

SOME REAL SPORTING DOPESTUFF

Our "Field Day" stunt is going to be all to the merry. We were assured of this from the moment we turned our Mr. Despain loose on the job of pulling it off. He has arranged for something different in the line of field day sports, and the program will be one calculated to appeal to every fan and fanness within a radius of 'steen or sleven miles. The sight of our Antelopes dusting off the sodded diamond with the forms of nine brawny athletes selected from the other seven teams in the Western hoop will be worth traveling a long spell of distance to see.

Candor compels the statement that our Antelopes have of late been disporting themselves in a way not calculated to inspire the writer to dissertations upon the national pastime. Either they have mislaid their horseshoes or some of the other teams have jinxed 'em. We are hoping for better things right along, but there is a limit to our optimism. We would like to see a spell of light, even for a few minutes.

Now they are telling us that Omaha is sore on Pa Rourke, and that Pa will have to go or else take a dose of the treatment accorded to Higgins by Des Moines. The fact of the matter is Rourke has given Omaha better baseball than Omaha's support warrants. Omaha fans are a lot of "yellows." Give them a winning team and they'll root to beat the band. But let a series of defeats come along and they quit cold. The idea of helping to build up a winning team by generous support financially and hearty support as "rooters" never percolated through the heads of the Omaha fans. Everything considered, Omaha is the poorest baseball town in the western loop. Every time an Omaha sporting writer talks about Omaha getting into a higher class league we just lean back in our easy chair and laugh.

The State League season closed last Wednesday with Superior flaunting the pennant. Fremont was second, two games behind the Cement City. The other six teams were bunched, the lowest at .429 and the highest at .482. Kearney and York tied for seventh, while Hastings and Seward tied for third. It was a successful season, financially and otherwise.

Harry Smith is going to be a big help to the 'Lopes for the rest of the season. The plain truth is that our pitching staff has been off for quite a spell. Smithy will brace it up a lot.

The Mink League season will close Saturday. Falls City will probably be the winner of the pennant, with Humbolt second. Humbolt stepped in and took the Maryville, Mo., team and franchise when the Missouri town showed its yellow. Then little Humboldt proceeded to

"show" the Missourians how to support and manage a baseball team. The Mink League season has been reasonably successful.

Coyle, the leading swatter of the Superior team, has been signed by Omaha and will be given a thorough try-out.

Is the wrestling game going the way of the prize fights? The Gotch-Hack fiasco looks like it. If there has been a square fight among the big ones in recent years no one has noticed it. Now it begins to appear that the wrestling game is to be spoiled by the same influences that have made the prize ring the synonym of all that is crooked.

The "Russian Lion" has enough yellow in his system to paint every passenger coach on the Northwestern system—where all the coaches are yellow.

GOVERNOR ALDRICH'S ADDRESS

At the Labor Day celebration in Lincoln Governor Aldrich was one of the speakers. His address was in part as follows:

"I am not here to make a set speech or an extended address. It was impossible for me to be here this afternoon and to participate in your ceremonies because I had a previous engagement elsewhere. I would very much have enjoyed hearing the masterful address of the bishop of Lincoln. I would have been delighted to have participated with you in these festivities, but suffice it to say that I am glad of the opportunity of being here this evening and to extend to you my felicitations and to say that I heartily approve of labor organizations and trades unions in general. These trades unions and these labor unions are a part and a parcel of that great system that is today predominant everywhere and by that I mean organization.

"To organize and to systematize and to classify is the watchword of the age. Any business or combine that does not organize from a business basis is doomed to failure. Any set of men or any great class of society that has a great interest that is peculiar to itself cannot make headway and advancement and develop along the lines of success unless it is organized.

"The modern tendencies of society are toward development of the individual. It is to his welfare that many efforts are directed and this is wise and as it should be, because it is the individual that comprises one of the component parts of this great governmental system that we call a government of the people.

"The individual in America has a responsibility direct and absolute, and the way in which he assumes this responsi-

bility and the character of the service that he gives to it, will mark the success or failure of our scheme of government.

"This is so because the individual of our nation is the architect of government, is the builder of the state and of the laws and of the customs under which he lives. It is these laws, and these customs, that reflect on the character of the builder. Therefore, the necessity of having the right kind of a character, and having the right kind of an individual and architect of government, who is patriotic, who is conscientious and who is moral.

"These labor unions are an indispensable factor and potent agency in the industrial development of our state and of our nation. Labor, as it is well known, is the concomittant force of capital. Capital and labor are a union of forces that must work in harmony in the industrial activities of our country. When capital and labor are at swords points or are divided and fighting against each other then both labor and capital are doomed to failure.

"But in this connection let me say that labor is one party and capital is another in this industrial world, but immediately outside of this lies the great mass, the people who do not make a living by wage and who are not capitalists. They are the great common people of this nation. But in times of strife and disorder and disruption, they and they alone suffer the greatest burdens of the strife.

"Therefore, it is plain that the people are interested in labor problems. The public is interested because labor and capital go hand in hand and work in harmony together. Because, when for instance, great strikes are precipitated by reason of conflicts of labor and capital and railroads and traffic are tied up then it is that the public, the great third party, of which I have spoken, suffer the greatest inconvenience. Then it follows that the public participate in and take an interest in these great conflicts. And I am of the opinion that situation should be so placed in this country that strikes and tie-ups are impossible. There should be legislation provided for or the situation should be, that when these conditions between labor and capital in public service corporations are had, that disputes should be settled and conditions adjusted and labor and capital be made to go on with their business without any cessation of it. Whether this should be by arbitration, I am not here to say, but I say here that it should so be that the laborer and his employer should be made to go on with their business without any interruption and when the conditions were settled by some sort of a tribunal, then it should be accepted by all parties concerned.

"Large employers of men, whether in the name of a railroad, packinghouse, or any other large employer, have no right to precipitate a conflict because, in their