Mr. Tweedie said that in Des Moines the golfers there had subscribed \$2,000 in two weeks for a new club house and that he had never seen such enthusiasm—nay, not even in Scotland. "Mud, there's more a mighty gowder in that town, an' if ye put your men fornaist them, put your best, or ye'll get back home like the Ainghish did after Hannockburn."

After thirty years of golf Mr. Tweedie on the 11th of this month, for the first time in his life, managed to make a hole in one. "It was on the Midlothian, Andy dear," he said, "an' a big crowd as ever ye saw. I was playin' at second hole an' I gaw the wee ball a grassy. It rowled an' it rowled, till it rowled right into the hole without even touchin' the flag start. An' ye ought to have heard the people yell."

At present it looks as if no players from the Country club will go to the Minneapolis club for the Transmississippi coast test, but a number have promised to go from the Field club, among them being Christy himself, who has a match to play against Mr. Tweedie. The match was arranged some years ago in Chicago, but on the day appointed it was postponed by snow, and though Mr. Tweedie was willing to play, Christy said nay. Mr. Tweedie is on the handicap committee in this contest and says that complaints are coming in to him already.

Now that the women at the Country club have taken the golf under their management the men are waiting for the big scores.

The news that Des Moines is to have a club house of its own has brought forth the hearts of many Omaha players who remember their experience while playing there.

The people of Omaha are waking up to the fact that some of the finest places of horseflesh in the west are to be found in Omaha and they are showing their sportsmanlike qualities by attending the racing matinees and exhibitions in greater force than ever. This again, the character of the crowd is changing. Formerly the lookers-on were composed of a large extent of young lads and a gang of sporty youth, but now one has but to glance over the number of vehicles lined on the grounds to see that a better class of people are taking an interest and it is just this that the association has been driving at since they started.

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the best place for a horse show in the world. And again, those who understand these matters will see that the Auditorium is an excellent place for a horse show, and unless there is a bad break in the plans for the September show Omaha will give such an excellent exhibition of horsemanship that it will be famous. The promoters of the scheme expect the people to take a pride and interest in the event, which will insure it against non-success. In fact, they are sure of it. Field Mr. Nash: "I believe there are enough people in the city who take an interest in sport and who will see that we succeed. The horse has been a factor in the development of our western country and I believe there is the love of a horse in every western American's heart."

The success that the Omaha Driving association has achieved this year has started the talk of having a club house and owning its own track. It is talk yet, but by the end of the year there is every chance of it being put into execution.

The subject of having an automobile club was once more taken up last week and as far as can be seen every machine owner favors the idea, but is willing to let the other fellow have the honor of starting the club. "Every metropolitan city needs a club," said Mr. Emil Brandels when interviewed on the subject, "and I am of the opinion that Omaha has advanced far beyond the stage of having a club and that if one is started it will be a good one. There are over 100 automobiles in the city at present and this number is increasing every week. Lack of time prevents me from starting it, but I am strongly in favor of having one. An automobile club, outside of the pleasure the members will obtain from it, will add to the reputation of the town and an automobile race is a feature which draws the crowds." Mr. Brandels also was in favor of having country runs. There are excellent roads to Fremont, Lincoln and Des Moines and why there has not been an automobile meet is just what every one wants to know. Every person who owns a chug-chug has a desire to outrace the other fellow, and every machine owner thinks it a mighty good idea to have a meet, but they are all waiting for somebody to start the movement."

Edward Herden and Dr. Impey have ordered specially equipped Knox cars. This car, the makers say, is being largely taken up by the military service. Curtis Powell, who has been visiting in Springfield, Mass., says in that city that the Knox car is quite the rage.

There is some talk of Mr. Brandels and Mr. Leman trying to raise a team, but nothing definite has been decided yet. In case they do, it is expected that they will do so in Council Bluffs.

G. J. Joelyn, who purchased a Winton touring car just before his departure from the city, expressed himself as being quite here recently as being perfectly satisfied with the machine and that it has more than fulfilled all his expectations. The machine has afforded no end of pleasure to Mr. Joelyn and family this summer at their new home at Saratoga Springs.

A jolly party in two Winton cars, with Mr. G. W. Wattles as master of ceremonies, drove out to Colonel Pratt's farm in automobiles Monday afternoon, and it is needless to say the ride there and back was not the least feature of the occasion.

It is being demonstrated more forcibly every day that the pleasure-seekers have not the automobile field entirely to themselves. The business man and professional man, and especially the doctors, are realizing the practicality of the machine for getting them around comfortably and quickly and in a far more satisfactory manner, generally speaking, than they were before. With the business man a time-saver is an absolute necessity, and the success of the automobile in this field has placed it in the category of things that a business man can't possibly get along without.

The Ted Jed Sokol of Omaha and South Omaha are busy training for the turner competition to be held in St. Louis during the first week in August, and by the way some of them have been breaking the records of this state and other it looks as if St. Louis is going to see some mighty fine work. Two teams, composed of seven men and seven girls, will leave here on August 1 for St. Louis and will stay there a week. The teams are composed of the following: H. Havelka, trainer; R. P. Frohaska, F. Reha, John Kraljick, J. Mubasek, F. S. Fiala, J. Kresak and Misses Rose Krasak, Yella Krasak, Mary Chok, Pauline Michael, Anna Hoffman, Beatie Chokak and Emma Trebil. The teams are greatly improved since the state tournament, held some months ago, and looks their own records made then.

Among the men's team Frohaska stands out as an all-around athlete, and it will be

a surprise if he does not bring back at least a couple of diplomas. He is now jumping 6 feet 5 inches and is doing his best to make it 5 feet 5 inches before the contest. An inch or two over the twenty-foot mark is his average in the long jump, while in the pole vault he clears 9 feet 4 inches. He is a comparatively light man and has a graceful and pretty style in going over the stick. The teams will have to compete against over 400 others, who are hailing from all parts of the country.

After waiting two weeks for some sign of a breeze, the tars on Lake Manawa got all that was coming to them for their week's end racing. It blew soon and then some more. Whatever wind spots there were in any of the rigging showed up and quit the game. It sure was a good test and a good boom for the rope business. On Saturday the Argo, Manawa and Andover were the only boats that dared to butt into a race. They all were staggering under two reefs, while fighting for the start. The wind eased just a trifle just before the gun, and the Argo and Manawa immediately shook one of their reefs, both afraid that the other would have the advantage, and overlooking the fact that the Andover was in the game to stay. She most certainly was, and got the best of the start and went right along tending to her own knitting, while the Argo and Manawa started a fight right at the start. The Manawa getting across the line ahead of the Argo, started luffing to keep her from passing to windward, but nothing doing, as the Argo crawled up and was almost free when she fouled the Manawa and was out of the race. However, she sailed the course and finished first, not gaining anything by it. The Manawa then took after that old warhorse, the Andover, and got her too. But 'twould never do to win a race from the Argo on a small pond, at least, so the Manawa seemed to have worked it out, so while the crew was working with the light sails she took the bit in her mouth and finding a buoy convenient she made for it. Did you ever see a fresh young man duck the girl's white in swimming? Well, that is what that boat did to that buoy. She walked all over it, jumped on it and beat it to death and incidentally lost the race, as the judges claimed that she fouled the buoy. Now was the Andover's chance. She was alone in the race and won. The next day there was the same old wind, but the boats behaved better and stirred up no excitement. Argo winning with Manawa second and Andover third, the Peibel being the only special A boat that came out.

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