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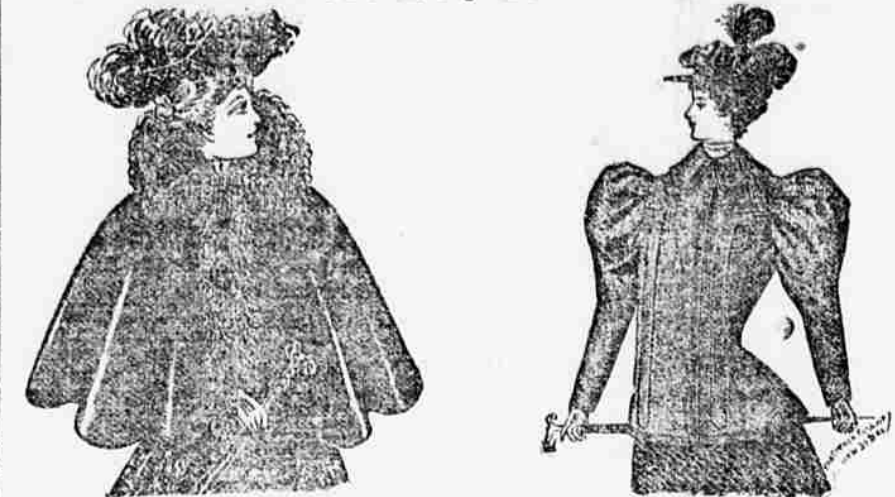
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stitched, Swiss embroidered, plain and fancy Irish linen
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children's plain and
fancy bordered hemstich-
ed handkerchiefs go at
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and gent's plain
and fancy bordered, sheer
cloth handkerchiefs,
go at 31c each..... 31cAll the Ladies' extra
fine quality of hem-
stitched handkerchiefs,
hand embroidered in the
four corners and drawn
thread hemstich, go at
10c each, many worth 25c..... 10cOne immense lot
of lace edged
Handkerchiefs
go at 21c each..... 21cAll the plain white
and fancy bordered
hemstiched, finest quality of
cotton handkerchiefs that
sold up to 25c each,
go at 5c each..... 5cAll the ladies'
pure linen em-
bossed handkerchiefs
that were sold as high
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From the Wiebold Chicago Fire Stock,
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wear from the Wiebold stock
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go at 15c and 25c, many in this lot
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of ladies' night gowns,
skirts, handsomely em-
bossed trimmed draw-
ers, go at 39c each,
worth up to 50c..... 39cAll the finest underwear, in-
cluding all lace and embroid-
ery trimmed gowns, skirts, chemise
and umbrella drawers, go at 49c, 59c and
98c, many in this lot worth up to \$2.

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SHIRTS AT

35c and 50c

All the men's shirts from the Wiebold
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perfect, including the highest grade of
white shirts, white shirts with
colored bosoms, etc., and shirts with
collars and cuffs attached and detached.

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Twelve out of all the men's neckwear
from this stock, all the latest styles,
some damaged, others sound and per-
fect, we place them on two bargain
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21c, 5c, 121c

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All the men's and boys' caps
will be closed out in three
lots—all guaranteed sound
and perfect.

5c, 15c, 25c

FIELD AND TRACK ATHLETES

Western College Men Busy Training for
Spring Events.

GREAT NEED OF CLOSER COMPETITION

Quality of the Sport Needs an Oppo-
sition Which Might Be
Found in an Interstate
Association.Nebraska has an all-around grasp on the
pulsant of the Western Intercollegiate Foot
Ball association. It is a clutch that is as
close as the Southern Pacific railroad, and it
is warranted not to break, rip, tear nor
ravel. "We've got back that pennant where
we had it once before," and what's more, we
mean to keep it for a while. But it is not
meant that we should now go out over past
successes, nor look too far forward to dis-
cuss signs of future triumphs, for we have
better work nearer at hand. The mail of the
editor of the department of poetry plainly
indicates that spring is approaching, and
our amateur athletes are testing them-
selves for intercollegiate contests on the
base ball diamond and on the athletic track
and field.Of Nebraska's prospects on the diamond
the Bee has already spoken. Thrust cred-
itable work is being done in practice. It is
feared that the chances for brilliant achieve-
ments in track and field athletics cannot be
pointed to such easy colors. There is great
interest in indoor practice work in field
events at the University of Nebraska this
winter. The preliminary trials in the high
jump, broad jump and pole vaulting having
been especially good. But manager this im-
provement, there is not the enthusiasm in
the work of the track and field athletes
about the students that there is in the
work of the foot ball or even in that of the
base ball players. The reason for this is not
far to seek. It is a condition that exists in nearly every
university, college and school in this coun-
try, where athletics are encouraged, or toler-
ated in some cases.The track athletic team is the pool, as it
were, into which every student in the univer-
sity, who thinks he has brains or can
develop some, flows. A man may be too
small for foot ball or the crew, too clumsy
for base ball and too slow for tennis, but he
never gets over the idea that he can run,
jump or throw the weights, until he has
tried a few years for the track team. Thus
too many amateur athletes and those in-
terested in their work argue. But it's not
altogether the correct view of the track
athletic team to take. It is to be admitted,
however, that this view of the situation is
the one that we are all prone to take, and it
is especially popular in intercollegiate cir-
cles in this part of the country.This fact has led the Bee to study the
causes for the lack of interest in field and
track athletics, and it has come to the con-
clusion that it is due principally to a lack of
interesting competition. Nebraska may excel
in foot ball, and we hope to win out
in base ball, but all must acknowledge that
the state that had the honor of producing
the late Johnny Crum has accomplished but
little in track and field athletics.most eastern states. It does not require a
very great student of athletics to see that
the intercollegiate games among the many
fine colleges have done a whole lot toward
bringing to the front the star runners and
the crack field athletes of the state that lies
between the two big rivers. If competition
has done this much for Iowa in the de-
velopment of track and field athletics surely
it cannot do less for Nebraska.But why stop at state intercollegiate asso-
ciations for track and field athletics? The
foot ball association that includes the foot
ball eleven of the state universities of Ne-
braska, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas has seen
more or less of a success and promises to be
a greater success than ever before during
the coming year. Is there any good reason
for believing that an association for pro-
moting healthy rivalry in track and field
events in the same state universities would
not be just as successful, or more so? The
Bee is firmly of the opinion that a meet of
the best track and field athletes in the states
of Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas at
some central city during the spring of each
year would do more to develop track and
field sports than anything that has ever hap-
pened in western intercollegiate circles. Not
only would the spring meet itself be of great
interest to the colleges and universities in the
great interest as to draw a large attendance
and probably produce a few record-breakers,
but the preliminary training among the ath-
letes in the colleges and universities in the
four states would certainly be widespread
and productive of results that would be re-
quired to inaugurate such a movement as is
suggested.Much is being said in the papers these days
regarding the resumption of athletic rela-
tions between Princeton and University of
Pennsylvania during the coming spring. It
can be definitely stated that absolutely noth-
ing has been decided toward the consummation
of such a proceeding so far at least by
Princeton. Manager Wilson has almost com-
pleted his base ball schedule and no allow-
ance has been made for the possibility of any
extra games. In regard to the attitude of
Princeton toward such a game, it can be
very easily stated. The undergraduates gen-
erally would unquestionably look with favor
upon the idea of playing Pennsylvania, and
the officials of the nine speak unequivocally
in favor of such a contest. Indeed, it is
said that Captain Butler has even im-
ported certain members of the faculty to allow
Princeton to play the Red and Blue. It will
be remembered, however, that after that
memorable game in 1894, the Princeton fac-
ulty passed a law in which it was stated that
the students of Old Nassau should engage in
no sport with Pennsylvania, and this law
as the class of 1898 was in college. Well, the
class of '98 are now seniors and the law still
stands. Furthermore, the faculty shows no
sign of being ready to revoke that resolu-
tion, and it is altogether likely that such a
revocation will not take place during the
coming spring, and that consequently no
game with Pennsylvania will be played.
Whether the faculty will relent next fall so
that these old foes may play foot ball again
each other is another question, and one
upon which even a member of the faculty
could scarcely venture to prophesy with ac-
curacy.A dispatch from New Haven says: "Yale
first of all wants to row Harvard, and any
other race is a minor consideration."
To be sure. No one who is familiar with
that charming old relic known as "Yale
policy" ever thought for a single moment
that Yale did not consider all its races, save
those with Harvard, of minor importance.
Most assuredly, and why not? Haven't Yale
long had an easy thing with the Harvard
crew? With one exception, haven't Yale
simply run away from the crews sent out
by the other colleges? Is it
Yale shouldregard its races with Harvard of supreme
importance? Isn't an assured victory, al-
ways of first consideration? Yes, indeed,
and there can be found the essence of
that vain, vain, perfect idea of true
sportsmanship at Yale! It is truly in accord
with the eternal fitness of things for the
Yale crew to suddenly discover that all other
races save those with Harvard are of minor
consideration. Why shouldn't a race be-
tween Yale and Cornell be regarded as of
minor importance, that is around the old
Yale fence? Didn't the Cornell crew badly
defeat the Yale crew last year, and that
after Cornell already held the three-mile
record for the New London course and the
world's record for four miles? It is not at
all surprising that Yale should attempt to
belittle the importance of its meeting with
the Cornell crew, but if Yale is so foolish
as to think for an instant that it can de-
tract from the honors now enjoyed by its
victor by designating another contest with
Cornell as of "minor consideration" it should
immediately take another guess. It really
has another guess coming.The victory of the fencing club of Cornell
over the University of Pennsylvania last Sat-
urday will do much to popularize the sport at
the New York State university. The club
has been in existence hardly two years, and
during that time has had a very precarious
existence. At the opening of the season, Feb-
ruary 19, for the purpose indicated. It is
likely that the same men will be called upon
to serve as representatives of the rules
committee composed of Cornell, Harvard, M.
Pennsylvania, and the University of Penn-
sylvania. Joseph H. Starr of Harvard, L. M.
Dennis of Cornell and Paul Dashiell of the
United States Naval Academy at Annapolis,
and a graduate of Lehigh, as the delegate-at-
large.Attention will first be given to the rule
governing mass plays. It seems probable
that mass plays will be abolished, this being
away with the so-called turtle-back wedge,
Pennsylvania's famous guard-back inter-
ference, and all other formations that are
directed at one opponent. This will neces-
sitate the ends, tackles, guards and center
remaining in the line and only the two half-
backs, quarterback and fullback will be
allowed to make any sort of formation be-
hind the line. Another suggestion is, that
there be more open play and the quarter-
back be allowed to run with the ball, the
same as the others back of the line. Some
of the rules will probably be rewritten, as
they are so vague in meaning that different
interpretations were made of them last
season, notably the one about the kick-off.The revised western rules prepared
by the American Football Association are
being studied by the Yale football team.
It is surprising how the local spirit has
been revived by the news that a franchise
was almost secured. In the pressure of ex-
position and other important matters base
ball has been allowed to go by the board.
People have been inclined to look on it as
something which would be very
to same but whichversity of Illinois were sent out after a
final conference Tuesday. Alterations in the
rules are less sweeping than many expected.
The vital change is that radically altering
the present system of scoring. The goal
after a touchdown is fixed to count for only
one additional point, the drop kick for four,
the place kick for three and the safety for
two.There is no requirement for seven men
on the line, but it is provided that if two
line-men are drawn back of the line they
shall be outside of the line of scrimmage.
Another safeguard against roughness is
that imposing a distance penalty for laying
hands on opponents before the ball is put
into play. An important alteration also is
that permitting to the side-scored on the
choice of kick-off. Other changes suggested
are in defining the safety, allowing fifteen
yards instead of the kick-off after a safety.
A drawing card on the first down, permit-
ting only two minutes of time taken out
for injuries, and modifying the penalty of
impositions when the ball is close to the
goal line. The committee reserves several
suggestions on duty of officials which will
be submitted if the committee is continued.

OMAHA AND A BASE BALL TEAM.

Bright Prospects for the Western
League Locating Here.Well, it is now a 10 to 1 shot that
Omaha will have a ball club this year and
by the same token it will be one in which
the fans can happily pride themselves. The
visit of President Ben Johnson of the West-
ern League Thursday in company with R.
H. Schuman and M. J. O'Brien, who are
now the owners of the Grand Rapids fran-
chise, was the most significant event in a
base ball way that has occurred here for
years and that it will result in the location
of a first-class Western League team here
is almost certain. In fact as the situation now
stands it would be difficult to bring about
any other result. It has been well known
for some time, and the fact was confirmed
by President Johnson the other day, that
it has long been the intention of the league
to include Omaha in its circuit. It has sim-
ply been a question as to when it would
be most advisable to launch the enterprise
and there can be no question that that time
has arrived. Omaha has struck the top grade
and no one knows it better than the men
who are at the helm of the league. Presi-
dent Johnson was undeniably enthusiastic
more than that he is in a position to en-
dorse every city in the league. St. Paul,
Milwaukee, Minneapolis and Kansas City
are openly for Omaha. Indianapolis, Colum-
bia are also well disposed, and in fact
the only apparent opposition that could pos-
sibly materialize would be from Detroit
which would naturally favor Grand Rapids.
Columbus are also well disposed, and in fact
the only apparent opposition that could pos-
sibly materialize would be from Detroit
which would naturally favor Grand Rapids.Diamond Dust.
Cadwallader, the big Yale foot ball player,
has taken to pitching and shows consid-
erable ability.
You der Ahe has announced that he will
return Crooks, Gennis and Daniels to the
Columbia club next month.
President Soden of the Boston club em-
phatically denies that the Rednecker will
play Sunday ball either now or hereafter.
Philadelphia has disposed of five of its
thirty-seven players. Shugart and Geiger
go to St. Paul, Miller to Montreal and
Hulen and Mertes to Columbus.
Pat McAuley's batting average last year
was .253. The principal feature of his back-
stopping was his remarkable throwing, which
netted him an extraordinary number of
outs.an effort to secure. But the visit of Presi-
dent Johnson and his associates and the fol-
lowing announcement that Omaha would un-
doubtedly be selected, has developed more
base ball enthusiasm in twenty-four hours
than has been known to the last five years.
It has been the general topic of conversation
on the street ever since and the opinion is
general that such a club as Messrs. Schuman
and O'Brien propose to establish will re-
ceive a liberal support. The sort of ball
game to be played will be just the sort
generally welcome after two or three years of
fourth rate ball followed by none at all, and
the old brigade of fans will receive numerous
advantages before the season opens.As a rule the selections of players that
have been announced are warmly com-
mended. Tommy Tucker is just the sort
of a man that pleases an Omaha crowd.
They like to see a player who is in the
game all the time and Tommy's fog horn
voice and original coaching would be a
drawing card on the local grounds. There
is some difference of opinion in regard to
Fred Pfeffer as a managerial candidate. It
is suggested that his personal characteris-
tics are not such as would make him popu-
lar with the local fraternity, but the
opposite view is held by others who are
equally qualified to judge.There is one thing that must be borne in
mind by any one who proposes to put a
team in Omaha, and that is that this is
no time for hushers. The public is quick
to discover if any of the players are losing
their eye on account of bibulous habits
and there is nothing that will sacrifice in-
tegrity more than the discovery that a player
here on this score, and if the prospective
Omaha management can secure a team of
reliable players whose depend-
ment on and off the grounds will com-
ment them to favor it will be a better in-
vestment than a more pretentious aggrega-
tion of men who will play brilliant ball
when they are sober, but whose sobriety is
uncertain.The Western association seems to be
about the only base ball organization in
the country that is without the most fat-
tering prospects for the present season.
The St. Joe franchise seems to be a drug
on the market. Les Moines has been torn
up by its ambition to get into the Western
league and now it is announced that
Quincy has thrown up the sponge. There
is said to be a chance that Sioux City will
assist to fill up one gap and Ottumwa is
making a hard hustle to secure the other
place, with good prospects of success.man, who will follow the franchise to
Omaha, if it comes here, ranked thirty-
third in the Western league batting last
year. His average was .218. He was
down near the foot in fielding, with .821.The question, "Where is Anson at?" is
still unanswered. It is pretty definitely
understood by this time that he will not
continue to manage the Colts, but further-
more that no one is able to go. In fact, it
is dollars to cents that Anson don't know
himself.Manager W. H. Watkins of the Pittsburgh
club believes in keeping over 200 last year
he hit the bat as long as he can do good
work. He does not believe in the former-
fashioned scheme of alternating catchers,
putting in a backup every odd day. No-
thing does he believe that pitcher and
catcher should be coupled up into static
batteries.An examination of the sixty-nine league
players who batted over 200 last year
shows that the left fielders lead, twelve of
them being among the heavy hitters. There
are eleven catchers, ten first basemen, eight
right fielders, seven center fielders, seven
third basemen, six second basemen, four
pitchers and four shortstops. The three
outfield positions produce twenty-seven of
the "sluggers" and 20 of the four infield
positions.

SCATTERGUN EXPERTS AND GAME.

Iowa Men Lie Low While Fred Gilbert
Cows the Eastern Cracks.The week is a blank for the local mark-
smen, and as far as known there is noth-
ing in sight for the immediate future that
is worthy of attention. During the last
month there has been quite a lively riv-
ality between Omaha and Council Bluffs
marksmen and this has resulted in a num-
ber of very pretty races. But the Ne-
braska cracks have walked off with the
money on each occasion, and it is sug-
gested that the Iowa men are laying low
for a while to improve their form before
they get tangled up again.According to the American Field, Fred
Gilbert's record achievements have con-
vinced even the crack eastern shots that
their reputations are liable to suffer if
they go against him. It says, that when
Mr. Gilbert was in New York to shoot his
race with J. A. B. Elliott for the Dupont
cup Captain Jack Brewer and some of his
friends suggested that they would like to
arrange a match with Gilbert for a big
stake. Brewer declared that he would
not shoot for \$100 nor a tin cup, and the
Iowa men's backers at once replied that if
he wanted a race with Gilbert he could
challenge him for the Dupont cup and that
he would win. If he would do so, and
shoot the match in Chicago, they would
accommodate Brewer with a side bet of
\$1,000, and if one race was not enough he
could have two or three. Brewer made an
appointment to arrange terms, which he
failed to keep. The same authority now
says that Brewer and his friends should
either put up their money and shoot or
else quit talking.Les Moines and Robt Heikes of Dayton, O.,
for the east iron medal is one of the events
which are scheduled for next month. Heikes
was the present holder of the medal, having
won it from C. W. Ginn December 6 and
again January 1.Charley Beld has a big trap shoot sched-
uled at Des Moines for four days, beginning
April 19. There will be the usual pursa-
ces with \$400 added. Of this \$400 will be added
to the target events of the first three days,
\$50 for the best average and \$50 added for
the twenty-five live bird handicap, on the
last day. A number of the local marksmen
will probably go after a slice of the money.The Waterloo, Ia., gun club will give a
tournament May 18, 19 and 20. The club
now has commodious grounds and a con-
spicuous clubhouse within easy distance of
the city and it is expected that the tourna-
ment will be sufficiently successful to com-
pensate for the financial failure of the one
which was given a year ago.The sportsmen of Burlington, Ia., are
heading a movement in the direction of a
number of changes in the game laws which
they believe will be beneficial to the sport.
They want the open season for quail, doves,
twenty days later, closing December 29, in-
stead of December 1 as at present, and they
also want an open season for doves. They
will send a petition to the Iowa legisla-
ture now in session, asking for the amend-
ment of the game laws which prohibit the transpor-
tation of game out of the state for fear that
the Illinois legislature will pass a retaliatory
law.It is said that no less than six new styles
of hammerless, breech-loading guns will be
placed on the market this year by Ameri-
can manufacturers. This number, added to
those we already have, ought to enable the
worst of gun cranks to find something that
suits his fancy.

WITH THE DEVOTES OF WHIST.

Thunder of Authority Burred at
Trump Signal and Its Tenth.A recent review of the rise and progress
of the trump signal remarks that, like the
love of money in life, it has been the root
of all evil in play. From it has sprung up
that poisonous growth of private conven-
tions that has choked up the individuality,
the dash and brilliancy that is proper to the
game. Although at first it was believed to
be a benefit to good and bad players alike,
its injurious influence was soon recognized
and no one restricted its jurisdiction more
than its inventor.
"The great objection to the signal," says
a writer of thirty years ago, "is that it re-
quires the most judgment, courage and dis-
cretion—when to lead trumps—and so has
brought all players down to the same level."
This criticism is equally true of all arbitrary
conventions, most of which seem to have
been invented for the benefit of bunglers.
James that has choked up the individuality
of the game the signal is an unwelcome
evil. Dr. Pale thought it was inhumane,
Proctor said it was dishonest, which was
also the opinion of "Magill." The New
York Sun has taken up the fight against
these private conventions and says, speaking
more especially of the rotary discard, that
"it is one of the most contemptible pieces
of card-shuffling ever introduced at the whist
table." In England the rules are more
strict in this regard and players are bound
to draw no inferences, save those arising
from the natural fall of the cards. It is
reported that in one of the most fashionable
sporting clubs in London even American
leads are forbidden and any player using
them at the whist table would be disciplined.
In the days of Mathews what was played
upon very simple principles. Original leads