

FOR THE BASE BALL CRANKS

Very Bright Outlook for the Coming Season.

UNIVERSITY CLUB WILL BE IN THE FIELD

Reorganized, Abbott's Men Will Put Up Some Great Games for Those Who Help from the Bleachers.



THE UNIVERSITY club has already begun to make arrangements for the coming season, both in the way of improvements at the university park and the arranging of a schedule of college games for the spring.

A hand ball court built which will be completed within a few days, and is for the use of the ball players, is getting into shape during the month of April, while the weather is such as to prevent much practice upon the diamond without danger of permanent injury in the way of glass arms.

In the way of base ball games, the management already has something very attractive to offer to the fans for a number of others equally as good.

On Friday and Saturday, May 8 and 9, the State University of Iowa base ball team will be here for two games, and the fans who are sports will remember the fights which the representatives of this institution make annually upon the foot ball field in this city, and these can rest assured that the base ball team of the State University of Iowa is in no way inferior to its foot ball team.

Upon Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16, Grinnell college base ball team will be here for two games, and while this college is not a large one, it has always had one of the best base ball teams in the west.

When the University of Michigan base ball team made its last western trip it found at Grinnell the strongest college team of all those it played upon the entire trip.

On May 18 the Detroit Western league team will be here for one game. Many will remember that year before last, when some of the present members of the University club team were playing with the Young Men's Christian association, the Detroit team stopped here for one game, which they succeeded in winning in the last half of the ninth inning by a score of 10 to 11, and after the game Manager Yandorick of the Detroit team said that he was never more surprised in his life than at the result of the game, and that he doubted whether there were many amateur teams which were equal to his late antagonists.

On May 29 and 30 the Rush Medical college of Chicago will send its base ball team here for three games, one upon May 29 and two on Decoration day. This college has one of the strongest base ball teams of any western college, and these games will be fully equal to, if not better, than those against the famous Stagg upon Decoration day of last year.

For the month of June no games have been definitely arranged, but the management is in correspondence with the State University of Kansas and the State University of Nebraska, and also with the Northwestern University of Evanston, Ill. Arrangements were at one time practically completed to have the Northwestern here on Decoration day, but it was found by the manager that this would seriously conflict with his arrangements for an eastern trip.

He asked the privilege of postponing his visit to Omaha until sometime in June, the exact date to be decided later. In addition to these games, arrangements have been made with the Kansas City Western league team for two exhibition games during the season, and correspondence is now going on with the managers of other western league teams and some of those in the Western association, with a view of securing other exhibition games whenever open dates will permit.

So far as local games are concerned, there will be no trouble in securing plenty of them. The Council Bluffs field club is arranging to put a strong team in the field, and there is hardly a town in Iowa or Nebraska which has not commenced to hire players for the purpose of getting a strong team together, regardless of expense. Then, too, there will be in Omaha at least one of the amateur teams, and possibly two or three. For the purpose of interesting as large a number of people as possible in the University club the management has decided, as heretofore announced, to admit members and women free to a majority of the games, the right being reserved, however, in cases where an unusually heavy gate is given to withdraw this privilege; but in every case where this is done ample notice will be given beforehand.

life and is now attending Chicago university, where he has succeeded in making a great reputation for himself.

Among the candidates for the other positions are: Abbott, first base; McAlliffe and Bittinger, second bases; Craig, short stop; Shean and McKelvey third base. The outfield will be filled with the extra pitchers and catchers.

Abbott, the captain, will probably play first base. He is a University of Michigan man, where he played upon the 'varsity' team as catcher and fielder. He is a good batter, very seldom strikes out, and although not a fast runner, generally manages to get around the bases. He played first last season with a fielding average of about 980. He is a right hander, and is a player at critical times, and always succeeds in getting the best work out of them by encouragement rather than criticism.

Bittinger is another good all-around player, and is able to play either behind the bat, in the outfield, or in the infield, with equal credit to himself. He is a strong batter, good base runner, and one of the best outfielders who ever played in Omaha. He always covers a great deal of ground, wherever he is playing, is absolutely reliable, and he has never been known to have an off day.

McAlliffe was for a number of years a member of the old Nonpareils of this city. He played a part of last season with the University club, and after he became accustomed to his company, put up a very good game at second. He is a hard worker, and is especially strong in handling throws from home and getting the ball on the base runner. He is sure on fly balls and covers a great deal of ground.

Craig is a Princeton man, where he played an outfield position with the 'varsity' team. He is an absolutely certain on fly ball as any ball player ever was, or ever will be. He played short last year for the first time, and after he became accustomed to infield work succeeded in making a great record for himself. He covers a great deal of ground, and as soon as he acquires a little more accuracy in throwing to first, he will be one of the best shortstops in the business. He bats left-handed, and is a sure hitter, having led off during all of last season.

McKelvey, Allegheny college, class of '75, is the base ball war horse of Omaha, having played ball for twenty years or more. Last season he covered third base in a manner which would have done credit to any player, amateur or professional. In one game he had the remarkable record of securing ten chances without an error, and of getting five hits out of five times at bat, one being a two-bagger and one being a three-bagger. He picks up grounder in a very clean and easy manner, and is almost invariably accurate in throwing to first.

Shean is an Ohio stranger in Omaha. He is at present attending school at the University of Michigan, where he is playing with that team. He expects to come to Omaha immediately upon the close of school and remain here during the summer vacation.

There is a strong probability that Fred Rustin, who is well known to all Omaha base ball cranks, will spend the summer at home, and in that case he will in all probability play with the University club. He played upon the Yale varsity team four seasons, and was elected to the position of captain for the season of '95. During the summer of '95 he played with the Orange Athletic club, which had one of the strongest amateur base ball teams in the east.

HIGH SCHOOL SPRING FIELD DAY. Boys Have Many Features Upon Their Card.

The Omaha high school boys are looking forward to the spring field day, which will be held during the last week of May or the first week in June. In fact many of the boys are already in active training in anticipation of the spirited contests which will be made in each of the several events.

While some of the boys feel that there is no use in practicing for the hammer throw and shot put when "Big" Jensen is booked for these events, yet they realize that the card will be large and varied and that each can find some sport for which he is adapted, and that the time spent in preparation is time well spent.

Gardner, Tukey and Reed, the committee in charge, have arranged a splendid program, as the following events will show: One hundred and 440-yard dash, 120-yard hurdle, one mile run, putting the sixteen-pound shot and hammer throw at same weight, broad and high jumps, both running and standing, bicycle race, one-fourth and one mile, sack race, potato race, three-legged race, punting the foot ball and throwing the base ball.

Barnum is booked for a winner in the bicycle races, and McKell in the base ball throw; Harry Lindsay in the mile run, with also Young a good second, and Morsman and Collett in the dashes, but the favorites lose more times than they win, so it behooves the other boys to buckle down and train and they will surely be rewarded.

The same committee has charge of the tennis tournament, and while it is not given as part of the spring field day, it arouses considerable interest.

The setting up exercises which Lieutenant Penn has put the boys through all winter will have done them in good condition, so that people may look for many of the previous records to be broken, and if good records are made the committee will try to arrange an intercollegiate meet with Lincoln or Council Bluffs or some other High school.

The base ball team which made such a splendid record last year has done nothing as yet toward organizing, except to elect Will Gardner as Captain and Harry Tukey manager.

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HORSE FANCIERS AT HOME

What the Season Offers in the Way of Attractions.

AMONG NEBRASKA AND IOWA CIRCUITS

Better Times Predicted for the Sport in This Section of the Country—The Passing of the Great American Broncho.

BETTER times for western horse owners and breeders are not far distant, according to the best authority on the subject, Nebraska fanCIERS are particularly active this spring and prices for salable animals have already advanced.

At a place in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of all the most common ailments of the horse, and all throat and lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for nervous debility and all nervous complaints.

A Maine village has a woman's club that does not discuss theology or bicentennials but "meets around" and at every house it visits it sees buttons on the husband's shirts darns up the socks and otherwise puts the family wear to rights.

across the pond from different portions of the state. Horse fanCIERS of the state are commenting upon the fact that the line of stock in demand does not approach the broncho variety, even though the finest specimens of this class are not to be despised for some service. In fact, there is little doubt that the broncho is rapidly disappearing, and his passing has provoked little regret.

Probably the best advertised horse in the country is Astell, 2:15, an 8-year-old. He was kept before the public for awhile on account of his great value, being sold for \$105,000. He was put in the stud at nine years old, is the sire of twenty-one in the standard list, thirteen of them being 2 years old. They are not only standard performers, but there are a half-dozen that have records below 2:20. It is a well known fact that almost every Astell colt that was ever trained is able to enter the list when called for.

P. L. Lakue of Corning, Ia., rejoices greatly in the ownership of a Kansas bred 3-year-old whose blood lines entitle her to the term "well bred." This filly is mostly all Wilkes, being sired by Ashland Wilkes, dam a daughter of Iddel Wilkes, and granddam by The King, a Wilkes stallion of the first generation.

Barred Out the Fugilists. Recent advices from Athens state that the boxing boys have been stricken from the program of the revival of the Olympian, which take place near that city this month. Originally the fifth day of the carnival was to have been devoted to exhibitions of pugilistic skill, but the committee of arrangements decided that boxing "is not in harmony with the enlightened civilization of this generation," and eliminated it.

Howard Johnson, Dixon, Ill., has sold to John W. Smith, Galva, Ia., the bay stallion, Delmont, 2:15 1/2, by Delmont, 2:11 1/2, dam Daisy, by Royal Chief 4:18. Delmont will be trained and campaigned by Charles T. Kenyon of Alta, Ia. He has been a consistent winner.

Tell and other winners last season, is one of our oldest western trainers, his years of service in the sulky ante-dating the stormy times of 1851 to 1865.

John Tyler, Lincoln, will handle the stallion Roslyn, 2:15, by Robert McGregor, the present season.

From the eastern states comes the information that Freedom, 2:29 1/2, the champion yearling of 1895, will be raced again. Like many other fast yearlings, he has not been heard from since his phenomenal exploit.

It was in 1877 that So So, then a 2-year-old, was given a record of 2:31 by Ort Davis, and the performance seemed so wonderful that many horsemen thought the press dispatches must have been "doctored." Now a yearling has a record of 2:23, and the 2-year-old record stands at 2:19 1/2.

Alex Patterson of Iowa, who drove Can't



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