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THE LAST WEEK OF THE GREAT "WIEBOLD" FIRE SALE

Advertisement for the 'WIEBOLD' fire sale, featuring 'LADIES' CLOAKS, CAPES and JACKETS' and 'MUSLIN UNDERWEAR'. Includes prices like '\$10.00 and \$7.50' and '16th and Douglas Omaha.' Also mentions 'GIVEN AWAY FREE' and 'ASK FOR COUPONS.'

PERFECT DRESS GOODS. From the Chicago Fire Stock. Regular Chicago Price Was 30c yd. Our Price is 15c yd. Every yard of these goods is strictly all wool, in plain goods, checks, all wool suitings and novelty goods. These are strictly perfect and worth 30c yd, on sale on front bargain square at 15c.

Slightly Damaged \$1.00 Dress Goods at 25c.

Cloth Back Henriettas. in all colors, Imported French Serges in all colors, Brocades and Fancy Weave Black Goods and Plaids—these are only slightly damaged, worth up to \$1, on sale at 25c.

Damaged Dress Goods in the Basement. All Wool Henriettas and Serges, when perfect were worth 75c a yd. But to close them out quick go at 5c a yd.

DAMAGED SILKS. The entire lot of Silks from the Fire Sale, in Brocaded Silks, Taffetas, Satin Duchesse, every yard worth \$1.00—many of them only slightly damaged—choice at 25c yard.

Perfect 75c Silk Chiffon at 39c. Perfect Silk Chiffon and Mousselin de Soie, in black and colors, actually worth 75c a yard, on sale at 39c yard.

Ladies' Cloaks, CAPES and JACKETS. \$10.00 and \$7.50. Guaranteed Absolutely Sound and Perfect.



All the LADIES' and MISSES' Fine, New \$7.50 and \$10.00

Cloaks, Capes and Jackets. As Displayed in our Window. More Than Twenty Styles to Select From. Every One This Season's Styles. In elegant plain goods—or Brocaded, Boucles in plain colors and two toned effects—many of them worth \$10.00 apiece—none worth less than \$7.50—Every garment perfect—free from any damage—Take your choice of the entire lot for \$2.98.

Advertisement for muslin underwear, listing various styles and prices like '11c', '15c and 25c', '49c 59c 98c'.

LAST WEEK SELLING ALL THE HANDKERCHIEFS FROM THE WIEBOLD FIRE STOCK. Thousands of dozens of all kinds of handkerchiefs, hem-stitched, Swiss embroidered, plain and fancy Irish linen handkerchiefs, some only slightly soiled by smoke, otherwise all perfect, will be sold at less than one-half the price they were intended to sell for in Chicago.

All the misses' and children's plain and fancy bordered hemstitched handkerchiefs go at 15c, worth up to 50c. One immense lot of lace edged Handkerchiefs go at 2 1/2c each. All the plain white and fancy bordered hemstitched, finest quality of cotton Handkerchiefs that were sold as high as 30c, go at 5c each.

LAST WEEK SELLING ALL THE MUSLIN UNDERWEAR. From the Wiebold Chicago Fire Stock, It's one of the Greatest Muslin Underwear Sales Ever Held in Omaha.

One immense lot of ladies' muslin draw-ers, nicely made with a cluster of tucks, go at 11c pair. All the most soiled under-ware from the Wiebold stock including infant's and children's wear, ladies' skirts and umbrellas drawers, go at 15c and 25c, many in this lot worth up to 50c each. One immense lot of ladies' night gowns, skirts, handsomely embroidered trimmed drawers, go at 39c each, worth up to 60c.

Last Week, Selling all the Men's \$1.50 Laundered SHIRTS AT 35c and 50c. All the men's shirts from the Wiebold stock, guaranteed absolutely sound and perfect, including the highest grade of white laundered shirts, white shirts with colored bosoms, colored shirt with collars and cuffs attached and detached.

35c and 50c. MEN'S UNDERWEAR. Choice of all the high grade men's underwear in this stock worth up to \$2.50 a garment, absolutely sound and perfect go at 19c, 39c and 50c.

Men's NECKWEAR. Silk. Twelve out of all the men's neckwear from the Wiebold stock, all the latest styles, some damson, others sound and perfect, we place them on two bargain squares and put the price at 2 1/2c, 5c, 12 1/2c.

MEN'S and BOYS' CAPS. 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 Uplifting Influence Which Might Be Found in an Interstate Association.

Nebraska has an aboriginal grasp on the pennant of the Western Intercollegiate Foot Ball Association. It is a club that is as close as the Southern Pacific railroad, and it is warranted not to break, rip, tear or unravel. "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 that we should now and then get our noses stuck in the air, but that we should have better work nearer at hand. The mail of the editor of the department of poetry plainly indicates that some in appreciating and our amateur athletes a heartier themselves for intercollegiate contests on the base ball diamond and on the athletic track and field.

Much is being said in the papers these days relative to the resumption of athletic relations between Princeton and University of Pennsylvania during the coming spring. It is a condition that exists in nearly every university, college and school in this country, where athletics are encouraged, or tolerated in some cases. The track athletic team is the pool, as it were, into which every student in the university 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 the many amateur athletes and those interested 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 circles 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 opinion that it is due principally to a lack of interesting competition. Nebraska may excel in foot ball, but all must acknowledge that to base ball, but all must acknowledge that the state that led the hope of producing the late Johnny Drum has accomplished better success in the track and field than any other state. It does not require a very great student of athletics to see that the intercollegiate games among the many Iowa colleges have done a whole lot toward making the state the star runner and the crack field athlete of the state that lies between the two big rivers. If competition has done this much for Iowa in the development of track and field athletics surely it cannot do less for Nebraska.

OMAHA AND A BASE BALL TEAM.

Bright Prospects for the Western League Location Here.

Well, it is one thing to say 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 Western League Thursday in company with R. H. Schuman and M. J. O'Brien, who are now the owners of the Grand Rapids franchise, was the most significant event in the 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 the most desirable place for 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 the most desirable place for the location of a first-class Western League team here is almost certain.

Attention will first be given to the rule governing mass plays. It seems probable that mass plays will be abolished, thus doing away with the so-called turtle-back problem. Pennsylvania's famous guardback interference, and all other formations that are directed at one opponent. This will necessitate 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 behind the line. Another suggestion is, that there be more open play and the quarterback 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.

Representatives of the leading eastern universities will meet at the University Athletic club in New York on Saturday, February 19, for the purpose indicated. It is likely that the same men will be called upon to serve as representatives on the rules committee as composed of the University of Chicago and Illinois there is no doubt a general sentiment among western football men in favor of a revision of the rules in the east something of the nature of which will probably be done at New York next month.

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 had an easy thing with the Harvard crew? With one exception, hasn't Yale simply run away from the crews sent out to disposition whatever to rowing? Is it not the easiest western rowing race ever known? The revised western rowing rules are proposed by the University of Chicago, and are intended to be adopted by the Western League.

SCATTERED EXPERTS AND GAME.

Low Men Hit Low White Fred Gilbert.

The week is a blank for the local marksmen, and as far as known there is nothing in sight for the immediate future that is worthy of attention. During the last month there has been quite a lively rivalry between Omaha and Council Bluffs marksmen and this has resulted in a number of very pretty races. But the Nebraska cranks have walked off with the money on each occasion, and it is suggested that the Iowa men are laying low for a while to improve their form before they get tangled up again.

DIAMOND DUST.

Cadwalader, the big Yale foot ball player, has taken to pitching and shows considerable ability. Von der Ahe has announced that he will return to Omaha, and that he will play for the Omaha club next month. President Soden of the Boston club emphatically denies that the Bostoners will play Sunday ball either now or hereafter. Philadelphia has disposed of five of its thirty-seven players. Shugart and Geizer go to St. Paul, Miller to Montreal and Hulen and Mertos to Columbus.

Pat McAuley's batting average, last year was .252. The principal feature of his back-stopping was his remarkable throwing, which netted him an extraordinary number of assists. Among the pitching candidates for the Brown University base ball team are Richard Croker, Jr., and Frank Croker, both sons of Richard Croker, the famous Tammany leader. The two lads are fine all-round athletes.

WITH THE DEVOTEE OF WHIST.

Founder of Authority Busted at Trump Signal and Its Trade.

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 the history of the game. It is a condition that exists in nearly every university, college and school in this country, where athletics are encouraged, or tolerated in some cases. The track athletic team is the pool, as it were, into which every student in the university 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 the many amateur athletes and those interested 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 circles in this part of the country.

It is stated that no less than six new styles of handkerchiefs, brooch-lapels for men, will be placed upon the market this year by American manufacturers. This number, added to those we already have, ought to enable the worst of our cranks to find something that suits his fancy.

The great objection to the signal," says a writer of thirty years ago, "is that it has struck out of the game the point that required the most judgment, courage and discipline—when to lead (trump) and so has brought all cranks 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 Clay, one of the best players of his time, regarded the trump signal as an unexcused evil. Dr. Pole thought it was immoral. President said it was dishonest, which was the opinion of "Macaulay." The New York Sun has taken up the fight against these private conventions and says, speaking more especially of the rotary signal, that "it is one of the most contemptible pieces of card-sharper's ever introduced at the whist table." In England the rules are more strict in this regard and players are bound to draw no inference except those drawn 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