

# Pa Rourke Plans to Run His Own Team His Own Way Cornhusker Foot Ball Shows Nice Profit for the Season of 1913

## Rourke Family Will Be on the Old Basis When Season Starts

The 1914 contracts will be sent to all Omaha players for their signatures by Pa Rourke Tuesday. Contracts will be mailed to about twenty-one players at this time, although some of these will probably not be retained on the team and there will be others who will be added to the lineup who will be mailed their contracts later.

Several of the players, those who showed last season that they deserved it, will be given a healthy advance in salary, while others, who played a poorer brand of ball, will be given the same stipend or will receive a cut. Some swarming is expected on the part of some of the athletes, but Pa is of the opinion that he will be treating all on an even keel with their attitude toward him last year, and he vows he will let them howl as vociferously as they desire, but that it will not change his position in the least.

**To Manage Team Personally.**  
Rourke says that he is going to have a fast team this year, a team which will fight every last game on the schedule with a desperation that will brook no opposition. He himself is going to sit in a corner of the player's bench and manage the team personally, which means that all players will have to be alive to every occasion and that every youngster of any promise whatsoever will be given every opportunity to develop himself into a real ball player.

Rourke is recognized as a great trainer of young blood. When he was on the bench many youngsters were developed by him into ball players good enough for the major leagues. Since he has had managers in charge of his players no players have gone up as a result of training. Those who have graduated into faster company were trained ball players before they came here. Several promising youngsters came to Omaha, and in the eyes of fans they would have been good material for big league clubs if they could have received the proper training. They didn't get any in Omaha. The best example of that is Sam Agnew. Agnew looked like a comer and later developments proved that fact, but he wasn't developed in Omaha. With Rourke in command that delinquency in Omaha will be eliminated, because Pa is almost in a class by himself when it comes to teaching the young idea how to play the game.

**Pa Likes His New Players.**  
Rourke is extremely confident that the youngsters he secured by the draft route last fall will turn out to be class A ball players. Four of the players, Bell, Thomas, Brady and Ormsby were recommended in no uncertain language by George Huff, who is the peer of all scouts. Huff, who ordinarily never displays any great enthusiasm over a player, was almost zealous in a letter to Pa regarding the boys, and he said that it would not surprise him if two of the four didn't develop into big league timber. Such a letter from Huff is not only a compliment, but it is a challenge, because Pa firmly believes that all four will win places on his team.

Krug, another of the newcomers, is certain to be a winner, while Chase, the sixth, Pa figures is going to spring a surprise in this circuit. Pa saw Chase in action when he coveted around the initial bag for York and he lost. Pa is asking for Chase from Spokane when the draft was announced. Pa says Chase will prove to be a hitter, a base runner and a fielder of marked ability.

**To Get Big League Catcher.**  
A deal is now on by which Omaha will secure a new catcher. The deal is completed, but as yet Pa does not know who the catcher will be, but he is sure to be a big league club which has several first-class catchers on its string. Two other deals will bring another pitcher and another infielder to Omaha.

One thing will be emphasized by Pa this year which was not in evidence last year. That is speed. Last year it was typical of Omaha to be slow. But this year was stolen by the entire team in the whole year. This record is regarded as disgraceful by Pa and he says he will see that a repetition does not occur.

If the players do not know how to slide, they will be taught and they will practice constantly until they become proficient along that line. Pa is strong for the hook slide and every member of the team will be taught just how to slide around the bag and at the same time fall away from the baseman who is holding the ball.

More base stealing will be attempted this year also. If either the catcher or the pitcher is slow Pa will send his base runners down on the first ball, and even though neither catcher or pitcher are slow, Pa will send his runners down anyhow, because, as he says, it is necessary to take chances to win ball games.

**Depends on Shestak.**  
Rourke is depending a great deal on Shestak, the youthful catcher who was the second string man last season. Pa believes Shestak is a better catcher than Johnson ever will be, because he can do one thing Johnson never could do—think. Shestak is a brainy player, according to Pa, and steadies a pitcher wonderfully, a thing which Johnson never did do. Shestak will be made the first string catcher this year, unless the major league Pa will get proves to be a crack. About the middle of next month Brother Dave will beat his yearly improvements. The diamond will be fixed up in fine style with new sod, grass seed and dirt so that it will be as nearly a perfect diamond as is possible to attain.

## Cornhusker Foot Ball Paid Handsomely for Season Just Finished

By JAMES E. LAWRENCE.

LINCOLN, Jan. 10.—(Special.)—The Cornhusker athletic board is approximately \$7,000 ahead as the result of an all-successful foot ball season, according to the report of Athletic Manager Guy E. Reed filed with the athletic board this week. Exceeding the net proceeds from the foot ball season of 1912 by more than 300 per cent and setting a high water mark for foot ball receipts, which bids fair to stand as a banner year, the total returns from the 1913 foot ball season reached \$29,949.79. Expenditures, deducting permanent improvements made on the athletic field and the appropriation allowed for outstanding indebtedness of the board, aggregated \$22,949.79. To be absolutely correct, the Cornhuskers made a clean profit of \$10,500.00, but Reed's report to the board shows a balance on hand of \$5,950.00. An explanation of the variance is found in the two items of permanent improvements, for which the board expended \$1,350.00, and the payment of an old outstanding debt of \$2,000.00, or a total of \$3,350.00, which cannot properly be counted as season's expenses.

**Big Money Makers.**  
The games with Minnesota and Iowa were the big money makers for the Cornhuskers. The Minnesota game, which was on "homecoming day" brought in over \$10,000, while the Iowa game attracted almost as large a crowd and netted over \$7,000. The Kansas game at Lawrence was third on the Cornhusker schedule in point of finances with over \$2,000 receipts, while less than \$200 distinguished the drawing powers of the Ames Aggies and Haskell Indian game.

In each of those games the Cornhusker share of the gate receipts was over \$500. Of the minor, or practice games, the Kansas Aggies drew the biggest crowd with receipts of nearly \$200 for the Cornhusker end.

In the items of expense the salaries of the coaches and the business management is listed at \$2,250.75; traveling expenses of the team came to over \$1,000, the expense of officials was nearly \$1,000 more, while the games played on Nebraska field the visitors drew as their share of the receipts \$10,402.74.

Following is the complete statement of Manager Reed on the season's finances from September 1 to December 31, 1913.

Receipts.	
Washburn game.....	\$ 200
Kansas Aggies at Lincoln.....	453.50
Minnesota game at Lincoln.....	10,363.15
Haskell game at Lincoln.....	1,340.00
Ames game at Lincoln.....	1,250.50
Wesleyan game at Lincoln.....	280.00
Kansas game at Lawrence.....	1,575.48
Iowa game at Lincoln.....	7,950.00
Season tickets, students and faculty.....	4,225.00
Miscellaneous (concessions, etc.).....	174.14
<b>Total receipts.....</b>	<b>\$29,949.79</b>

Expenditures.	
Salaries, coaching, clerical and maintaining.....	\$ 2,250.75
Advertising.....	200.00
Printing.....	300.25
Equipment.....	1,851.53
Field expense, labor, repairs, police.....	736.20
Guarantees to visiting teams.....	10,402.74
Officials.....	977.85
Traveling expenses, team trips, scouting, etc.....	2,068.53
Training, medical supplies and messages.....	258.20
Permanent improvements for the athletic field.....	1,350.00
Previous indebtedness.....	2,463.01
Miscellaneous expenses.....	318.56
<b>Total expenses.....</b>	<b>\$22,949.79</b>
Cash balance.....	6,950.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$29,949.79</b>

**Season Far Ahead.**  
Taken all around, the 1913 foot ball season was the most satisfactory the Cornhuskers have had. During no one season have the receipts ever exceeded \$30,000, and the Cornhusker management will endeavor to make up a schedule next season which will prove as attractive financially as the 1913 season.

The balance which the foot ball season gave the athletic board will be sufficient to tide it over for all other branches of athletics and then leave a snug sum to start out the 1914 season. It will also give the athletic board sufficient funds to tide it over the increased expense arising from advances in salary. In the opinion of both alumni and undergraduates, Stehm is entitled to substantial reward for his success in developing a championship eleven from green material last year.

**GEORGE SUTTON TO MEET WILLIE HOPPE AGAIN.**

A city basketball tournament composed of churches of the city is to be the great affair of the church teams in the city. This tournament is to take place after the finishing of the Church league game and is open to all churches of the city having teams. So far practically all of the church teams have expressed their willingness to enter the tournament and from present indications it will be the greatest affair of its kind ever staged in the city. Handsome medals and cups are to be given to the best individual players and to the best team.

## SPORTS SECTION of THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 11, 1914.

### Leader of the Federal League Looks Like a Man of Business



PRESIDENT GILMORE OF THE FEDERAL LEAGUE SEATED AT HIS DESK IN HIS CHICAGO OFFICE, WHERE HE IS BUSY SIGNING UP CRACK PLAYERS OF ORGANIZED BASE BALL TEAMS.

### WILL FINISH SCHEDULE SOON

Creighton Foot Ball Games About All Decided Upon.

### MILLER TO MEET WITH BOARD

Coach to Take Charge of All Athletic Games During Rest of College Year—Will Return Soon.

Completion of the Creighton university foot ball schedule for next fall will likely come with the return of Coach Harry Miller to Creighton. Miller is now visiting his parents at Defiance, O., where he went previous to the holiday season. When Miller returns he and the athletic board will at once close up the work of scheduling games. On his way back to Omaha Miller will pass through Milwaukee, where he will probably draw the contract for the Marquette game, to be played at Milwaukee next year. Only one contract has been drawn, that with Nebraska Wesleyan, which game will be played here. Games with South Dakota and Haskell are practically certain, however.

All talk of a game with Notre Dame has been dropped, according to the management of the Creighton team, as they figure that the blue and white should wait another year before taking on any games of that caliber. This year's schedule will be in the form of an experiment to see if a team equal of that of last year can be turned out.

Following Miller's return a meeting of the athletic board will be held, at which the final decision on the freshman rule and the coach for next year will be reached.

Miller will take charge of all athletic teams for the remainder of the year at Creighton, and will probably do most of the active work in the scheduling of games.

Basket ball is practically a dead letter. There is no good material in school for a team, and the absence of a gymnasium makes it impossible, according to the management, to put out a team.

Already a base ball schedule for the spring is being talked of among the students. The same old difficulty again presents itself. The professional departments, those from which the bulk of the team could be drawn, dismisses classes late in April, at just the time when the other college teams could be played. This difficulty was met last year by the professional students who stayed over for the big games, whether they lived out of town or not. This year it is figured that a number who last year made the nine will be engaged in professional baseball and will leave school at the end of April.

The management complains bitterly of the ravages of the small boys in the vicinity of the university on the fence enclosing the foot ball field. They are cutting large holes in the fence or carrying the boards away until it is feared the field will hardly be enclosed next year.

### Dolan Signs with Baltimore Federals

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—A. J. Dolan, third baseman of the St. Louis Nationals, has signed to play with the Baltimore Federals. It was announced today by Manager Knabe of Baltimore. Knabe said he had wired an offer to Pitcher Otto Zabel of the Chicago Nationals. Knabe expects to leave for the east this afternoon.

### LOCAL HORSES IN CIRCUIT

Nebraska Will Be Well Represented During the Season.

### SOME OF THEM ARE REAL GOERS

Are Owned by Omaha and State Horsemen and Come Out of Fastest Stock in the Country.

For the first time in many years, Nebraska will be represented this year in the classic trotting and pacing stakes of the Grand circuit, by a stable owned and trained by Nebraskans and prepared in this state. Schinstock Bros., of West Point, whose horses have been notably successful winners in the middle west for several years will invade the east in 1914 with several animals of tested ability.

Mill track racing will be no new experience to three of the steeds, which Driver Roy Owen will campaign for Schinstock Bros., and one of these is owned in Omaha. Tommy Horn, 2:07 1/2, represented the Schinstock stable on eastern tracks last year and in the hands of Lon McDonald, won \$10,000 in competition against the best trotters of the land. Columbia Fire, 2:04 1/2, the Pactoris pacer, owned by E. H. Bohannon of Lincoln, so far has utilized his great speed to better advantage on half-mile tracks, but has turned mile tracks in extremely fast time and is considered a dangerous opponent in any company. He was the 2-year-old half-mile track pacer champion.

Judge Sears' pacing stallion, Shadeline, which has a record of 2:08, secured at the Decatur, Ill. Great Western circuit meeting last year is the latest star added to the Schinstock stable. This horse was a sensational performer as a 3-year-old, 4-year-old and 5-year-old, and is known to be second faster than his record. It has the ability to beat 2:10 on a half-mile track and has a mark of that kind within a fraction of a second of that time.

Shadeline was staked down the Great Western circuit last year. While he did well his showing was rather a disappointment to Judge Sears, because he did not race up to his real capacity on account of the fact that it was difficult to keep him in condition. It is believed that the solution to this problem has been found and his owner is refusing to say how fast he thinks he will pace in 1914. When in condition his specialty is fighting bruising races to a finish.

**Are Well Known Horses.**

Other horses in the Schinstock stable are well known half-mile track performers, which won thousands of dollars for Owen last year. The string will be prepared at the West Point half-mile track and though it will compete against many horses trained during the winter in the south and on covered tracks, Owen is expected by Nebraska horsemen to make regular trips to the cashier's stand at the Grand circuit meetings.

Norman E. Warren of Friend has a stallion out by Peter the Great, 2:07 1/2, dam by Bow Bells, 2:19 1/2, purchased in Kentucky, and a filly by Dan Patch, 1:50 1/2, dam Gates Ajax, 2:05 1/2, sired from the Southwick estate.

Last-at-Law, the chestnut son of the well-known brood mare Trappetta, 2:29 1/2, by Trappist, 2:18 1/2, and bred by A. H. Farness, Hastings, now carries a record of 2:06 1/2.

Persons interested in the trotters and pacers are invited to send news concerning them to the sports section of the Bee.

### HASTINGS HOLDS CRETE FIVE

Swift Basket Ball Team Unable to Take This Game.

### THIRTY-THREE TO TWENTY-TWO

Captain Flynn of Hastings Has Unusual Record of Holding Crete Captain to Less Than Six Field Goals.

HASTINGS, Jan. 10.—(Special.)—After winning six successive games from the beginning of the season up to date, the Crete High school basketball team went down to defeat at the Young Men's Christian association "gym" last night when they were given the short end of the score by the local quintet, the final count being 33 to 22.

The game was decidedly close from the opening whistle to the end of the final half, with the locals holding a slight lead all the way through. Quick, accurate passes and machine-like teamwork won the game for the locals, the entire team playing excellent ball.

Wilson and Parks at forwards were the chief point getters for the "Tigers."

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### OTTO MILLER MAY JUMP THE TROLLEY DODGERS.

Otto Miller, the classy young catcher of the Brooklyn Dodgers, who is reported to be considering an offer to desert organized base ball for the Federal League, Miller is looked upon as the most promising backstop in the National league, and his loss would be a severe blow to the Brooklyn team.

There are a dozen special events in the program in addition to the racing. A team of sixty will do fancy marching, three teams of fifty each will perform drill feats with dumb bells, Indian clubs and wands. Teams of tumbler, weight lifters and pyramid builders will furnish amusement during the course of the racing events.

Boxers, wrestlers and fencers will demonstrate their skill and picked teams will engage in volley ball and hand polo contests. Two basket ball teams in the Commercial league will play a match game. It was planned to get the high school and the Nebraska Telephone teams to play, but the high school has a scheduled game the following night so that it is probable that Commercial will not be willing to play its team that night.

Interest is keen.

The carnival this year is so much larger than last year and the interest manifested has been much more intense.

## INDOOR ATHLETIC CARNIVAL WILL BE A RECORD-BREAKER

Hundreds of Athletes to Enter the Various Events at the Auditorium January 23.

AUSPICES OF THE Y. M. C. A.

Numerous Y Associations Will Enter Their Teams.

HIGH SCHOOLS TO COMPETE

Rivalry of Schools of the State is to Assert Itself.

CHURCHES TO ENTER TEAMS

Entry List is Most Amazing in Number When it is Considered that the Carnival is Still Two Weeks Away.

The second annual indoor amateur athletic and gymnastic tournament to be held under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian association at the Auditorium on the night of January 23 promises to be one of the biggest events of its kind ever held in the middle west. Every kind of indoor athletics will comprise the program, which is a long one, and the entry list will easily lap over 500 athletes.

The affair is to be more than a tournament; it will be a carnival. Racing, relay, apparatus work, fancy drills, basket ball, tumbling, fencing, boxing, wrestling, volley ball, hand polo, weight lifting, music by the Young Men's Christian association band of forty-five pieces and exhibitions of gymnastic work by young women from the Young Women's Christian association will be held during the course of the evening and the events are so numerous that the program will be arranged so that several events will be going on at the same time, much as in a three-ring circus.

**Two-Mile Relay.**  
The big feature event of the evening will be a two-mile relay race in which two runners will comprise a team and will be permitted to alternate at any time, so that it will necessarily be a race of constant switching. Several crack long-distance runners have announced their intentions of entering. Al Kennedy, a long-distance runner who starred at the Omaha High school and was a runner at the University of Nebraska, will probably team with Carnes, the director of athletics in the public schools. Carnes is a quarter-miler with a record of less than 16 seconds for that distance to his credit, and with Kennedy to the plodding when he is resting, Carnes should be able to sprint home close on the heels of the leaders, if not ahead.

Coleman Gordon, a former high school miler, and Ralph Ludwig, a former high school half-miler, will enter as a team and Dennis Ryan, who won a cross-country run here some time ago, will secure a partner as well.

Eight classes of relay races will furnish interest for those who take an interest in that exciting sport. A relay race between colleges will probably be the most thrilling. Bellevue, Nebraska, Wesleyan, University of Omaha and Peru are to fight for supremacy on the indoor track, and, as every college has a team of record men, it should be a riot from start to finish.

**High Schools Enter.**  
Lincoln, Beatrice and Omaha High schools will enter four-man teams in a relay race that should be a marker. These three schools always have the fastest track stars among the high schools of the state and are bitter rivals. Each school will fight hard to win.

The Fremont, Beatrice, Lincoln, Council Bluffs and Omaha Young Men's Christian association will have a relay race all to themselves. Each of the teams working hard to pick the speediest possible team among their runners so as to bring home the bacon, which will be in the form of a very beautiful cup.

**Churches to Compete.**

The churches of Omaha, the business houses, the mail carriers and the grade schools will also have relay races. About ten churches are scheduled to partake in the church relay while about thirty schools will enter the grade school competition. Each station will have a team of mail carriers in the mail carrier's race. About eight business houses are expected to enter teams in that race.

The men's classes of the Omaha "Y" will hold a quarter mile potato race and the boys' classes will hold an obstacle race. Five teams have entered the potato race and six teams the obstacle race.

The exhibition on the gymnasium apparatus will be a distinct treat for all who attend the carnival. Plattsmouth, Fremont, Lincoln, Beatrice, Omaha and the Ted Jekel of South Omaha have entered gymnasium teams and all are anxious to win. Prizes will be given the two teams which are judged the most expert on the apparatus and a sweepstakes medal will be given the individual who is the most adept on the side horse, the parallel bars and the horizontal bar, the three of which will comprise the apparatus to be used.

**Fancy Marching.**  
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### Omaha Man's Setter Takes Third Place

GRAND JUNCTION, Tenn., Jan. 10.—W. J. Shaw, an English setter, owned by W. J. Shaw of Brownsville, Tenn., winner of the national and southern derbies at Lethatchie, Ala., last month, today added the United States derby to his list of victories. The setter, Count Patrick, owned by W. D. Sheriff of North Shouls, Ind., was second, and White-stone's Beauty, another setter entered by Fred Hamilton of Omaha, third.

### Brown Will Play Cornell in New York

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 10.—Brown university's foot ball team will meet Cornell on the polo grounds, New York, next fall, it was announced here today. The game was arranged for October 28, after it had been decided to enter foot ball relations with Pennsylvania because of the refusal of the latter to play Brown in Providence next season. Captain Mitchell of Brown announced today that Earl Sprackling of Cleveland, O., all-American quarterback in 1909, had been selected assistant coach of the Brown team for the coming year.



George Sutton, the veteran cue artist, who is booked to meet Champion Willie Hoppe in a match for the B.B. balk line championship on February 3 at the Hotel Astor.