# WEEK'S GRIST OF SPORT

## Days on Ball Field and Other Grounds Reviewed.

## A'S TEAM WORK IS IMPROVING

### es Played Since Its Return Shows eneral and Individual Advance—What the Others Have Been Doing.

cal fans could find no fault with the ng of the Babes in the first four games d on their return to the city—the three Detroit and the one with Columbus. We the trio from the Wolverines without ing a hair and only lost the one to Coous because it was Fisher's off day, and account of Holly's miscues. That is enough and the only fault that can be d is with the weather in knocking us of one with the Wolverines and a couple the Senators.

e infield looks to be all right. Roat and tace have been playing an exceptionally and brilliant game in the field, taking about everything that has been coming their way. With the exception of one game Holly has been doing as well and the off day is not likely to come around again for some time. Denny Lyons has been holding down first bag like the veteran he is, and shows a good deal more sprightliness than he did when he was here in the early part of the season. The biggest improvement, however, is displayed in Roat's work. You would not know him nor take him for the listless and indifferent player he was at the opening of the season.

The weakness of the infield has been in batting, but during the last week they have been showing strong with the exception of Eustace. Lyons and Roat carried off the honors. The outfielders, on the other hand, have taken a slump in their batting, which should be only temporary, as they are capable of good results with the stick. Fleming has done very well, but the other two have fallen a bit from the gait.

The box is the sore point just now. We had gotten into pretty fair shape here, apparently, with the acquisition of Wadsworth, but the accident that befell the twirler has put him out of the game for ten days or two weeks. It was considered that with him, Daub and Fisher the team could worry along until another good man was secured. With Waddy gone, however, the work all fell upon Daub and Fisher. It was obvious that good as these two twirlers are they would simply pitch their arms off, and another man was found in Butler. He has done fairly good work in the past and is said to have done well for Burlington this year, but he is something of an experiment yet for all that.

Nevertheless Omaha has a good team now and it remains for the fans to show that they appreciate it. In order to maintain an aggregation of the caliber of the Babes the city must give support and the only way it can do it is by attending the games. And, mind you, it is no donation by any means, for every spectator who was present at the games played since the return of the team has been given his money's worth to the last cent. No prettier contests could be witnessed anywhere. Business men should especially consider this proposition, for two reasons at least in addition to the purely sporting one. A ball team is an advertisement to any city, one of the best that can be had. In the second place President Schuman is entitled to support for the several thousand dollars which he has put in to demonstrate his confidence in the future prosperity of the city.

It would be a sore eye to the city if the team should be taken away. There is little prospect of that, but there are a couple of cities working tooth and toenail to get Omaha's franchise in the league. Offers to remove have been made to President Schuman, and he has refused to consider them yet, but it is a plain business proposition for him to get from under if he does not get support. It, therefore, rests entirely with Omaha's citizens. There might have been an excuse at the opening of the season, but we now have a team that is as good as any of them, and no excuse goes. Therefore, fans, particularly you of them who are in the business and professional circles of the city, come out and do your duty.

There was a slight slump in the team batting average last week, it being 27.5, against 28.9 of the week before, but the column looks better from the fact that four of the tossers have been going it at 30 and over. A nicer fielding game was put up, the team average being 94.1, against 93.2 of the preceding week. These are the tables, with comparisons:

BATTING AVERAGE.

| | G. | AB. | R. | H. | TB. | Av. | Inc. | Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lyons | 4 | 14 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 50.0 | 27.8 | .... |
| Roat | 4 | 17 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 41.2 | 9.4 | .... |
| Fleming | 4 | 17 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 35.3 | 8.6 | .... |
| Hollingsw'th | 4 | 16 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 31.3 | .... | 8.7 |
| Preston | 4 | 18 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 22.2 | .... | 11.1 |
| Pickering | 4 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 21.4 | .... | .7 |
| McCauley | 4 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 21.4 | .... | 2.1 |
| Fisher | 3 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 14.3 | .... | 45.7 |
| ..... | 4 | 15 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 13.3 | .... | 20.0 |
| ..... | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 00.0 | .... | .... |
| Barth | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 00.0 | .... | .... |

FIELDING AVERAGE.

| | PO. | A. | E. | Av. | Inc. | Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ..... | 45 | 1 | 0 | 100.0 | 1.9 | .... |
| ..... | 7 | 11 | 0 | 100.0 | 7.0 | .... |
| ..... | 8 | 13 | 0 | 100.0 | 11.5 | .... |
| ..... | 1 | 4 | 0 | 100.0 | .... | .... |
| ..... | 1 | 4 | 0 | 100.0 | 7.7 | .... |
| ..... | 20 | 7 | 1 | 96.4 | 2.6 | .... |
| ..... | 9 | 1 | 1 | 90.9 | .... | 9.1 |
| ..... | 8 | 0 | 1 | 88.9 | .... | 11.1 |
| ..... | 3 | 1 | 1 | 80.0 | .... | 20.0 |
| ..... | 6 | 7 | 4 | 76.5 | .... | 13.4 |
| ..... | 0 | 3 | 1 | 75.0 | .... | .... |

The following are the unofficial general averages in both fielding and batting up to last Thursday, together with increase or decrease:

BATTING AVERAGES.

| | G. | AB. | R. | H. | TB. | Av. | Inc. | Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Preston | 11 | 45 | 8 | 16 | 19 | 35.6 | .... | 8.4 |
| Fleming | 8 | 32 | 6 | 10 | 13 | 31.3 | 4.6 | .... |
| Lyons | 38 | 137 | 27 | 39 | 50 | 28.5 | 2.5 | .... |
| Hollingsw'h | 36 | 138 | 8 | 37 | 40 | 26.9 | .7 | .... |
| Roat | 38 | 146 | 18 | 38 | 44 | 26.2 | 2.0 | .... |
| Pickering | 10 | 39 | 8 | 9 | 13 | 23.1 | .... | .9 |
| Fisher | 30 | 94 | 8 | 20 | 23 | 21.8 | .... | .5 |
| McCauley | 39 | 138 | 17 | 26 | 31 | 18.8 | .3 | .... |
| Eustace | 38 | 146 | 14 | 25 | 30 | 17.3 | .... | .3 |
| Daub | 14 | 36 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 8.3 | .... | .3 |
| Wadsworth | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 00.0 | .... | .... |

FIELDING AVERAGES.

| | PO. | A. | E. | Av. | Inc. | Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lyons | 397 | 19 | 11 | 97.4 | .3 | .... |
| Pickering | 21 | 4 | 1 | 96.2 | .... | 3.8 |
| Preston | 22 | 0 | 1 | 95.7 | .... | 4.3 |
| Daub | 7 | 49 | 4 | 93.3 | .6 | .... |
| Hollingsworth | 78 | 63 | 13 | 91.7 | .... | 2.5 |
| McCauley | 139 | 49 | 19 | 90.8 | 1.4 | .... |
| Eustace | 86 | 93 | 17 | 90.3 | 1.3 | .... |
| Fisher | 19 | 37 | 7 | 88.9 | 1.0 | .... |
| Fleming | 5 | 2 | 1 | 87.5 | .... | 12.5 |
| Roat | 69 | 128 | 39 | 83.5 | 1.4 | .... |

"I don't feel a bit leary about the Western league following the track of other minor organizations and possibly going to the wall," remarked an unmentionable league ball tosser in the city the other day. "Any such a rumor is a pipe dream, although it may be an overture to an effort to cut down salaries. The magnates have had too soft a snap during the past years as a rule to give up a good thing when they know it, and you bet they'll lose money this year on the chance of raking in the plunks next season. Moreover, they cannot disband and go out of business if they intend to go it again next year and keep up the standard of the league. If they should, they could hold no reserve list and every player could catch on wherever he wanted to. Now, I don't want to throw any posies at myself, but there are a lot of good tossers in this Western league who would be snapped up quicker than scat by teams all over the country. Where would the managers be at next year? They would have to spend all sorts of money to get players together, because they would have to get good ones in order to satisfy the public taste that has been cultivated by the gait the Western league has been setting and the chances are that the salary limit question would go up in a balloon. Therefore, it makes me smile to hear little rumors of the possible breaking up of the Western league on account of poor attendance along the circuit."

There has been but little change in the column of the Western league, with the exception of the jump of the Brewers into fourth place ahead of the Blues, only to slip back again. Omaha has crept a bit closer to the other two at the tail end. The lead of the Hoosiers in percentage has been cut down a bit and so with the standing of the Saints. The percentages of both the Blues and the Senators are about what they were a week ago.

The surprise of the week has been the pace cut out by the Milwaukee aggregation. On foreign grounds they have continued the winning streak they began at home. Six games they have played and one only have they dropped. That one went to Minneapolis, while they captured the other two there and took three straight from the second place aggregation, the Saints. If that pace is kept up Milwaukee will give the Saints and the Hoosiers a mighty tussle for first position and champion honors. They will be here during the latter part of the week.

On Friday the eastern trip of the western clubs in the big league was concluded. The result has been that the western aggregations have lost a little, but came much nearer holding their own than had been expected. Out of the sixty-nine games played the west won thirty and lost thirty-nine. That is a much bigger percentage than the east was able to do in the west. Out of the fifty games played on that western trip the east won only eighteen. That is only 33 per cent, while the west made over 43 in the east.

Cincinnati did exactly as well as it was expected to do and no worse—broke even with six and six. Cleveland did even better than that, winning six out of eleven played. Chicago, too, broke even at six and six and that is what boosts it up above the Giants, who lost seven out of a dozen played. Pittsburg lost five out of eleven, St. Louis five out of twelve and Louisville did the worst by getting only two out of a dozen.

Baltimore has jumped up to third place for a while at least, from the fact that it made the best showing of the east, getting nine out of a dozen played, but it had the weakest western teams against it. Washington, too, had the weak sisters and nabbed eight out of twelve. Boston gets eight out of eleven., Philadelphia wins seven, New York five and Brooklyn four out of the dozen each played.

The Nebraska Indians, the redskin base ball club of the state, were so successful last year that they have started out on a second tour of the middle west. They are some pumpkins, apparently, from the fact that last week they beat the university team of Lincoln, repeating the trick of last year. The outfit has been gotten together from all parts of the country. The star attraction of the bunch is Aklay-achee, the Seminole murderer. This buck killed a halfbreed in a quarrel over a girl and is out on parole until his tribe meets and decides upon his punishment next fall. The aggregation expects to be here and go up against the Originals some time in the near future.

**Base Hits.**

Elmer Smith of the Reds made at least one hit in every game for thirty games up to last week. Sometimes he has had two, three and even four.

Elton Chamberlain, the famous Cincinnati pitcher, known to the base ball world as the "Iceberg," has determined to quit the National game for the prize ring.

Charlie Bastian, the old-time second baseman of the Phillies, has joined the Sixth cavalry as a raw recruit. He says he would rather fight Spaniards than play ball.

Wallace, the Cleveland third baseman, once went to Pittsburg at his own expense and was willing to work for nothing just for a trial. He was turned down.

Here is a choice bit of names as found in the score of a game at Rome, N. Y., in the New York State league: McCameweltz, Chrystal, Werner, Schroeder, Whalley, Bopst, Benner, Stumpf.

The crackerjack game of the year in point of length was played on May 22 at Hartford, Conn., between the team of that place and the Richmonds. It was seventeen innings long and at the end of that time the score was 2 to 2.

Collins has made but two misplays in eighteen games. McGann of the Baltimores has made but two misplays in thirty-two games. Third Baseman Wallace of the Clevelands has made but one misplay in ten games.

The batting among the Western league players is above the average this year. Dungan of the Detroit club leads with a batting average of .411, with Wolverton of Columbus a close second. Campau of Minneapolis Frisbee of Kansas City and Glenalvin of St. Paul are also near the top of the list.

"Patsey" Tebeau claims that his team cannot be crippled except by extraordinary accidents. Here are some of the possible combinations on the infield: O'Connor, first base; Tebeau, second base; McKean, shortstop; Wallace, third base; Esterquest, third base; O'Connor, first base; Childs, second base; Esterquest, shortstop; Tebeau, second base; Zimmer, first base; O'Connor, second base; Esterquest, shortstop; Tebeau, third base; Tebeau, first base; Childs, second base; McKean, shortstop; Esterquest, third base.

# SPORTS AT THE 'VARSITIES

### Approaching Boat Races Will Close the Season—What the Outlook is at Present.

The spring season of collegiate sport for 1898 is nearing its close, and the finish is to be the most exciting part of the season's program. When the boat races at New London, Conn., and at Saratoga, N. Y., shall have been rowed, as important a season of collegiate sport as has happened along during this end of the century will be at an end. It has been an American season through and through; there has been no crossing of the ocean by any boat crew or track team, and we might say, "pity 'tis, 'tis true, and true 'tis, 'tis pity." While all of the transatlantic trips of American college athletes have been productive of some bickering, it has been noticeable that each trip has been followed by less unpleasantness and a nearer approach to a mutual understanding, than its predecessor. Perhaps in the good days of fellowship between the Americans and the Britishers soon to come it will be possible to have the college teams of one country compete with those of the other with nothing but friendliness resulting. If such a desideratum can be obtained the war with Spain will surely not have been fought in vain.

The base ball season is nearly over with. In the west the nine of the University of Nebraska has taken a high stand, and defeated most of the college teams it has met. It won from Kansas university, after the two teams had played one exciting tie game of thirteen innings. In the middle west both Wisconsin and Michigan have shown up in strong shape, and in the east Princeton, Pennsylvania, Brown, Georgetown and Cornell have played the best ball and won the most games. Harvard and Yale have been defeated by most of the other eastern teams named. Last Saturday Princeton took the game from Yale quite handily, though the latter almost caught up in the latter part of the game by making six runs in one inning. Brown has defeated about everybody but Princeton and Cornell, and the coming game with the latter will be a hot one. Cornell won from Harvard, broke even with Pennsylvania and lost two to Princeton. Another team that has made a good showing in the east is the nine from the University of Vermont. It defeated Cornell, 9 to 7, and played close games with Yale, Harvard and Brown. An opportunity to compare the strength of the eastern teams with that of the western nines will be afforded on Wednesday, when the University of Michigan goes to Ithaca to play Cornell.

Arthur Hillebrand, the star twirler of Princeton and who played tackle on last year's foot ball team, lives in Lemars, Ia. He is very heady and has good speed and control. He prepared for college at Andover, where he was pitcher on the nine and played tacke on the school eleven. He was made tackle on the Princeton team in his freshman year and is considered a star at that position. This is his first year as a 'varsity pitcher, having played third base on last year's championship team. He is 22 years of age, six feet tall and weighs 187 pounds.

The college events to which all eyes are now turned are the boat races. On account of the demand on space by the war there is perhaps not so much general interest in the races as there was last year, but collegians everywhere are anxiously waiting for the results. The first race will be rowed at New London, Conn., on Wednesday, June 22, the 'varsity crews of Yale, Cornell and Harvard competing. The time for the freshman race of Yale, Cornell and Harvard has not been determined, but it will be rowed either June 22, in the morning, before the 'varsity race, or in the afternoon of June 24. The crews of Yale and Harvard are already at New London practicing on the course over which they will row, and with which they are already quite familiar, it being their home course. The Cornell crews will not leave Ithaca until June 15, and will have just one week's practice at New London for the big races. The Harvard crews received a great send-off when they left Cambridge for the scene of the coming race on Tuesday last, and the enthusiasm, if not the confidence of the Harvard men, should encourage Coach Lehmann's pupils to do their best. It is the opinion of rowing critics, however, that the race will be between Yale and Cornell, with chances about even. Both Yale and Cornell have very fast crews; that is conceded by all who have seen the crews practice. Yale's is the fastest crew the Blue has had since the unsuccessful encounter at Henley, England. Cornell's crew is fast, and contains five men of last year's crew, which defeated Yale, Harvard, Pennsylvania and Columbia, and two of the oarsmen of the 1896 shell, which established a new world's record for four miles. It has been frequently noted, however, that a championship crew rarely wins three seasons in succession; it may be that Cornell's crew has been too fast in previous seasons. But if it should be headed at the finish this year it will be a very fast crew that does the business. Whoever wins the race, it is assured that it will be a very fast one, and should be worth going miles to see, and that's just what we are going to do.

The Harvard crew is rowing decidedly better than a week ago. The men are pulling much better together and consequently the boat goes along on a much more even keel. The crew has shown itself to be very speedy and on the long distance tests the men have shown very satisfactory powers. The order and weights of the crew as it is now boated is as follows: Stroke, Dobyns, 150; No. 7, Biddle, 162; No. 6, Captain Perkins, 172; No. 5, Harding, 162; No. 4, Higginson, 164; No. 3, Wadsworth, 163; No. 2, Blake, 160; bow, Derby, 162; coxswain, Orton, 98.

The order of the freshman crew has been constantly changed during the spring owing to the illness of many of the men. The crew as a whole is keeping better time than it has been and the boat is keeping fairly well on keel. The men, however, do not reach very far forward and in this way shorten the stroke somewhat. The order in the freshman crew at present is: Stroke, Locke; No. 7, J. Lawrence; No. 6, Peyton, captain; No. 5, Loud; No. 4, Gilchrist; No. 3, Endicot; No. 2, Whitney; bow, Hawkins; coxswain, How.

Coach Courtney has finally decided upon the make-up of the Cornell boats. Moore, who has been absent from the university on a surveying trip, returned during the week and was at once put in at No. 5, where he rowed until his departure. Sweetland, who has been holding the seat during Moore's absence, went into the second 'varsity. The first combination was made up as follows: Stroke, Briggs; No. 7, Savage; No. 6, Beardslee; No. 5, Moore; No. 4, Bailey; No. 3, Wakeman; No. 2, Bentley, and bow, Dalzell.

Two changes were also made in the freshman crew. Thomas, who has been rowing at bow, was displaced by Fay and Coxswain Ritchie by Coxswain Coward. This made the whole combination as follows: Stroke, English; No. 7, Hartley; No. 6, Lyon; No. 5, Ball; No. 4, Cross; No. 3, King; No. 2, Tryon; bow, Fay.

# ON LAKE AND IN THE FIELD

### Fishermen Doing Well at the Lakes Just Now—Bass and Croppie Biting Fast.

There has been great bass fishing at Cut Off lake during the last ewek. The watchmen who are patrolling its shores under direction of the Fish Protective association for illegal fishermen, estimate that 1,000 pounds of bass, together with a whole lot of other fish, have been pulled out of the lake by men and boys during the last seven days. The catches have been made both with spoons and hooks. Boys have sat on the ice shoot near one of the ice houses, on the north shore of the lake and pulled up nice strings of bass. There are simply millions of them there, and now that the Fish Protective association is scaring away the seiners they can be captured.

Fred Neal of Tecumseh, one of the most successful and best fishermen in the state, was in the city for a few days during the last week. He came in from Blue lake, where he spent a month. He caught a big mess of black bass and other game fish, and says that the sport on the sheet of water is about the best in this part of the country.

Frank Dowell and Sam McCleod were out on Cut Off one day last week and captured a nice string of bass, some of them being of considerable size.

Fred Spratlin was one of the visitors at Seymour lake. He pulled out twenty-two bass, weighing altogether thirty pounds.

Frank Parmalee, who expected to attend the Peoria shoot, was unable to be there because he was called upon to assist in the arrangement of a display for a gun and powder house at the exposition. He will be here the greater part of the summer, although he expects to skip out for some shoot now and then.

The Dupont Gun club is pretty big with life just now and proposes to give symptoms of it in the program which it will have every Sunday hereafter at its regular club shoot. Increased membership has given birth to increased energy, and from now on the weekly events promise to be the most interesting in the history of the club. It's going to be their banner season.

In the future the team proposes to trap its own targets and the resultant coin will be put up as a purse to be divided into three moneys. Then it is proposed to have at each shoot a handicap to accommodate all the capabilities of the shooters. Finally, about twice a month, a live bird shoot will be pulled off. There will always be team shoots. There's variety enough there to suit anybody, and the members count upon a warm time on every occasion.

Last Sunday there was plenty of good sport at the club shoot and a whole series of matches, some 1,700 targets being thrown. Among the guests were Hallowell and Parmelee, and the cracks gave the local shooters a warm chase down the pike. Besides being in on the team shoots, the pros were invited to take part in the club shoot and helped considerably to augment the score, which was about the best made this year. It was as follows:

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Snapper | 11111 | 01111 | 11110 | 01111 | —17 |
| Townsend | 11001 | 11111 | 11110 | 11101 | —17 |
| Curtis | 11111 | 11101 | 01111 | 01011 | —16 |
| Dvorak | 11100 | 11111 | 11101 | 01111 | —16 |
| Bauman, J. | 01111 | 11101 | 11111 | 11001 | —16 |
| Nason | 11011 | 11110 | 01110 | 01111 | —15 |
| Schneider | 11000 | 11010 | 11101 | 11111 | —14 |
| Welsh | 00101 | 01001 | 11110 | 11101 | —12 |
| Johnson | 11110 | 10100 | 11001 | 01010 | —11 |
| Parmelee | 11111 | 11111 | 11111 | 11111 | —20 |
| Hallowell | 11111 | 11011 | 11111 | 11111 | —19 |
| U. M. C. | 01111 | 11110 | 10111 | 11111 | —17 |

In addition to this shoot there were a half dozen team shoots, all of which were won by the one team. The last one was the best and proved to be a good chase. The score of this was as follows:

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nason | 11111 | 01110 | 11111 | 11111 | —18 |
| Parmelee | 10110 | 11111 | 11111 | 11111 | —18 |
| U. M. C. | 11111 | 10110 | 11111 | 11111 | —18 |
| Snapper | 01110 | 00101 | 01111 | 11011 | —13 |
| Schneider | 10001 | 10111 | 01111 | 11011 | —14 |
| Bauman | 10110 | 11101 | 01101 | 11111 | —15 |
| Total | | | | | —96 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Townsend | 01111 | 11111 | 10111 | 11111 | —18 |
| Hallowell | 11101 | 11111 | 11111 | 11111 | —19 |
| Johnson | 11010 | 01111 | 11000 | 11011 | —13 |
| Dvorak | 11110 | 11011 | 01111 | 11101 | —16 |
| Welsh | 11111 | 01110 | 00001 | 00110 | —11 |
| Curtis | 11011 | 01011 | 00010 | 11111 | —13 |
| Total | | | | | —90 |

Frank Parmelee did nice work, missing few over a half dozen in the 300 targets he shot at during the course of the afternoon. Shooters Thomas and Hallowell jollied the boys along in great shape. Billy Townsend and "Snapper" got chested over their ability to do as well as the former.

The Fish Protective association will hold a called meeting tomorrow night in Sheriff McDonald's office to hear reports and transact other business. Every true lover of fishing ought to turn out to offer the glad hand for the work that has been done, if for no other reason.

C. M. Deitz proposes to hie himself away to the mountains for a bit of fishing. During the coming week he will travel to the Rockies somewhere in Wyoming and try to lure the festive trout from the babbling mountain brooks.

A big four-pounder was pulled out of Seymour lake last week.

Captain Manderson will go forth for some fishing before the week is over.

Some time during the next seven days Fred Metz expects to go to Lake Quinnebaug for a bit of fishing outing, accompanied by one of the boys. The Metz's have a nice cottage on the shores of the lake—a vertiable elysium from this workday world.

Sheriff John McDonald captured a nice string of bass one night last week at Cut Off lake.

Rear Admiral Dewey, since his great success at Manila, is receiving honors galore. Not only are children being named after him in nearly every section of the country, but a gun club bearing his name has just been organized at Kansas City, Mo., with E. N. Gentry, president and J. J. Ritchie, secretary and treasurer.

# WITH HORSES AND HORSEMEN

### Entries for the Summer Trotting Meeting Close with Many Horses Listed.

At midnight last night the time for making entries for the light harness meet, to be held during the latter part of this month, ended. The entries will not be made public for a day or so yet, inasmuch as all that were mailed at midnight last night are available. It is announced by the Fair and Speed association that the number is nearly twice that ever before received. Altogether there will be about 300 horses entered in the different events. About seventy-five of these are on the grounds, 100 are coming from Denver and other points in Colorado, fifty will be here from St. Joseph and the remainder will be shipped from other parts of the country. O. J. Pickard went to Denver last Friday to get the entries of the Colorado animals.

The rains of the week did very little damage to the track. The circuit is in such excellent condition that water has little effect upon it. The rain, however, prevented the trainers from getting in the work except at odd times. The fact that one horse has stepped off a mile in 2:13, however, in spite of any heaviness that the rain might have imparted, speaks for the condition of the track. The animal that did this work was Mattie Patterson.

The Board of Directors of the Fair and Speed association did not hold any meeting last Thursday night, but will meet at the track on next Tuesday morning. There they will view the track and grounds and determine any change or improvements that should be made. At the same time the body will decide whether or not to declare off any of the races that have been advertised on acount of lack of entries. During the coming week the races will be advertised in all neighboring horse points. Big posters will be hung up at St. Joseph, Red Oak, Sioux City and other places where interest in racing exists.

**Stable and Track Gossip.**

John R. Gentry has not been a mile better than 2:40 this year.

The American Trotting association has 752 members distributed through the United States and Canada.

J. W. Lash of Auburn, Neb., has a promising young trotter in the bay mare Mary Ladd, by Republican.

Alix, 2:03¾, trotted thirty-five heats better than 2:10, twelve heats in 2:07 or better and five heats faster than 2:05.

Major P. P. Johnson, president of the National Trotting association, and also president of the Kentucky Trotting Horse Breeders' association, is being pushed for brigadier general of the Kentucky troops for the war with Spain.

Wild horses have again become so numerous in some parts of Nevada that the ranchers have organized to compel their extermination. The hides and manes and tails bring good prices, and will more than pay the expenses of "the war."

Few realize how many horses are required in the United States army. Each battery of artillery requires about 100 horses, infantry regiments about twenty each and cavalry regiments about 1,200 to 1,300. One hundred horses are required for General Miles' headquarters alone. Each field officer is entitled to two horses.

J. Malcom Forbes has claimed the name of Admiral Dewey for the colt by Bingen, out of Nancy Hanks; also Commodore Sampson for the colt by Bingen, out of Karla, by Allerton; Captain Higginson for the colt by Baron Rogers, out of Mantango, and Cavite for the filly by Bingen, out of Juanita. All these names have been accepted by the Register association, hence Mr. Forbes has stolen a march on all other claimants.

The London (Eng.) Live Stock Journal says: "Canadian and United States horses have considerably advanced in price in London. At a few of the late sales by auction every animal offered was disposed of at improved rates. The advance has been equal to £10 ($48) per head for useful horses. Bus horses usually worth £30 ($145), are readily sold for £40 ($195). Probably the American-Spanish war has been the principal factor in an improved market, as in the case of wheat."

# BLATHER OF THE PUGILISTS

### Tom Sharkey Talks About Robber in Connection with the Jeffries Fight.

Thomas Sharkey, ex-sailor and pugilist, passed through the city last week on his way east to get matches, despite the many rumors prevalent that he intended to go on the stage, back into the navy and do any other old thing out of chagrin over his loss of the recent bout with big Jeffries. There was no chagrin visible on his pugilistic mug and he talked as if he intended to stay in the ring forever.

"I was robbed in my bout with Jeffries," he declared, "Jeffries is a big dub and does not know anything about the science. I had that fight all my way and I should have gotten the decision, but the poolrooms of San Francisco run the ring fights and they did not want me to win. That is all there was about it. If I had gotten a fair shake I would have had the decision a-running. You couldn't get me back to fight on the coast with a yoke of oxen and any fighter that goes out there and don't want to be owned by the poolrooms is a sucker."

Sharkey admits that there is a whole lot he doesn't know about boxing, but he says he is willing to learn and when he does he promises to be a crackerjack. It is for the purpose of getting lessons that he has gone east in the hope of getting on matches with Ruhlin, Fitzsimmons, Corbett or McCoy, or in fact anybody that has any stuff behind him, but those mentioned preferred. He has not done much training since his scrap with Jeffries and tips the scales at over 200. He proposes to get into trim at once for his coming go with Ruhlin.

Although Eddie Santry stayed with George Dixon for the entire twenty rounds last Monday night, the reports of the affair indicate that Dixon was clearly and at every point the superior. Santry put up a magnificient defensive fight, but he could not find the colored wonder. Despite the years he has been at it and the pace he has at times cut, Dixon remains the king bee man in his class.

Dominick McCaffery, the old time pugilist who is at present engaged in the more peaceful occupation of a rancher at O'Neill, was in the city during the last week and talked over his old fights with some of his friends.

The South Omaha Athletic club is preparing a fistic carnival for June 28 and 29. For each two matches have already been arranged. On the first night Fred O'Neill is to meet George Strong of Denver and Billy Lambert will tackle Walter Nolan. On the second night Jack O'Donnell will be up against McIntyre and Adams will bob up ferninst Duggan. Two of these scrappers are new ones to the city, Strong and Duggan. The latter claims to be an Australian lightweight of some record, while Strong is a Denver lad who has gone up against a number of men about the western country. All these events are to be eight rounds.

One of the visitors to the city during the last week was Harry Hines, the well known sporting man of Cheyenne.

Articles have been signed for a meeting between Ben Jordan, the English featherweight, and George Dixon to box twenty-five rounds for the featherweight championship of the world on June 27 at the Lenox Athletic club of New York.

Under the articles of agreement the men are to weigh not over 122 pounds at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of the contest. The original intention was to have held the bout on July 12, but owing to the postponement of the McCoy-Choynski contest from June 27, the latter date was named for the Jordan-Dixon fight. It is, therefore, probable that the first named pair will meet on July 12 instead.

Jordan will start training this morning at Coney Island, where he will be assisted by Henry Newbar, Billy Delleck and Benny Murphy. Dixon will finish his work at New Dorp, Staten Island.

Jordan's record is a comparatively short one, but the men he has defeated are admitted to be the best in their class in England. When Tommy White met him last December Jordan won in nineteen rounds, while Eddy Curry met defeat in seventeen. Those who have seen him work proclaim him a wonder, while the form players will probably back the Englishman on his defeat of White, a feat which Dixon could not perform in two attempts.

# GENERAL SPORTING GOSSIP

### Turners Promise a Great Bill for Their Meeting Here This Month.

The lovers of gymnastic sports and games will soon have an opportunity to witness and admire some of the very best at the Transmississippi turnfest, to be held here from June 29 to July 1 inclusive. There will be plenty to see in this first western tournament ever held, for so many are the entries and the contests that the program calls for work from 7 o'clock in the morning until 6 in the evening. The competitions consist of mass drills and class and individual contests.

The entries for the baren, the damen and the actives now number over 350, with a very probable likelihood that they will reach the 500 mark. The following turnvereins have so far signified their intention of being represented by one or more classes in these divisions:

Baren—Leavenworth, Kansas City, Holstein, Ia., and Omaha.

Damen—Kansas City, Hanover and Marysville, Kan.; Holstein, Omaha, Burlington and South Side of Omaha.

Actives—Kansas City, Fremont, Hanover, Holstein, Denver, Marysville, Leavenworth, Plattsmouth, Herman, Mo.; Davenport, Topeka, St. Paul (two classes), Minneapolis, La Salle, Ill.; Omaha, Peoria, South Side of Omaha, Burlington.

The park in which the contests are to be held is the old Haskell place at Fifteenth and Vinton streets, and it is being gradually transformed into excellent grounds. The grand stand has yet to be completed, but all the arrangements are being rapidly made. The park was formally opened last Sunday, when a very enjoyable program of sport, including about everything in the turnfest program, was rendered.

It has been decided to give to the gymnast who secures the highest number of points in the individual contests a solid silver wreath. The emblem weighs over a pound and is a handsome piece of workmanship. The cost of it has been raised by subscriptions from local citizens.

The Omaha turnverein is going in to win some of the events, both class and individual. W. G. Retzer, the physical instructor, has called upon the actives to practice three evenings each week, alternating between the gymnasium and the park. The class now numbers over twenty and is evincing considerable interest by attending regularly.

Yousouf, the giant Turk, was "up again it" when he tackled Wittmer in Cincinnati a week ago. For two hours and thirty-four minutes exactly he tried his level best to get the American on his shoulders, and he never did it. In Wittmer the sultan's pet found a tartar, and took no chances. For the first hour or two he tried to land the American, but when he failed he quit. He tried again and again to get his man on his back, but could not do it, Wittmer being too agile. Then the match degenerated into a sleeping contest, with the Turk as the principal in the Morpheus act. He pinned Wittmer to the floor with his 240 pounds of weight and would not get up. That suited Wittmer all right, and he lay there until midnight, when the bout was called a draw.

The match was of the Graeco-Roman character, and it seems to establish one fact, despite the assertion that the Turk was sick. That is that Wittmer is the best man at that style of wrestling in this country, barring none. Ernest Roeber bears the title and has borne it since it was bequeathed to him by Muldoon, but he has never won it.

The next man that the Turk tackles is "Strangler" Lewis, whom he meets on June 20. Lewis is training in Milwaukee, and, by the way, a confession has come forth from him recently. It has long been suspected that the bout between him and Farmer Burns, that was pulled off in Chicago several years ago, was a fake, and Lewis says now that it was. He recently stated that he had been handed $3,000 to do the easy act. The money looked good to him and he let the Farmer get the falls. There seems to be as little doubt, judging from the performances of the two men, that Lewis is as superior to Burns at catch-as-catch-can as Wittmer is to Roeber in the Graeco-Roman. If the coming affair is on the square, as that with Wittmer, undoubtedly was, Lewis may have a chance to get the best of it. No holds are barred, and this being so, the Wisconsin man may get a chance to use his famous strangle hold. If he does, stuff will be off for the Turk, it is to be feared.

National tennis circles are way up in the air over the recent departure of both R. D. Wrenn and W. A. Larned to join the crack cavalry regiment of New York, now at San Antonio. Just what effect their leaving will have on the present tennis season is hard to determine. All previous calculations as to the outcome of the summer's play, and all plans for the big invitation events, are completely upset, and that just on the eve of the tournament season. There is hardly an important championship in the country that is not held by one of these men. Last year they were the only first-class American players on the courts, Hovey, Neel, Hobart, Chace and the rest all having dropped out of the game. And at the time of the invasion of the English cracks last summer it was due to their prowess alone that the national championship trophy remained on this side of the water. The expected appearance on our courts during the latter part of this summer may well cause anxiety.

Local tennis circles are in a bad way. There seems to be no one to take the lead and the result will probably be that the fixture under the National Tennis association's auspices will be passed up.

The cricket club is getting in a little work and practice as the weather permits. Matches are played on a couple of afternoons each week, whenever the sun is out, but these occasions have been rare since the season opened.

# CHESS.

The following fable embodies the opinion of a University of Nebraska freshman regarding the origin of chess. The matter being one over which historians of the game have puzzled, after having traced the evolution of their favorite pastime to China and a date several thousand years before Christ, it occurred to the university man that being a freshman he was competent to deal with the subject.

"Now it came to pass," wrote the freshman, "that the king was exceeding wroth with the royal jester for the reason that his stories were no longer new and the games wherewith he amused the royal court were not of the freshest. And the king pronounced a sentence, 'O, jester, know that thy days are numbered, for we are no longer amused by thy levity. Produce me now a game in which there is much pleasure or thy life shall be the forfeit.' Then was the countenance of the jester much cast down and he was plunged in a gloom lasting over seven days. On the morning of the eighth because his life hung upon his work he reflected. 'Behold, the king, my master, is a great warrior and therefore should the game be one of soldiers. I will construct me a line of battle and verily at the ends I will place two moving castles, and because of their squareness they shall move either north, south, east or west. Next them will I place horsemen who shall ride with agility that the gates of the castles may be kept from invaders. The forces of the church will I place next to administer to those stricken in the fight, and they shall move exceeding crooked, that is to say, zig zag.

"Behold, in the center will I place the king and the queen. And the king shall be sluggish in his movements, but the queen shall move with swiftness surpassing. And before all these shall there be many little men, who will march at the commands of the king, the queen, the church, the barons and their castles as is the fashion of the royal kingdom, but never backward. So the jester inscribed upon a table four and sixty squares and forming his line of battle waged miniature warfare with the king, his master. And so he found exceeding favor in the royal eyes and his bauble was a power at court during his remaining days."

Problem No. 27; the following is a variation upon an excellent problem, published previously in chess literature, arranged by a Bee correspondent: White to play and mate in two moves:

BLACK.

WHITE.

Problem No. 26, done by R to B 2. Solved by G. N. Seeley and T. N. Hartzell, Kearney; D. F. Logan, Norton, Kan. Problem No. 25, solved also by W. M. Moore, Pacific Junction, Ia.


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