

More Than the Ball Fans Are Counting the Days Now

ALL SET TO OPEN TRAINING SEASON

Camps Open in Each City in the Circuit Except Sioux City by the End of the Week.

DICK BREEN SIGNS CONTRACT

Despite the fact that the well-known weather prognosticator seems to have a full-sized crack on the national pastime and is taking advantage of his power to vent his spleen in an entirely discourteous manner, there is no stopping the enthusiastic Western league mogul and training season will be on in life size in every town in the loop except Sioux City by the end of the week. Our own Rourkevilians are waiting early into town each day now and the full flock should be among us by Tuesday or Wednesday. Sioux City will not start training until April 1. Hanton seems to think his pennant grabbers need no practice, and from the looks of the weather thing he pulled a bright stunt. He will save hotel and board bills for about ten days.

The fourth Rourke blew into town Saturday. He was none other than Arthur Thomson, cute little center fielder from Liberty, Mo., where he works for the city when nothing better offers. Artie walked through the portals of the Burlington depot yesterday, encountered a gust of Mr. Welsh's near-blizzard and shrieked demially. However, Tommy, who belongs to the American Order of Spiritualistic Mediums, figures on trimming Mr. Welsh on the weather. He has in his possession one of the latest models of crystal balls used by the Hindoos in India and a small order course in how to work. He has ordered the crystal to change the weather and declares Tuesday will find Omaha as bright and balmy as Palm Beach.

Breen Signs Contract.

The incoming mail was an inspiration for considerable merriment around baseball headquarters yesterday. Richard Breen sent in his signed contract with the news that wife is willing to come out here in the west, providing Dick furnishes sufficient protection from the Indians. Breen's better three-quarters didn't cherish Omaha as a place to abide, but Dick summoned all his persuasive powers and she has promised to come. As Rourke has been depending on Breen to hold down the second sack in Eddie Collins, the merriment can be understood.

Win Nover, the long, lean, lanky heater from Spokane, also sent in his steno parchment yesterday with the news that he would be among the arrivals about three days hence. Win was a bit slow in signing his piece of paper, but nothing matters now that it has been signed. There are four Omaha athletes in town now, ready to practice any old place, snowdrifts at Rourke park or the Young Men's Christian association. They are Thomson, Conley, new outfielder; Red Styles and Ralph Willis.

Rourke has booked an exhibition game with the Stars for March 23. That is one week from today.

Chance to Get Thomas Back.

There is a good chance that Rourke will get Fred Thomas back from Cleveland. The newly christened Indians have a large gang of infield candidates and some of them are of big league caliber and of more experience than Fred. Thomas is still a kid, not yet past 20 years old, and is still a bit light. Birmingham is quoted as saying that Thomas needs another year's experience in the minors and another year to fill out to his full weight. Reports from Cleveland state that Birmingham is considering sending the lad back to Omaha on an optional agreement. Thomas would be greeted with some welcome here in Omaha and would be a tower of strength on the Rourke squad. He could be placed at third base and Krug could go into the outfield. It would be quite an infield with Schlicher, Breen, Whalen and Thomas.

Matty McIntyre, new manager of the Lincoln club, has already reported to the capital village and is prepared to do or die. McIntyre is a veteran ball player and is said to be a wise old head. Success for him at Lincoln is predicted by all who know him and surely all Western league fans wish him well. Lincoln has signed a catching recruit named Frank Kelly from the Canadian league. He is said to be a coming youth. Unconditional releases were handed Freddie Collins, both members of the Links last year.

Joe Hill, former Rourke, has declared in most scornful tone that he will have none of the Western league. Joe vouchsafes the information he would not play ball for a salary a Western league club could afford to pay. Thus Frank Ibbell, who bought Hills from Wichita, has notified Wichita he wants his money back. Hills is evidently determined to refuse any Western league offers. He wants to play on the Pacific coast.

University of Omaha Is Seeking a Coach

The selection of an all-year coach for the University of Omaha is expected by the student body during the next few weeks. The athletic board has a number of candidates under consideration from which to make a choice. There are seven candidates, among them some of the best known coaches in the middle west.

A heavy foot ball schedule is being drafted for the coming season, including games with Tarkio, Grand Island and Wayne, Wesleyan, Cotner and Peru. A game with Creighton is likely, but so far nothing definite has been agreed upon. It is planned to have eight games in the schedule, four of which are to be played in Omaha.

Field Club to Have Indoor Golf Course

An indoor golf course will be installed in the club house at the Field club next fall, so that members of the golfing fraternity at that club may practice the year 'round, even though the weather makes it impossible to be out on the links. That part of the club house utilized as a ball room in the summer will be closed in and the course laid out over the floor. It will be a course of the latest style, similar to those now in Wisconsin and other big department stores in the east, and is acknowledged by the most expert of golfers to be an advantage to the golfer who wishes to brush up on his game during the winter.

WON THE FORTY-YARD SHORT DASH



Chick Neville

CLOSING BASKET BALL SEASON

Final Games in Commercial and Tri-City Leagues Scheduled to Be Played During Week.

NO CHANGE IN THE STANDING

Standing of Leagues.			
CHURCH LEAGUE			
First Christians	15	1	1,070
Hanscom Park Methodists	12	2	850
Sourin Memorial	4	3	501
First Methodists	3	4	357
South Omaha Baptists	2	5	323
Church of the Covenant	1	6	133
COMMERCIAL LEAGUE			
Omaha National Bank	9	1	500
Omaha High School	4	2	369
Creighton Law	4	3	309
Y. M. C. A. Secretaries	4	4	249
Omaha High School	2	5	166
Squabs	0	6	000
TRI-CITY LEAGUE			
Townsend	10	1	1,070
Clarks	8	2	860
Omaha High School	2	3	383
Belleview College	2	4	319
Pirates	2	5	259
Council Bluffs Y. M. C. A.	2	6	359
Swift and Company	1	7	477
Neb. School for the Deaf	0	8	000

Where They Play This Week. Commercial League - Council Bluffs Club against Young Men's Christian Association Secretaries, Tuesday at 5:30, at the Young Men's Christian association. Omaha High School, Tuesday at 8, at the Young Men's Christian association. Tri-City League - Swift and Company against Omaha High, Tuesday at 8, at the Young Men's Christian association. Pirates against Council Bluffs Young Men's Christian Association, Thursday at 8, at the Young Men's Christian association. Clarks against Townsend, Saturday at 5, at the Young Men's Christian association.

The last of this week will witness the final wrap-up of the Commercial and Tri-City Basketball leagues. Only five contests remain on the schedule and these will have practically no bearing on the relative standing of the quintets.

Owing to the fact that the Church league got under way several weeks earlier than the other organizations, the final termination of its schedule came to a close last Tuesday, with the First Christians as the champions.

The Church league proved to be the most successful. The five played much better games, being more evenly matched than were the other teams. Because of

Church Base Ball Loop to Be Formed at 'Y' Monday Night

Permanent organization of the church base ball league of Omaha will be perfected at a meeting of representatives of the various churches at the Young Men's Christian association Monday evening. Eight churches have already asked for franchises so that success of the league is assured. Those eight churches are First Memorial, Grace Lutheran, Hanscom Park Methodist, First Christian, First Christian of Council Bluffs, Ralston Methodist, St. John's Episcopal and Walnut Hill Methodist.

South Omaha High and Bellevue to Mix

The South Omaha High school Reserve will battle with the Bellevue college quintet Tuesday evening in the South Omaha floor at Twenty-fourth and J streets. Last Thursday evening the Indians trimmed the Reserves by the score of 22 to 19 on the Bellevue floor. Also the Reserves are supposed to have been given a bad deal.

FORMER OMAHA MAN TO RUN JOHNSON'S FIGHT ARENA

Dick Klein, well known to Omaha boxing fans as a promoter of boxing bouts in Sioux City, Omaha and other points in the middle west, will act as manager at Jack Johnson's fight arena in Buenos Ayres, which will be opened immediately after the under-citron match at Havana. Klein is an old-timer who promoted bouts around these parts when the fight game was brisk, but when legislation killed the game out here he went west, where he is now still busily promoting exhibitions.

Answer to J. T. B. Answer to query asked by J. T. B. Omaha: Paul Murray is still giving boxing lessons and can be reached in care of the Omaha postoffice, where he is employed.

FIRST OMAHA RACE MEET ALL PLANNED

Specifications of Sanction Call for Race Between Cars of 300-Inch Displacement.

PURSE NAMED AT \$15,000

Complete details and specifications for the first sweepstakes automobile race to be held on the track of the new Omaha Automobile speedway are contained in the sanction for the race granted by the American Automobile association. The sanction provides for a 200-mile race of cars of 300 cubic inches or less displacement for a purse of \$15,000. Original plans for the opening race called for a purse of \$25,000 and permitted cars of any displacement to enter. An agreement was made with Tacoma and Sioux City, however, and all three cities decided to cut their purses to \$15,000. Last year Sioux City awarded \$25,000, but owing to the lower figure this year, Indianapolis and Chicago go up on their purses, awarding \$50,000 each.

Tacoma will run cars of any displacement, while Sioux City will be limited to 400 cubic inches. As the Indianapolis limit has been 400 inches, most racing cars are built under that displacement. The Omaha displacement is rather small. Such cars as the Peugeot, which was driven to victory by Darinus Restia at San Francisco; Ralph De Palma's Mercedes, the cars driven by Burman, Oldfield, Wilcox, Anderson, Rickenbacher, Cooper and others are considerably larger. None of these drivers will be able to drive at Omaha unless they have smaller cars built for them.

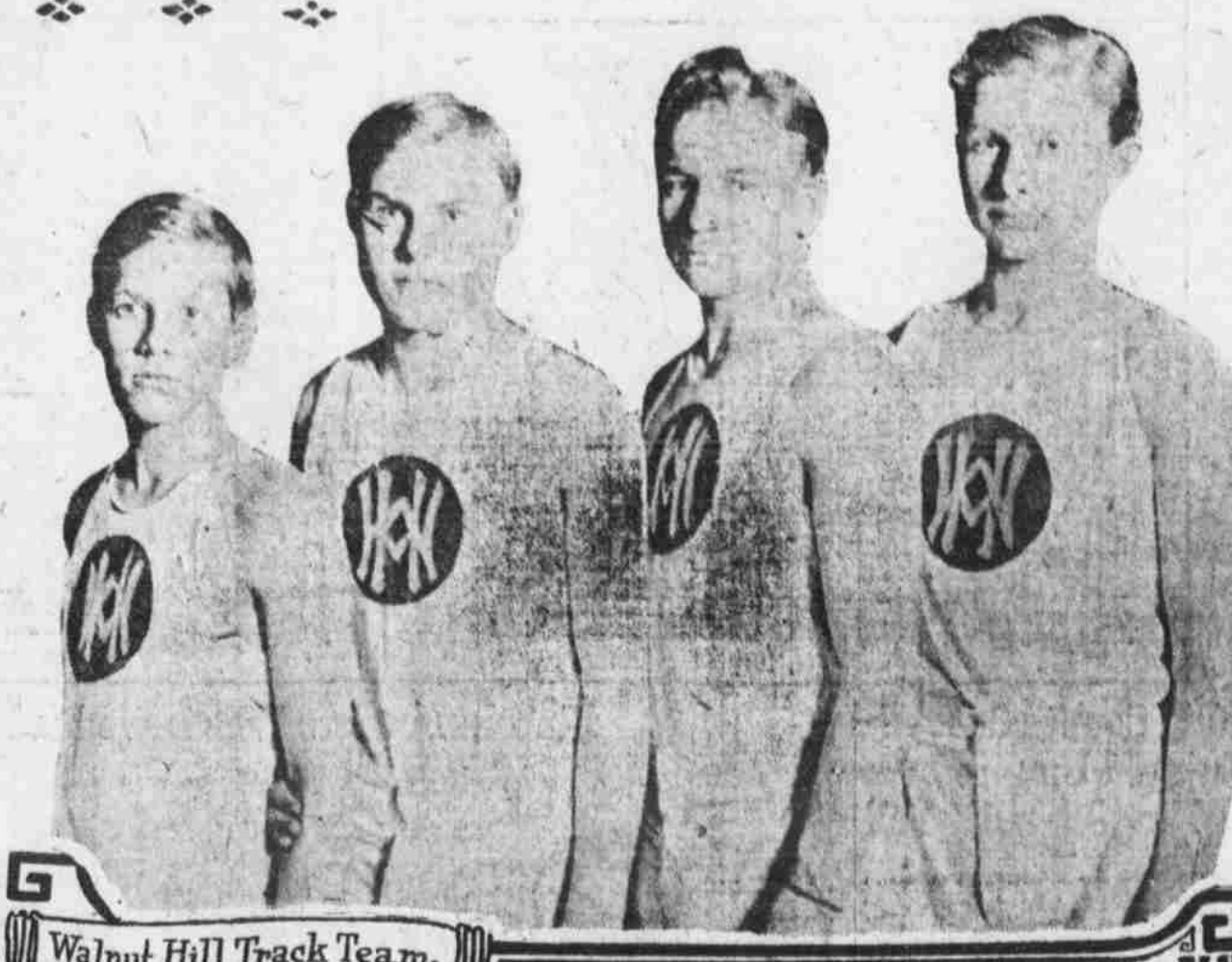
Sioux City Signs Drivers. Sioux City officials declare that they have already signed Eddie O'Donnell, Tom Alley, Eddie Rickenbacher, Bob Burman, Ralph De Palma and other famous drivers for the race at that place on July 3. As the Omaha event will be pulled off on July 5, they will be unable to compete here.

It is probable that the big race in Omaha will occur during the Ak-Sar-Ben festivities in the fall, rather than on July 5. Omaha has a sanction assured on any date between September 15 and October 15. That has been promised by Richard Kennard, chairman of the contest board of the American Automobile association. As there will be no other race attractions during that period, Omaha will be permitted to promote a free-for-all with cars of any size entered. Also the drivers will either race at Omaha or not at all—they can make no pick of several places as on July 5, so that the entry list should include all of the big drivers in the country and some from Europe. The purse will undoubtedly be raised to a larger amount then and the

SPORTS SECTION of THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 21, 1915.

Grade School Team Winners in Indoor Athletic Meet



Walnut Hill Track Team



Central School Team

STATE LOOP CLUBS POST DEPOSIT COIN

Kearney and York, Stragglers, Announce Forfeit Money is on Way to President Miles.

DRAFT SCHEDULE RIGHT AWAY

HASTINGS, Neb., March 20.—(Special Telegram)—C. J. Miles, president of the Nebraska State League, received word today from Frank Brown, Jr., of Kearney announcing that Kearney's forfeit had been forwarded and that Kearney would once more be found a member of the compact little loop. The success of Kearney assures an eight-club circuit, as six cities, Grand Island, Columbus, Norfolk, Beatrice, Fairbury and Hastings, have already posted their money, and York has notified Miles its deposit coin would be sent today.

President Miles will immediately go about preparing a schedule. That matter had been postponed until all of the clubs had declared intentions of taking part this year. The season will open about May 15 and will close as usual on Labor day.

President Miles is highly elated over recent developments. For a time the State league was in rather a chaotic state. Holders of franchises seemed indiffered to act until a report sprang into circulation to the effect that the league might discontinue. That report stirred the magnates to action and they began to hustle in earnest. The cities realized what the absence of a ball club meant and hurriedly efforts were made to raise the forfeit money.

The date set for the receipt of deposit money was March 1, but few of the clubs were in by that time. As spring began to approach and other leagues started to prepare for the 1915 season, the state leaguers put their shoulders to the wheel and everything is in tiptop shape.

President Miles predicts a good year in the state loop. Salaries will be reduced and all business carried on in a sensible manner. Club owners will not stand to lose large sums and all clubs promise faithfully to maintain the limit. Players are kicking at the reductions, but they will either accept cuts or quit. All of the magnates agreed that the high-salaried athlete must go.

Louis Chevrolet Comes Back to the Old Love Once More

Louis Chevrolet will again compete for honors at the wheel of a racing car when he drives one of his own creations in the coming 500-mile race at Indianapolis. It will be four years in May since the famous Franco-Swiss drove in a track race and five years next October since he was entered for one of the big racing events. Chevrolet became famous in America as the star of the old racing team which was composed of Bob Burman, Louis Strang and Chevrolet.

Strang was killed in an accident in 1911 and the Frenchman dropped out of sight the same year, after driving a relief on a team in the first 500-mile race while Burman won the title of "speed king" when he beat Chevrolet's formidable records on the Florida sands by traveling at the rate of 142 miles an hour in the spring of 1911. After designing the car that bears his name Chevrolet's next appearance was at the wheel in the last Los Angeles-Phoenix desert road race.

Racing promoters have tried time and again to lure the daring pilot back into the game and set his name on the dotted line, but without success. Chevrolet's last big accident caused him to declare he was through with the speed game. In the 1910 or "bloody" Vanderbilt, the final one on Long Island, Chevrolet was driving and had been holding the lead and furnishing the thrills for the fans when his machine lurched from the course, demolished an automobile standing on the lawn of a residence along the course and finally brought up on the porch. The mechanic was killed and the driver spent several weeks in the hospital, having broken a shoulder.

"Louis" was always a favorite with the public, for there was always a chance to see some sensational driving when he took the wheel and his return was help to swell the gate for the big race. Chevrolet is now building his car for the next race in Allegan, Mich. It will be one of the smallest cars ever raced in America.

Lawn Tennis Rules Are Made Public

NEW YORK, March 20.—R. D. Wrenn, president of the United States National Lawn Tennis association, announced today the conditions which would govern the entry list for the national championship tournament for 1915 at the West Side club, Forest Hills, N. Y.

A team of four men will be sent to the Panama-Pacific international exposition tournament. All former and future national champions will receive standard medals in the form of gold tennis balls. Five sections were designated as places for holding sectional doubles championships as follows: Pacific coast, western, eastern, southwestern and northwestern. An additional middle Atlantic section was omitted as unnecessary.

The committee puts itself on record as deprecating strongly in future the practice of a team playing in the doubles championship in a section in which neither member of the team resides.

WOMEN BASE BALL FANS OF COLUMBUS ORGANIZE

COLUMBUS, Neb., March 20.—(Special.)—The women base ball fans held a meeting at the Young Men's Christian association for the purpose of aiding base ball playing at Columbus. Mrs. Peterson was chosen as chairman, with power to appoint committees to assist in the arrangements for the management of the base ball fair, which takes place beginning April 5 and continues for six days. The committee will call on all and try to make this year the banner year in base ball in Columbus.

Buffeds Win Game. ATHENS, Ga., March 20.—The Buffalo Federal league ball team defeated the University of Georgia, 5 to 1, here today. Krapp and Elmke pitched for Buffalo.

CREIGHTON TO BUILD A GYM

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