

# SPORTS

The drawings for the state tournament will be held Friday and Saturday and the fate of the teams decided. There are a few teams that are practically certain of class A berths and a good many on the ragged edge. No western Nebraska team can be said to be certain of this classification, in fact Alliance, Chappell and Kimball being the only teams which seem to have any chance at all. Alliance would probably have an excellent chance of copping the pewter receptacle in class B but it is feared that class A may be a little stiff for the locals. Little is known of Kimball as they have played most of their games out of the state, and they may land in the top class. Chappell's chances, however, are very slim as they seem to be in a slump of late. Sidney, Gering and Scottsbluff will probably be in B although it is highly possible that some will be in class C. A possible list of class A teams would include Lincoln, University Place, Geneva, Sutton, Hastings, Grand Island, Fremont, Clay Center, Ravenna, Creighton Prep, Omaha Commerce, Omaha Central, South Omaha and Alliance.

Of these, Lincoln, Geneva, Hastings, Grand Island and Creighton Prep would be the most likely contenders for the championship. However, there is little use in speculation as the list will be out Sunday.

Chappell played two games last week that must have thrilled the spectators to say the least. Chappell won from Gering 16 to 19 after an extra five minutes period had been played the game ending in a tie 14 to 14. In the extra period Chappell made five points to Gering's two. The next night at Scottsbluff they did not fare so well losing to the Irrigators 8 to 9 in what must have been a hair raiser. Another game which rather surprised fans was the Scottsbluff-Bayard game which Scottsbluff won 29 to 11. The outcome was not surprising but such a one sided score was not looked for. This and the Chappell game show plainly that Scottsbluff has at last struck a winning streak and is a team to be reckoned with. Scottsbluff plays here the last game of the season and it should be a humdinger.

Creighton college is starting on a basket ball tour that will eclipse anything that has been undertaken in for-

mer years. They will play in order Des Moines college, Simpson college, Des Moines again, Michigan Argies, the University of Buffalo, Syracuse university, Colgate, Penn State and the University of West Virginia.

In 1918 Creighton may be said to have won the basketball championship of the United States, as they went through the season without a defeat, winning from the otherwise unbeaten Great Lakes training station. The latter had defeated most of the large colleges in the country by large scores and were greatly to be feared.

The approach of the tournament reminds basket ball fans of an incident that happened at the tournament four years ago. A team from some town in the southwestern part of the state wished to enter. This sounds all right so far but there was one difficulty, namely that there were only four boys in the school which the team represented and in order to overcome this difficulty a girl played with the boys to make up the quintet. The heartless entrance committee, however, disqualified the team and they were forced to return home without playing a game. One cannot help but admire a school that will go to such an extent and overcome such handicaps to play. If spirit equal to this were present in some of the larger schools, Alliance included, there would be better athletics and their teams would play a better brand of ball. In a large school such as Alliance High, where it is comparatively easy to get a team, those who have the honor of representing their school seem to be somewhat of the opinion that instead they honor the school by taking part in athletics, and refuse to train or give up anything for the school. That is not real school spirit and though the incident of a mixed team may be amusing, the team had at least real spirit.

Coach Prince's basketeers will tangle with Chappell at the high school gym Saturday night in what will probably be the fastest game seen on the local floor this season. The Chappell team until lately led the conference, when Alliance took first place but as they are now in second with the chance of being on top again if they beat Alliance they will undoubtedly play the game of their lives. This game will be for blood as there is no great love between the locals and the Chappellites, because of certain little difficulties before concerning games with them. Chappell undoubtedly has a fast bunch of pastimers as they have been sweeping everything before them

with the exception of Alliance and Scottsbluff, the latter defeat coming as rather a surprise, probably being due to a slump or to overconfidence. This will be the best game of the season and those who miss it will regret it.

## Funeral Services For Archie Gregory Were Held Sunday

Funeral services for Archie Gregory, Alliance dispatcher who died in an Omaha hospital on Wednesday of last week, were held at 2:30 Sunday from the Methodist church, Rev. Mearl C. Smith being in charge. Rev. Mr. Smith preached the sermon from Matthew 25: 21. "Well done, good and faithful servant." He was assisted by Rev. S. J. Epler of the Christian church and Rev. B. J. Minor of the Baptist church. The Masons, Eastern Star, and Methodist Sunday school, attended in bodies. Literally loads of floral gifts were sent by many organizations and individuals. He was laid to rest in Greenwood cemetery.

Rev. Mr. Smith gave the following tribute at the services: "A noble soul has left us. He was so cheerful, so radiant, so brotherly, we never thought he was treading on the borderland of eternity, until on Wednesday night, February 22, in the Methodist hospital in Omaha, he closed his eyes and fell asleep.

"Born in Marshalltown, Ia., on November 11, 1883, he was only a little past thirty-eight years of age. He moved to Boone, Ia., with his parents and there graduated from the public schools. He became a messenger boy in a telegraph office, learning telegraphy at odd times and was promoted. "Till later he became a train dispatcher, which office he held until his death. In addition to this work, he served the city of Alliance for four years as city treasurer.

"He was married to Miss Edith L. Hinman on September 4, 1906, at her home in Ravenna. Three children were born to them: One baby boy, who died in infancy; Clifford, age fourteen, and Mildred, age thirteen. These two children, with his devoted wife, remain in his immediate family. Before these he leaves his father, Thad Gregory of Los Angeles, and two sisters, Mrs. Florence Blair of Basin, Wyo, and Mrs. Ruth Stroud of Los Angeles. "He was a member of the Masons and the Eastern Star. But aside from his home, his greatest interest was in religious work. He was converted and joined the Methodist church when only a boy, and has been a leader in the church ever since. His various church offices have been Sunday school teacher, steward, Epworth League president, and Sunday school superintendent, which office he was holding in the Methodist church at the time of his death.

"But he was more than a Methodist, he belonged to the community. Ever-

good movement for civic or social betterment found in him an earnest supporter. He was secretary of the Fox Butte county dry federation during the prohibition fight. He was a leader in the recent welfare campaign.

"A personal trait by which many of his friends will remember him was his keen sense of humor. Always clean and high-minded, he still had a native humor which caused him to see with the vision of an optimist, where others saw only the dark side. The last letter he ever wrote, after his operation, contained traces of this optimism, in reality a practical testimony to his belief in the Father's protection, ever while he was entering the Valley of Shadows."

Now that leprosy has been cured, there is hope that a serum will be discovered to cure the chronic grouch.

## NEBRASKA GETS FUND AS A FOREST STATE

Fifteen million dollars has been apportioned by the secretary of agriculture among 27 states, Alaska, and Porto Rico for the construction of national forest roads and trails.

Of this sum \$9,500,000 known as the "National Forest Highway Fund" is set aside for roads of primary importance to states, counties and national forest communities; \$5,500,000 constituting the "National Forest Development Fund" will be used for the construction of roads and trails needed for the administration and utilization of the forests themselves.

These appropriations, forestry officials state, will give a new impetus to the work of opening up vast tracts of valuable timber and areas of scenic

beauty for the use and enjoyment of American people.

The development of roads and trails throughout the forests will aid materially in fire protection. At present there are large areas of trackless wilderness within the national forests that can not be reached by trails. When lightning storms sweep over these inaccessible areas, heavy fire losses of public timber often occur.

Speed in reaching a forest fire, foresters say, is just as important in protecting the country's forests as is speed in city fire protection. But high speed within the forest means four or five miles an hour over a mountain trail. If no trail exists it is often impossible for the fire fighters to average more than one-fourth of a mile an hour.

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