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Omaha Boys Show Great Interest in Outdoor Sports.

CHOOSE OFFICERS FOR THE SEASON

President of the Association and Captains of Foot Ball and Base Ball Teams Elected\_Other Sporting News.

The most notable event in amateur athlettes in this section of the great west during the last week was the awakening of a new and the last week was the last week w The most notable event in amateur athletgreater interest in amateur sport at the Omaha High school .. The annual meeting of the year, but when awakened it proves to be able-bodied and rather vigorous.

Frank B. Knight, who successfully managed the affairs of the foot ball team last fairly well advanced. fall, has been elected president and manager of the association. Alfred Dickinson, son of General Manager Dickinson of the Union Pacific railroad, is the new secretary and treasurer. The foot ball captain for the eleven next fall is E. Tracy, who will be remembered as the star halfback of the eleven last autumn. The base ball ca spring will be Frank B. Knight. The base ball captain this

The outlook for a strong base ball nine to represent the Omaha High school on the dia. mond this spring is exceedingly bright. mond this spring is

Among the candidates for the team will be found enough of the old men to establish a prefty strong nucleus. Upon this the new oaptain hopes to build up a nine that will win a large share of the games that it plays. The battery positions and the outfield are assured to be strong, and thete are a number of new men who promise well for the infield. Trucy will probably be called upon to do a good part of the pitching, unless a better man turns up, in which even the High school team will have two good pitchers. Davison is scheduled to do quite a good deal of the catching, and is said to be a good player back of the bat. Captain Knight will play at shortstop himself, and those who remember the good work he has heretofore done on the diamond for the High school teams know that nothing will be wanting in Among the candidates for the team will be teams know that nothing will be wanting in that position, which is, by the bye, a very good position for a base ball captain to oc-cupy. In the outfield there are Cortelyou. Cuscaden and Freeman, all of last year's nine, to start off with, and several new players ambitious to look after one of the gar-den spots. So it looks as though the High school team would have a strong outfield. Among the new players who are anxious to represent their school on the diamond this spring four are considered as good as any of the old players. With a fair number of the old players back and with some good new material there is no reason for not believing

Some practice work has been done in the Harvard will lose Paine and Scannell, one basement of the High school, but this place of the best college batteries in the country. ball candidates have at present is for a coach, tain Rand, leftfield. nine of their alma mater to give it the advan- team will have: tage of their experience. Last season Frank

Omaha High school. The High school the High school the athletic association of the High school the athletic association of officers, which was held struction in the art of batting and it is boped. Wallace, Farnam and Sullivan, outfield. for the election of officers, which was held on Monday afternoon, resulted not only in by Captain Knight that Crawford may again on Monday afternoon, resulted not only in the choice of competent officers to guide and direct the sports of the school during the coming year, but showed conclusively that there is an intense and immense interest in there is an intense and immense interest in the coming year. athletics among the boys on the hill. This next few months, and some one secured who interest may appear latent during a part of plate and how to the plate and how to use judgment in picking out the good balls while letting the bad ones go by a great start will be gained and the players will go on the field in the spring

> At the University of Nebraeka indoor ath letics appear to be progressing very well. All is in preparation for the basket ball games tween the university team and the one representing the Young Men's Christian association of Omaha. The students count on one, if not two, victories. Last week in speaking of the base ball team of the univer-sity The Bee said that the team would probably be coached by Benedict, the star half-back of the foot ball eleven. That was a mistake. The Benedict family proved too many for us. The Benedict who is teaching in the Lincoln High school and who will help coach the base ball team is an elder brother of Benedict, the foot ball player. Apropoof athletics at the University of Nebraska The Bee received a letter from Edward N. Robinson, the former foot ball and base ball coach of the team at Lincoln, the other day. He is now at Danvers, Mass. Through his efforts and through the courtesy of Charles E. Patterson, sporting editor of the Illustrated American, the champion foot ball team of the Western Intercollegiste Foot Ball association of 1897, received a very fair representation, both pictorially and editori-ally, in the issue of the Illustrated American of January 8.

athlete Harvard has produced in the last decade, has called forth many tributes to his worth and sterling qualities from all parts of the country. The following excerpt from the class memorial shows how highly from the class memorial shows how highly he was esteemed at Harvard:

An athlete in the best sense of the word, he loved sport for sport's sake alone. In foot ball strong and alert, he was effective without being rough, As an oarsman he was persistent, determined, powerful, Always to be trusted, his spirit never flagged, his courage never failtred, He was tried often and never found wanting. His character was as sturdy as his body.

showed them their mistake, for they went Jayne, to whose pitching belongs much of around with lame arms. That is one thing the credit of the success Princeton had last that young olayers, especially, and old play- season in defeating Yale. Hesides Jayne, ers occasionally, need to watch, they must Princeton will lose ex-Captain Bradley, cen wait for the passing away of cold weather terfield; Smith, second base; Altman, right before commencing on their outdoor work, field and pitcher, and Captain Wilson Fortunately in this case, but little or no tairm pitcher and third base. Princeton has: Kelwas done, for indoor work will take out the ley, first base; Captain Butler, shortstop; stiffness of the boys' arms and they will have Kafer, catcher: Hillebrand, third base: Bar plenty of time to recover from the effects of ret, third base, and Easton and Suter, out-their indiscretion before the season opens. fielders.

loss not offer the best facilities for indoor It will be difficult to fill their places, al practice work. During the latter part of this though there is some good material in the month the base ball candidates for the High lower classes. Ex-Captain Dean, second school team will begin regular practice work base; Stevenson, third base, and Beale, cen-in the gymnazium at the Turnecs' hall. There; terfield, have also graduated. The men rebetter opportunities will be offered for good maining are: Haughton, first base; Char-cractice work. The greatest need the base dier, shortstop: Burgess, rightfield, and Cap-

> team will have: Captain Greenway, Hecker, Hamlin and Sullivan, catchers; Hazen and Of last year's team at Cornell three o the regular men have left the university, reaving the positions of leftfield, shortstop and third base vacant. The other positions however, will not necessarily be filled by old men, as it is expected there will be a lively will have hard work to make their positions on the team. The Cornell team will be on the team. The Cornell team will be captained by Young, pitcher and catcher, and will be coached by Harry Taylor, '88, Arthur Field, '92, and Clyde Johnson, '95.

will redeem the Blue for the defeats it to be very good. Both the battery positions need strengthening and much is expected of Cadwalader, the freshman who distinguished himself at center on the foot ball torm, as pitcher. These of last year's team who are now in college and who will be candidated again this season are: Hazen, second base; Camp, shortstop; Feary and G. Hecker, pitchers; Goodwin, catcher; Sullivan, out-fielder; Hamlin, pitcher; Wallace, outfielder, and Captain Greenway, outfielder. Io addition to these men who played lest season in the championship games there is De Saulles. the foot ball player, who played second bise-two years ago, but who was out of college-last year. Hazen has also been on the foot-ball field this fail, and so have Sullivan and Greenway. Hozen played second base last June, and played it well, and it is therefore doubtful whether De Saulles will be able to displace thim. Little Camp will be remempered for his good all-ground work, and especially for his work in the box. Feary, who was a substitute pitcher last season, only ongs to the outfield, where he will probably good man for any one of these positions. If Ceptain Greneway is unable to pitch he will go back to the outfield as he did lest year. At Princeton they are already talking about the probable make-up of the varsity nine. There are a number of important places to fill and the talent on hand is rail to be not to provide the probable of to be qu'te promising. Kafer, who is con-sidered to be the bost catcher in cay of the material there is no reason for not believing that the High school will have one of the best base ball nines that ever represented it.

A word about the training of this team. All the players are energetic and as is natural with a batch of young, ambitious players they are somewhat inclined to overord matters that ever training begun. The follows they are somewhat inclined to overord matters among the eastern universities the start. One day last week it was quite at the start. One day last week it was quite at the start. One day last week it was quite at the start. One day last week it was quite at the start. One day last week it was quite at the start. One day last week it was quite at the start to work of whiter training begun. The follows and some of the boys ventured out in the High school will have to be a strong man for the boys replaced in the players and not long ago the build in bat. By Al Lawson.

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Aside from the enormous interest in boating cub one cover for the coming again the week of the players will be treat. By the first of the year the composition of the clubs is usually prevent in the field. Easton will b

while Watkins and Angle are trying for third base and short stop, respectively. Mattis, who captained the Lawrenceville team can is thought to be the final selection for second base, as Captain Butler praises him highly. Brady, a good outfielder, will also be tried in the box. On the whole, the team cannot be expected to equal last year's champion aggregation.

Cornell has finally agreed on an answer to he challenge of Yale for a best race this pring. It was sent to New Haven this veck and informed the boating authorities of Yale that Cornell would join Yale and Harvard in a race at New London this year Cornell be allowed to name the cour or a similar race next year. If ever Cor nell's sportsmanlike unlities show out to good advantage it was when this generous answer was sent to Yale's conditional chal-lenge. In the first place, it was generous of Cornell to notice at all a conditional chalenge from a defeated crew. The idea Yalo's attempting to name the conditions for a boat race in 1898, after having been defeated by Cornell in 1897, struck every fair-minded athletic critic as preposterous and absurd. But Cornell has waived it conceded right, as the winner of the las stercollegiate bost race, to have some hing to say about the conditions of this year's rac-

if only it be permitted to name the course for the race next year. If any one wishes to say that such a proposition as Cornell has just made is not fair, generous and sportsmanlike he should rise and remain standing until counted. He may be hard to find. It is hardly fair to discuss wha Yale may or may not do until the athletic authorisies there have had an opportunity of thoroughly considering the answer from Cornell. For the sake of intercollegiate spot is to be hoped that Yale accepts the proposition made by Cornell. By so doing i would gain more respect among the lover of the highest and purest sport than by any act Yale has done for a long time. Yale has everything to gain and nothing to lose acceptance of the proposition of To be sure Cornell would in all probability not name the favorite Yale course at New London for the 1899 race, would put Yale to no greater disadvantage this year.

The late dispatches from the east regard ing the boat race between the crews of Cornell, Yale and Harvard announces that "the stuff's off." Yale has declined the conditional acceptance by Cornell of its conditional challenge. This was announced played through parts of the big games, and so did Hamilo. Goodwin was prevented from catching throughout the season by illness. Cornell has received a reply from Captain He is a splendid man behind the bat, and as Whitney of Yale to the effect that Yale he stayed out of foot ball last fall it is will not have anything to do with a race for thought he will be able to play through the 1899 in which Cornell is to participate and case ball seeson. Sullivan did fairly well as name the course. Cornell said it would substitute catcher last year, but really be-accept Yale's invitation to row at New London in 1898 if it might be allowed to name the course for 1899, but Yale is not inclined be tried this coming season. Wallace also the course for 1899, but Yale is not inclined did well in the outfield lest year and is a to give any chance to Cornell for a race next year and h's no surprise that Yale resents the idea of any other college crew suggesting the course for a race, even if that other crew

> Tommy Cuming, the star catcher of the Orange Athletic club, says that he was a member of the Ill-fated New York amateur can which was taken abroad not long ago

stood behind the bat to hear the Englishmen

'What a bloomin' queer way, doncherknow, these Hamericans ave of placing their field. We must learn it and be up to date,

noney to come back to America for at least

ing the big universities and colleges, says he heard several prominent foot ball men at Cornell speak favorably of sending a request to Yale for a game next year. As Cornell's record in foot ball, as in rowing, is clean, there seems to be no good reason, acording to impartial judges, why Yale sho not consent to such a contest. Cornell's games with Princeton, Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania have of late in salary as an inducement for him to re been considered in the first rank of im-portance. If Yale can find a place for Cornell in her next year's schedule the game will probably be played at New Haven, as the Ithacans are willing to concede

In track and field athletics in the east collegiate games. The Quakers will questionably be stronger than either Har-ward or Princeton, and Yale is therefore ooking toward Pennsylvania as the most year's games. At present every indication points to Yale's having a strong team, but track athletics combine so many elements of uncertainty that the real strength of the team is never tested until it has gone through its most severe and trying compe-

reshmen handed their names to Captain Colson as candidates for Cornell's fresh-men crew. This is by far the largest registration Cornell ever had. About sixtyfive weigh over the required 150 pounds, each averaging 164 pounds. Captain Colson seems satisfied that Courtney will turn out an aggregation of freshmen better than that of last year. It will be remembered that last year's freshman crew was the first freshman crew of Cornell university that ever met defeat, and Cornell has been ing out freshman crewe for more twenty years. It is quite natural, there-fore, that an unusual effort should be made this year to turn out a stronger freshman craw than ever before, and from the start it looks as though this effort might prove

## BASE BALL MEN IN WINTER TIME.

Season When There is Little but From now until spring practice opens will

regarded as a good one, but he lacks ex- could not be recognized. When we got on the and in returning more or less freezing perience. Priest, who comes from Smith gold these two fellows were ordered by Lawacademy, St. Louis, with quite a reputation, is another candidate, but outside of these is men the talent is source. Robinson is anxious to fill Bradley's place in center field, field and our centerfielder was moved around present at least outside of the active circle.

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The Chicago pitching staff for next and in a city like Omaha, which is for the James Callahan, Waiter Thonton, 'Dan our stands' is contact. toward right, while the second baseman of base ball affairs, there is little to keep the played gractically in shortfield, with the first interest of the fans alive. As far as our baseman looking out for most of the latter's chance of a place in the Western league usual territory. It was amusing to me as I is concerned there is absolutely nothing new is concerned there is absolutely nothing new in the situation. The matter seems to stand exactly where it did at the end of the Chicago meeting, and after the first avalanche of rumors and alleged inside tips

> only one we played, Lawson left suddenly. An obscure Item in an eastern exchange I was the only fellow in the crowd who had a return ticket. The others didn't get enough true. It alleges that Frank Selec is on a still hunt after the Grand Rapids franchise on his own account. If this is a fact there are some reasons for believing that an Omaha J. B. Brine, who makes a business of visit- club is included in his calculations. It is well known that Selee was in corresponde with a number of Omaha people last fall club here, but no one has ever ascertained whether he had fully abandoned the idea or not. It was shrewdly suspected that his overtures had no other purpose than to in

> > main in Boston, but this is also a matter

of speculation. situation is somewhat at variance with th this reports previously circulated and incidentally it indicates that the old man is not getting lost in the shuffle. Rumor had had it that Von der Ahe was on the verge of financial In track and field athletics in the east there is a good deal of preparatory work in progress. It is generally conceded that the race for first place at the intercollegiate meet will be between Pennsylvania, champion of 1897, and Yale, with Harvard a sure third. At present Yale looks upon the University of Pennsylvania as its most dangerous rival for first place in the intercollegiate games. The Quakers will unclease must be paid off first. Von der Ahe's and it is expressly provided that these seven classes must be paid off first. Von der Ahe's claims aggregate something like \$75,000, and as it is stipulated that all these must be settled before the other creditors get a cent It is plain that the old man is not giving himself any the worst of it.

In view of the present complement of most of the major league clubs all suggestions to the effect that Omaha would find it impossible to get a winning team together even if the Grand Rapids franchise was secured is nonsense. Wherever the franchise may go there will not be the slightest difficulty in getting together a fairly strong team to go with it. While very little can be expected from the Grand Rapids reserve list there will be accres of good players on the market before the season opens. There has never been such an array of open drag-nets as have been set for young players this winter. The Philadelphia club has thirty-seven men on its list up to date, of whom thirteen are pitchers. Most of the other big clubs have nearly as many and when the weeding out process begins there will players galore. It would be remarkable in-deed if a competent manager could not cull out a respectable team with such a galaxy of ambitious youths to choose from.

## The Pittsburg club will travel 2,704 miles for its spring practice games and its rail-road fare and hotel bills will aggregate up-

ward of \$3,000. It is rumored that Comiskey wants to get hold of the Dubuque, Ia., team. Comiskey was born and raised in Dubuque, where he

not only been knocked byerboard by the latter body, but has resulted in some adrerse criticism of American sporting methods by our cousins scroes the water. The Sporting Life of London speaks about the matter

ing Life of London speaks about the matter as follows:

All honor to the Amateur Athletic association for refusing to listen to the voice of the charmer. It would have been a big taling in one sense to co-operate with the Amateur Athletic Union of America, but fatal in another. After many years hard fighting Englise actileties are now clean. It is not so in America, with due respect to the executive, who have honestly labored to that end. Given the desired amatemation, Americans would have the right to run at any Amateur Athletic association meeting over here, which would never do.

It is not likely that Americans will lose It is not likely that Americans will lose

The Chicago pitching staff for next season, as it now stands to Clark Griffith, James Callahan, Walter Tho nton, "Danny" Friend, Herbert Briggs Roger Densit, Frank Isabel and Walter S. Woods, Woods

and liabel are the new men. The former was "Tom" Burns' star pitcher last season on the Springfield team. It is stated that out of the 300 men who have applied for places on the umpire staff of the National league President Young has so far selected but two new men. These are Ed Swartwood and Tom Connolly. President Young also scatce that the old and experienced umpires like Hurst, Emslie and Lynch will be permanent fixtures behind the bat, while the new men will be re-

stricted to base decisions. "I read a few reges in one of the New York papers about crippled ball p who waltzed around the diamond wooden shafts and mitts with the lopped off," writes Dad Clarke. first baseman of the Princeton team, who has a club foot, and Dally, the pitcher with the one wing, were lined up in this bunch of cripples. Now, if the guy that wrote that article took a census of the ball tossers with no heads he would have enough on his list to fill a directory of Greater New York."

### BITS OF ALL SORTS OF SPORT, Local Togs-of-War that Promise to Be Interesting.

On next Thursday evening the tug-of-war teams of the Turner Wheel club and of the Tourist Wheel club will have another match in Turner hall to seitle the matter of supromacy, which was left undecided at the contest several weeks ago. It is intended this time to have the thing to a finish. Inthe lime to have the thing to a finish. In-stead of being for five minutes, the pull is to last thirty if necessary, and it is judged that at the end of that length of time one or the other of the teams should give out. The conditions provide that if at any time in the half hour either team is able to pull the rope one foot it will be declared the winner and the fatch will end at that point; if, however, neither side is able to drag the cope a foot over the mark, the team begins cope a foot over the mark, the team having the advantage at the end of the thirty minutes is to be adjudged the winner.

This contest ought to be a pretty warm one, inasmuch as both teams have kept one, inasmuch as both teams have kept right on practicing after the last contest, both being anxious for another match. While this tug will be the feature of the evening, there are other good things on the program. One of these will be another tug-of-war between teams of the B. & M. and of-war between teams of the B. & M. and Union Pacific Wheel clubs. The former is-sued the challenge and the latter accepted it last week. There is probably little doubt that a match will later be arranged between the winners of the two contests. It now remains for the Omaha Wheel club and the Bemis Park club to get into the push.

At next Thursday's entertainment there will be other events on the program, con-sisting of exhibitions by the turners, heavyweight exhibitions by Dan Baldwin and dumbbell exercises by Gelseke.

The proposed alliance between the Ama-

Amsteur Athletic Association of England has