

### Judgments

HIRLING andwflakes and chilly north winds don't give to the general outlook for base ball a very roseate hue, but the fans well know that this sort of weather isn't going to last very much longer, and that soon the warm sun of spring will drive away all signs of winter and the Rourke youngsters will be busy on the ball field. The date for their assemblage is tomorrow, and Pa has all things prepared for their arrival, and just as soon as the weather man will permit. the practice work on the diamond at Rourke park will start. I'a has had enough of the southern trip for training; his idea of getting his young men started on the home diamond is a good one, and has the support of reason as well as of experience. Down south the big league teams are all hampered in their preparatory work by the weather conditions, and in a couple of weeks they'll be coming north but little better prepared to play the game than when they went down there and with much less ability to stand off the weather that will overtake them during April. The weather man isn't much inclined to regard the feelings of the base ball man, though, and all will. suffer alike, just as they have since the notion of starting the season early in April and ending it in October has obessed the managera-

league franchise, or at least the men who want to be on deck. put up the money for the team there last season may get some of it back. It is rather amusing to read what some of the eastern sporting writers have to say American league, has stready bumped up about the ability of Kansas City to support a base ball team, they apparently tions associated with sandiet base ball. being imbued with the notion that the Said grief occurred when the Clarks depeople down there do not care much about, cided to unbook from their league and the game. As a matter of fact, Kansas join the neighbor class B City league. City has been persistently on the base They went over this small hill comparaball map for nearly forty years, and has tively easy because it is an easy matter always borne a good reputation. The to land a new member before the gong experiment of two teams there was not sounds, but after the pills have been yet if the loss was what has been set for teams are settled for the season it is a publicity, \$30,000 or \$40,000, the situation difficult matter to settle a question of down there ought to encourage the pro- this kind. motors of the Federals to stick by Kansas City. It has many advantages over Jersey City, the only point in favor of the latter place being the Sunday ball that can be played there and that will be expected to draw crowds sufficient to maintain the team. In any event, the progress of the injunction guit indicates that the Kansas City Federal backers will get some return for their franchise, instead each team will be divided in three ways of having it dragged away from them.

With no Davis cup matches to distract attention this coming summer, the tennis patriots are planning for a campaign that is to generally revive the sport in the United States. Old fixtures are to be revived, and the ones that had survived will be given newer interest. In Omaha it is quite likely that the racquet brigade will show more of enthusiasm than for several seasons, and it map yet be that we will see some one developed to wear the honors once borne by Charley Culling-

You'll not hear so much blather about the big salaries for a little while now; the expensive willow wielders, and pro- league: Luxus, Armours, Alamicos, has proved his theory by an indelible from everyone of the boys who is grab- clans. bing off the sum of \$3,000 a year net for his services. Oh, very well; the Western leaguers are still exempt.

J. Frank Baker, home runner, is out in the open now. He loves the cows and Merchants dropped out and the Gentlechickens, all right, but if Connie Mack man Hollys and Mickel's Victrolas were comes along with a little more coin, J. Frank will quickly don the spangles. However, he's no cheap guy, and says the championship. The winner of the he'd rather loaf than take a kopeck under City league pennant will then buck up the figure named, which figure is still a against the rag grabber of the American

Western league affairs are the quietest All the class "C" teams of the Booster

The new amateur rule promulgated by purity, and clear enough to be easily this term. inderstood by any. Its observance would seem so be easy, and should put an end to quite a little discussion that some- GETS RELEASE FROM ARMY times becomes unpleasant.

Halling Mike Gibbons as champton of the middleweights isn't going to stop the clamor of Jimmy Clabby and Eddie Mcsame token, Eddle aught to have some sort of recognition, if only for his name, for that's about the toughest terminus ever a "Mac" run into.

Artic Thomason didn't look natural in the attitude of a holdout. His regular sition is slamming 'em where they ain't.

Brother Dave knows he's going to have what the snow is doing for him.

#### HUNDRED TEAMS IN FIELD

Something Like 1,800 Amateur Athletes Will Pastime on Lots Around Omaha This Year.

MANY LEAGUES ARE FORMED

By FRANK QUIGLEY.

From all indications it is a safe wager that amateur base ball will waltz right by all previous records and make the former achievements of our local base ball manipulators sink farther down into the graveyard of the pr. Already approximately 100 teams have signified their intention of being on the bill of fare this season. About twenty-five will be or ganized in South Omaha, Five probably Benson and approximately twenty in he burg across the waves. The total number of teams in Omaha and vicinity will aggregate around 150. Figuring twelve men to a team there will be 1,800 ball toasers preambulating in and around these

Already nine leagues are practically ready for the bell to ring. The latest acquisition is a class C league to be known as the Inter-City league. They have elected their officers, but at the present writing are in a sadly depleted condition as far as teams is concerned Now there are plenty of class C teams in this neck of the woods that would like to join, but their leaders fail to appear on meeting nights. This league will meet again next Thursday at the city hall, so, Kansas City may held the Federal you class C managers that are interested

New Class B Loop, That new class B league, namely, the undertaken with the utmost confidence, bounding around and the majority of

> Class A Boys Pay Up. Some of the class A boys have coughed

up the necessary mazuma to make them real contenders in the Greater Omaha league. As soon as a class A team dishe out % plunks, President Louis Cook gives the manager contracts so he can sign up players. The forfeit money put up by at the expiration of the season, \$100 to the winner, \$50 to the second team in the race and the third team will cop \$25. The Greater Omaha league will open o

Sunday, April 18, and close about September 1. They have adopted their constitution and bylaws. Any team that fails to produce the necessary kale by April ! will be disfranchised. All the contracts must be signed up and in the hands of the president on or before April 10. The Saturday class "A" league decided to keep the same appellation and Frank Quigley was re-elected president. Last ham, Con Young, Larry Denise and Frank year this league was composed of eight haskell, who came about as near being teams, but same has been reduced to six. first-crop tennis players as Omaha ever If a couple of fast teams can be secured team wishing to join this league call Frank Quigley at Douglas 2256. Here are

Eight Clubs in City.

This year the City league will as customary be composed of eight clubs. The Monmouth Parks and the Vinton Street to only play two games aplece to decide deep secret between player and manager. league to decide the class "B" champion-

they have ever been at this season of the league will dig up their entry and forfeit Since Topeka's fate was deter- fee this week and then they will be by many was considered an obselete mined, the magnates have had no oc- ready for the season to sail it. A \$2 entry cusion for dispute, except over the playing fee is required and a 5 forfeit fee. This schedule, and this has been so mildly delegue added two teams to their league of the main points of the rowing policy bated that it hasn't caused even a ripule least week. President Johnson thoughts it bated that it hasn't caused even a ripple last week. President Johnson thought it would be more interesting to have eight teams fight a battle royal for supremacy. This league did not have much trouble the United States Golf association is last season and under the supervision broad enough to cover all offenses against of Johnson, the sailing ought to be smooth

## TO DRIVE IN LONG RACE

After months of effort Jean Chassagne, stroke our in the varsity combination. helder of the world's hour record, and Of the men who were boated in last Goorty, not for a minute. And, by that one of Europe's most brilliant drivers, year's shell there remain Sturtevant, finally managed to obtain his release Sheldon, Mayer and Low, so that there from the French army and entered the are only four places to fill, and there next 500-mile race at Indianapolis. Chas- is a strong representation eligible from sagne will drive a Sunbeam car, taking the second varsity and the freshmen the place of D. Resta, who will handle eights of last season. Of the second a Peugest instead. During his term of eight there are this year's vareity capservice Chassagne was an artillery man tain, Denegre: Offfillian, Fitzpatrick, in a naval fort at Marseilles. He only Stillman, Coe, Harrison and Bennitt. Of secured his dismissaf, it is said, because the freshmen eight there are Meyer, H. sumo sad in the outfield this year; that's attack upon that fortress seemed very Coe, Atkins and Harriman. In addition

Undefeated Champions of the Church Basket Ball League



ri ht. top row: N. M. Miles, Robert the second time this year. The Christians Thirsting for revenge the Methodists aug-

Weigel, Second row: C. Carl Weigel, cap- were easily the class of the league. Not mented their strength by recruiting some Ket to the grounds early the next morn- and was out practically all season. tain; Adamson, manager; Klepser. Bott m row; George Parrish; Lee Hobson, team to give them a run for their money

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in satisfying Nickalls, the placing of him

The first test that the Yale crews will

have will be when the first and second

Hay Fever Benefit

flapping on the stands.

overed. "I was sneezing."

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NATIONAL LEAGUE MOVES

used for the meeting of the club owners.

and a room for Miss Caylor, the stenog-

Lyan Signs Lynch.

The Lynn club of the New England

league has signed Shortstop Mike Lynch,

last year with Lawrence, as its field cap-

rapher,

distort his features and, right in the

QUARTERS FIRST OF MAY

undergraduates.

First Christians, undefeated champions basket ball team won the emblem in the Christians won over their rivals in a class "A" Church league. Left to church league from seven other teams for battle early in the season the first time. could improve in his pitching his job was in line for a regular berth with the was the Hanscom Park Methodists, and, the speed of the Christians and Captain great hurler, for the manager was very hold a regular job. gle defeat, the First Christian church to bow to defeat on two occasions. The victories for the year,

Coach Nickalls Back from England and Eli is Planning for Another Victory Over Harvard.

WILL USE AN ENGLISH SHELL

NEW YORK, March 20 .- With Guy Nickalls back from England, crew work varsity eights go to Philadelphia on at Vale has become active, in prepara- | April 2, where they will compete against tion of another victory over the Crimson two of the Red and Blue eights. The in the very immediate future they will the new Fale rowing policy was some which will bring together the freshman at New London next June. Last season second regalts will be at Carnegie lake. have an eight-team league. Any fast thing of an experiment, and hopes and crews of Vale, Cornell and Princeton. doubts struggled against each other al- The date for the annual race with most up to the day of the big race. There | Harvard has not definitely been detercause why. Uncle Sam has taken after the six teams that now compose this is a different condition now. Nickalis mined, but it will probably be June 25. poses to collect a little bit of income tax Standard Oil Co., Crane & Co., and Patri- victory, and this judgment from now on will remain unquestioned in all that pertains to the rowing policy at New Haven. And, as a matter of fact, that policy has been quite clearly outlined

It is now known that Yale varsity will use an English made shell, equipped with thele pins, but in arrangement of seats given their franchises. It was decided the American custom will prevail, that of placing them directly over the keel, instead of zig-zag, as is the usual type of English boat. The performance of the Yale crew last year when it used the thole pin rig and the corroborative evidence which was gathered from the performance of Pennsylvania on the Hudson has been taken as a justification of what method. The fact that Captain Denegre hitch in carrying active training along

to a successful issue In point of material Yale starts the season with a strong asset. Jack Appleton, who stroked the Blue to victory last season, is out of college, but there are three likely men from whom to pick his successor. They are Cos, Morse and Gilfillian, all of whom took part in the fall the way to the others then, and for the start, at least, he will probably take the Tower for quarters at 8 West Fortieth will be secured. improbable to the commanding forces. to these men there will be a large string tain for this year.

### YALE CREW HARD AT WORK of new candidates for Nickalls and Gian- JOE STECHER TO SHOW HERE

Denegre will undoubtedly find a place Will Wrestle Westergaard of Des in the varsity boat if he can overcome a technical defect in his rowing, which Moines at the Auditorium on tends to a lack of unity in the eight. He Night of March 30, pulls a powerful oar, and if he succeeds

in the boat would prove popular with the BROTHER ANTON IS TO APPEAR

Dodge phenom and Jess Westergaard of Distillers to the delight of the manager. Des Moines will wrestle at the Auditorium Clarkson faced them the third description of the Peoria players aglow—drive away all gloominess and in a finish match, two falls out of three. Articles have been signed between the managers of the wrestiers for that night. score on him for the first time in three Stetcher has only been seen in action games. From that period John G. Clarkonce in Omaha and then against a fourth son was a real wizard in the pitching rater who knew little or nothing of the game. is a pretty neat grappler and it will take same. He hung up a record which is To Eddie Cicotte the best Joe has in him to trim the the greatest ever made in a minor league,

Eddle Cicotte is one of the charter mitting a little thing like that to trouble all wrestlers and he has found it hard eye of Cap Anson singled him out as the him he makes use of it. He was pitching to obtain matches with the top-notchers. a game for the Chicago White Sox in There are those who declare Stecher is Philadelphia and he perpetrated a fright- right now the best in the world, while ful balk. The umpire was just lifting it is practically unanimous that he will his hand to call the balk when Eddie cut eventually earn that distinction, even if ten of them, finishing the season by loose a kerchoo that started the flags he does not possess it now.

Omaha fans have been auxious to see "Balk nothing," yelled Eddie as he re- Stecher for some time, but Joe has never found an apportunity to work here before. A few moments later a runner reached When the match with Westergaard was league. For the Chicagos, in 1885, Clarkfirst. Eddle commenced to make faces, first considered Fremont or Lincoln was son pitched sixty-nine full games and talked of as a possible place to hold the won fifty-two of them. During 1886-7 the midst of a terrific saceze he shot the ball match, but Hetjmanek, Stecher's manager, and Stecher decided the metropolis were between Cap Anson's men and the of the lad's home state was the proper Detroit team. The City of Straits, with place to hold a match of such importance, the famous "big five," were a much so the event was carded here.

Brother to Wrestle, Too On the same evening Anton Stecher, brother of Joe, and a crack light heavy-May I will be moving day at the offices weight, will wrestle. An attempt is now of the National league in New York. On under way to match him with Walter regatta. It was Coe's eight which showed that date President Tener and his retinue Thompson of Omaha. If Thompson agrees will leave the rooms in the Metropolitan all is well, if not, some other grappler

street. The reason is that the old offices Anton is smaller than Joe, but is said have grown too small, and it was not to be every bit as fast and almost as possible to enlarge them. At the new clever, With both lads on the bill the building there will be a big room to be event should be a real treat.

#### private offices for John Tener, John BILL FOX, FORMER ROURKE SIGNS TO RUN GRAND FORKS

Forks team of the Northern association, arm shot the ball through with terrific Fox has handled several minor league speed and accuraccy, the ball taking the teams, his last effort in that line being different breaks like a live thing. at Ragine in the Wisconstn-Dinois.

#### CLARKSON A GREAT HURLER

Even Though a Fanette Remarked He Threw Like a Woman, He Was Greatest of Great.

HAD A MOST EASY DELIVERY

NEW YORK, March 20 .- A young woman who saw John Clarkson pitch for the first time made a remark that will describe his peculiar overhand delivery. Nationals after he had won over seven-'Why, look at that man," she exclaimed. women could beat men all to pieces if game at that time. The sum was conthey only tried to play," And the great sidered fabulous at that period. Right hurler of the old days had a very picturesque and attractive delivery. He, of "Mike" Kelly's sale to Boston for \$10,-Will Terry, and Tony Mullane were the 900, and the whole base ball world was most graceful figures in pitching posi- tern asunder at these astonishing finantions the game ever had.

every bender was shot through with a \$30,000 battery. In less than two seasons lateral sweep. The arm had to be kept the Boston management received twice below the shoulder. That was law. Many of those who had acquired the knack of Clarkson's grand totals in games won for curving a ball under that rule, when it was removed and the pitcher got full permission to swing his arm as high as he wished, many good hurlers stuck to the lateral swing, and John G. Clarkson seventeen of them. This is a record in was one of them.

Clarkson began his career on the dia mond with the famous amateur team of Boston, known as the Beacons, and was also pitcher for Harvard college. He proved such a success that the Worcester club, then in the National league, signed him during 1883. Clarkson did not prove American league in base running again a great success as a hurler in the big next year. The Linden sprinter is much league, but was kept on the payroll because he was a handy man. He could some time, and he expects to have all his play the infield in a very creditable man- old speed. Milan went out of the running ner and was a good batter. However, last season, due to the enforced idle spell the Worcester club let him out about the he encountered as the result of the inmiddle of that season. He caught on jury which kept him out of the game for with the Saginaw club of the old North- a long while. The year before he led the western league, and was with that team league with eighty-eight pilfers b the remainder of that season, pitching ambitious to beat this mark, fair ball, playing a brilliant game in the outfield. The manager of the Sagtnaws CHARLEY BOLD SENT BACK had to let a man go, and it was up to an outfield by the name of Casey or Pitcher Clarkson. The Irishman could be only used in the outfield, while Clarkson could ager took John aside and told him if he Waco club of the Texas league. Bold would be cinched, adding that if he would Browns last year, when he broke a leg much impressed with Clarkson's headwork, also his wonderful arm and wrist, a wrist as supple and, as strong as steel.

Acquired Perfect Swing. The manager soon had Clarkson working his curves from a high altitude. Not alone did be acquire a perfect high swing, but the curves he threw, when used with his new delivery, were startling because of the lightning-like breaks they took. At Peoria the manager tried John and his new delivery, and the manner in which he baffled the opposition was a revelation. He blanked the Peorias tr The first real chance Omaha mat fans that first game, and was so tickled with will have to see Joe Stecher in action his new delivery that he begged to go in the next game. He again blanked the up to men and women to be "live ones" and not slow down too soon. Kellogge's The first real chance Omaha mat fans that first game, and was so tickled with Clarkson faced them the third day and won his game, although they managed to

The result was Stecher could In 1884 Clarkson was with Saginaw show none of his skill. But Westergaard again and grew more effective every and particularly his feats in whifting Stecher is only 21 years of age, but his baismen. In one stretch of eight games name has become a by-word in wrestling he fanned ill men and getting as high members of the Order of Kerchoo, past circles. His wonderful success with his as nineteen in a regular contest of nine master of the Hay Fever. Far from per- famous scissors has made him feared by innings. The latter part of 1884 the eagle choice pitching prospect of that league.

Good in Big Lengue.

Clarkson pitched twelve games for Anson in the latter part of 1884 and won winning nine in a row. With his new delivery-new to him-John G. whiffed the batamen of the big circuit about as readity as he did the fellows of the bush hardest fought battles in the country feared bunch, and the hardest hitting team in any league. On one occasion a series was being played at Detroit. The sluggers representing that city viciously maltreated every hurier that Anson had sent to the firing line, the great Clarkson included. After the Chicagos had lost three games of the series Anson called together a council of war to devise means whereby the last game of the series might be won John G. who

games, volunteered to go in and stop the Michigan maulers Next day Clarkson appeared in the box acing Brouthers, Thompson, Rowe and White with a smile, and He pitched the The veteran accord baseman, Billy Fox. greatest game of his career. Like a has been signed as manager of the Grand piece of well-oiled machinery the great big sluggers were perfectly helpiess bo-

had been trimmed good in one of the

Detroit secured one hit, otherwise Clarkson pitched a perfect game, besides fanning ten men. That same season (1886) the famous pitcher whiffed sixteen men in a nine-inning game against the Kansas City Nationals.

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#### MILAN WANTS TO LEAD IN BASE STEALING AGAIN

Clyde Milan has ambitions to lead the

### TO MINORS BY THE BROWNS

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