

Why Not Send Jim Gilmore to Europe to Follow Ford?

CONCRETE STANDS FOR NEBRASKA UNI

Guy Reed Announces Big Surplus Earned from Foot Ball Will Be Used for Improvements.

RUTHERFORD RECEIVES OFFER

By JAMES E. LAWRENCE. LINCOLN, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Practically all of the big surplus from the most successful season of foot ball in the history of the University of Nebraska will be devoted to improving the athletic field, Manager of Athletics Guy E. Reed said today.

Reed expects a surplus of between \$5,000 and \$10,000 when a complete check of accounts is finished. The figures for the Iowa game given out this week were a pleasant surprise for the Nebraska management, inasmuch as the crowd was a disappointment. The total receipts for the game were \$5,952.

The only game yet to hear from is Kansas. Reed had a letter from Manager Hamilton this week saying that the faculty committee had not audited his accounts yet, but as soon as it was completed he would send a check. The Kansas crowd was the largest in the history of athletics at Lawrence and the Nebraska share of the receipts will be heavy. Reed expects the total receipts for the season to run close to \$30,000 or \$35,000.

Erect Concrete Stands. The surplus will give the Nebraska management an opportunity to carry out some of its long-cherished plans of erecting concrete stands on the Nebraska field. One of the most numerous complaints made by supporters of athletics at the Cornhusker institution is the lack of choice seats for foot ball games, Reed says. It is the present plan to erect the concrete stands, section by section, until all of the grand stand and bleachers are of permanent material.

The special committee appointed by the athletic board to report on the selection of a new coach to succeed Jumbo Steinhilber held several meetings during the week, but has succeeded in keeping the results of its investigations pretty much of a secret. The list of candidates for the job increases daily and the board does not intend to rush itself. It is felt that a little more care taken now may save a lot of grief later on.

There is very little chance that any action will be taken to select Steinhilber's successor before the first of the year. The committee is expected to complete its investigations by that time and report back to the board for final action.

Big Nine Plans Rehearsal. Affairs are slowly shaping so far. It is regarded as practically certain that Dick Rutherford will be at the helm next year. There is only one contingency which would upset the hope and that is the willingness of a more experienced man to come to Nebraska at a comparatively low figure. The board will still have its hands tied in the matter of offering a large salary to the director of athletics. Rutherford is receiving numerous offers to coach elsewhere. One Missouri Valley conference school has offered him the head coaching at a salary of \$3,000 a year, and the same figure is held up as an inducement by a Big Nine conference member for Rutherford's services in the capacity of assistant coach. Undergraduate sentiment is still strong for the retention of Rutherford as head coach.

Wrestling has developed into one of the most popular sports at the university—perhaps due to the marvelous success of Joe Stecher. Coach Sylvester's initial call for wrestlers this week brought out a squad of fifty, the largest since the mat game was revived at the university. The Huskers romped off with the western intercollegiate championship last year and the two men who turned the trick are in school again this season. They are, Captain Dick Rutherford and Hugh Otopulick. They are with the squad, and addition, Sylvester has a bunch of very promising men from which to select his team.

Track training will begin immediately after the Christmas holidays, according to announcement of Coach Reed. Reed wants to complete all of the preliminary instruction in the gymnasium, so that when good weather comes, he can put the squad to work in earnest.

Reed Shows His Speed. Manager Reed is having his first schedule-making task as a result of the sudden jump of Coach Kitchin to Indiana, but Reed is handling affairs with the hand of a veteran. His negotiations with Notre Dame, which landed a game with this powerful aggregation for a Turkey day menu was hailed with hearty approbation. Reed has also turned a trick which should swell the coffers of the Nebraska treasury, for with such memories as the Notre Dame game, last fall, the greatest crowd in the history of Missouri Valley foot ball, can be confidently looked for.

Although not officially announced, the Nebraska schedule is practically complete except for one game. The seven of the eight games arranged for are: October 2—Drake university at Lincoln. October 14—Kansas Aggies at Lincoln. October 15—Ames Aggies at Lincoln. November 11—Nebraska Wesleyan at Lincoln. November 15—Kansas at Lincoln. November 22—Nebraska Wesleyan at Lincoln. November 25—Iowa at Iowa City. November 29—Notre Dame at Lincoln.

After Big Game. The one remaining date to fill, the Nebraska manager believes, should be a game which will give the Huskers a share of publicity. In order to secure the desired game, Reed is willing to enter into a one year contract instead of the customary two-year agreement, providing for a return engagement at Lincoln in 1917. At any rate Reed is negotiating with two prominent institutions for that date and if his plans materialize, he Huskers will take the longest jaunt in their history to display of foot ball served up at Nebraska. The open date is October 21, and in event the present negotiations terminate successfully, the last Saturday in the month will be left open to permit the Huskers to recuperate and catch up in their studies.

The schedule provides for five strong games at home with only Iowa to be met on a foreign field. The open date will be away from home so that Nebraska will play all but two of its games on its own field next year.

MANY PAPERWEIGHTS OUT IN CALIFORNIA COUNTRY. Leland Stanford university has twenty-five coxswain candidates for the varsity crew. Captain Orme expects to have a strong crew, as the members of the foot ball squad are expected to turn out.

ELECTED LEADER OF OMAHA UNI ELEVEN.



JOHN SEIBERT.

BIG FLOOR FRAY HERE ON TUESDAY

All-Stars, Led by Dick Rutherford, Will Play Burgess-Nash Team at the Omaha Y. M. C. A.

LEAGUE OPENINGS DELAYED

Because of the approaching holidays, teams of the Tri-City, Commercial and Church leagues have agreed to postpone the opening of their respective leagues until after the new year. January 3 has been set for the general opening. The interim will be used by the local managers to put the finishing touches to their quintets.

With the exception of a large number of practice contests, basket ball fans are looking forward with great interest to the game between the Nebraska Nationals and St. Hubert's Burgess-Nash team. The two sides will mix Tuesday evening at the Young Men's Christian association and from the dope the game promises to be one of the hardest ever staged on a local court. The Nationals are on a trip to the coast and number among some of their tossers Dick Rutherford, Max Towle, Leslie Mann, Harry Methene and the Hager brothers.

Omaha Men Are Vets. While the visitors are reputed to have some of the best basket ball talent in the state with them, they will be opposed by a team composed of veteran players. Warren Howard, Oble Meyers, Paul Anthes, Bob Findley, Hyde, Jones and Amberson will oppose the visiting luminaries. The Burnasco quintet have been practicing at the Young Men's Christian association for the last three weeks and are in good form for the game.

The dropping out of the Creighton college team from the Tri-City league was one of the big surprises last week. Followers of the indoor sport are still hoping that the White and Blue may enter the organization. The Catholic school has not been officially withdrawn from the loop and will be considered as a member until definite word is heard from Tommy Mills, the Creighton mentor who is expected home January 1. No effort will be made to turn the Creighton franchise over to another quintet until this point is settled. Awaiting Tommy Mills' final decision Creighton tossers have temporarily signed with other fives of the Tri-City league.

Twelve in Church Loop. That the Church league will come into its own this season is expected by the officials of that organization. Twelve churches including two from the South Side, one from Florence and nine from Omaha have taken out franchises. They are Immanuel Baptist, Calvary Baptist, South Side Baptist, First Methodist, First Christian, Hanscom Park Methodist, Kountze Memorial, St. Johns, South Side Presbyterian, St. Mary's Congregational, St. Barnabas and the Florence Presbyterians. The Walnut Hill Methodists dropped out last week. It is expected that before the league is finally closed to entry sixteen churches will be represented.

Just an Earful

By Tad



When Artha Johnson was a budding black hope out west he lived in a gym run by another meerkat-colored brother by the name of Sam Pruitt. Now, said Pruitt was a most obliging gentleman and acted as sparring partner for Artha whenever Artha needed one; and, as is the usual fate of sparring partners, Sam was mauled. Sam never even got a fifty-fifty break with Artha. Sam always got the worst of it.

BASE BALL PEACE IS STILL AFAR OFF

Factions Are Drawing Apart Instead of Getting Together in Loving Embrace.

FEDS WON'T DROP THE SUIT

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—After several weeks of conferences base ball officials were forced to admit today that peace between the Federal league and organized base ball is far from being consummated.

The meeting today between the independent interests' committee and the National commission failed to make any definite progress and after the formal adjournment, before which it was agreed to meet again in Cincinnati on Tuesday, Chairman Garry Herrmann of the National commission said: "We have not agreed upon any definite proposition."

Are Drawing Apart. In fact, the conferring interests are drawing apart instead of together, if the remarks of the various league magnates are properly construed. Privately, the various factions are beginning to blame each other for the failure of the peace program and for taking the initial steps toward that end. While harmony was the keynote of all official public statements, the word could hardly have been applied to the sessions behind closed doors, according to some of those who entered and left at the beck and call of the committee.

If there was a dearth of official information regarding the progress toward peace there was no lack of rumors and reports relative to the stumbling blocks in the way.

Knew All About It. According to National league men, the American league officers in Chicago were in touch with the Federal league clan more than ten days ago and knew the full contents of the tentative draft of peace which Barney Dreyfuss carried to Chicago last Tuesday night with as much mystery to present to the American league, then in session.

Another report was to the effect that organized interests expected they would have little difficulty in persuading the Federal league to withdraw its suit, now pending before Judge Landis and were bitterly disappointed when officers of that league were advised by their legal representatives to complete all peace propositions before depriving themselves of this anchor to windward.

Show Impatience. American league and minor league men showed considerable impatience with the situation. The minors threatened to leave the conference today at one time it was stated.

President B. B. Johnson of the American league was first to leave the conference today and he was soon followed by Chairman Herrmann of the National commission. Both left for the west.

After their departure, the National league magnates conferred informally, but they made no statement when the meeting broke up.

Mr. Gaffney, owner of the Boston Nationals, stated today that the conference last night disclosed that the Federal league had lost more than \$5,000,000 since its entry in the base ball world. This amount was more than the combined losses of all previous base ball wars, it was stated.

Result of Preparedness. CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Filing of a stipulation that the wrongs alleged by the Federal league ceased to exist would result in automatic dismissal of that organization's injunction suit against Organized base ball, according to legal authorities here today. This, it was said, would follow practice in all equity proceedings.

It was pointed out that the permission of the court was not necessary for this procedure.

George Miller, the American league's attorney here, said he had heard nothing of the legal side of the peace terms now being discussed in New York and had received no instructions to take up the case with Judge Landis.

Keene Addition, the Federal league attorney, is out of town, it was said at his office, and it was believed he was in New York.

Because of his position in court and in this case Judge Landis said he could not discuss it.

ARMANDO MARSANS MAY DRAW SALARY TWO WAYS

It is said that Armando Marsans may collect double salaries for two years if the United States courts finally award him to the Federalists. He has already collected his salary from the St. Louis Federalists. The Cincinnati club has filed bond to pay him for the time he might be idle owing to the injunction laid upon him against his playing with the St. Louis Feders. Marsans' stipend is \$5,500 a season.

SPORTS SECTION of THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 19, 1915.

BIG WRESTLING GO TUESDAY EVENING

Charley Peters, Omaha Favorite, and George Kuvoros Lock Horns at the Auditorium.

BOT GRAPPLERS CONFIDENT

The approaching grappling bout between Charley Peters and George Kuvoros is attracting considerable attention among wrestling fans.

This pair of matt artists, who will lock horns at the Auditorium Tuesday night, are a couple of young fellows, very much like Stecher, not in the game very long, but they have already proved to be fast, clever and tricky. Both are short and solidly built after the order of a battleship and are just the kind of wrestlers who throw speed into their work and are therefore an enjoyment to watch.

Much speculation is manifested over the relative ability of the two men. Charley Peters, who hails from Papillion, has long been regarded as a great wrestler by local matt followers who have seen him work. He has not done much professional work, most of it being done in private. It is said by friends of the Papillion lad that he can throw any man Stecher has thrown, and that the only man in the country Peters would not be certain of throwing is Stecher.

But Think is Another Side. If these claims by Peters' friends should prove out Charley should pin Mr. Kuvoros to the matt in short time. But Kuvoros also has a few friends who believe the Greek could give Stecher a rub, and if he can give Stecher a rub he surely will be able to battle Peters to the finish.

But this is all preliminary talk and the fans will get a chance to see which is right by flagging the contest at the Auditorium Tuesday night.

Ticket Sale Brisk.

The ticket sale, which is going on at the Merchants' hotel, is progressing briskly and everything points to a big house. The match is being staged by the newly organized Omaha Athletic club and is the club's maiden effort at promotion. In case it is successful other matches will be staged by the club.

Both Peters and Kuvoros are in Omaha training for the match. Both are working hard and confident of victory. One thing Omaha fans can rest assured of both boys will be in condition for the match.

Fultz Opines that Baum Knoweth Not Whereof He Speaks

There's a rebellion among the Organized Hall players in California. It was started when President Baum, of the Pacific Coast league telegraphed orders to players in the field that they would impair their standing with the powers that be if they played with those naughty, naughty boys, Judge Kenworthy of the Casey Federal league and Jimmy Johnson, who has signed with the Pope. When the players got the notification they went right off the handle. Jack Bias, formerly of the St. Louis Cardinals, who is catching for a Winter league team at Brawley, Cal., wired David L. Fultz, president of the Players' Fraternity, at New York City, as follows: "Has President Baum, of the Pacific Coast league, the authority of keeping us from playing winter baseball in the Imperial Valley league with Federal non-contract jumpers? Please advise me as soon as possible." President Fultz answered that Mr. Baum had no such right unless the player's contract extended it to him. It is Mr. Baum's move.

One-Eyed Hurler to Play with the Cards

Hiram Jasper, pitcher for Los Angeles in the Pacific Coast league, has at last signed a Cardinal contract for 1916, the Angels to receive a player and a cash consideration. Jasper is called the only one-eyed player in the majors, having lost an eye when struck by a batted ball four years ago.

KANSAS MEETS GOPHERS; AMES AGGIES DROP OUT

AMES, Ia., Dec. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—After having played Minnesota university for twenty years, Iowa State gives the place of the Gophers to Kansas university for October 14, 1916, according to the announcement of Chairman Clyde Williams of the Iowa State schedule committee today.

The arrangement with Kansas is made to give Iowa State a balanced home schedule. The feeling of Ames toward the Gophers is of the best and the change is only to give a good schedule on State field alternate years when the eleven plays Nebraska and Missouri away from Ames.

Buck Rodgers, West Virginia's Star Athlete



BUCK RODGERS.

In "Buck" Rodgers, the 20-pound, 13-year-old athlete, the University of West Virginia thinks it has one of the leading stars of the country.

So far "Buck" has failed to gleam in the limelight as have the stars in Princeton, Harvard and Yale, but according to the dope he would measure up to some of these stars in a favorable manner.

"Buck's" particular dish is foot ball, in which game he plays fullback. He is a weight event for the winter and will play base ball in the spring. He does all these things as well as he plays base ball.

John Dennison Makes Another Raid and Grabs One Gus Probst

Johnny Dennison, manager of the LEXUS crew, which waited away with the amateur championship of Omaha, licked the champs of Duluth, Minn., and then got the buck fever, with considerable disarray, at Cleveland-on-Lake Erie, in striking terror into the hearts of class A managers of Omaha.

Johnny turned a trick yesterday that has made him solidly unpopular among his contemporaries, if the unanimous verdict wasn't already "guilty." For yesterday Mr. Gustavus Probst—we suppose it's Gustavus, anyway, it's Gus-affixed his affixed signature to a Lexus document under the persuasive and hypnotic eye of Mr. J. Dennison.

Probst will play third base for the Lexus next year. Last year Gus labored through a couple of games for the Black Kats and then finished the season at Blair, where he set things on fire. Dennison declares Probst is about the best third sacker in the city. He hits well, can be depended upon to deliver in a pinch, hikes the runway with much speed and scot and covers his station in nifty style. All of which means that Mr. Probst is endowed with most of the ac-

INGERSOLL GOES BACK TO MILLERS

Rourke Pitcher Who Hurled No-Hit Game Last Summer is Purchased by Minneapolis.

ISBELL HAS FIGHT ON HANDS

Bob Ingersoll, who started the natives last summer by hurling a no-run, no-hit game for the Rockies, returns to Minneapolis in the spring.

Ingersoll came to Omaha from Minneapolis in the middle of the year after he failed to show much in the association. He started his fight in with Omaha and pitched good base ball, topping his record with the no-hit combat. Cantillon followed his work here and, as he had a string on him, purchased him back from Omaha.

Ingersoll was handicapped during his trial with the Millers last spring by a bad ankle. He was unable to get into good condition until he came here. He is expected to make good with the northerners next year.

Trouble in Des Moines. Frank Isbell and Tom Fairweather are carded to have a fight on their hands to preserve Sunday base ball in Des Moines. The Anti-Saloon league of the Iowa capital is heading a move to abolish the Sunday theater and Sunday base ball. It is said the league is receiving some substantial backing and stands a good chance for success. Isbell and Fairweather, of course, will fight the movement, as it is an established fact that none of the Western league teams could exist without Sunday games. It might be possible for the Des Moines magnates to build a park at Valley Junction, a railroad junction adjoining Des Moines. But it would necessitate an expenditure of at least \$10,000 and the attendance would undoubtedly suffer. It would be a sad blow to the Western league if the anti-saloonist should succeed.

Prezle's Life Not All Roses. President-elect Frank C. Zehrung is already encountering a few of the hard and tribulations of a base ball loop prezle. Would-be and almost umpires are making a concentrated attack on the peace of the new president even at this early date and if Zehrung would sign all of them he would have enough to give every player an umpire to carry his luggage around. Zehrung says there evidently is no truth in the assertion that the umpire's life is a hard one the way applications for jobs are coming in. The new prezle, however, is not signing up any umpire, as he does not officially take office until the first of the year and will make no move until then.

Galloway at Shortstop. Long, lean, lanky Jim Galloway, who held down the keystone sack for the Denver Grizzlies and cracked the pill all over the lot last year, will be switched to the shortstop position on the coast, by which league he was drafted from Denver. Galloway should be a busy man on the coast as he was considerable firebrand in this loop and when such players as Roxie Middleton, Ham Patterson, et al, can get away with it in the Class AA league, it should be a cinch for a regular in the Galloway.

Rourke Likes Kilduff. Pa Rourke says he is tickled to hear that Pete Kilduff has been sold to him. Rourke made Oklahoma City an offer for the shortstopper and the news of the sale in the newspapers was his first information that his offer was accepted. Kilduff, says Rourke, is 21 years old, five-foot-seven in the air, weighs 150 pounds and hits and throws right handed. He is fast as lightning, according to Pa and is a mighty sweet fielder. He hit for .38 last year, and batted nineteen home runs, which shows that he knows how to handle himself at the plate. Last year was Kilduff's second year in base ball.

Kavan Signs Kid. The Topeka club has signed a hurler, who is a genuine Kansan. The youth, Mr. Savage has signed is Howard Bumps of Ottawa. Mr. Bumps made quite a record in independent base ball at Ottawa. It remains to be seen whether he will get the bumps or not, as his name would signify.

O'Neill at St. Joe? There is a story current among Western league circles that Norris L. O'Neill, who was separated from the presidency of the Western league, will be once more actively engaged in the business of this loop. The story has it that Tip O'Neill will become the active executive of the St. Joseph club now that Jack Holland has signed to be business manager of the Kansas City club in the American association. It has always been suspected that Tip was a part owner of the St. Joseph franchise, if not the principal one, and thus the report following Holland's change.

University of Omaha Basket Ball Team Rounds Into Form

Although handicapped by a late start, Coach Kavan of the University of Omaha is rounding his basket ball team into shape. Kavan has been putting his men through three hard hours of work each evening and plans to increase the hours of practice during the vacation. In practice the first and second fives have been lining up as follows:

First Team—Center, Adams; forwards, Leach and McBride; guards, Ernst and Bruce.

Second Team—Center, Roberts; forwards, Korbmaker and Alerton; guards, Hungate and Thompson.

Manager Korbmaker has practically completed his schedule. Games arranged include reciprocal contests with Octor, Doane, York, Grand Island and Yarko. Besides the ten college games, the university will have fifteen combats in the Tri-City league.

Inability of the various class teams to secure the gym at certain times has greatly curtailed class games. This drawback will be removed once the first team is selected and the proposed inter-class schedule will then be carried out.

CHICAGO SCRIBE GIVES RUTHERFORD BIG BOOST

G. W. Arlson of the Chicago Herald comes forth with a big feature story in the windy city regarding the athletic prowess of Richard B. Rutherford. Arlson describes Captain Dick as a youngster five feet nine inches tall and weighing only 167 pounds and the University of Nebraska's greatest athlete. The Chicago scribe describes at length of Rutherford's ability at foot ball, basket ball, base ball, track, wrestling and swimming.

HERE'S A GRID WARRIOR WHO CAN PULL 'EM DOWN

Babe Turner of the Arkansas university foot ball team is declared to be the tallest man playing the gridiron game. Turner is six feet seven inches tall in his stocking feet and weighs 235 pounds. He is 19 years old. He was developed by Coach T. T. McConnell.