

At This Rate the Umpire Will Beat the Judge to the Decision

DOZEN ROURKES SIGN DOCUMENTS

Visions of an Empty Commissary Prompt Delinquents to Come Back Into Fold.

PA SIGNS TWO NEW ATHLETES

An even dozen of Pa Bourke's athletes have signed the writing on the wall and sent in their signatures affixed to 121 contracts. Thought of a hard year and the disagreeable dreams of an empty commissary about June 1 will prompt the most delinquent of athletes to action and Bourke expects the remainder of his crew to flock into the fold before the passing of many more days.

These players who have signed are: Krueger and Kafors, catchers; Crab, Willis, Blodgett, Everdon and Stevens, pitchers; Krus, Whalen, Tlischki and Payne, infielders; and Aten, outfielder.

Bourke completed the deal for Blodgett, the big Waterloo hurler, and had no sooner fixed things up with Doc Andrews than Blodgett hustled to sign up. Blodgett will get a neat advance over his Waterloo salary. Another new athlete has been secured by Bourke. His name is Aten and he is an outfielder. Chick Fraser saw Aten play semi-pro ball at Hutchinson, Kan. Chick is scout for the Pirates, but thought Aten's inexperience would make it impossible for him to play in the big leagues so he gave Pa a tip to grab the youth. Fraser says he is a corner and a year in the Western will make him eligible for the big show. So Pa sent the youngster a contract and the youngster signed up. That makes two Kansas semi-pros Pa has signed. The other is Shortstop Tlischki, the second Maranville.

Wants an Outfielder.
Bourke also has a deal on for another outfielder. Pa needs an outfielder and needs one bad. He has decided Manager Marty Krug will make a good third baseman so the outfield must be made up of Thomson, Bell, Payne, Aten and Wallace. The latter trio may fail to deliver and there is a chance that Bell will not be quite fast enough. So Pa has decided he will get a man of known ability to be on the safe side.

The acquisition of Schleiber completes the infield. With Frits on first, Breen on second, Whalen at short and Krug at third, the inner works is well perfected. The catching department lead to the mustard with Kafors, Krueger and Seaburg.

One more pitcher will be added to the squad and Bourke has entered into negotiations for a hurler from the St. Louis Cardinals. St. Louis has a pitcher or two to send back and Pa has first pick. The twirler will be a good one, says Pa. Those now on the staff are: Crab, Krueger, Willis, Blodgett, Styles, Clozman, Everdon and Stevens.

More Trouble in Topeka.
John A. Savage, new owner of the Topeka club, is not to have the clear sailing he expected. Already Savage has encountered a couple of bad storms. Now he finds himself called upon to assume a few debts contracted by the former owners.

In checking for a lease on the Topeka ball park, Savage was presented with a bill for back rent which the former owners forgot to pay in the absence of sufficient funds. Savage says, as he took over the franchise under foreclosure proceedings, he does not have to pay. But unless the park owners relent, where will Topeka play ball? Perhaps Savage will have to move his club to Colorado Springs after all.

Walter Slagle, former Omaha pitcher, has signed a Wichita contract. Slagle has asked permission to train with Los Angeles until April 1 and the request has been granted by Manager Wares.

Frank Lebell announces he has signed a pitcher by the name of Trapp. This man comes from Kansas. Kansas semi-pros are popular with Western managers this year and there is one on almost every team.

Omaha Y. M. C. A. to Enter Big National Indoor Tournament

The Omaha Young Men's Christian association some time after the big indoor meet is held at the Auditorium, will take part in what will probably prove to be the biggest athletic tournament ever held.

There will be thousands of athletes from all parts of the United States and Canada, compete in a hexathlon to be conducted under the auspices of the International athletic committee of the Young Men's Christian association. In order that it may participate in the big event, the Omaha "Y" has been granted a special disposition to hold its meet within two weeks after the indoor meet is held. The date set by the committee for the staging of the event is March 23. The rules provide the local competition in each city must be held by that date. But in Omaha the "Y" found it impossible to do so, because the indoor meet is to be held March 18. So Physical Director Maxwell was informed that Omaha could hold its event anytime within two weeks after March 23. It is probable that it will be run off within a week of that date, however.

The hexathlon includes several events. There will be sixty-yard and 120-yard potato races, high jump, broad jump, fence vault and twelve-pound shot put.

Western Mags Climb Aboard Sprinkler

"Was a dull and dreary afternoon in the Windy Village and the Western league magula were evidencing considerable manifestations of displeasure at the delay in the proceedings. Enter one agent for a lobby, immediately the scene was opened up and the talk to the magula, who in the quiet a few tickets during the year, when Frank Isbell suggested the salesman might buy a round of drinks.

The affable salesman instantly agreed, seeing visions of a large order, and headed the procession toward the pastural room where several gentlemen with white jackets and aprons preside.

"Soda pop," quoth Buck Elright, son of a minister, in simple earnestness.

"Ginger ale," ordered Pa Bourke.

"Mint water," said Isbell.

FOOT BALL MANAGER FOR THE CREGHTON UNIVERSITY.



Creighton university has appointed as its football manager for this fall James Martin of the class of 1917. He is a student in the arts department and was assistant manager last year. He has been prominent in musical organizations in the college and is already working on a schedule for next fall. Martin has been negotiating with Marquette for a game.

HUSKERS COME BACK STRONG

After Losing First Game, Nebraska Improves and Easily Trims Drake, 27 to 11.

OMAHA BOY PLAY FEAST GAME

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Nebraska showed improved form in the second game with Drake here this evening and won easily, 27 to 11. The score was 9 to 7 in favor of the Huskers at the end of the first half, but in the second half St. Louis's pupils forced ahead. Rutherford and Gardner, the former Omaha High school star, played the whole game for Nebraska. Captain Thomas of Drake, who virtually won the game Friday evening, found himself handcuffed by close guarding.

LINEUP:
NEBRASKA: R.F., R.P., R.E., R.L., R.C., R.G., R.H., R.M., R.N., R.O., R.S., R.T., R.V., R.W., R.X., R.Y., R.Z.
DRAKE: R.F., R.P., R.E., R.L., R.C., R.G., R.H., R.M., R.N., R.O., R.S., R.T., R.V., R.W., R.X., R.Y., R.Z.

Ruppert and Huston Now Owe Hugh Jones Neat Sum of \$2,000

Harry Williams, the Omaha lad, who played first base on the Lincoln team, has refused to sign the contract submitted him, according to Hugh Jones and the latter gentleman, evidencing a large manifestation of unconcern, has signed an athlete by the name of Bierbauer to take his place. It seems, according to the tale from Lincoln, Williams went to Lincoln last year as part payment for Charley Mullen. The deal with New York provided that if Williams failed to sign with Lincoln this year at Lincoln's figure, the Yanks would take him back and slip Jones \$2,000. So Jones is after the coin. Now the new owners of New York, Messrs. Ruppert and Huston, owe Lincoln \$2,000. One complaint is for Williams and the other is the \$2,000 guaranteed Jones if Mullen hit over .30 in the big show last year, which Mullen did. Jones has turned over the papers to Tip O'Neill and expects Prize Tip to collect the \$2,000.

Omaha Club to Ask Membership in the Western Golf Union

The Prettiest Mile Golf club, a club which plays on the links of the Miller Park Golf club, has decided to ask membership in the Western Golf association. A committee has been appointed to arrange the details, and the application will be filed in the near future.

This action was decided at a meeting held last week. Officers to act during the ensuing year are A. D. Northrup, vice president; Walter A. Meyer, vice president; and Glen W. Smith, secretary and treasurer. A committee was appointed to supervise the dances which will be held by the club, and field and publicity committees were also appointed.

Call Goes Out for Track Candidates At the High School

Tommy Mills will issue a call for candidates for the high school track team this week. Immediately after the call is sent out practice will start in earnest. Coach Tommy has visions of a crack team this year and he hopes to capture a few points at the state meet.

Rudisell Talks to Omaha Motor Club

F. C. Rudisell gave an instructive talk on "Tires and Their Care" at the last meeting of the board of directors of the Omaha Automobile club. The talk by Mr. Rudisell is the first of a series that will be given at the regular meetings of the directors.

Corral Trims Glenwood.
OLENWOOD, La., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Company K, Corral, defeated Glenwood last evening, in one of the best games of basketball played on Glenwood's floor this season. Corral is the best team that has played in Glenwood since first half, 12-11, Corral leading, complete, 21 to 20.

FIFTY-FIVE ENTER STATE TOURNAMENT

Entries Close for Annual State High School Basketball Tournament at Lincoln.

TWENTY-SIX ARE NEW SCHOOLS

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Fifty-five Nebraska high schools have so far entered the annual state high school basketball tournament conducted under the auspices of the University of Nebraska, as against sixty-four last season. Entries closed this evening, but late mails are expected to raise the total above the 1915 tournament. Nineteen new schools entered, while twenty-six who contested last season have not been heard from. Manager Reed is confident that part of these have sent their entries within the specified time, but they have been delayed.

Following is the list of entries: Arlington, Alexandria, Arnold, Beatrice, Broken Bow, Crete, Cozad, Central City, Columbus, Chadron, Creighton, Dodge, Dewitt, Exceter, Ewing, Elmwood, Friend, Fairmont, Fullerton, Geneva, Hastings, Hampton, Harvard, Humboldt, Hartington, Hebron, Kensaw, Kimball, Kearney, Lincoln, Minden, Kearney Military academy, Madison, Merna, Newman Grove, Nebraska City, Oakdale, Osceola, Ord, Ohiowa, Omaha, Pierce, Plainville, Seward, South Omaha, Strainsburg, Stanton, Shelton, Scott's Bluff, University Place, Wilber, West Point, Wayne, Wyoming, York.

Harry Laurer First to Enter in Indoor Athletic Carnival

Harry C. Laurer of the Lathrop school is the first individual to enter the fourth annual indoor athletic meet, which will be held at the Auditorium on March 19. He has entered the junior class and will compete in the 50-yard dash and the high jump.

Adolph Anderson of the Young Men's Christian association is the first to enter the swimming meet, which will be held in conjunction with the athletic meet in the "Y" tank, March 20. It is thought Anderson will compete in the 100 and 400-yard swims. A new competition has been announced for the athletic meet. Freshmen in the Omaha High school will be permitted to enter under the colors of the grade school from which they graduated. They will be free to enter any event and their scores will be computed in the totals for the grade schools from which they matriculated.

Sam Reynolds and Jack Hughes Join the Country Club

Sam Reynolds and Jack Hughes, two of Omaha's most prominent golfers, will play under the name of the Country club this year. Both are at present members of the Field club, and Hughes is president of the latter club. The names of Reynolds and Hughes were submitted to the Country club some time ago. Their names have not been passed upon, but it is absolutely certain they soon will be.

WEST POINT WINS FROM FREMONT AT BASKET BALL

WEST POINT, Neb., Feb. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—A hotly contested basket ball game was played last night at West Point between Fremont and West Point high school boys. The score was 47 to 25 in favor of West Point. The game was featured by fast and exceptionally clean playing. LINEUP: WEST POINT: Elmer Brock, R.F., R.P., R.E., R.L., R.C., R.G., R.H., R.M., R.N., R.O., R.S., R.T., R.V., R.W., R.X., R.Y., R.Z.

IOWA STATE COLLEGE NEAR TOP OF LIST

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Washington State college still is leading the field in the race for the college title shooting championship of the country, though closely pressed by Iowa State and Michigan and Massachusetts Agricultural colleges. Results of this week's matches follow:

Class A: Iowa State, 93, against Purdue, 84; Washington State, 97, against California, 92; Michigan Agricultural, 97, against Naval Academy, 95; Massachusetts Agricultural, 97, against Minnesota, 96; North Carolina, 96, against Cornell, 95; North Dakota, 94, against Illinois, 92.

Class B: North Georgia, 97, against Vermont, 95; Pennsylvania, 96, against Oklahoma, 93; Kansas State, 95, against Wisconsin, 97; Maine, 95, against Dartmouth, 95; Princeton, 92, against Worcester Polytechnic, 89.

Class C: Yale, 94, against Nebraska, 96; Idaho, 86, against Lehigh, 89; Kansas Agricultural, 89, against Arizona, 85; University of Washington, 93, against Mississippi, 88; Michigan, 92, against Rhode Island State, defaulted.

Union Pacifics Take Three Games

The Union Pacifics took three games from the Ottumwa at the Metropolitan alleys, for the second time establishing supremacy. Peterson was high man with 63. Scores:

NAME	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Klony	107	175	282
Dryant	117	128	245
McIntosh	109	117	226
Pickert	140	122	262
Purzbauer	141	107	248
Totals	511	789	1299

NAME	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
W. Hinkle	121	122	243
Ward	114	111	225
Montague	125	112	237
R. Hinkle	128	129	257
Griffith	124	127	251
Totals	712	701	1413

Bases is Released.
The Chicago club has released Third baseman Artie Bush to the Jersey City club of the International league. Bush came to the Cubs last summer from the Red Sox.

SPORTS SECTION of THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 21, 1915.

MERMAIDS BARRED BY AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION—Elsie Golding, long distance swimmer, and Bessie O'Neill, sprint swimmer and diver, are barred forever from competing as amateurs by a ruling of the Amateur Athletic union. Miss Golding was charged with having accepted money as a swimming teacher in a Turkish bath and for receiving a salary for appearing in a water scene for a moving picture concern. Miss O'Neill, who is 17 years old, was charged with having taught swimming in a Turkish bath.



SHOOT FOR COMBS TROPHY National Champs at Bowling Game Will Show Local Men How

Don McCown and Chris Christensen to Shoot During Tourney May 11 and 12.

REGISTERED TOURNEYS SET

Don McCown of Omaha and Chris Christensen of Elk City have decided to battle for the T. L. Combs trophy, now in the hands of Slim Severson, winner of the Omaha Gun club during the course of the first registered trap shoot to be held here in the spring. The dates for that shoot have been set at May 11 and 12. This decision was reached last week when Christensen came to Omaha to discuss the challenge with McCown.

The Combs trophy was presented to the Omaha Gun club in 1904, and since then has been in the hands of Slim Severson, winner of the Omaha Gun club during the course of the first registered trap shoot to be held here in the spring. The dates for that shoot have been set at May 11 and 12. This decision was reached last week when Christensen came to Omaha to discuss the challenge with McCown.

Dates set for Tournament.
The dates for the two registered tournaments which will be held at the Omaha Gun club have been set. The first one will be held May 11 and 12, and the second, September 12 and 14. Each program will be 100 targets. They will be open to any trapshooters in the country. The dates for the state tourney have been set at May 13, 19 and 21. The event will be held at North Platte and probably in the City next summer from the Red Sox.

PLAN BIG MEET FOR OMAHA Triple-A Officers Arranging for Athletic Meet to Be Held During Ak-Sar-Ben.

TO ENTER EASTERN CRACKS

If a plan on foot here, any reasonable athlete club which will send representatives to the competition in Princeton at the fair next fall. He has suggested that they stop over in Omaha a day or two and participate in a meet held under the Triple A. So far he has received one reply, that from Barney Wefers, trainer of the New York Athletic club, one of the biggest in the country. Wefers declared he would be glad to consider the matter, as the cross-country is being held at the Buffalo (N. Y.) Motorcyclists Club.

Mac Veigh has written to several eastern athletic clubs which will send representatives to the competition in Princeton at the fair next fall. He has suggested that they stop over in Omaha a day or two and participate in a meet held under the Triple A. So far he has received one reply, that from Barney Wefers, trainer of the New York Athletic club, one of the biggest in the country. Wefers declared he would be glad to consider the matter, as the cross-country is being held at the Buffalo (N. Y.) Motorcyclists Club.

Stallings III
Manager Stallings was quite ill over a week with grip at his plantation, near Jackson, Ga., but is now quite out of danger.

PELL AND MORTIMER WIN RACQUET DOUBLES

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 20.—C. C. Pell and E. G. Mortimer of New York won the national doubles racquet championship here today by defeating Dwight F. Davis and J. W. Wear of St. Louis four sets to three. The match was postponed three weeks ago because of the injury received by Pell in the final round of the tournament for the championship. Davis and Wear won the title last year. The scores were 5-15, 15-7, 15-7, 15-11, 9-15, 17-14.

Motorcycle Notes

Fifteen hundred motorcycles were licensed in Ohio during the month of January.

Plans are under way for the amalgamation of the two national motorcycle organizations of Canada, the Canadian Motorcyclists Association and the Canadian Wheelmen's Association.

Four hundred and twenty-three membership cards were issued by the Federation of American Motorcyclists in January.

"I never touched a tool during the entire trip," says F. Herbert Reddish, of Lund, Idaho, who recently made a 20,000-mile run on his motorcycle in eight hours.

Wheeling, W. Va., motorcyclists are making up a party to ride to Atlantic City sometime during the summer.

AMATEUR BASE BALL IS COMING TO FRONT

Under National Association Promises to Assume New Importance in Sport World.

WILL PLAY WORLD'S SERIES

Amateur base ball promises to assume a new importance in the field of amateurism in the United States during the coming season. From coast to coast under a national agreement similar to that which controls organized ball, amateurs of twelve cities have joined an association with sub-associations in each city, and four more cities are contemplating entrance before June 15.

The National Amateur Base Ball association was only organized last year, but its potency was almost instantly felt throughout the country. Omaha was among the first to join and last season was the most successful in sandlot history. The national association has put amateur base ball on a plane, which attracts the interest of thousands and soon it will be the rule in all big cities that the independent teams, those games here and there with anybody as best it can, will be a thing of the past.

The twelve cities now in the national association are: Omaha, Cleveland, Chicago, Louisville, St. Louis, St. Paul, Columbus, Sacramento, Richmond, Ind., Pittsburgh and Akron, O.; Portland, Ore.; San Francisco, Philadelphia and others are expected to join by June.

Play World's Series.
Next fall a world's series will be played between the championship amateur teams of the country. On July 1 President E. C. Patterson will notify the various cities where elimination games will be played by the championship teams of the cities. For instance, Omaha and St. Paul will probably play an inter-city series, and the winner play the winner of the Chicago-Louisville series, and so on until the two best teams are chosen. Those two will battle for the supremacy of the country. It is the present plan to have an eastern and western section. Then the winner of the western will play the winner of the eastern at the San Francisco exposition in September.

In Omaha the Omaha Amateur Base Ball association, which is a link in the national association, is preparing for a more strenuous season than last year. This year, Class B leagues will be included in the association, whereas last year only Class B and C leagues were enrolled. The amateurs are taking to the idea of the organization, especially with the attraction of long runs in the elimination contests, and it is expected the number of teams in the amateur association this year will be double the number in last year.

Base Ball Claims First Toll of Year

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 20.—The first fatal base ball accident of the year here occurred today when Harry Geas, 17 years old, was struck in the side by a pitched ball and died a minute later.

LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL EASILY DEFEATS AMES

AMES, Ia., Feb. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Lincoln High school basket ball five defeated Ames High school with difficulty in the state college gymnasium tonight, 20 to 6. Neither team was used to the big court of the state gymnasium and both, together found only ten field baskets. Shooting was wild, especially by Ames. Schmidt scored four field baskets and one foul, Morris two field and two fouls, Albrecht one basket, Smith, one and Swearingen for Ames, two field and two fouls. Lincoln will play Iowa City there tomorrow.

LINEUP:
LINCOLN: Schmidt, F.P., Swearingen, Morris, E.P., Swearingen, Albrecht, C.C., Britton, Smith, G.G., Hammett, Hager, G.G., Quade.
Referee: Hubbard, Ames varsity coach.

THIRTY-THREE MACKS GO TO JACKSONVILLE

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 20.—Thirty-three players will be taken to Jacksonville, Fla., for spring training by the Philadelphia American league base ball club. Twenty of these are regulars. The thirteen new men will be watched by Connie Mack in the training camps are: Catcher—Gaven, semi-professional; Brainerd, Minn.; Pitchers—Davis, Marypoint, Va.; Gardner, Rochester, N. Y.; Reed, Philadelphia; O'Neil, Johnsonburg, Pa.; Harner, drafted from Cleveland, N. C. club; Myers, who belongs to the Raleigh, N. C. club; Hamilton, Philadelphia. Infielders—Crawford, drafted from Greensboro, N. C.; McConnell, Philadelphia; Foster, Ridgely, Md.; Bostick, Union association, Fall Lake City.

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