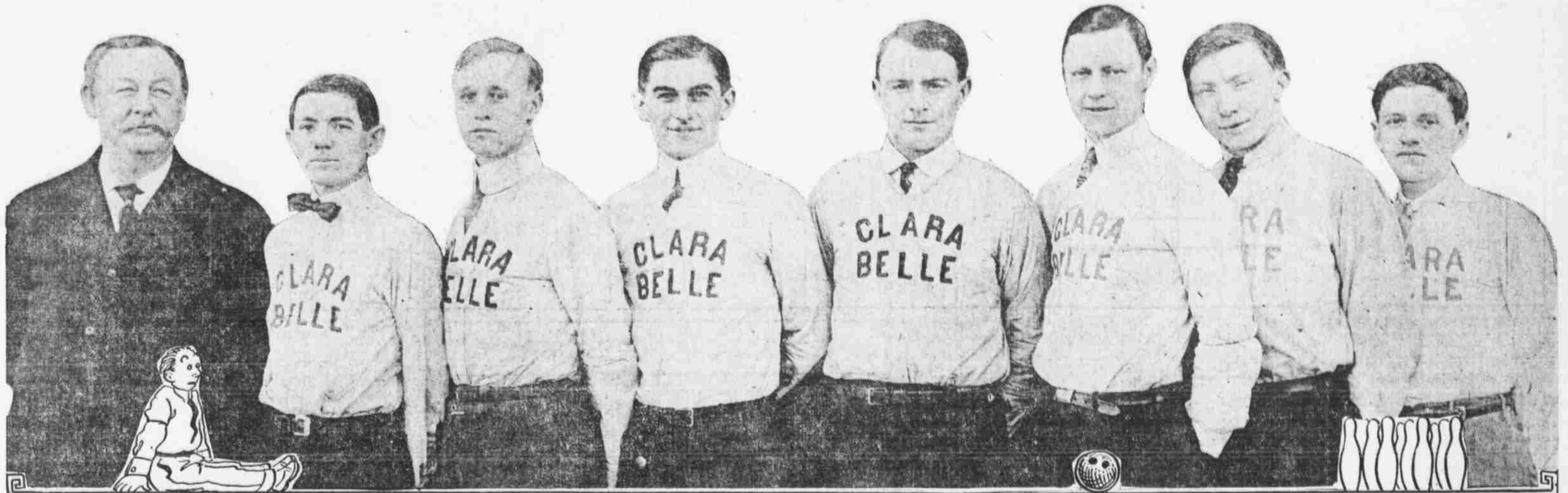


# Clara Belle Bowling Team Which Manages to Keep the Top All the Time



## PA ROURKE RECEIVES HIS LAST CONTRACT

Every Player on Team Satisfied with Contract and Return Them All Signed.

### WILL FIGHT FOR PENNANT

Says Team Will Work in Harmony and Bring Home Bacon.

### FUGATE EXPECTS BEST YEAR

Big Southpaw Says He Feels Fine and Predicts Pennant.

### ABBY TO MANAGE FROM BENCH

Thinks He Can Get Better Results from Dog House Than by Appearing Behind Bat—Johnson Main Catcher.

By C. MASON YOULD.

Pa Rourke has received the signed contract of every one of his twenty-eight players, and is now ready to go ahead with preparations for the winning of the 1913 rag. The last contract came to Rourke Friday morning, just before he left for Lincoln to attend the annual meeting of the Western League.

This is the earliest date in twelve years that Rourke has had his entire team signed up, and he feels somewhat elated over it as it is evident that his players are satisfied with their salaries, and will work in harmony to land the pennant for Omaha this season. Work will start tomorrow in sending notices to all the players where to report for spring training, and when.

Fans have confidence in the merits of the 1913 Omaha Western league team. The entire roster is made up of a bunch of clean, well drilled athletes and men who know the game of base ball from the word go. There is not a man on the regular staff who has not had at least five years' experience in organized base ball. In addition to being first class fielders the men are all seasoned batters and know how to work on a pitcher.

### Kane Again at First.

Jim Kane, the "old reliable," will undoubtedly occupy the initial sack this season. This will make the fifth year with Omaha for Kane. The big side-wheeler has been one of the most consistent batters Rourke has ever had. In the year since he has been here he has batted less than .300. He writes that he is going to show better form this year than ever before, and if he does he will be slated for a rise into higher society.

On second base we find "Skipper" Bill Schlipke, undoubtedly the best second sacker in the league. Schlipke won a place in the hearts of the fans last year when he came back, after being out of the game with an injured knee for over a year, and led the league. Skipper has been up in the big leagues and would be there yet had it not been for his injury.

The third sack will be covered by the best third baseman in minor league base ball today—Bert Niehoff. Anyone who has ever seen Niehoff play knows this statement is not far-fetched. In addition to being extremely fast in fielding the clever corner sacker is a terror at bat when hits are needed. Niehoff has a happy faculty—happy for the fans—in breaking up games just when a good long hit is needed.

Eddie Justice will again cavort around the sod between second and third, and this fact alone assures the fans that the shortstop position will be well taken care of.

Jumping into the outfield we find the left garden unoccupied, but in the center garden is Arthur Thomason, the clever little fielder and batter. "Tommy," as he is better known to the Omaha fans, is one of the greatest favorites on the Omaha team. Anything going in the outfield is not safe from "Tommy's" mitt.

Next to Thomason, in the right field, is Norman Coyte. This little fellow, who made his debut into Class A base ball with Omaha last year, is assured his old place. He is a sure fielder and one of the freshest hitters in the league. Coyte is a quiet, unassuming fellow who says little, but does lots.

The catching department this year will be handled by "Tommy" (continued on Page Two.)

## SAILORS PLAN DUAL MEETS

Council Bluffs Rowing Association to Have Active Season.

### TO RACE CARTER LAKE CREWS

Water at Manawa is Nine Feet Deep at the Dock and Street Railway Company Will Keep Plenty in Lake.

For the first time since the organization of the Council Bluffs Rowing association there are two Omaha men on the directorate. Byron J. Reed of Omaha has been a director for the last five years and at the annual meeting held last week Dr. F. J. Deschner of Omaha was chosen also. Byron Reed was elected to the office of vice commodore. All other officers were re-elected to their old offices.

During the coming year several dual meets will be held with the sailors of Carter lake. A committee has been appointed to confer with the Carter lake men and draw up a schedule of events. The biggest program will be held on July 4, when several boat races will be held. A sailing fleet will be started at the Rowing association and by the opening day about fifteen sailboats will have been put on the lake.

By agreement of the club members it was decided to install two more tennis courts adjoining those already there. The club already has two courts and with two more will be able to bid for some of the tennis tournaments.

### Dance Hall Enlarged.

Another change which will be made, and which will be welcomed by the members, is the enlargement of the dance hall. The entire second floor of the club house will be rebuilt, giving the entire space to a dance hall. The walls will be so constructed that they can be removed and make the dance hall in the open air.

Commodore Hawes reports that the water at the boat dock is nine feet deep at present, or four feet deeper than it was last year at this time. The water last year was high enough all season to enable sailing, but the year before it was so low that sailing was out of the question.

The water hereafter, however, will be deep enough for any kind of sailing, as the street railway company has agreed to keep the water at such a height that sailing will be possible. The opening of the club will be about April 1, but the formal opening program will not be held until the last Saturday in May.

## Stage Boys' Circus on Friday Night

The eighth annual boys' burlesque circus of the Young Men's Christian association will be held in the gymnasium next Friday night, Saturday afternoon and Saturday night.

The big show this year will exceed that of former years by a wide margin.

Between fifty and 100 boys will take part in the big undertaking which is being staged by J. Truitt Maxwell, physical director of the Young Men's Christian association.

The big circus will be divided into three parts, the main show, the side show and the amphibious animal exhibit. Admission to the main show will be 15 cents, to the side show 5 cents and to the amphibious exhibit 5 cents.

The big circus will be similar to that of last year, but will be far more expansive. A menagerie of wild animals will be a feature. In addition there will be many clowns, fat men and women, dwarfs, freaks of nature and acrobats. Tickets will go on sale tomorrow.

## PENNSYLVANIA TO HOLD NINETEENTH RELAY RACE

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 15.—Pennsylvania's relay race managers have sent out invitation letters to the schools for their nineteenth annual relay races to be held as usual on the last Saturday in April. It is expected that all the big colleges and universities both of the east and west will be represented.

## PENNSYLVANIA CRICKETERS ABANDON EUROPEAN TRIP

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15.—The proposed trip abroad of the University of Pennsylvania cricket team set for this year has been abandoned. The reason given is that the time is too short to arrange a satisfactory schedule, so the trip will be put over until next year.

No. 1, H. Rahlff, Mgr.; No. 2, E. Eidson, Capt.; No. 3, C. Cain; No. 4, J. Jorosh; No. 5, A. Wartchow; No. 6, O. Johnson; No. 7, O. Hohlf, Sec'y.

The Clara Belles hold the second position in the Booster league and do not confine their activities to Omaha alone as they have made numerous excursions to neighboring towns to clean up some who think they can beat the Omaha bowlers. Schuyler and Central City have reason to remember their visits there.

## TENNIS CHALLENGES COMING

Nations Interested in Game Preparing Summons for Contest.

## FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CUP

Davis International Cup, Now Held by the British, is the Prize that is Being Sought For.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Those nations interested in lawn tennis are already preparing to formally issue their respective challenges for the Davis International Cup to the British holders. Under the international agreement all challenges must be made on or before March 1, in order to receive official recognition. In this country the sentiment is easily the strongest it has been in many years that New Zealand expects to challenge Germany and France are also preparing their best widders of the racquet, while the Australians have declared their intention to strive for the blue ribbon of the courts which they lost in the sensational matches against C. P. Dixon, J. C. Parks, A. E. Beamesh, and W. G. Lowe, last November.

Norman E. Brookes, the most famous of the Australians, has announced his intention of making the journey to England next June as a representative of the challenging team. Anthony F. Wilding, the three times holder of the All-England title, is preparing to take the court again with his old partner Brookes. It was this formidable pair that defeated the Americans, Beals C. Wright and Karl H. Behr, in 1907, and then captured the cup by defeating Arthur W. Gore and H. Roper Barrett. It is announced that New Zealand expects to challenge and be represented by a separate team this year, so that Rod Heath and Alfred W. Dunlop will figure as contenders.

There has been a quiet canvass going on among the foremost American players as to whether or not they would consent to making the trip to England in the event of their selection as members of the team. Maurice E. McLoughlin, R. Norris Williams, Jr., Wallace F. Johnson, William J. Clothier, Nathaniel W. Niles, Thomas C. Bundy, Karl H. Behr, Raymond D. Little, George Peabody Gardner, Jr., and Gustave F. Touchard are included in the list of possibilities, and only three have indicated any inability to compete. Because of this the impression prevails that the American team of four men will be the strongest that has represented this country in several years.

## CREIGHTON TO HAVE NO NINE

Base Ball Bug Awake, but Class League is All.

## CLUB OWNERS SEEM TO FAVOR 168-GAME SCHEDULE.

All the clubs were represented at the meeting.

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The greatest difficulty is that presented by the professional college students. There are in those colleges numerous players of recognized ability, but they will leave school late in April, just when the base ball season is coming in. If these players were to be chosen for the team, their leaving practically would break up the aggregation, while if they should be barred the team could not be considered a varsity organization. In fact, it would not be, as there are in the sports department no pitchers nor catchers of varsity caliber.

### Base Ball Heavy Expense.

Again, the matter of expense is a big item with university base ball, which at best is not a paying proposition. Even in small towns, where practically the entire population attends the college games, it does not pay. Consequently, Creighton authorities do not believe university base ball in a city the size of Omaha, where a professional team is established, would prove remunerative. Their conclusion is based on the experience of past years when university and college teams have been brought to Omaha. Creighton has invariably suffered financial loss on these games.

It is probable a class league will be formed. This plan proved a success last year, the race being nip and tuck, the seniors finally winning out.

## MAGNATES STILL CONFER

President O'Neill's Action in Maintaining Headquarters in Chicago Draws Forth Considerable Comment.

LINCOLN, Feb. 15.—With the work of the schedule committee of the Western league completed after a session Friday afternoon and night, club owners prepared to meet here today to look over the proposed playing program and pass upon it. Other matters of routine business were scheduled for this, the regular business session of the organization, with President Norris L. O'Neill of Chicago presiding.

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## DIGGER STANLEY TO GO TEN ROUNDS WITH EDDIE MORGAN

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Digger Stanley, the English bantamweight champion, has been matched with Eddie Morgan for a twenty-round bout involving the title and the Lord Londale belt. Stanley will celebrate his thirtieth birthday this month and he has been boxing since 1901, in which year he is credited with a victory over Owen Moran in twenty rounds. Morgan is a clever youngster, with a remarkably fast left-hand jab and plenty of aggressiveness. His youth, too, should help him greatly against a man who has been at the game as long as Stanley. The latter did not show up very well in his two bouts in America two years ago.

### Hughie Likes Daniels.

Hughie Jennings is a booster for Bert Daniels, who is now working for the New York Central railroad as a civil engineer. The latter leader is still of the opinion that Daniels will be a star for the New Yorks.

## What Should Be Done for Bettering Cornhusker Foot Ball?

## Jumbo Stiehm's Judgment on Future Policy for His Team

By CLYDE E. ELLIOTT.

"Yes, there is positively no doubt that we need a change in the Nebraska coaching system; the present method of tutoring Cornhusker eleven is without substantial merit. But what are we going to do to get a change?"

This sentiment is fully expressive of the thought of practically all the alumni and undergraduates of the University of Nebraska on the foot ball situation at their school. There is no doubt that there should be a new order of things that they will tell you; all are agreed, and all too, are settled down in the same condition of inertia that has held Cornhusker foot ball supporters for many years. This large body of alumni—especially that section living in Omaha—needs only a push in the right direction from the men who are in control of the situation at Nebraska to put them into action. Then they will try to do something which will benefit the Cornhusker eleven of the next fall and the succeeding seasons.

foot ball eleven, is the man who should tell the alumni of Nebraska what he needs in his work next fall to help in moulding a strong team. He has been handicapped during the last two seasons because he had too few assistants. He did remarkably well, being held back by lack of aid, as he was. He must be given credit for doing much with his men, but the teams he turned out during 1911 and 1912 were not as good eleven as could have been produced from the same material by Stiehm and a band of good assistants. No one expected Stiehm to do more than he did accomplish. He gave a splendid account of himself, but he is not going to be able to hold the support of the alumni of Nebraska unless he gets better eleven in the coming falls—and he cannot get better eleven unless he has aid in developing the men on his squad. Nebraska foot ball for the last eight years gives credence to this statement.

### Stiehm is Reasonable.

No matter what the Cornhusker eleven does next fall the credit or discredit will be given to Stiehm. If Nebraska beats Minnesota, Iowa, Ames and Kansas, the feather must wave in the cap of the big coach; on the other hand, if Minnesota

and Iowa whip the Cornhuskers, and Kansas repeats its performance of last autumn, the bitter criticism must be shouldered by the same big fellow. History of games with Minnesota makes it seem probable that Nebraska will not lick the Gophers; and the record of Iowa last fall lends strength to the belief that the Hawkeyes will come close to landing the Cornhusker game, unless the Nebraska coaching system is solidified.

### Up to Coach Stiehm.

Since Stiehm must be held responsible for whatever comes out of the Cornhusker foot ball camp, he, therefore, is the one man who should make public the needs of Nebraska foot ball. He should come forward and tell the alumni what assistants he must have, what support must be given him from various sources and what the handicaps are that fetter him in the faculty. It is up to him to tell the alumni how just how he thinks better for a hall team can be brought out at Nebraska. All agree with him that conditions have not been right—nor are they now—and he has our sympathy, but he cannot hold this respect, this support and this encouragement unless he steps

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## BIG PRIZES AT A. B. C. MEET

Winners at Contest in Toledo Will Get Big Money.

### PROFESSIONALS TO BE BARRED

Brusavick All-Stars Make Bowling a Business and Consequently Have No Right to Compete with Amateurs.

When the bowlers, entered in the American Bowling congress, roll their games at the Terminal Auditorium in Toledo, they will be competing for prize money totaling \$2,000.

The prize money will be divided into several parts. The committee on prize money and prizes composed of Judge Howard, Chicago, president of the American Bowling congress; F. L. Paddeloup, Chicago, and J. Koerner of Milwaukee, are now dividing up the pot into the different classes.

This year there are more visiting teams entered than ever before in the history of the American Bowling congress. There are 36 teams from out of town. These in addition to the 108 teams entered by Toledo brings the total of five-man teams up to 144. Then added to these are 1,135 two-man teams and 2,387 individual entries. The figures for last year's tournament at Chicago show that 596 five-man teams were entered, 1,412 of these were doubles and 2,831 singles, but half of these were entered from the Windy City alone.

The cities with a big entry list are Toledo, 18; Chicago, 17; Cleveland, 24; Detroit, 21; Cincinnati, 18; Milwaukee, 16; St. Louis, 15; Columbus, 12; Pittsburgh, 12; Fort Wayne, 11; Buffalo, 9; South Bend, 7; Indianapolis, 7; Dayton, 6; Canton, 6; Rochester, 4, and Montreal, 4. A large number of cities, including Omaha, are sending two and three teams and a still larger number of smaller cities and towns are sending one team.

The entrance of the Brusavick All-Stars of New York has brought up a new issue that will be voted on at the meeting of the A. B. C. directors. This team is composed of professional tennis artists who live on the alleys and, of course, have it on the other teams entered in the meet. This has brought numerous protests from all over the country, and some steps will be taken to prevent these sharks from competing in all future tournaments. Judge Howard has proposed an amendment that all pickup teams organized just to bowl in the meet be barred, only allowing those teams to bowl who are members of some organization belonging to the American Bowling congress. Such a ruling will enter the invasion of such clubs as the Brusavick All-Stars of New York and similar teams organized merely for the purpose of taking part in the A. B. C. tourney. The only objection to such a ruling is that the teams picked up merely to pad the entry list will also be barred.

This year almost two-thirds of Toledo's 108 teams are these so-called "50c teams," who entered merely for the sake of playing in a big national tourney. Unless an amendment to the proposed amendment is made and adopted, that pickup teams from the city holding the tourney be permitted to compete, the five-man entries in future years will be greatly depleted. The American Bowling congress officers and delegates will meet on February 25 and 26.

## Central Whisters Elect New Officers

At the meeting of the Central Whist association, officers were elected as follows:

President, O. A. Abbott, Grand Island, Neb.  
Vice president, George A. McNutt, Kansas City.  
Secretary and treasurer, W. B. Stuart, Omaha.  
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### Sevens Defeat Fairbury.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The Fairbury basketball team met with an overwhelming defeat at the hands of the Sevens (Kan.) team. It was a spirited game, but the Sevens played so well that the Fairbury team in goal throwing. The score was 24 to 12. The boys' and girls' high school teams made a trip to Alexandria and played the teams of that place. The game between the boys' teams resulted in a victory for Fairbury by a score of 35 to 25. The girls' game also resulted in a victory for Fairbury by a score of 25 to 15.

## TRACK WORK AT UNI GIVEN SEVERE JOLT

Captain Barney and Two Other Veterans Will Not Race on the Cinder Path.

### THIRTY-FIVE START TRAINING.

Four Are Old Timers and Two Are Pole Vaulters.

## TO PRACTICE BASE BALL SOOF

Coach Stiehm Will Issue Call for Diamond Men on March 1.

## BASE BALL MEET IN MARCH

Manager Reed Sends Out Last Call for Entries in the Intercollegiate Tournament to Be Held March 13, 14, 15.

## BY JAMES E. LAWRENCE.

LINCOLN, Feb. 15.—The loss of Captain Barney of the University of Nebraska track team, coming simultaneously with the announcement that two other veterans would not be candidates for places on the squad, threw a double stump in Cornhusker stock this week. To add to the troubles of Manager Reed, who is coaching the track squad, announcement was also made that Wiley, who promised to be the best high jumper Nebraska ever had, is ineligible to participate in the work this spring.

The ill health of Barney's father forced the Cornhusker leader to leave school when his services were most needed. Barney left yesterday for his home and will not be back in school again before next fall. Boggs, captain of the cross country squad last winter, upon whom much reliance had been placed for the distance runs, also withdrew from school shortly after the second semester opened. It has been known that Art May, who has born the brunt of the sprint work the last two years, was not intending to get out for track work this spring, but until this week hopes were entertained that he could be prevailed upon to reconsider his decision. May says that he has taken on so much weight, however, that he would prefer to play base ball instead of track, believing that he could get into better condition for that line of work.

Wiley, formerly the York high school star, who as a high school athlete has a record of 5 feet 10 inches in the high jump, is down in his studies and Reed says that it will be impossible for him to square them up so as to be eligible to participate in sprint athletics.

A squad of thirty-five has been busy working outdoors all week, however, despite this discouraging setback, and Reed is very much pleased with the material he has at hand. The tryouts to select the members of the relay team which will represent the Cornhuskers at the Kansas City indoor meet on March 1, and at the St. Louis indoor meet March 15, will be held next Wednesday afternoon. Two new men—Heese and Zumwinkle—and two veterans—Racely and Beaver—are regarded as the most likely candidates for the places.

As the foundation for his team Reed has four "N" men to start with: Reavis and Lindstrom, both pole vaulters; Beaver, a quarter miler, and Racely, a sprinter, are the veterans.

Heese is the best of the new material, apparently, although he runs a close second by Zumwinkle. Heese runs the 100-yard dash, the 220 and is trying the quarter mile now. He is a splendid broad jumper and has a record in the shot put as a high school athlete close to the university mark. Zumwinkle has a good record in the sprints and undoubtedly will win a place on the track team.

## Base Ball Opens March 1.

Stiehm will be unable to get his base ball squad to work before March 1, since he has not any space in the gymnasium for this branch of sport. The first of March, however, with favorable weather he will issue a call for his base ball men to report and practice will start on the outdoor diamond. It will put the Cornhuskers about two or three weeks behind the other Missouri valley schools, who have already started practice, but with limited gymnasium facilities, Stiehm can see no way out of the difficulty.

Some of the pitchers have been using (Continued on Page Two.)