It's Easier to Break Out Than to Break In to Any Game Played

MURPHY SAYS DEAL FOR SWEENEY AND PURDUE IS LEGAL

Boston Players Must Play with Cubs or Not at All, According to Chicago National Magnate.

HE ORDERS THEM TO REPORT Telegraphs Them to Join Team on Monday to Go to Tampa.

SUE BAN JOHNSON Papers to Be Filed Alleging Slander and Conspiracy.

AMERICAN MAGNATE TALKS Nays He Said Nothing About Murphy Except in American Meeting and Is Sorry Cub President Did Not Hear It.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14 .- "Sweeney and Ferdue will play with the Chicago Cubs or they will play nowhere." declared Charles W. Murphy in his office today. "I have complete formal papers concluding the deal in my desk, signed by Mr. Gatiney, president of the Boston club and Mr. Tener has no more to do with the matter than has my bootblack and no man and no organization of men shall be permitted to interfere in this

Murphy said that telegrams had been dent of the American league, on account process and light road work for changed his intention.

his attacks on me. He seems determined estches the worm. to get me out of base ball.

'Don't make me laugh," said Murphy when questioned as to the possibility of HIGH TAKES NEW COURAGE organized base ball putting on a new eight-club league next season in major league territory, as announced today by Quintet Having Miserable Luck "That idea is supremely r

Another Major League. leagues announced that a new eight-club league in major league territory is con- Benson Team Still at the Hend of templated by organized base ball, Johnson returned today from the major league conference in New York and said that the project was set on foot by President Baker of the Philadelphia Nationals and that it is at present under consideration by the major league club owners.

Suggested formation of a new big league from a combination of Federal league clubs and a few major league clubs was ridiculed by Johnson, who said that the master had been mentioned but never discussed seriously. I won't say anything for subligation and the say anything for subligation and the same clubs and a few major league & Deemers.

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Bee Publishing Co. won't say anything for publication about C. W. Murphy," declared Johnson. have not said anything about him for seemed to be about to carry them down publication and I will not now reply to and out of the league. The recovery of are worth \$4,000 a year it doesn't agree I had to say about Murphy I said to the (Continued on Page Two.)

State Billiard Tourney Starts

The billiard tournament for the cham pionship of the state will start tomorrow afternoon at Harry Symes' billiard parday. The tournament will be held under stay at the top rung of the ladder, the sanction of the National Billiard association so that the losers will not be improvembent over their former playing able to dispute any rulings.

city; Captain Yeager of Chadron and division. George E. Mann of Lincoln. More entries The Masce & Deemers still have a other Nebraska towns today.

testant has been eliminated and he will then be accorded the champion.

WILBER DEFEATS TECUMSEH BY DECISIVE SCORE

WILBER, Neb., Feb. 14 .- (Special.)-Wilber High school basket ball team de- twenty-five were made by free throws feated the Tecumisch team here last night and the rest by shooting field goals. Next by a score of 33 to 18. The score at the in line comes Burkenroad of the same end of the first half was 29 to 6 in favor team with a total of 111 points. Noland of Wilber. The home team made the first busket about fifteen seconds after close third with a total of ninety-nine the game started and kept the lead points. Notand has also the distinction through the whole game. Lineup

WILBER. TECUMSEH.
Kudlacek R. F. R. F. Townse
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Tobiska C. C. Livings
Slepicka R. G. R. G. Buerate
Prucha (c.) L. G. La G. Jore
Substitutes; Fridrick and McCoy. Buerstetta

PERU NORMAL TEAM WINS FROM COTNER twenty-five.

PERU, Neb., Feb. 14.-(Special.)-The preachers from Cotner university were Johnny Gonding Back defeated by the pedagogues of Peru by a score of 44 to 23. Thursday night before a large crowd of spectators. Sanberg o Peru threw fourteen free goals out of a possible fifteen and made four goals in play, easily starring for Peru. Britt of Cotner did nearly as well. Lineup:

PERU.

Janda L. F. L. P. Strain
Stoddard B. F. R. P. Britt
Long C. C. Darner
Sanberg R. G. R. G. Parmenter
Jones L. G. L. G. Witchan
Referce: C. Souders of Auburn.

Matty an Emissary.

NAP RUCKER WILL REPORT FEDERALS INSIST



Rucker, veteran southpaw sent to Sweeney at Boston and Perdue the Brooklyn Dodgers, will be one of and in no way does it assure the player at Gallatin. Tenn., ordering them to report in Chicago next Monuay evening to spring practice. Next week Rucker, who get an increase in salary, nor does it go with the Cubs to Tampa for trainning. Is spending his winter on his farm in even assure him his salary won't be cut. Concerning his threats made yesterday Georgia, will report at Hot Springs, Ark., to file suit against B. B. Johnson, presi- where he will undergo the boiling out player to his club at the expiration of of Johnson's alleged attack on Murphy, weeks and then report to Manager Wil- ditionally. In case he is not notified by the Cub's president said that he had not bert Robinson at the Augusta training camp on February 29. Edward Reulbach, "I did not file the suit today," he said, Frank Allen, Pat Ragon, Tex Irwin and to be the property of the club and is at "because my lawyer is in Texas. But "Moonie" Miller will also take the baths liberty to contract with anyone h I shall file it as soon as I can consult with Rucker. The Dodgers' new manager chooses with him. I will compel Johnson to cease evidently believe that the early bird

President Johnson of the American PIRATES LEAD COMMERCIALS

ay have made. What the school lads was the feature of last weeks basket ball playing. In their game club owners of the National league. I with the publishers they came back strong Cornhusker Basket in the second half after having been outplayed in the first period. Their wonder full aggressiveness in this period shows that they have come back and from now on expect to climb the ladder. Four defeats in succession has only tended to what their appetite for victory and with Here Tomorrow the return of Mark Hughes it is certain that their luck will undergo a change.

Pirates Still Lend. Fate continues to smile on Pirates. Two more victories has given them a small. lors at 33 South Sixteenth street with though substantial lead and judging from seven entrants up to date with entries the brand of basket ball they are playing from outside cities expected to arrive to- it will be an easy matter for them to Two teams that have made wonderful

are the Omaha National Bank and the The players who have already sent in Bee Publishing company. Their contheir names are Albert Cahn, the present tinued improvement has been such that at Little holder, Harry Symes, Herb McCoy, the present time they are playing in as Will Chambers and E. A. Sciple of this good form as the teams in the first

are expected from the capital city and strong option for second place in the league standing. The clothiers have but The first prize is a silver water pitcher one defeat chalked up against them. while the prizes for the first five players Should they play the rest of the season are very appropriate and should act as a without a defeat and should the Pirates plentiful inspiration for record runs. The do the same, both these teams would tournament will continue each afternoon be tied for first honors. As these two and each evening until all but one con- teams seem to have but small opposition case. Should they come out even, a work and graduate next June. series of three games will be played to decide the league champions.

In the individual standing of the Commercial league basket ball tossers, Linn of the Pirates still hold first place with a total of 121 points. Of these points of the Nebraska Telephone follows a of having committed more fouls than any Livingston being class B fouls. When it comes to this kind of work Burkenroad follows with twenty-eight, Gardner of the Omaha High school with twenty-seven. Wilson of the Telephones with twenty-six and Meyer of the Magee & Deemers with to 25.

Johnny Gonding, trainer for the Omaha base ball club, has returned from Chicago, where he had taken his little son for treatment to ascertain if any serious Strain effects had resulted from a dog bite. It ... Britt was discovered that the lad is free from Darner danger While in Chicago Gonding was danger While in Chicago Gonding was instrumental in securing the signatures of Pitchers Hicks and Ormsby to Omaha ontracts for 1914.

CONTRACTS GOOD

Say Document is Fairer to Players Than That of Any Other League.

GIVES THEM AN EVEN BREAK

Reserve Clause Does Not Contain Any Hindering Effects.

GUARANTEE SALARY INCREASE Pay of Player May Not Be Cut Until the Player Agrees to It.

NEW CLAUSE IS AGREED TO

At the Instance of the Base Ball Players' Fraternity O. B. B. Agrees to Insert Clause to Benefit Players.

By FRANK G. MENKE. NEW YORK, Feb. 14,- A comparison of the form of contract used by the Federal league and the one used by organized base ball shows that the Federal contract, despite the fact that it contains something akin to the much abused reserve clause, is far the fairer to the play-

The organized contract, as regards th reserve clause, is peculiarly wordedworded in such a way as to enmesh a player and place his entire future at the mercy of the magnate. It makes the player the property of the magnate for of as long a time as the magnate desires, The Federal league contract binds a two the contract, but binds him only con-Sepember 15 that the club will want his services the succeeding season, he ceases

> Guarantee Salary Increase, In addition to this, the Federal league contract guarantees a player a salary increase of at least 5 per cent every time his contract is renewed and the club owner binds himself to pay the player. his regular season's salary for every day he remains on the reserve list.

Quintet Having Miserable Luck

Gets New Hold on Game.

PIRATES LEAD COMMERCIALS

Benson Team Still at the Head of

Basket Ball League Playing

at the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium.

Standing of teams in the Commercial Basket Ball League:

Benson's Pirates.

Benson's The organized base ball contract says:

Ball Five to Play

"Stub" Hascall, formerly quarterback n one of Nebraska's foot ball elevens and now manager of the Magee & Deemer basket ball team of this city, has signed contract to play his team against the University of Nebraska squad at the Young Men's Christian association gymnasium here Tuesday night. The Magee & Deemer squad is composed of a bunch Cornhusker basket ball squads when they crews in recent years, hopes to repeat over Harvard and Pennsylvania. were in school and are experts at the

Leo Dick, Captain of Iowa Foot Ball Team, Resigns

IOWA CITY, Ia., Feb. 14.-Leo Dick, captain-elect of the lows foot ball team, resigned today. The action caused sur prise in athletic circles as he had just recently been declared eligible by the con such will undoubtedly continue to be the he had decided to complete his school

SIDNEY HIGH LOWERS COLORS OF ALLIANCE FIVE

Western Nebraska league standing:

Scott's Bluff egram.)-In the fastest game of basket hence. ball ever witnessed in Alliance, the

Peru Outpoints Fairbury.

SPORTS SECTION of

THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 15, 1914.

Coaches of Leading Col ege Crews



Il Five to Play

Here on Tuesday

(Key to layout above left to right:
E. J. Giannini, Yale; Jim Wray, Harvard; Vivian Nickalla, Pennsylvania. Below, left to right:
Dr. Speath, Princeton; Harry Vial, Wisconsin; Charles E. Courtney, Cornell).

E. J. Giannini, former coach of the New York Athletic club, carsmen and track athletes has joined the Yale triumverate of rowing experts. With Guy Nickalls, the English amateur oarsman, he hopes to turn out a squad at New Haven which will wipe out the stain of past defeats by Harvard.

At Cambridge, Jim Wray, who has ton, hopes to repeat his victory of last of old Nebraska men who played on turned out many successful Crimson year, when the Princeton crew won

promised material. Harvard has defeated Yale in every race since 1908.

tory to the Quaker institution, but Vivian Nickalls, the English coach, is and 1893, when they beat Cambridge. He smashers. also won the diamond sculls at Henley in 1891 and holds other amatuer records. sons doubles as an instructor at Prince-

Reduced Considerably.

Rourkes Will Play at Stong City

Decoration Day and at St. Jo-

seph the Fourth of

July.

CHICAGO, Feb, 14.-Western league

magnates, after a twenty-four-hour strug-

gle, completed a draft of their playing

schedule for the 1914 season that tonight

apparently had satisfied all of them

The schedule is said to have reduced

the league's mileage considerable and to

have awarded Sunday and hollday dates

The following opening and holiday dates Opening day, April 17, Denver at Lin-

coln; Wichita at Topeka; Sioux City at

Decoration day, May 30, Lincoln

University of Wisconsin, has a fine lo of youngsters in his care and will un-Pennsylvania crews under the tutelage doubtedly make a good showing with of Ellis Ward brought no palms of vic- them at Poughkeepsie next June.

As usual, Charles ('Pa") Courtney, is keeping silent up at Ithaca. Courtney expected to do better. Nickalls rowed in has been coaching Cornell crews since the famous Oxford crews of 1891, 1892 1883 and has turned out some record oared and two-mile freshman eight Dr. Speath, who between rowing sea- records are held by Cornell crews. Of the last fourteen regattas at Poughkeepsie, Cornell has won ten, beaten once by Pennsylvania and three times by Syracuse.

Harry Hicks Decides that Omaha is Good Old Town and Pa Feels Much Better

A large, hefty load was removed from the mind of ference committee. Dick announced that Pa Rourke last week in Chicago when Mr. Lefty Hicks very peacefully and amicably signed one perfectly good Omaha contract, which stipulates that Mr. Hicks, as party of the second part, shall participate in the national pastime as played in the Western league at the direction of Mr. William A. Rourke, party of the first part. Likewise a load, identical in size and weight, was removed from the minds of Omaha fans when Pa promulgated the good news from the Windy City.

Hicks, be it known, is some considerable southpay twirler, and there are few fans who do not believe he has it in ALLIANCE, Neb., Feb. 14.—(Special Teling this year just as he did two years But for a time things looked very dangerous with regard to the little Sidney High school team defeated the hurler. Hicks is residing in Chicago Alliance team here tonight, 41 to 25. The this winter and Chicago is right where game was full of sensational plays, the Federal league starts and finishes Sidney having the better of it by reason It didn't take the Federal mogula long of the size of their players. A pre- to discover that Hicks was in the Illinois liminary game was won from the Alliance metropolis and when they found it out junior team by the Sidney juniors, 36 they took it unto themselves to attempt to induce Mr. Hicks to abandon this village in favor of the big city. Thinks it Over.

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Track Meet by Telegraph Now in Progress Between Drake and Nebraska Men

By JAMES E, LAWRENCE, LINCOLN, Feb. 14 .- (Special.) - Track meets by

telegraph is the latest wrinkle in athletics in which the University of Nebraska will play a part. Athletic Manager Guy E. Reed and Director of Athletics John Griffith of Drake university have arranged for a series of practice meets by wire, the first to start next Tuesday York High. 25 to 17. The line up: The first event, the shot put or the high jump, both

of which admit of indoor work, will be completed and

the results of the elimination trials at each school compared by night letter. WESTERN SCHEDULE DRAFTED The following day another event will be completed, and so on through the list until all of the events in a regular track League's Mileage Said to Have Been meet are completed. Comparison of the records of each school will be made by night letter, and when the finals are OMAHA OPENS AT DES MOINES reached the winner will be picked by totaling the results in each individual

> Competition of the entire undergraduate body of both colleges is to be encouraged. There will be no limit on the number of men who can enter each event, and in this case the larger the better. Reed is confident that between thirty and forty men will participate in each event for the Cornbuskers, and expects upwards of 500 collegians will participate before the meet is finally concluded.

trial. Stichm, Griffith and Reed propose to demonstrate the faliacy of the oft repeated statement that college athletics takes in only a favored few.

Men's Chlistian of 18 to 2.

The Beatrice High school basket ball team lost to the Lawrence, Kan. five at Lawrence Friday night by the score of 31 to 15.

The idea of putting so many undergraduates of one school in athletic com-

GOPHÉRS RELUCTANT TO BATTLE NEBRASKA

Foxy Coach Williams Refuses to Sign Contract Calling for Contest at Lincoln.

STIEHM IS EQUALLY STUBBORN

Demands One Game in Three Years at Nebraska Capital.

MINNESOTA IGNORES LETTERS Gopher Mentor Does Not Even Reply to Inquiries from Reed.

BASKET BALL CHANCES GOOD

Cornhusker Five, by Defenting Minnesota Twice, Has Opportunity to Establish Record Never Before Accomplished.

BY JAMES E. LAWRENCE. LINCOLN, Feb. 14 .- (Special.) -Each week makes a foot ball game between the Cornhuskers and Minnesota next year seem more uncertain. Relations are in a most chaotic state owing to the demand of the Gopher authorities that Nebraska play in Minneapolis under one-year contracts, while the Cornhusker management is equally insistent on a three-year contract, providing that the Gophers come to Lincoln once every three years. If the Gophers do intend to finally accede to Nebraska demands on the schedule contract, Foxy Dr. Williams is playing a swell game of bluff. The Gopher tutor has thus far completely ignored Nebrasks, and has not even deigned to reply to the Cornhusker management's letters asking for information as to what the northerners intend to do.

Reed Thursday of this week sent a telegram to Minnesota asking for a definite reply as to what the Gophers intended to do, but no answer has been received. South Dakota comes along with the information that the strong Coyote institution has been offered the October date, which had previously been reserved for the Nebraska-October 17. South Dakota wants a game with the Cornhuskers badly, but there is little likelihoood that it will be accommodated.

Have Formidable Schedule. Regardless of the Minnesota game the fornhuskers already have a rather formidable schedule with Iowa at Iowa City, Ames at Lincoln, Kansas at Lincoln, the Michigan Aggies at Lincoln, the Kansas Aggies and the Wesleyan eleven as prospective early scason games and one or we other strong schools on the string. Manager Reed was in Minneapolis last week with the Cornhusker basket ball team when the Nebraskans handed two wallopings to the Gophers on their home floor. He said the sentiment reflected there among graduates and undergraduates was very much in favor of a continuance of foot ball relations between the two schools, but the athletic board apparently has not been listening very

Whipple Remembers Uni. A former Omaha High school star and later a player on the University of Nebraska eleven in 1898, Otis G. Whippie, who has prospered since leaving school, left a \$100 bill with the athletic board to use in the promotion of athletics. Whip-(Continued on Page Four.)

Logan Loses Two to Missouri Valley

MISSOURI VALLEY, In., Feb. 16 .-Special Telegram.)-Missouri High school basket ball teams defeated teams of Logan High school here last night. The score in the girls' game was record as well as the two-mile four- 17 to 9. The score in the boys' game was 22 to 19. The latter game was closely contested and twenty minutes' extra time was necessary to make the deciding

Keeler May Manage the Brooklyn Feds

NEW YORK, Feb. 14,-Willie Keeler's name was mentioned today wherever nagnates of the new Federal league gathered as a possible choice for man-ager of the Brooklyn club of the new organization. No one could be found to verify the report, but it was said that an offer had been made the old-time Baltimore and New York player.

Lincoln High School Five Trimmed by York

YORK, Neb., Feb. 14.-(Special Telegram.)-Lincoln High school basket bail team was defeated this evening by the

LINCOLN.

Lease L.F. L.F. Cox (C.)

McLay R.F. R.F. Trauger
Albrecht (C.) C. C. Conaway

Hager L.G. L.G. Davidson

Morris R.G. R.G. Osborn

SIOUX CITY ELKS ARE THE TOURNEY LEADERS

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Feb. 14 .- The Sloux City Elks' club team was far in the lead for the Richards' trophy at the end of the first day's play of the Central Whist association. The tourney will end tomorrow. The clubs standing: Sloux City Elks' club won 1, lost 6; Grand Island club won 1, lost 0; minus

On aha won 1. lost 2, minus 2.

Knights of Columbus, Bloux City, won 14, lost 1; plus 13

Elk Points, S. D., won 14, lost 3, minus 21. minus 21. Council Bluffs won 3, lost 1, plus 13.

Basket Ball Games in Beatrice. Coach "Jumbo" Stiehm had previously approved the idea of encouraging a larger number of the undergraduates to take part in athletics by installing soccer foot bail at Nebraska. Griffith adopted the idea for track and field events, and he and Reed arranged to give it an early trial. Stiehm, Griffith and Reed proposes

Townsends Win Easily. petition with those of another appealed strongly to Steihm and Reed, and the latter, who is coaching the Cornhuskers in track, thought that branch of sport (Continued on Page Four.)

The Townsend Gun company basket ball team took the measure of the Saunders achool team yesterday afternoon at the Young Men's Christian association gymnasium by the score of I to 5. Nicholson, Belkins and Crofton starred for the Townsends.