THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE: MAY 2, 1915.



UITE the most important piece of business before the Omaha fans at this moment is to go to; the polls on Tuesday and vote for Sunday base ball. The

majority in favor of this proposition should be made so overwhelming that no question can ever be raised as to the purpose of the people. No ques- Fitzsimmons and Jeffries were disputing tion exists as to the sentiment of the the title is a question that cannot be anpublic in favor of the game, but this swered off-hand. The fistic world as yet ically as to carry conviction with it to even those who are constitutionally op-so completely upset all white hope preceposed to base ball or any other form of public amusement on Sunday. No one defends the honors a few times and gives questions the value of base ball as a better line on his ability. sport, and not many are locally opposed to the game being played on Sun- selves are not disposed to take Willard day. The importance of voting is to get into the fold and accept him as their the supporters of the proposition on equal. For so many years they have

Next to voting on Sunday base ball, their praise for the new champion, who the local contingent is most concerned threatens to put an end to the myth that with the fact that the Rourke family they were superior metal to the men of has shown quite a burst of speed for today. Thus Corbett and Jeffries, while opening the season. It is too early yet they picked Willard to beat Johnson, did to buy the flag for 1916, but the start is surely encouraging. It has been a long, long time since Omaha stood out so far could not be classed as their equal.

## Champ and Those of Old is Debatable Issue.

# MUST DEPEND ON FUTURE SKILL

NEW YORK, May 1.-Whether Jess Willard could have held his own had he flourished in the days when Corbett, entiment must be registered so emphat- has not decided just how to place the

Of course, the old-time warriors themrecord. Its moral value will be immense, been held up as the greatest ever, it is only natural that they should be chary of

At one time the boilermaker's most

with Fitzsimmons, was out to pieces.

In hitting ability also Willard has the

edge. Jeffries fought in an awkward

crouch and was unable to put his full

a much smaller man. fought Jeffries

and uppercuts for that length of time.

Might Have Puzzled Fitz.

did. On the other hand Fitz would not

have been able to land on Willard with

saved Jeffries. That body blow might

But aside from Fitzaimmons none

Takes Fall Out of Grif.

Gus Yelle Bounced.

have beaten Willard.

could not put him away.

in advance of the others, and it is Fitzsimmone, for his part, was frankly surely comforting to look at the stand-ing table these mornings. So far as the Kansan and all his tribe were a lot of affair has proceeded, the indications are joke fighters and ridiculed the idea that all in favor of the proposition that Pa Willard could beat the man who had has a winning combination. His team taken all Johnson had to offer and then has enough of veteran players to give came through and won like a thorough balance and standiness, and enough bred, old Fits would not relent. Alof ambitious youngsters to give it "pep" though he congratulated Willard when und Krug has shown himself to be an they met in public. Fits could not refrain aggressive leader, fighting for every from remarking to his friends, "Give me nd all that means the team that a few months to train and I could lick beats Omaha at any stage of the race that big stiff." will know it has been to a ball game. This coming to life of the team has put As a matter of fact, there is no reason to think that Willard could not have held Omaha on the map again as a good ball his own with any of the old-timers. That town, and the public is traveling the Jeffries was the best of the old set is way to Rourke park again, much as of generally admitted, yet Willard loses yore. The crowds have not yet assumed nothing by comparison with the "chamtheir old-time proportion, but this will pion of all champions." come if the Rourke family is true to Never Been Never Been Hurt.

York American league base ball club, and by his side 'Babe'' Shiels, the brand new mascot of the team.

# BILL DONOYAN AND ANKEES ascon

### and Foot Ball Baggage to Be Moved Next Fall.

EXAMINATION OF CREW MEN

ITHACA, N. Y., May 1.-Now that all the track activities at Cornell university have been transferred to the new alumni field environment, Cornellians are looking to the future. Next fall the foot ball rquad will move bag and baggage from old field, and this will leave only the base ball outfit down in the hollow, where the frogs raise their June chorus,

such use now for several years. At least

a part of that area, namely, the student playground of about eight acres, must, by the terms of the university's grant of land to the field committee, be open and unpeserved. Recently the athletic management has laid out a diamond on the playground for the freshman team and has published a notice to the effect that other students must not use that diamond. That is technically a violation of the grant under which the Athletic as-

sociation enjoys its present use of its own section of the field. It is under-

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Purses in Early Closing Events Range from Four Hundred to Thousand Dollars.

When the curtain was raised on the 1915 National league base ball season, at the Polo grounds in New York, ball fans and OTHER CLASSES CLOSE AUG, 23 players were treated to a new one. Out

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

in left field there flares a forty-foot sign LINCOLN, May 2.-(Special.)-Entries proclaiming that the first New York player who hits it with a fly ball is to for the speed program for the 1915 state fair will close June 1 and there are in-The Overland dealer in the metropolis dications that the list of entries will exis the man who hit on this plan to stimu- ceed those of previous years. The sariy late the New York players in their swat- closing entries show purses running from fests. "Hit 'er out" will be changed from \$400 to \$1,000. The program as prepared now on to "Hit that sign, kid," by the being as follows:

where the frogs raise their June chorus. But the base ball men already have the Bacon Practice hall for indoor work on inclement days, and share with the rest the conveniences, such as showers, dress-ing rooms and the like of the Schoell-kopf Memorial. The alumni field project was launched nearly thirteen years ago. and it will be completed when the base ball playground has been completed. Says the Cornell Alumni News: "The larger part of Alumni field— thirty-four of the fifty-seven acres—is to be unfenced and open for the general use of the students, and it has been put to such use now for several years. At beast

And Association is Trying to Figure Some Way to Spend the Thirty

Entry fee to early closing 1 per cent. cash to accompany nomination June 1, 1816, when horses must be named: Nomi-SEVERAL PLANS ARE ON FOOT nations declared out, in writing to the secretary prior to August 23, will be held

only for amount paid in, otherwise 1 per cent penalty will attach to horses not NEW YORK, May 1 .-- Responsibility and stood, however, to be merciy a tem- of money has awakened the officiais of right to declare off any early event not

its start.

All along the line the Western league his ability to withstand punishment. Wilstart has been full of surprises; in fact, the standing table is just about turned upside down from what it was last season, showing the effect of the "home town" start on some of the teams. A couple of weeks more will be needed to determine the relative strength of the organizations, and it may be longer than strength behind his blows. Tom Sharkoy that before the pennant winner will appear, but it doesn't look as if the league were going to be strung out behind Denver or Sloux City this season.

self on Jeff's big fists, thereby increas-ing the force of the impact, yet Jeff Jimmy Kane had a really and time in Omaha during the week; he didn't get a hit in four games, although he swatted the ball hard enough, and he was given a lot of bother chasing after masty little bunts on which the Rourke players delighted to feed him. Jimmy is waiting until he gets back home, where he can knock 'em into the old Mizzoo.

Benny Kauff claimed a great deal of public attention during the week by his foolish jump from the Brooklyn Federals to the, New York Nationals, thereby chowing how little he knows about base ball strategy and how little regard he has for a signed contract. Benny will have a lot of idic time in which to ruminate over the folly of his course. He is not the first player who has listened to the siren song of John McGraw, only to find out that "Muggay" was kidding him.

That Johnson boy may be a wild man, all right, but he sure can pitch, and so can Biodgett, and Crabb, and Closman and Willis. If you don't believe it, ask Josh Clarke; he knows.

Manager Krug makes 'em hustle, too, and keeps the game on the move all the time, which is also an evidence of his ability as a leader.

the same freedom with which he bat-Benny Kauff yumped once too often, tered Jeffries around the ring. Fitz deand is now singing something about a veloped the science of hitting to a greater long, long way from home, and no pay extent than any other has been able to day in sight. approach, but Willard's long arms and

O. B. B. and the Fods can agree on at least on thing, and that is when a player is not to be trusted.

If we'd had that boy Krueger soon enough last season quite another story would have been told. And don't overlook Kafora, either, when you are making up your list of hustling backstops.

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that famous troop of ring men can be Good old "Bunk" Congalton may be figured to have anything on Willard. The missed, but what's the matter with rushing Sharkey, with his lack of de-Huclaman? He's certainly testing the fence, would have been an easy mark fences, and Brother Dave is figuring on for Willard's uppercut: McCoy and having them moved back about a mile. Choynski were too light, while Ruhlin was merely a good second rater.

Grover Cleveland Alexander is keeping the name of Nebraska before the Philadelphia public most acceptably.

Pielder Jones never overlooks an op-portunity to take a fall out of Clark Griffith for having induced Walter John-son to return to the fold. Fred Glade, who is a prosperous miler nowadays, watched Omaha put it all over Sloux City on opening day, and gave it his unbiased opinion that the Rourkes carried on like a regular ball team.

famous assets were his great size and PHOTO & AND ST. S

lard is not only bigger in every way that FEDS TO INVADE NEW YORK A. A. CLUBS SAVE \$100,000 counts for most in the ring, but he never has been hurt. Jeffries, in his fights

> Pat Powers Declares Franchise Will Reduction of Player and Salary Be Given Gotham for 1916 Limits and Incidentals Will Do the Work. Season.

forty-five rounds in all. In not one of DO NOT WANT PEACE WITH O. B. WAS FORCED ON THE OWNERS those rounds did the rushing sailor take a back step. He literally hurled him-

NEW YORK, May 1 .- "New York will positively he included in the Federal league next spring or the following spring," suid Pat Powers, president of What Willard would have done to the Newark Federal league club, this Sharkey had he been in Jeff's place can week.

easily be imagined by those who have "Right now the New York club is just seen the big Kansan land one of his teras well organized as any club in the rible uppercuts. More than once this country," continued Powers. -"The only blow has lifted a 200-pound opponent high thing necessary is to build a park. When in the air to come down on his shoulder the names of the men behind the New blades. Much has been said of Sharkey's York Federal league club are announced toughness, but he could not have taken they will astound the National and Amerone of those blows without going down. Ican league magnates; as well as the fam So far as hoxing skill is concerned Wil- the country over," added Pat. lard shows up at last equally as well. In

"And, by the way, we are not looking the whole history of the ring there is no for peace. The only way that it will ever instance of a champion being make to come about is for the two major leagues look so foolish as Corbett made Jeffries to recognize us as a major league. I car appear for twenty-two rounds of "their say for a sure thing that this is the only Coney Island battle. Corbett was a mere way the base ball war will end. gymnasium athlete, unable to withstand "There have been lots of stories printed

days and could be stopped with a com- decide to take care of Weeghman, the Wards and other Federal league powers, paratively light blow. It is impossible to imagine him keeping away from Wil- that peace will be brought about, but lard's long range jabs, straight rights | that is absurd.

"The Federal league magnates in about every instance own their parks outright. The men are so tied up financially and If Willard had met Fitasimmons he with contracts that they would forfeit might not have been able to win after taking as much punishment as Jeffries

everything they own in connection with the league should they accept any terms other than the taking of the Federal league into the organized base tall fold as a third major league.

"I have found all the Federal magnates men who place the desire to have a winner above the commercial side of the game.

great height constitute a defence that might have puzzled the cunning blackmight have pussied the cunning black-smith. However, the Cornishman's left Old Yank Uniforms shift to the body would have been bad Sent to Sing Sing Missouri Wins medicine for the long-geared Willard, who is not protected by the crouch that

Members of the newly organized base hall clubs in Sing Sing prison have fallen

heir to a lot of the old uniforms of the Yankees, the New York American league club and players in the "outlaw league" at the state prison will wear them in their games this summer. Base ball is one of

the means adopted by Thomas Mott Ostoday, 70 to 19 borne, warden of Sing Sing, to improve the physical condition of the prisoners. Missouri broke the Missouri Valley con-One of the prison players wrote to the ference record, making 25 feet, 1 inch.

owners of the Yankces, asking for the In the pole vault Powell of Missouri tied old uniforms, with the result that enough the conference record of 13 feat. were given to equip twenty-eight players with everything from caps to shoes. Collins Strolls Often.

Reating to Buffalo. In the New England league the Fitch-burg club has released Catcher Gus Yelle and Outfielders O'Connell and Vance.

One hundred thousand dollars in round figures is the amount which will be saved by American association clubs this season by the lower player limit and other economies which the magnates have ef-

fected. This is an average of \$12,500 per club, although the mathematics practically will not work out to an equal diviston. In arriving at this estimate first con sider the number of players to be carried. reduced by rule from twenty to sixteen.

Of course, there are not four less stars carried. In fact, it is the recruits or young fellows who have not yet shown AA class, but might be nursed along for

the future, that get the blue envelope. Estimate the salary of these men at \$50 per month. Four times that amount would be \$1,000 per club or \$5,000 for the five months' season. The average mile

age is 10,000 miles to a club, which at 2 rough usage. He was long past his best to the effect that as soon as the majors cents a mile would make 30 more per man. There would be at least eighty days on the road at an average of \$5 per day. or \$240, making a total and mileage \$449.

which, multiplied by four, gives \$1.760 saving in traveling evpenses. This player who was always injured at the ton and the national intercollegiate mark.

conservative.

**Track Meet from** 

porary, arrangement pending the cont pletion of the varsity base ball field. It is similar to the tacit permission given duties. The transition from a treasury, and 10 per cent. An additional 7 per cent is similar to the facit permission area duties. The transition from a from a first and 10 per cent. An additional of purses and 10 per cent, and 10 per cent. An additional of purses are and 10 per cent. An additional of purses are area of early closing and 5 per cent of purses are available of postage, the slight expenses of mest-or postage, the slight expenses of mestexclude other students. Nevertheless, the fact should be borne in mind that varsity managers, when their teams are in the expenditures of Davis Cup teams, the superstant of t enjoying the facilities to be provided for to a thily sum of approximately \$30,000, them in their own section of the field, has been rather sudden. In fact, it may will have no right to make regulations be said to be a matter of two years. regarding the use of the student play- Right at this time there is not an offiground. cer of the national governing body, from Cornell is carnestly committed to & Robert D. Wrean on through the list,

policy of determining whether or not who does not fully realize that it is not iniversity rowing is harmful to boys who a part of the work of the association to indulge in it. As a consequence, the pile up funds in a treasury. crews this season will be watched closely

Ever since the Davis Cup matches last by Dr. S. A. Munford, official medical August on the courts of the West Side examiner of the university. It has always Tennis club at Forest Hills, Long Island, been contended at Ithaca that the four- when it was evident that the thousands mile race did not injure men who had of dollars taken in at the gate would been properly trained, and as proof of more than fill the coffers of the national this fact it was pointed out that there body, the question has been repeatedly is no single case on record of a Cornell asked: What good use can be made of

oarsman suffering from overstrain in the money? In the several deliberations later years. Cornell, however, is anxious of the executive committee there has to get records bearing on this question, been a uniformity of opinion that it so Dr. Munford plans to make a series should be spent wisely for the greatest of thorough examinations of all of the good for the greatest number of players men in the first three varsity and two throughout the country. freshman eights. Any man showing a mond D. Little, George T. Adee and trace of defect will be barred from row- others gave voice to the opinion that the ing. Special study will be made of the large fund actually belonged to the playeffect of rowing on the heart, lungs, kid- ers of the country, and that its use running races. No tickets of admission neys and other organs, and the records must reflect something of national immade from week to week will be com- portance in the broadening influences of running races will be governed by the

That idea mot with unqualified endorse mont, as it is nearly ten years since players from this section of the country have made the trip to the Pacific coast. It. was a fair exchange of courteries, and the west at once was duly appreciative.

champion, heads the team, and it is ex-Years ago there was a wonderful ball pected that George M. Church of Prince-

be presented with a new Overland car.

Some Way to Spend the Thirty

Thousand Surplus.

totals \$5,750 per club, with incidental ex- critical stages of a pennant race and it is champion will be one of the four men penses of only \$249 to reach the \$7,000 estimated that injuries, which kept this who will make the important journey. player out of the game for weeks and | The second plan which the National as-To get at the other \$5.500 per club is not even months, had deprived his club of sociation is to put in operation, however, so easy. Savings effected have been in three pennants. Funs and scribes ad- is even more important than the first. places where the club owners are not so mitted his worth as a player, but came to It is to subsidize the clubs that will conwilling to discuss the dollar mark. Sal-aries have been pared all along the line. great value to the club because he was ships. This plan presented to the minds Office and park expensed there been re- out of the game so much. Figuring on of the executives a method of inspiring duced wherever possible. Players have this basis, which is undoubtedly correct, tournaments for the boys especially, as not been bought so lavishly and when George McEride is the most valuable man the recommendations of the committee

bought generally as lower prices. The that can be found anywhere. In eight that clubs, as far as possible, inaugurate estimate of \$5,500 per club is considered years of major league playing McBride junior tournaments in connection with has mised but six days' play and but the regular tournament fixtures, did not seven games all told, a double-header be. meet with any overwhelming response ing played on one occasion. This is in. The majority of the clubs realized that deed a remarkable record and is of great the regulation tournament was difficult importance when one considers that Mr. enough to manage and were not inclined Bride has siways been considered the to add to the burden by taking on a lot keynote to the Washington infield and of schoolboys.

Kansas Aggies is headiast and stendlest performer. In While the rian has not been definitely this respect Sam Crawford is also a re- settled upon, its operation was explained markable character. We have not looked as a stipulated contribution from the so far back in Sam's past, but find that National association to the club holding he has missed only one same in four full the junior tournament. An entry list of seasons, and has not missed any since the more than fifty players is to entitle the club to an additional subsidy; and the

amount is to be increased on a graded scale of entry list in such a way as to substantially assist the clubs that give

up time and courts to establishing tournsments for boys. Among those who have learned of the plan as proposed, it has met with hearty endorsement, for it has

finishing the race inside the fing and outside the money. The right is reserved to postpone any race or races for cause, to change the order of the program, or to pay moneys as the horses shall rank in races started and unfinished at the close of the day, September 9. Stall rent free to starters. Racing to start at 1 o'clock. Rules of the American Trotting association to govern.

#### Running.

Entrance in the Nebraska bred 3-yearold race, foals of 1912 owned in Nebrasks and registered with the Jockey club, and Wrenh, Reventry to derby must be made August 33, and all others entering by 6 o'clock the night before the race. No entry fee for given where no entry fee is paid. All new American racing rules except where

X-ray plotures of the hearts, as has been. One of the first undertakings arranged otherwise provided. Jockey license exdone at Harvard, because of the expense, for was to prepare for the defrayal of cepted. Five entries required to fill and four to start. Five per cent of purse California during the month of July. divided 60, 35 and 15 per cent.

> Work Begins on Big Track at New York

Work has been started on the monster motordrome and sports amphitheater which has been proposed and discussed for New York for the last five years. This pureject, which is expected to rival the Brookland track of England and the Indianapolis Auto Speedway, will be located on the grounds of the old Coney Island Jockey club, A two-mile track capable of permitting auto speeding in excess of 100 miles per hour and a series of stands to accommodate about 200,000 spectators will be in readiness for the first meet in autumn



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COLUMBIA, Mo., May L-Missouri university won the track meet with the Kansas State Agricultural college here middle of June, 1911. In the running broad jump, Simpson of

Big Crowd at New Orleans.

New Orleans took the paim for attend-ance on opening day, when 10.60 paid spectators witnessed the opening of the new Heineman field.

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Kissinger is Delayed.

# Crawford Have Real Big League Records It found ready response in the east, as R. Norris Williams, 3d, the national

pared. No effort will be made to take the game, tory.

George McBride and

# but the Cornell authorities are confident the expenses of a team of four eastern that their tests will be entirely satisfac. players who will invade the courts of deducted from money winners. Money