

Here's Where a Moratorium Would Beat a Law Suit Both Ways

TOPEKA CLINGS TO WESTERN LEAGUE

John A. Savage Will Operate Club in Kawtown Instead of Colorado Springs.

MAGNATES SIGNING ATHLETES

After fussing around for one entire week, it was decided at the Western League in Chicago yesterday to give Topeka one more chance to make good as a Western league city. It was first announced that the franchise would be attached to the Kansas capital in favor of Colorado Springs, which city once before proved a failure in the West. But the mogul changed his mind and Mr. John A. Savage, secretary of the Kansas City American association club and new manager, will run the club.

The change of plans as a result of the directors of the Topeka club to transfer the franchise to Savage, A. M. Catling, president of the Topeka league, held a consultation over long distance telephone with Prexie O'Neill and agreed to the transfer.

Savage declared he would operate the club in Kawtown, although he had received flattering inducements from Colorado Springs business men to take the club there.

John A. Savage, who last year was a member of the Bourke tribe until he broke his ankle, is trying to hook up with Des Moines. Johnny wrote Tom Fairweather that he would consider a booster proposition at \$25 a month with a bonus of 100 rocks for signing and transportation to and from Boston. Mr. Fairweather "giggled with supreme mirth" over the proposition and wondered why John forgot for his wife and child to be on the dinner. Clancy's letter will be forwarded to James A. Gilmore and company.

Magnates Sign Youngsters. A Western league magnate are busy these days signing young blood, of which the Western league is destined to be thick with this summer. Jimmy McGill has purchased two new outfielders for his Denver club. They are Helmer and Spencer, both youngsters from the Lansing club of the Southern Michigan league. McGill will lose Hank Butcher and Grand-dad Cassidy, this year.

Des Moines has signed Paul Musser, who worked for the Boosters in 1912. Musser acted on the coast last year, but proved to wild in the sunny climate. When in the Western, Musser possessed a curve ball that broke all over the lot and hooked like a winner.

Down in Wichita, they are still spending money. Manager Wares has signed Gull Davis, a pitcher from Medicine Lodge, Kan., and Wilbur Gray, a catcher with Notre Dame university. Both are said to be coming youths.

Southern City, has signed Charlebois Schambaught, who caught Smoke Donaldson on the All-Nations team, which often trimmed up the Stork last year. They have also signed Dick Boyle, catcher from Peoria in the Three-I league, and the two will battle for Leo Murphy's job.

Sox Pass Through. The Chicago White Sox will wait through Omaha Wednesday at 1:30 on their way to the Pass Mobles training camp, where is situated the smallest ball park in the world. Manager Rowland and his manager, including that well known recruit, E. Collins, will occupy a special train, which will consist of five sleepers, a library car and a buffet car. The last mentioned car is for the benefit of the newspaper men, who make the trip with the hose.

Invitations Are Sent Out to Big "Y" Indoor Meet

Entry blanks for the fourth annual indoor meet to be held at the Auditorium March 19 and 20, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian association have been sent out to all big athletic clubs and Young Men's Christian associations around the country. This indoor meet this year will be the last effort of J. Truitt Maxwell, physical director, who leaves April 1, and the "Y" is trying to make the indoor meet the biggest of all.

Nebraska Wesleyan Outplays Grinnell College All the Way

GRINNELL, Ia., Feb. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The Nebraska Wesleyan-Grinnell game of basketball played here last night ended with a score of 25 to 14 in favor of Wesleyan. At the end of the first half it was 23 to 3 in favor of the visitors. The Wesleyans were heavier, with longer arms, reach, light on their feet, good back, strong, and with fine teamwork, each man seemed to know just where to find any other one he needed at a critical time. There was some rough play and here Nebraska had the advantage. Both sides were penalized for holding and shared in this about equally. Grinnell had a surprising run of lead back in missing baskets by a mere hair breadth. But Wesleyan was won by Wesleyan, through a consistent playing of the game.

BOWLING LEAGUE IS FORMED BY LIGHT COMPANY EMPLOYEES

The employees of the electric light company have organized a bowling league and will bowl each Tuesday evening for the balance of the season at the Metropolitan alley. At a meeting held last week C. J. Snyder was elected president and J. F. Senior secretary.

Outfielder Al Hirsch has purchased his unconditional release from the Louisville club of the American association.

STATE GOLF TOURNEY IS UP

Happy Hollow Club Announces It Will Put in a Bid for 1915 State Event.

DISSENSION AT COUNTRY CLUB

Finding that the golf situation in Nebraska, as far as tournaments are concerned, is in a state of chaos, the Happy Hollow club has decided to put in a bid for the 1915 Nebraska state tourney. This Happy Hollow club held the event last year and should not, under the rotating agreement, have it again, but it seems no other club wants it, and if the Happy Hollow doesn't enter the field, a state tourney might not be held.

Last year the event was tentatively promised to Lincoln Country Club, but it is feared that Lincoln is not in shape to handle a tourney. The course there has always been nine holes, and while an addition to eighteen has been made, the course is yet far from perfect and other accommodations are lacking. Lincoln will be ready by 1916 and will probably be given the event that year.

Providing Lincoln is out of it, the Country club here should be host at the event, but the golf situation at the Country club is at present such that it is believed the club will not be given the tourney, though entitled to it. In the first place, George Simpson, has gone. Second, the attitude of the golfers is such that the club would not want it. Many of the older golfers do not want any tournaments, while many of the younger ones are demanding one. Between the two a breach has been effected that has eliminated the spirit of harmony necessary for the staging of a successful tourney.

The position of the Country club can be readily understood when it is noted that but nineteen members entered the state tourney at Happy Hollow last year. The Happy Hollow was represented by 150 and the Field club by 115 golfers. And before the event was held each club in Omaha promised 100 entries in order to carry the state association out of debt.

It was agreed that at least 100 from each club should pay \$2 whether they actually played or not. The association pulled out of debt, all right, but only because the Happy Hollow and Field clubs lists ran over 100.

Field Club Not in Field

The Field club does not care to hold the event at that club, so it is up to the Happy Hollow, and the Happy Hollow, considering the state of affairs, has come forward, and both Charles E. Sturgeson and C. E. Reed have announced that the club will make a bid for the tourney. That they will be given it is assured.

The division of the golfers at the Country club into two factions promises to be interesting this summer. The younger set is determined to have a crack at playing a professional to take the place of George Simpson, and they are equally determined to stage some big events. On the other hand, the opposing faction can't see why a professional should be more than a course architect and have no desire for gallery events. Before peace is established between the two some excitement will probably occur.

Chris Christensen Accepts Challenge For Combs Trophy

Chris Christensen of Elk City, the trap-shooter who now holds the T. L. Combs Nebraska trophy, has accepted Don McCown's challenge to battle for the cup this spring. McCown challenged the Elk City man two weeks ago, and Christensen will come to Omaha some time this week to make plans for the holding of the event.

Christensen agrees with McCown that an all-day tournament should be held on the day the two shoot for the trophy. He believes it would be a good idea to invite shooters from all over the state to participate, although the main event would be the private scrap between himself and McCown. Christensen is willing to shoot as soon as the weather opens up this spring. As he has the privilege of naming the locality of the shoot, he will probably agree on the Omaha Gun club.

Iowa and Nebraska Shooters Near Top

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Washington State college has made the best score so far in the intercollegiate shooting competition, scoring 386 out of a possible 1,000 in the fifth match, results of which were announced here last night. The Iowa Washington state still in the lead for the college championship. Score: Class A—Washington State, 386, against West Virginia, 373; Michigan Agricultural, 368, against California, 361; Cornell, 372, against Minnesota, 357; United States Naval academy, 347, against Purdue, 343; Iowa State, 347, against Illinois, 340; Massachusetts Agricultural, 327, against Norwich, 304.

Traynor Company Takes Over Agency For New Cole Eight

The Traynor Automobile company at 2312 Farnam street has taken over the agency of the Cole car. The Cole people have now added an eight-cylinder machine to their line of cars and from advance orders which have flooded in since the announcement, the newest model is destined to become far more popular than the six or four. Traynor is enthusiastic over his new agency and predicts that the Cole will be among the most popular cars in Nebraska.

Bresnahan Lets Go Of Four Ball Players

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Four players, including Tommy Leach, last year captain of the team, were released unconditionally by the Chicago Nationals. The other three were Charles Smith and Edward Stacks, pitchers, and William Sweeney, second baseman. Leach before joining the Chicago Nationals was a star outfielder for the Pittsburgh club and was one of the best known players in the country.

Manager Bresnahan, who issued the releases, said they were made in the furtherance of a policy he had adopted of building up a team of young players.

Grand Island Girls Win at York. York, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Grand Island girls played a close and interesting game of basketball last evening. Grand Island won by one point. One week ago York played at Grand Island and won.

Semi-Pro Is Signed. The Columbia club, of the South Atlantic league, has signed a semi-professional catcher named Arthur Koehler, having been released by the Louisville club.

BIG INTEREST IN CITY TOURNAMENT

Cracks Are Already Fighting for First Place—Several Games Will Be Bowled Today.

HOT RACE IN THE GATE CITY

Last week's bowling interest centered on the annual city tournament, which opened on the Farnam alleys last night. This season's tournament attracted much wider attention due to the large number of entries received and the large cash prize fund. Thirteen all-star five-man teams have entered, also thirty-five doubles and sixty singles. The winners in the events of this tournament will be declared city champions and will hold that title until the next annual tournament.

This season's annual event is being rolled under the auspices of the great American Bowling congress. Most of the teams entered will attend the national week at Peoria, Ill., in March. A squad of five-man teams will roll this morning at 10 o'clock. This afternoon the two-man teams will occupy the runways and beginning at 7 o'clock this evening the individual bowlers will compete.

The bowling last week was of the class variety, especially in the Omaha league. Due to the fact exhibition pulled off by the Storz and Burgess-Nash teams in their fight for first place. The Storz rolled one of the highest scores ever rolled in a league game here. With team scores of 1,075, 992 and 1,034 they piled up a grand total of 3,106, winning three games and going into the lead of the Omaha league, ahead of the Burgess-Nash team, who rolled one of the best exhibitions this season, with such scores as 207, 198 and 234, totaling 644.

Omaha Club May Be Represented at Big Meet at Exposition

Providing the athletes who become affiliated with the new Amateur Athletic association of Omaha are proficient enough to stand the test of keen competition, J. G. MacVeigh, president of the club, will make an effort to take a team to the athletic championship which will be held at the San Francisco exposition in the fall.

MacVeigh has high hopes of seeing the Omaha club on a par with other big athletic clubs, and if the men here are sufficient athletes to justify their competition with the big athletes from other cities, an attempt will be made to take the trip.

As soon as the affairs of the Triple A are arranged, an application for membership in the American Athletic union will be filed. The club will eventually become a registered member of that union, and MacVeigh will file application as soon as conditions are on a substantial basis.

The Triple A has been installed in the gymnasium a week now, considerable apparatus has been put up and things are expected to be running smoothly in a short time.

Nebraska Cityans Outplay Packers in Brilliant Game

The lanky proportions of three Nebraska City basket ball sharks were responsible for the defeat of the South Omaha High school Friday at the hands of the Nebraska City High school five, 29 to 11, on the South Omaha floor. The Magic City team was unable to break up the solid wall of offense offered by the students of Coach McCandless.

The game was without doubt the fastest played on the South Omaha floor and the local five played the best game of the season. Taking the lead on a chance shot by Schultz, left forward for the Nebraskaans, the visitors kept on the winning side throughout the entire game.

Foley, Nixon and Beal were the stellar trio of the Magic City machine. Schultz, Thorpe and Kellogg were the star performers of the visiting quintet. The lineup:

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Braves Go South Early. The Boston Braves will go south earlier than ever this season, as it is set in shape for their annual spring in July and August.

Consensus Not Quite. Joe Conzelman, the promising young pitcher of the Pirates, may be lost to them this year, as a young man, who is a graduate of Harvard, is being seriously forsoaking the game to engage in civil engineering.

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SPORTS SECTION of THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 14, 1915.

WILLOW SPRINGS TEAM of Magic City league, South Omaha. Will enter the big American Bowling congress tournament at Peoria, Ill. Last year's champions of the Magic City league. Also hold high total record for that league, with a 3,019 total. Are in second place this season, fighting the Jetters Old Age for the lead. Standing, left to right: Lefler, Lepinsky (captain), Cooley. Sitting: Kennedy, Fritscher.



HUSKERS SWAMPED BY AMES OFFENSE

Iowa Aggie Basket Ball Players Romp Around the Nebraska Five.

WIN, TWENTY-FOUR TO TWELVE

AMES, Ia., Feb. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The Nebraska Cornhuskers played Ames yesterday and won. They played the Cornhuskers today and lost. Yesterday the Nebraska won 24 to 12, and this afternoon they lost 24 to 12.

The improvement in the playing of the Ames team would not have been believed among the possibilities yesterday after the wretched showing in comparison with the superior playing of the Cornhuskers.

The difference in the achievements of both teams today was not due to superior, for practically the same men were in the lineup in today's game.

Ames started early. Ames commenced the scoring when Capt. Swiney dumped in a clean foul basket, which resulted from a misplay of Nebraska. Ames also finished the scoring when Holmes, center, terminated a long rainbow from the middle of the field in the Cornhuskers' basket. The game was a fight from one end to the other, but in spite of the fierceness it was clear considering the shabby that was turned loose in it.

Swiney scored in the first minute with his foul goal, and Cramer came right after him with the first one of his five field goals. Campbell, the Nebraska forward who scored so prominently yesterday, was held down to two baskets, one at the end of each half.

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WITH BASKET BALL PLAYERS

First Christians, Omaha Nationals and Townsends Lead in the Race of Three Leagues.

ATTENDANCE ON THE INCREASE

Standing of League Teams: CHURCH LEAGUE. Won. Lost. Pct. First Christians 11 9 1,000. Hancock Park 8 2 775. Kountze Memorials 4 6 444. First Methodists 4 6 444. Bellevue college 3 3 500. Church of the Covenant 1 9 100.

Omaha National Bank 2 2 500. Council Bluffs Cubs 2 2 500. Omaha High School 2 2 500. V. M. C. A. Secretaries 2 2 500. Creighton House 2 2 500. Clearing House 2 2 500.

Where They Play This Week. Church League—First Methodist Park Methodist at 7:30 and South Omaha Baptist against First Christians at 8:30. Tuesday at Young Men's Christian association. Commercial League—Omaha National Bank at 7:30 and Omaha High School at 8:30. Tuesday at 8 at Young Men's Christian association. Young Men's Christian Association Secretaries, Thursday at 8 at Young Men's Christian association.

Bellevue college, Tuesday at 7:30 and Clearing House against Swift & Co. at 8:30. Wednesday at 7:30 and Council Bluffs Cubs at 8:30. Thursday at 7:30 and Clearing House at 8:30. Saturday at 7:30 and Clearing House at 8:30.

Ames. NEBRASKA. Campbell (C), Porterfield (P), Ebbett (G), Gardner (F), Holmes (C), G. Campbell (G), Boynton (G), Rutherford (F), Field baskets: Swiney, Holmes, Cramer (6), Boynton, Morgan, Campbell (5), Rutherford (3). Foul baskets: Swiney (5), Hugh G. Substitutes: Morgan for Porterfield, Thiesen for Gardner, Hugg for Rutherford. Referee: Mark Hyland, Iowa.

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STATE LEAGUE MAY LAY OFF ONE YEAR

With York Quitting League and Kearney Threatening, Affairs Are in Turmoil.

WOULD RESUME PLAY IN 1916

After struggling bravely to retain their one summer pastime, two more cities in the Nebraska State league have about decided to give up the ship. York and Kearney are the two cities, York having definitely announced that the State league team in that town must be abandoned and Kearney admitting it probably they will not be able to start the season.

The fact that York and Kearney will not start will probably mean that the Nebraska State league will suspend operations during 1916, some of the officials of the league even admitting the fact. One change has already been made in the circuit, the Superior franchise going to Fairbury and it will be a difficult matter to find men who will take a chance on a bad ball club in these turbulent times.

President Kildow has definitely announced that no base ball will be played in York. The party will be torn down and the game abandoned. C. W. Kibber in Kearney has made offers of the sale of his franchise to several cities, the latest of which is Aurora, but no one will buy. But if the State league moguls agree to lay off one year with the intention of returning in 1916 probably these cities, who are now quitting, will make an effort to stick and revive the sport in 1916 after the fans find how dreary are the summer days when there is no base ball to see.

Without question permission would be granted the State league to suspend operation and the players could be retained for 1916 providing they were supplied with positions during 1915. It could be very easily done and it is more than probable the State league moguls will take this method of weathering the storm which is now threatening organized ball.

York Lad Would Race Omaha Greek Runner

Chris Pulos, the Greek runner who created such a stir in local athletic circles when it was learned he was a crack marathon runner, has a competitor. Merlo Legier of York has written to Pulos over a long correspondence that he would like to race Pulos over a long course some time. Legier ran in Omaha Thanksgiving day at the Young Men's Christian association cross country race and finished third after a neck and neck race with Flier, who fell back to fourth position. Legier believes he can out pace a good race against the Greek.

Legier also told Flier he would like to come to Omaha and join the "Y" here. To get \$25,000. According to the Federal league chief, Walter Johnson is to get \$25,000 a year. He is expected to be in the States in a few days.

Game Wardens Ask Amendment to Law On Spring Hunting

Hunters in Omaha are in receipt of a resolution adopted at a meeting in Des Moines of the game wardens of Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois and South Dakota, a copy of which has been forwarded to the proper authorities here in Washington. The resolution has to do with the federal law covering the killing of migratory birds during the spring months. The game wardens ask for the amendment of the present law so that it covers all of the states in the south. The game wardens, in their resolution, expressed the opinion that the four states mentioned are discriminated against in favor of the south where they claim the real slaughter of migratory birds occurs. They ask that the law be amended to permit shooting between September 15 and December 15 and between March 15 and March 30 with reasonable limits so that excessive killings be prohibited. The wardens recommend that the law apply to all states.

DENNISON MADE MANAGER OF THE LUXUS BALL CLUB

The Luxus ball club, one of the Class A amateur clubs of Omaha, held its meeting last week and plans for the coming season were discussed. Jake Krug will again act as president and Johnson Dennison was elected manager. Dennison needs no introduction to Omaha fans. He was a professional ball player two years ago and knows the game from the ground up. Several of last season's Luxus men will be missing this season, but some players of recognized ability will take their place.

HUSKER TRACK MEN FAIL TO COME BACK

Hopes of Coach Reed Are Blasted, but He is Building Up a New Team of Merit.

ENTRIES FOR BASKET BALL

By JAMES E. LAWRENCE. LINCOLN, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Just as Track Coach Guy E. Reed, assistant manager of athletics of the University of Nebraska, thought he was going to have a championship track squad this spring he found his chances were dimming by the desertion of six most promising stars, upon whom he had placed his hopes. Reed lost six star track athletes by their failure to return to school the second semester.

Included in the list were Captain Capt. Meyers, Brian O'Brien, Smith, Vidal, Maxwell and Rasmussen. It left him without an experienced hurdler, weight man or jumper.

Meyers was a sure point winner in the high jump, O'Brien threw and shotput, Vidal, a South Dakota star athlete, had a record of better than six feet in the high jump. Rasmussen, a freshman last season, held the Wisconsin record in the low hurdles and was expected to give Nebraska a most dependable man. Smith was a champion, because he was strong in the sprinter's last season, but did not return to school. Maxwell and O'Brien were both weight men and Reed was counting upon them to replace Meyers in those events.

Loss is Heavy. The loss of these men will be severely felt in the Cornhusker camp, but spring training has already started. The track men are working out in the gym every day and next Monday Reed will get his first line on the material at his disposal when the annual Charter day meet is held. There is considerable interest in the Charter day program and the list of entries is large.

Reed has plenty of men in the sprint, but he is not ever enthusiastic. George Irwin, who hung up a record of 10 seconds on Kansas last year in the 100-yard dash, is eligible. Reese, another veteran, is eligible, but will probably not get out for track work this spring. Reese intends to return to school next fall again and as he has already participated in university athletics two years, he wants to save his final year for foot ball. Deering, a new man, looks good in the 220-yard dash.

Chamberlain is Training. Guy Chamberlain, Stetson's sensational halfback last fall, is getting out for track, and is rated as an exceedingly valuable man. Chamberlain will be used in the 440-yard dash and possibly in the half mile, although he runs the 100 and 200. Another promising new man is Sloan, a freshman last season, and a son of Congressman Sloan. Sloan looks good in the century run.

For the half mile, Reed has the veteran Kublik, and he believes Clark and Chamberlain can be converted into half-milers. Reavin, Nebraska's star pole vaulter, is again on hand and will provide the Huskers with a good man in that event. In the mile run, Reed has two veterans, Goetz and Hugh Anderson, and in the two-mile event, Reatin and Kratz will be on deck.

Reed is planning to use Russell Israel, an old Omaha High school boy, for the hurdles, but he has no line on material for the high hurdles. Louis Hummel, a former high jumper, is back and may decide to get out for track work. There is some good material in the freshmen squad of this year, but it will not be eligible for varsity competition until a year hence. Young Owens is a good sprinter, Gilliland, the former Wesleyan miler, is a good distance man, and Nixon is also a good miler. Shaw, a freshman, is strong in the weights.

Reed expects next week to receive quite a number of entries for the high school basketball tournament. All entries must be in before February 20, the opening date for filing them being February 12. Reed confidently expects the list of entries to exceed that of last year.

With Coach Stetson along, the Nebraska basket ball squad would up its eastern trip in a game with Ames. The Huskers still have a game with Wesleyan, which will decide the state championship. Nebraska succeeded in taking the first game against Wesleyan by a close score in a rough and tumble exhibition. The Huskers are determined to trip Coach Kieley's pupils straight for the kicking Wesleyan gave them two years ago.

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