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JUDGMENTS

MEDIA won the Western league championship after a finish that came near to being hair-raising. Three years ago the Bourke family was first at the close of a season in which the premier honor was not awarded until the last man was out in the last game. In 1906 the finish between Kansas City, Denver, Milwaukee and Omaha was so close that either of the four might have won first, and Kansas City did get it by reason of the fact that Omaha and Milwaukee divided a four-game series, which a snowstorm at Denver prevented the other contenders from playing. It is such finishes as these that make baseball the greatest game it is. To the fanatics the close contest is always the welcome one, and when the home team wins it the joy is not repressed. In the Western league this season just closed has been one of intense interest, owing to the fact that the teams were evenly matched, were capably led and for the most part the games were clean, manly contests, devoid of the wrangling that marred the progress of the year before. President O'Neil gave us competing umpires, whose work was generally good. Misfortune overtook the corps during the progress of the season and as a result rather more umpiring by players than was good for the game had to be put up with, but this was a condition that could not have been foreseen by the executive head of the league. Omaha's victory is decisive, as the team has played more games than any other, and has more than any other. No shadow rests on the championship brought home by Papa Bill and his "boys," and to them the lovers of the sport are today paying a merited tribute of congratulations.

Charles Franck, who answers to the fondly applied name of "Big Boy," was the main factor in the victory. His skill as a base ball strategist has been tested to the limit during the season, and he has proven himself the right man for the task. Leading a team made up chiefly of young and untried players, he has achieved one notable victory after another until it would be difficult to select his "one best" game from the list. Against him he has had men of unquestioned ability, such as Holmes and Fox of Lincoln, Kelly, Dexter and Hogriever of Des Moines, Wheeler of Denver and Drill of Pueblo, each backed by a team of players more or less seasoned and all fighting for first place as hard as Omaha. Franck has met these men on their own ground and on level terms and has beaten them. His coolness and daring have pulled him out of many a tough hole, while his judgment has seemed to be almost presence at times. He is a leader worthy of the title, and that he is to be with Omaha next season is a matter of importance, for it means that the champions of 1908 will be bidders for the lead all season.

Only four of the team that won the championship in 1906 are still with us. Sanders, Dolan, Goding and Welsh. All the others are scattered. These four with McNeely were the veterans of the team. Captain Franck led to glory on the diamond. The others were youngsters, most of them doing their first stint in real base ball, but under the guidance of Papa Bill and his aide the boys are ready for almost any sort of a game now. They will all be here next season, save Ragan and Aubrey. "Eddie Ragan" place Post will come back from Trinidad, where he has been pitching ball, and King is already on hand to fill the gap in left field. Verity, it is a little early to win the 1908 contest, but it surely does look good for Omaha.

It is a cheerful sound that comes up from Nebraska, the most encouraging that has been heard in years. The way may come later, but King Cole is looking over his slot in trade with gleeful satisfaction and expects to have two teams of real huskies kicking the stuffing out of the ball before the week is out. And Manager Eager is hopeful, too, which is a most encouraging sign, for Eager had caught the Booth habit of talking blue, no matter how he felt. The Cornhuskers ought to be up to the Nebraska standard this season again.

The freshman rule that made such a robbery last season isn't nearly as much of a bugaboo this fall. The "promising" material of 1906 has been somewhat seasoned, and the foot ball magnates are that much to the good of course. They would like to snatch some of the good things that are coming in fresh, but they can wait.

George Stone's work for the last few weeks has shown that it was not all a mistake last season. He may not lead the battlers of his league this season, but he will be well up toward the top, and that helps some.

George Hogriever says he would like to play in Omaha. Well, Omaha would like to have him. One thing you've got to allow to Hoggy is that he is always working to pull his own team through.

As near as can be ascertained by casual inquiry, not a dollar of Brit money was to be found in Omaha last Monday. It wasn't mere race prejudice, either.

Now, if the White Sox will only buck up and snatch the rag, Omaha will be so happy that nothing can mar the occasion. Not even a visit from Tipton.

It will be noted that Omaha has not a leader in the bat or in the field, but has the pennant. This is the best possible advertisement for team work.

Somewhat, while we all feel kindly toward Lincoln and Ducky, we can't help feeling glad they didn't win that game at Denver Friday.

Omaha can forget everything else in the thought that Pat's pennant pole will be in commission again next season.

We may as well get used to it, first at last. Topenka and Cooley and Wichita and they are headed this way.

Another consolation is that we will not see ump. Conahan again for a long time; it is hoped for never.

A lot of good money is waiting for the man who can name the other team in the world's series.

Hearts around the circuit may now slowly settle back to where they rightfully belong.

Poor old Hogher Bill! Ever, Kaufmann would have none of him.

James Edward Britt makes a noise like a hard loser.

And it was a paying season, too, for all lands.

You can't find a home rooster in town today.

Go, but that was a hot windup.

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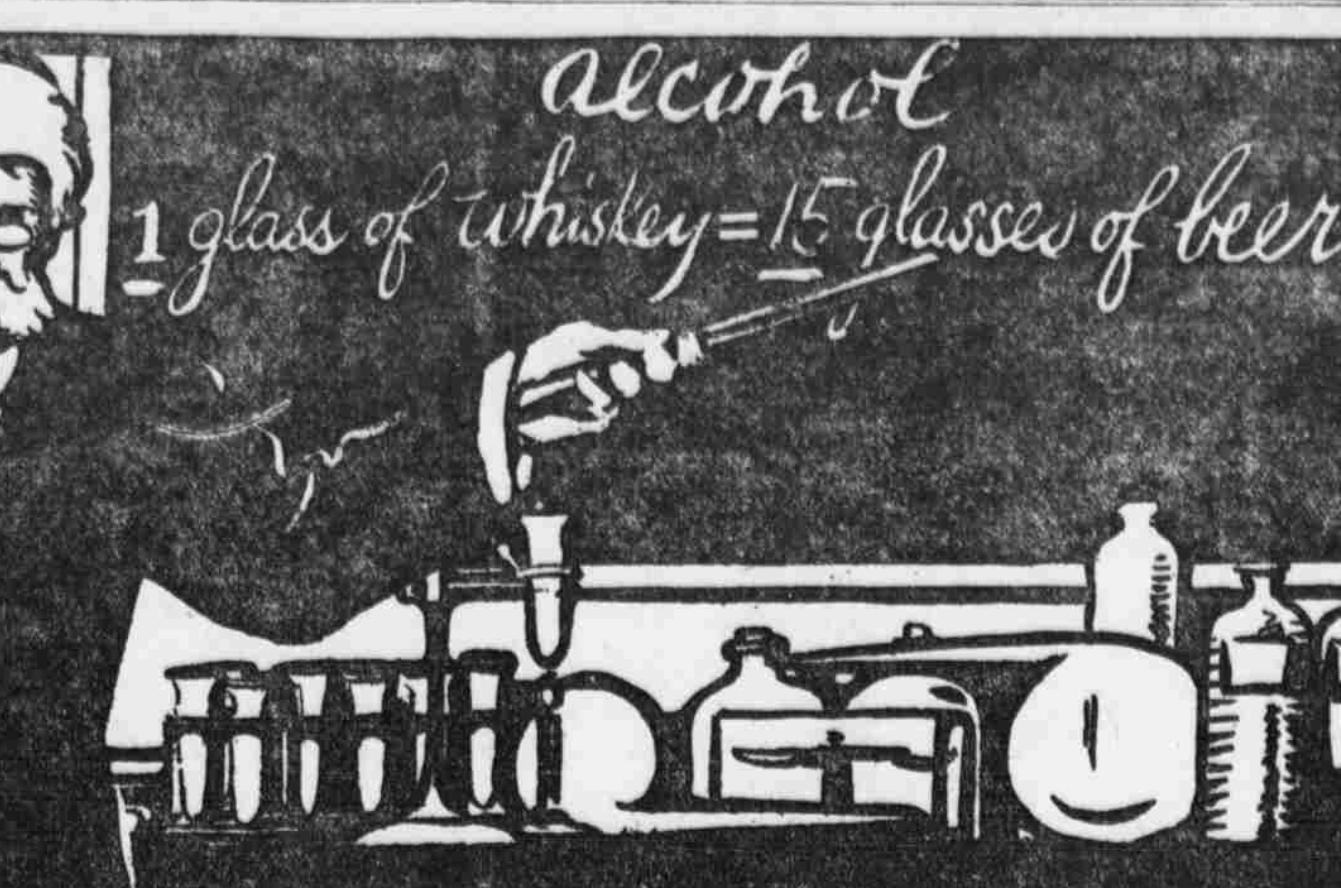
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An Indianapolis police court justice has recommended that the mayor and other city carry a red cross when making emergency runs in their automobiles that they may be unobscured for ambulance privilege granted them under the city's ordinances. An inventive genius who treads a toll gate near Baltimore has set up a brilliant lantern of sufficient condenser to overcome the combined lamps in the front of an automobile, and it is either a case of plunging ahead in the darkness or stopping and paying. Princess Elizabeth von Liechtenstein of Vienna, a niece of Emperor Franz Joseph, is said to be the most enthusiastic motorist among the nobility of Europe. She owns and personally drives a 40-horsepower and has converted her extensive stables into a complete garage. Before attempting to remedy a slipping brake by treating the friction surface in any one of the dozen or so ways that are recommended it is well to make sure that there is nothing hindering the contact of the parts when the lever or pedal is thrown into its extreme position. On the plea that the word "automobile" is a hybrid compound of Latin and Greek, some word purists propose calling the machine either "ignitor" or "autokineton," Latin, or "autokineton," which is straight Greek. Along the same line the correct name for a garage would be "autokineton, ctopia."



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OSGOOD LAKE, N. Y., Sept. 14.—There are thousands of hunters and fishers in the Adirondacks other than the human population. To dwell upon one of these lakes for the summer is to see a daily exhibition of the skill with which bird and beast and fish pursue their proper game. Perhaps patience quite as much as skill has to do with the success of these feathered, furred and sealed hunters and fishers. There are as their business of catching one another much of the day and no doubt much of the night. The deer have few enemies other than man. One hears now and then the cry of the wildcats on the edge of the wilderness, and these beasts still pursue the deer. It is years since bounding was lawful, but it is still occasionally practiced, and dogs bred for the purpose or born of the hunting race pursue deer night and day if not chained or impounded. One of the most annoying sounds of the Adirondacks in the night howl of old hunting dogs used to keep them off the trail of the deer. All summer long, but especially from about the first of August, the lakes are haunted by a myriad of swallows in pursuit of flies. Their alights along the level night almost upon the surface of the water, with now and then an errant dip here, and there a sudden upward snort in pursuit of their prey. Their beautifully tinted bodies and gracefully bowed wings make a lovely picture beneath the serene skies of September, and to the eye that sees the swallows in and out and back and forth in tireless flight, a hundred or more together, they seem to be weaving a web of intricate pattern over the whole surface of the water. It is a belief of the old time that the swallows fly low to the water on the eve of the beautiful evolutions now seen in the upper atmosphere. It often happens that these birds skim the lake for hours in calm, bright weather, and when no human eye can discern a single insect hovering near the surface. At such times the water is often dusted for considerable areas with myriads of small insects, and it is probable that the swallows fly low enough to brush these insects into the air with their wings, and then catch them in their widespread mouths. It is noticeable that the night hawk, that bird of rare dark beauty and marvellous grace, imitates the tactics of the swallow. The night hawks appear in large numbers late in August and divide their time toward evening between the atmosphere from fifty to a hundred feet above the water and the lower strata, almost at the surface. In the higher flights they go through beautiful evolutions, now soaring with wide pinions, now making sudden accents and descents, dodging to right or left, and all with the utmost grace. When they skim along the surface they rarely touch the water, and it may be suspected that their great wings sweep up these small insects, now seen in the air, and that they may be easily driven into the wide hairy mouth. The beautiful, velvety little cedar waxwing is an insect hunter of a different type from the swallows and the night hawks. These little birds are slow in flight compared with the swallows, and they prey, they lie in wait for their prey, sitting on a tree or a stake just at the edge of the water, and making sudden sallies when they see an insect in the air. Sometimes they halt themselves in midflight with

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