THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE.

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JUDGMENTS

FRANK CHANCE apparently did one good thing, when he lost his temper and shied the bottle back into the bleachers. From all over the country sounds a chorus of protest against the rowdy bleacherite and a reform of some kind seems assured. In the American league it is now proposed to fine $100 the club on whose grounds bottles or similar missles are thrown at players. On many of the National league grounds the sale of drinks of any kind in the bleachers will be prohibited, and thus the rowdies will be deprived of their ammunition. The minor leagues are taking action, and altogether the result of that unfortunate episode is likely to bring lasting good to the game. A base ball game is no place for a rowdy, either on the field or in the seats.

The City Tennis tournament, now under way at the Field club courts, is but the curtain raiser to the great event of the tennis year in the middle west. The Mid-West tournament has grown in importance each year since its revival, and the names inscribed on its trophies are those representing the best there is in tennis in the west. This year it promises to be even a greater match than ever, for the crack players have learned to rank it as one of the great events of the year in tennis and second only to the great Western championship games at Kenwood. The committee in charge has assurance of the coming of a number of the men who make the Western such an interesting affair, and clubs that have contributed so largely to the success of the fixture in the past are to be represented as usual. The Field club has made its customary generous provision for the support of the games and the entertainment of the visitors, and now asks that the public show its appreciation of the tournament by contributing "moral" support to the event. The Field club directory assumes all expenses, and its enterprise and liberality deserved the cordial support and encouragement of the citizens.

Karl Behr's defeat at Wimbledon was discounted on this side, and little real disappointment is felt, beyond that which attaches to the fact that it will be Australia and not America that challenges for the Davis trophy. Wright won his matches, but Behr was not quite strong enough to defeat his experienced and seasoned opponent from the antipodes. The Australian had the advantage of several seasons' experience on English courts, while Behr was playing there for the first time. For this reason the plucky stand made by the young American is most notable achievement, and for it he will be given credit by his countrymen. Another season, and we may bring that cup back again, and, in the meantime, Ireland is not producing any more Dohertys to win trophies for England to plume herself on.

Yankee fishermen sailing out of Boston exhibit very little enthusiasm over the $5,000 cup offered by Sir Thomas Lipton for a race between fishing schooners. These canny toilers of the sea say they don't see just where they come in—they lose the time from the fishing, and the owner gets the cup. If Sir Tummas really wants to see a race between these professionals, let him do as Connolly did when he was getting the material for his stories—go to sea with them.

"Boshter Bill's" friends now offer the explanation that Burns didn't treat him right that afternoon down at Colma. They argue that Bill wasn't ready when Tommy got busy, and consequently it all ought to be tried over. And Lil Arthur wants some of it, and Twin Jack has a thousand cold planted—the harvest is certainly ripe for Tommy and he ought to be a very busy boy for the next few months if he can get clubs and purses enough.

Cleveland's bid for first place was badly jarred by the Athletics, but New York gave the Sox a terrible jolt about the same time, so it didn't hurt much. In the meantime Hugh Jennings has his Detroit scoring machine in pretty good shape, and is likely to take a hand in the game himself. All of which means that the finish in the American is to be as bruising this season as it was last.

A pointer from the patrons: If the Western league players in the big leagues were suddenly taken out, it would leave several rosters looking like Harry Deuel's skimmer, and there are a lot more fine young men in the Western ready to go up. This is an indication of the quality of ball that is served on the little six-club circuit.

The popless bleacherite will be a novelty, but no more so than was his beerless progenitor less than a generation ago. When the big leagues cut out the beer stand it was looked upon as revolutionary, but the game has survived, and even progressed.

That big crowd of Omaha golfers who went over to Rock Island had one good time, as well as proving to the other Transmississippians that Omaha still has the right spirit. Most of the other towns sent only their cracks to the meet.

Ducky Holmes is still a little bit inclined to exhibit peevishness at times. At that, he has a lot of friends who would liked to have had that little run-in between the head duckling and Corkhill go to a conclusion.

Con Young's busy season is here, too. As director of tennis tourneys this veteran is as glittering a success as he was with the racquet during the days when he held the local championship at his mercy.

When the Des Moines players line up this afternoon they will get an ocular demonstration of the Sunday crowds in Omaha, at which some of their supporters have affected to sneer.

Papa Bill and the weather man have had a most complete understanding; the rainstorms come at night and the ball games the next afternoon. Saves sprinkling the diamond, too.

The stormed Denver Times is also peeved because of the way the Teddy Bears didn't win games in Omaha. It was a bit rude to the visitors, but Omaha needed them, too.

Ducky and his hustling band have certainly done the right thing by Omaha in putting the Champs down and holding them there.

Talk about Leonidas at Thermopylae! What's the matter with the Rourke family on the home grounds?

This will be Omaha's last day at home for some time. You can't afford to miss this one.

Maybe Des Moines will miss some of those deported players yet.

Sprague Abbott: Some golfer O. K.

JERSEY LAWS IN WAY OF RACE

New Statutes May Prevent Vanderbilt Cup Contest There.

RACE, BET OR WAGER IS BARRED

Another State Than Trust Mecca May Have to Be Sought for the Big Automobile Demonstration.

The idea of holding the Vanderbilt cup race in New Jersey may have to be abandoned because it is said to violate the federal and state constitutions, to violate the statutory and common law, to be against public policy and to constitute a public nuisance. The Horseless Age has discovered all these difficulties in the way of holding of the race in New Jersey. The New Jersey automobile law, enacted in 1906 and now regulating the driving of automobiles in that state, provides that no person shall drive a motor vehicle upon any public thoroughfare "in a race or on a bet or wager." Obviously, with this provision of the law staring them in the face the promoters of the Vanderbilt race had no hope of being able to conduct the race in New Jersey without either violating or nullifying the law. Being prohibited from holding such a race on the public highways for a bet or wager by the express wish of the people under the penalty of criminal prosecution, the promoters have set to work to abrogate the law, to nullify the wish of the people by an attempt to so amend the existing law as to permit what previously has been considered as against public policy. In other words, the race is sought to be held under authority or color of law. As will be pointed out presently, even though the legislature of New Jersey passes the amendment permitting the race, it will be held, if at all, merely under color of law, and will be illegal. The bill authorizing the race is at this time pending in the New Jersey legislature for action by the senate, having been passed by the house.

Race Against Public Policy.

That such a race as the one proposed is undesirable and illegal from every point of view cannot successfully be disputed. There are those, of course, many perhaps, who favor the contest, being interested either because of its savoring of sport or because of pecuniary gain to them in some manner. All the people of the state of New Jersey are also interested parties, and it is probable that a large majority of the citizens of the state will condemn the contest as any such gambling event justly should be denounced, for the race, in its less serious aspect, is a gamble and nothing more. Very true, it presents a thrilling spectacle, and consequently draws great crowds, but the human emotions played upon and the impulses created are not for good ends. The common law has condemned gambling as against public policy; it prohibited bets and wagers, making it impossible for a gambling contract to be enforced. In many of our states horse racing on the public highways is prohibited.

Clearly Against Policy.

That conducting such a race on the public highways is clearly against public policy is conclusively shown by the automobile enactments in some thirty-seven states of this country, which limit the speed of motor vehicles because of danger. The highly dangerous character of the race proposed is well known from the occurrences at previous Vanderbilt cup races. Those who participate in the event risk their lives. Probably the state cannot complain of this, unless for the reason that such recklessness has a tendency to create disregard for safety or life on the part of others. One of the worst influences of a race of this character, if held under color of law, is to foster the desire for speeding. What little is being accomplished by the state and municipal authorities to compel automobile drivers to operate at a safe speed, and even by some of the automobile clubs, which have taken steps to alleviate the speed nuisance, is frustrated to a great extent by a daring exhibition of speed such as the Vanderbilt race. The spectacle is demoralizing, the race is against public policy and, moreover, is illegal, as will now be seen. That it is in a way a public nuisance there can be no doubt, because it will close to travel so many thoroughfares which people would like to use on the day of the race.

What is the Remedy?

If the proposed race is not desired it may be stopped, because the law authorizing it viciously violates the federal and state constitutions. To prevent the execution of the unconstitutional provisions of the law an injunction will avail, and to forestall a criminal violation of the statutes of New Jersey a criminal proceeding may be maintained. If the race is by any chance held the promoters and those engaged in it may be prosecuted, and if anyone is killed as a result of it, the race itself being illegal, the death will constitute a criminal homicide.

Automobile Notes.

Ottawa, Canada, now has a motor association.

Leadville, Colo., the famous mining town, has but one automobile.

Forty thousand automobiles in France are using 500,000 hectolitres of gasoline per year.

Chauffeurs of the Quaker City have organized the Philadelphia Mechanical Chauffeurs' association.

Sealed mechanism contests are all the style now, yet a year ago, when first suggested, they were scoffed at.

George Gould and his family have been making a series of automobile trips through western Europe, using Paris as a base.

Of the eighty-six starters in the sealed bonnet test of the Chicago Motor club, fifty-five came through with clean scores.

Affairs at the Jamestown exposition are in such an unsettled condition that it is likely that the motor boat contests will be abandoned.

Newark (N. J.) autoists are talking of forming a second local organization, to be limited strictly to residents of the city and nearby towns.

A standing reward has been offered by the Minneapolis club for the conviction of any person stealing a car owned by any of its members.

Although only in its infancy the automobile industry and its allied trades in the United States nourishes an army of over 500,000 workmen.

Philadelphia's autobuses began running the past week. Twenty-five were put in service on Broad stret, the longest paved street in the world.

Skeptical of the asserted smoothness of the route mapped out, many Glidden tourists took precautions to fit their machines with shock absorbers.

A manufacturer who is in a position to know declares that only about 10 per cent of the 150 concerns which build cars in this country do so with a profit.

With the victory of Nazarro in the French Grand Prix the international racing score for 1907 stands three Italian victories, one British and one German.

The American Motor Car Manufacturers' association has decided upon a sixty-day guarantee as the standard to be given by its members on cars they sell.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1,435 cars, valued at $5,000,000, were imported through the port of New York, a gain of 110 cars over the preceding fiscal year.

A Connecticut lawyer gives it as his opinion that many town treasuries in the Nutmeg state depend almost solely upon the capture of alleged speed violators.

Since the removal of the limit on active membership by the Worcester (Mass.) Automobile club that organization has been forging ahead rapidly in point of numbers.

For the first six months this year the state of New York issued 6,288 licenses to owners of automobiles and 2,255 to chauffeurs, for which it collected $58,552 in fees.

Senator Chauncey M. Depew and his wife, who recently arrived in Paris, intend making a long automobile tour through Europe, and may then resine permanently in Paris.

Governor Gillett of California is one of the most active autoists of any state executive in the country. He did a deal of work in the last campaign with the aid of his car.

An officer of the German army will attempt to cross Africa in an automobile by way of German East Africa, British Central Africa, Rhodesia and German Southwest Africa.

The Importers' Automobile Salon will hold its fourth annual show of foreign cars and accessories at Madison Square Garden, New York, December 28 to January 4.

In connection with Boston's Old Home week celebration an automobile parade will be held August 1, followed by a fishermen's race and athletic games on the historic common.

The Automobile club of Indiana refused to support a race project on the Indiana State fair grounds at Indianapolis on the ground that the track was not fit for high speeding.

The new automobile factory at New Castle, Ind., for which Vice President Fairbanks recently laid the cornerstone, will cost $300,000, cover sixty-five acres and employ 2,500 workers.

Among the thirty new members elected by the Automobile club of Philadelphia at its last meeting was James McCrea, president of the Pennsylvania railroad, who is an ardent motorist.

Under the auspices of the Marquis de Dion a great test for touring automobiles soon will be run in France, the winner to receive a magnificent silver trophy, known as the Press cup.

Probably the largest contract for automobiles ever made was signed recently by a Philadelphia company, which agreed to supply 200 cars a year for five years to a firm in Florence, Italy.

The Imperial Automobile club of Germany lost $40,000 by the emperor's cup race, a huge sum being expended to put the Taunus course, over which the run, in condition and the erect grand stands.

The ascending of Mt. Wilson, the highest accessible peak in the Sierra Madre mountains, is a feat that is attracting automobilists of southern California. The mountain is a little over a mile high.

Unlike the racing board, the touring committee of the American Automobile association included "13" along with other entry numbers for the Glidden tour. More remarkable still, the recipient made no protest.

In one day recently at Portland, Ore., J. H. Wallace broke two records, winning a twenty-five-mile race on a circular track in 29 minutes, 38⅖ seconds, and a ten-mile race on the same track in 16 minutes, 56⅗ seconds.

New Jersey motorists have raised a fund of several thousand dollars to thoroughly test in the courts the speed law of that state, which rural officials interpret to suit themselves, always to the disadvantage of the motorist.

Chicago autoists are most gallant. Because damp weather prevented the taking of old ladies of public institutions out on Orphans' day, the Windy City motorists are planning a special outing for them later in the summer.

In Pennsylvania 15,424 automobile licenses were issued the first six months this year, as against 14,882 all of last year. The state uses the profits obtained from the fees for survey work and experiments with dust-laying materials.

The automobile speedway at Lakeside, San Diego county, California, is one of the fastest in the country, owing largely to its shape—that of a great egg—two miles around and with the long curves banked high for speeding.

During a recent fire near Larchmont, L. I., the horses were unable, owing to heavy roads, to drag an engine to the blaze. Unhitching the team the fire chief sent for an automobile, which towed the engine to the fire in quick time.

A novel feature of the race for the kaiser's cup was the painting of the cars, the German being white; French, blue; Italian, red; Belgian, yellow; English, green; Austrian, orange and black, and Swiss, red and yellow.

To get the best of a private detective agency which set traps to catch unwary motorists in whose fines they shared, the Norristown (Pa.) Automobile club erected signs and stationed members along the roads to warn strange drivers.

The Chicago Automobile club will hold a show of cars, tires and sundries in the fall independently and probably before the regular show of the National Association of Automobile Manufacturers, which will be held November 20 to December 7.

Declaring that the only way to prevent the Vanderbilt cup race from lapsing is to hold it on the beach at Ormond, members of the Florida Automobile association are pressing the matter upon the officials of the American Automobile association.

The hangings, wall paper, carpets and furniture of the sleeping apartments of the $175,000 club house, just opened by the Chicago motorists, were selected by the wives of the members, with the result that the rooms possess a most artistic, homelike air.

The suppression of the Stuttgart international race is regarded as the first step by the German government toward the complete prohibition of automobile racing on the highways of the empire, in accordance with the wishes of the minister of the interior.

Carl Littlesterna, the Swedish globe-trotter, who has driven in an automobile in every part of the world except Africa and Alaska, is on his way to the latter to drive an auto stage between Dawson and Granville, the most northern stage route in the world.

What is said to be the "farthest north" automobile garage in the world is located at Calgary, Northwest Territory, Canada. It is 850 miles farther north than St. Petersburg and the most northerly point on the globe where automobiles are sold and cared for.

The Bridgeport (Conn.) Automobile club claims to have broken the non-stop record, a touring car owned by one of its members having been driven 4,966 miles in twenty-one days without the engine having been stopped. This is over 1,200 miles better than the previous record.

The coaches of the rowing crews of several of the eastern universities have decided that there is nothing so restful to the mind under their charge after a hard pull in the shells as a ride in an automobile. Gasolene tonic has been added, as it were, to the training table diet.

Massachusetts' new registration law provides an annual fee of $5 for automobiles and $2 for motorcycles. It goes into effect August 1, and, no matter if each of the 15,000 motorists in that state already has paid a $2 fee under the old law, he must spend $5 more for the balance of the year. January 1 another $5 fee will be required.

To aid the promoters of the Vanderbilt cup race, should it be decided to hold it in New Jersey, the legislature of that state, without an opposing vote, passed bills permitting the closing of public roads to other travel while the contest is on and allowing motorists from other states to enter and leave New Jersey without taking out licenses.

A valuable and decisive test of commercial motor vehicles is to begin in England September 9 and last twenty-two running days. The vehicles competing will move from town to town and a careful record of their mileage, repairs, etc., will be kept. At the larger places exhibitions will be held at night, opened by the various mayors.

AMATEUR GOLFERS OF THE WEST

Ninth Annual Championship in Chicago in August.

The ninth annual amateur championship of the Western Golf association will be held on the course of the Chicago Golf club, August 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. The annual competition for the western championship is open to amateur golfers who are members of clubs belonging to the Western Golf association, the competition being played under the rules of the United States Golf association. The winner of the competition shall be amateur champion of the Western Golf association for a year, and his club will have the custody of the George R. Thorne trophy until the next annual championship meeting. C. F. Thompson is secretary with his office in Chicago, at 1603 Railway Exchange building.

The open tournaments of the association, yet to be played are:

July 18-20—Glen View club, Golf, Ill., general tournament.
July 25, 27—Kent Country club, Grand Rapids, Mich., general tournament.
July 25—Midlothian Country club, Blue Island, Ill., Peter Pillus cup.
July 30-August 3—Onwentsia club, Lake Forest, Ill., general tournament.
August 15-17—Rock Island Arsenal Golf club, Rock Island, Ill., general tournament.
August 19-21—Jackson Park Golf club, Chicago, Ill., general tournament.
August 22-24—Lake Geneva Country club, Lake Geneva, Wis., general tournament.
August 23—Midlothian Country club, Blue Island, Ill., "South Paw" tournament.

LAWN TENNIS HIGH IN FAVOR

Game Has Swung Back Both Here and in Foreign Lands.

OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM IS PRAISED

Greater Interest Noted in the United States This Season—Britain Also Finds Sport Stronger Than for Seasons.

The United States National Lawn Tennis association this year made provision in its schedule for more tournaments than for many seasons before. There has been an increase in the number of clubs in this country formed for the purpose of playing the game and leagues for interclub matches have been springing up everywhere. This reflects the condition on the other side, too. The Field of London finds the matter worthy of a leader in a recent issue. The English publication takes occasion at the same time to point out that the American method of encouraging lawn tennis in the schools is having its improving effect on the quality of the game in this country.

Lawn tennis undoubtedly did fall off in favor in the United States, but since has come back strongly. It is considered by many persons here to be a safe prediction that the game will increase in popular favor to a surprising extent in the next three seasons. Lawn tennis is regarded as having shown amazing vitality, because there are few sports which have come back so once they have dropped from public liking.

What the Field has to say is interesting to persons here, because whatever may have been the conditions here a couple of years back the boom is on in lawn tennis here, too. The English sporting paper says in part:

From many points of view the announcement that all the reserved seats at the championship tournament now proceeding at Wimbledon had been booked some weeks in advance may be regarded with satisfaction. There are special reasons why in the case of this game the number of noncombatant visitors to the great tournament of the year can be taken as a rough measure of its extension and why the spectators of the championship matches may be believed to be for the most part representative of solid growth in the multitude of those to whom the introduction of lawn tennis has afforded wholesome exercise and recreation. Little experience of such gatherings is required to convince one that no mere craze or propensity is fostered by attending them. No cause can be alleged for suspecting a great gulf between playing and looking on; no need for the lawn tennis apologist to plead that the crowd is diverted from some more or less vicious manner of wasting time or gratifying a craving for excitement.

It must be remembered that lawn tennis owes nothing to external assistance. During the greater part of the last twenty years it has received much ignorant derision and but little praise from the press of the country; it has been declared again and again to be dead or dying, while its solid merits have all the time been gaining for it hosts of recruits in every part of the civilized world. In fact the growth of the annual tournament list, itself an index of the increasing supply of players, the gradual and quiet progress which has at last made itself felt and the voluntary accession of hosts of fine athletes preceded the burst of recognition which occurred but two or three seasons back.

Effect of Visitor's Victory.

The number and spread of the entrants for the recent All England championships also impress the writer of the article. He speaks of the Americans and others in the recent tournament, which for the first time was won by other than an Englishman. It is curious to note how the sort of prophecy in this article written before the tournament has been verified by the victory of Norman E. Brookes, an Australian, in the championship round. The writer continues:

A glance at the program of the All England championships may suffice to suggest a number of questions concerning the present and future status of lawn tennis in this country. There was a date in the history of the Wimbledon tournament when it was almost as popular as it is at present, owing to the sudden and wonderful development of the skill of a small band of players, of whom the late Messrs. William and Ernest Renshaw were the leaders. By way of contrast it would appear that we have now reached a lean year in respect of British talent, inasmuch as the holders of the championships, who have to no small extent repeated the personal attraction of their famous precursors, have retired from the arena. The game originally created by the brilliant feats, the chivalrous sportsmanship, the unfailing enthusiasm of the Renshaws, and kept alive by a succession of admirable champions, is now in such a position as to be able to run alone.

Of the numerous candidates for the vacant titles it may be said that not Britons, but colonial and foreign visitors engage the largest amount of public curiosity. The fact that lawn tennis has become a universal rather than a national game, capable of affording what are now called Olympic contests in a more capable manner than any other, is indicated by the Wimbledon lists of names. For the Renshaw cup not only are aspirants from the United States contending with the flower of Australia, but India and Egypt are represented by their champions and Austria has to be reckoned with.

Among the ladies who are candidates for the honor of challenging Mrs. Chambers for the title is Miss Sutton from the Pacific coast, who has once before carried the championship to her distant home, together with Canadian, South American and Austrian players. Though France is unfortunately without a delegate, it is not that she is destitute of players of the first rank. A Belgian contingent has previously visited us with distinction and will be heartily welcome on its next appearance, while of other European countries which have the means of making a creditable show whenever they can mobilize their full strength Holland, Sweden and Prussia may be particularly instanced.

The time has passed when the rivalry of competitors from abroad was welcome indeed, but far from formidable; and while we are now indebted to our visitors for much of the attractiveness of the year's championships, there is no little cause for apprehension that we may have to congratulate some of them upon having made a greater advance than our own best men can show.

Play at Schools.

Passing to the international matches, the Field indulges in a criticism of the unprogressiveness of the British in failing to provide more interscholastic play. In the United States not only do several of the universities hold tournaments for the school boys to the end of selecting a national interscholastic champion, but the Public Schools Athletic league also recently has undertaken a systematic plan of work in the game for the high school lads. The consideration of the points follows:

In the peculiar fitness of lawn tennis for international contests undoubtedly lies one of its best features. It is, of course, possible to attach excessive importance in sport of all kinds to the few matches between experts of the first rank, and especially the chosen champions of different countries; but, on the other hand there is good reason to believe that by such contests and by the example of those who bestow more time and pains upon games than the rank and file of players could profitably afford the games themselves are dignified and recommended, to the great advantage of those who are thus induced to cultivate them in moderation. It has justly been said of lawn tennis that it is the recreation of the busy man, but we should not on that account forget that in this country it has been perfected by a few men of leisure who could spend summer after summer in tournament play.

The advantage in the possession of such players as its representatives has hitherto belonged to our own country, and if we fall behind in the race it will be because our rivals have balanced this either by greater athletic ability, by systematic and intellectual application or by training in youth. The last is a most important consideration, and it is in the failure of lawn tennis to gain a footing at English public schools, while it is cultivated assiduously at schools in America and our colonies, that our first great defeat on English turf will be attributable. Defeat in these circumstances will appear to be inevitable, and it is not in itself to be greatly deplored when it comes, provided that it brings no discouragement.

Whether lawn tennis is a desirable addition to the school curriculum is for educationalists to consider, but however this may be, we are convinced that it is indispensable for a large proportion of our youth, since it affords in an exceptional manner the exercise, the healthy stimulus, the unlimited vista of improvement, the mental and moral training that characterize games of the first class, while it is available to many for whom no other athletic recreation is equally suitable. It has been pointed out with great force that in spite of eminent examples English players are neglectful of method as compared with their American rivals that they have no school for acquiring style comparable to that which formerly existed in Dublin, that even the best professional coaches have been exported to the continent, and that for new developments of strokes and tactics we have lately had to look abroad.

Perhaps the loss of a championship or two, to say nothing of the international trophy, which is shortly to be competed for, and therewith the privilege of providing the ground for the contest, may be necessary to enforce these lessons. In that case the somewhat mysterious absentation of our champion from last year's contests—regrettable as it may appear in the circumstances of the hour—may be a blessing in disguise. At any rate the old, if not all the new, English admirers of lawn tennis will not grudge the winners of the championships or the Davis cup their victory. The present year has already been one of wholesome criticism and the commencement of reform. Lawn tennis has on the whole been fortunate until recently in its administrators as well as its players.

For the well drafted code of rules and the wise adoption of tennis traditions it has to thank the early fathers of the All England Lawn Tennis club, and for its world wide extension to no small degree the Lawn Tennis association and the cognate body of the United States. If the association can effectively command the earnest and undivided support of its constituents we may confidently hope not only that the credit of the game, somewhat rudely shaken by recent controversies, will be restored, but that there will be no recurrence of the present difficulty of finding an international team, and that our players will once more take a foremost part in the developments of skill and ingenuity which the future is certain to produce.

BIG TENNIS TOURNAMENTS ARE ON

Des Moines and Iowa Cracks Are Getting Busy.

The second annual open tournament of the Iowa Lawn Tennis association will be held August 5 to 10 at the Hyperion club, Des Moines, when the championship of Iowa in gentlemen's singles and doubles will be decided, the matches being played under the auspices and rules of the Western Lawn Tennis association. The winner in the singles will be called upon to play Walter T. Hayes of Toledo, Ia., present holder of the state championship, and the winners of the doubles will play the present champions, W. T. Hayes and W. E. Blatherwick of Rock Valley, Ia. Both these players are well known in Omaha, as Hayes is the present holder of the Middle West tennis championship and Blatherwick is the ambidextrous doctor who was such a hard proposition to put out at several tournaments held in Omaha.

Conrad Young and several other Omaha players have signified their intention of going to Des Moines to the tournament and in return of the compliment a large number of the Des Moines players say they will come to the Middle West tournament, which meets a couple of weeks after the Des Moines tournament. Lafe Young, jr., of the Des Moines Capital has taken up tennis and is boosting the game besides putting in all his spare time in practice. He has written to Omaha to boost for the Iowa meet and to get more Omaha players to go to Des Moines for the week. He says the Des Moines players will more than reciprocate.

The secretary is E. N. Hopkins of Des Moines. Play will begin at 10 a. m. and at 2 p. m. each day. The entertainment program for the week includes a trip Monday evening to Ingersoll park and theater, Tuesday an automobile ride, Thursday the annual meeting and dinner at the club and Friday night a dance at the club.

DAN M'GANN OUT FOR SEASON

Coakley's Ball Splits Bone in Big Man's Arm.

NEW YORK, July 20.—Many weeks will lapse before Dan McGann, field captain of the Giants, will again don a base ball uniform, and the end of the season may come before he is able to hurl a ball across the diamond or clutch a bat firmly enough to make a swing hurt. After waiting patiently for three weeks for his arm to round into shape and undergoing various treatments, the stubborn whip was put under the X-ray and the hospital surgeons found that the bone was broken, and the whole affair had to be slapped into a plaster cast to wait for further orders. In the main bone of the forearm a longitudinal break was discovered, and the split bone will have to knit together securely before McGann can again take his job at first. The doctors explained that a longitudinal break is one that runs lengthwise of the bone instead of crosswise, as is usual in such cases. For that reason they are very hard to discover, and but for the X-ray Big Dan might have been still waiting for the soreness to get out of his wing. This news came as a deep disappointment to the other members of the team, who want the captain back in the game. McGann was hit on the arm by a pitched ball thrown by Coakley in Cincinnati the game inning that Bresnahan was knocked out.

MISS SUTTON AND MISS SEARS

Match Between the Champions is in Sight.

CINCINNATI, O., July 20.—A special contest between Miss May Sutton, champion woman tennis player of the world, and Miss Sears, the American champion, is planned for the tri-state tournament, which opens in this city the last of August. Nothing has yet been heard from either player, but the officials of the tournament have the matter before them, and are hopeful of obtaining the contest, for which a valuable prize will be offered.

FROM MAJOR TO MINOR LEAGUE

Whereabouts of Some of the Base Ball Stars.

END OF SOME WHO SLOWED UP

Veterans Who Have Found Good Berths Outside of Fashionable Company and Are Still at It.

Some major league base ball players go to the minor leagues because they have passed the period when they are up to major league speed; some go to the minors because they need more development and are not yet up to major league speed; some return to the minors because they are not made of major league capacity. Whatever the reason, minor leagues are a blessing for the great army of professional players for whom there is no room in the big leagues.

The minor leagues are filled with players who once played in the National or American league, and no doubt some of these could hold their own in fashionable company were they to return to it. At the same time they are quite busy holding their own where they are, for the principal minor leagues are speedy on their own account and call for ball playing of quality.

A former National league player of note—indeed, he was famous in his day—who has found a sanctuary in the minors is Theodore Breitenstein, the once crack pitcher of the St. Louis and Cincinnati teams. "Breit" has been with the New Orleans club of the Southern league for several years and has played much good ball there. His is not played out yet by any means, and in that climate has shown as good form as he ever did in the parent organization.

Another old-timer still on the base ball earth is George Van Haltren, who is earning his daily bread with the Oakland club of the California league. Bill Phillips, the former Red pitcher, is with the New Orleans team, as is Love Cross, the veteran third baseman, recently released by Washington. Billy Gilbert, who played second base for McGraw's world's champion New Yorks, is filling the same position for the Trenton club in the Tri-State league, and Joe Kelley, star of the old Orioles and later manager of the Cincinnati Reds, is manager and player on the Toronto Eastern league team and doing well.

Jake Beckley, who spent years in National league service, is playing first base for the Kansas City team of the American association, and Mike Grady, a veteran of both the National and American leagues, is doing backstop duty for the Wilmingtons of the Tri-State league. Joe Dolan, once a favorite in Philadelphia and Louisville, is with Omaha in the Western, and "Ducky" Holmes of the White Sox is managing the Lincoln team and playing third base. Frank Lachance, who played first base for Brooklyn in the National league and Boston in the American league, is now guarding the first cushion for the Waterbury team of the Connecticut league.

On the Haverhill club of the New England league is Billy Hamilton, late of Boston and Philadelphia, and one of the best fielders, batters and base runners the National league ever had. Cupid Childs, a noted second baseman over a dozen years ago and an associate of Patsy Tobeau on the Clevelands, is playing second base for the A., J. and G. team of the New York State league. Sam Mertes, who worked on various big league teams, is with the Minneapolis club of the American association. So is Buck Freeman, who was famous as a home run slugger in the big league. Both are playing the game right up to the handle.

Malachi Kittredge is still in harness. He catches for and manages the Montreal team in the Eastern league. Billy Kiester of the Jersey Citys is another former big league player who has found a good berth in the minor league ranks. Hugh Duffy, a hitter of rare quality in the National league years ago, is managing the Providence team. Heinie Peitz, for many seasons a conspicuous figure behind the bat in the National league, now sports the mask and pad for the Louisville team.

Other former league players now in the American association are Charles Carr, manager of the Indianapolis club; Jimmy Burke, who is playing with Kansas City; Ambrose Puttmann, the big southpaw pitcher, with Louisville and once with the New York Americans; McBride, Hueisman and Krueger, with Kansas City; Monte Beville, with Columbus; Greminger, the big third baseman, with Minneapolis; Geier, Kocher, old Joe Sugden and Pitcher Leroy, with St. Paul; Smoot and Abbott, with Toledo; Robertaille and Wicker, pitchers, with Columbus; Dick Cooley, with Louisville; Briggs and Kellum, pitchers, and Otto Williams, shortstop, with Indianapolis; Jack McCarthy, with Kansas City.

Thoney, the Toronto outfielder who is doing fine work this season and is to join the Boston Americans next year, was in the American league a few seasons ago, both with New York and Cleveland. He is one of the fastest runners in base ball and a splendid thrower. Harry Schlafley, recently with Washington, is on the same team. Charley Babb, who played short for the New York Nationals not so long ago, is with the Memphis club of the Southern league. In the same league, playing with Atlanta, is Otto Jordan, who was Brooklyn's second baseman for one season. Jack Dunn, who did valuable work on the New Yorks for McGraw as a utility man, is manager and second baseman of the Baltimore Eastern league team.

Van Zandt, the former St. Louis American outfielder, is playing with Binghamton of the New York State league. Steelman, the former Brooklyn catcher, is with Utica. Jimmy Sebring, who played the outfield for Pittsburg and Cincinnati, is with the Williamsport club of the Tri-State league. Harry Arndt, third baseman for the St. Louis Cardinals last season, is with the Wilmington club.

Lew Wiltse, one time a boxman for the New York Americans and a brother of George Wiltse, is one of the Johnstown club pitchers. The Harrisburg club has two noted veterans on its roster of players, both of whom were big league stars. One is Bill Schriver, the catcher, who saw long service on various big league teams and who once tried to catch a ball thrown from Washington monument. The other is Kip Selbach, who played in New York, Washington and Boston, and in his time shone luminously as a batter and outfielder.

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Wonderful Record of Washington's New Twirler.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 20.—Walter Johnson, a native of California, born at Anaheim nineteen years ago, whose record as a twirler is without parallel in base ball history, has signed a contract to pitch for the American league team of Washington, D. C., where he will report today. Johnson opened the season with the Weiser team of the Idaho State league at Weiser, south of Spokane, and up to June 30 had pitched seventy-five innings without a hit being scored against him. He struck out 166 men in ninety-nine innings, pitched seven consecutive shut out games and played in games in which his team scored ninety-eight runs to its opponents' five. Johnson is credited with striking out eighteen men in each of several games. In one game he retired the first eight men to face him, while eleven others did not reach first base. While in California playing with the Olinda team, he pitched forty-nine innings without a hit being scored by the opposing team.

While his performances have never been approached by the big leagues, Johnson is modest. He goes about his work on the diamond in a businesslike way and is good natured throughout, never questioning the decisions of the man with the indicator. He has the characteristic California faith in himself and in this, coupled with his headwork, he has made more than good in a state league composed of fast and heady players, brought to this part of the northwest from the base ball centers in the middle west, east and Pacific coast. Veterans who have watched his play since the opening of the season declare that the coming year will see the young Californian at the head of the pitching ranks in the major league.

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