

FIELD AND TRACK ATHLETES Western College Men Busy Training for

Epring Events.

GREAT NEED OF CLOSER COMPETITION

Quality of the Sport Needs an Uplift-Ang inducace Which Might Be Found in an Interstate Association

Mehraska has an ablebodied grasp on the pernant of the Western Intercollegiate Foot Ball association. It is a clutch that is as close as the Southern Pacific railroad, and it close as the Southern Pacific rational, and it of Nebraska, fowa, Missouri and Kansas at is warranted not to break, rip, tear nor some central city during the spring of each ravel. "We've got back that permant where year would do more to develop track end we had it once before?' and what's more, we mean to keep it for a while. But it is not meet that we should now gloat over past successes, nor look too far forward to discarn signs of future triumphs, for we have beit the other of the department of pactry frames a few record of decay beit the probably produce a few record of decay but plainly indicates that soring is approaching. | dantly justify the efforts that would be reand our amateur athletes a cleathring them i quired to inaugurate-such a movement as is solves for intercollegiste concests on the suggested. base ball diamond and on the athletic track Ball field.

Of Nebrauka's prospects on the diamond-The Hee has already spoken. Though cred. Pennsylvania during the coming spring. It itable work is being done in practice. It is 'can be definitely stated that absolutely nothfeared that the chances for brilliant achieve-menta in track and field athletics cannat be printed in such resy colors. There is great pleted his base ball schedule and no allow-intervat in indoor practice work in field ance has been made for the possibility of events at the University of Nebraska this winter, the pretioninary trials in the high jump broad jump and pole vaniting having erally would unquestionably look with favor upon the idea of playing Pennsylvania, and been especially good. But mauger this improvement, there is not the enthusiasm in the work of the track and field athletes said that Captain Butler has even imporalloung the students that there is in the work of the foot ball or even in that of the the bull players. This is not surprising, be remembered, however, that after that It is a condition that exists in nearly every memorable game in 1894, the Princeton facuniversity, curryre and school in this counwhere athietics are encouraged, or toleralor in some passe.

it were into which every student in the uni-versity who thinks he has brawn or can develop some, flows. A man may be too small for foot hall or the crew, too clumsy to be a student of the state of the state of the state of the state of the revocation will not take place during the have ball and too slow for tennis, but he never gets over the idea that he can run, from or shrow the weights, until he has tried a low years for the track train. Thus that these old foes may play foot ball against too many amateur athletes and those in each other is another question, and one terested in their work argue. But it's not upon which even a member of the faculty allogisther the correct view of the track could scarcely venture to prophesy with ac-publicle term to take. It is to be admitted, curacy. owever, that this view of the situation is to one that we are all prove to take, and it

s capecially popular in intercollegiate cir-les in this part of the country. T'is fact has led The Rec to study the ames for the lack of interest in field and

track schiefties and it has some to the opin-ion that it is due principally to a lack of interesting competition. Nebraska may excel lows in foot hall, and we hope to win out Most assuredly, and why not? Hasn't Yate has ball, but all must acknowledge that long had an easy thing with the Harvard the state that Lad the honor of profucing crews? With one exception, hasn't Yale the late Johnny Crum has accomplished bet-

ry great student of athletics to see that the intercollegiate games among the many lowa colleges have done a whole lot toward

tween Yale and Cornell be regarded as of But why stop at state intercollegiate assominor importance, that is around the old foot ball association that includes the foot all elevens of the state universities of Nc after Cornell aiready held the three-mile record for the New London course and the braska Jowa, Missouri and Kansas has been more or less of a success and promises to be a greater success than ever before during world's record for four miles? It is not at all surprising that Yale should attempt to the coming year. Is there any good reason for believing that an association for probelittle the importance of its meeting with the Cornell crew, but if Yale is so foolish moting healthy rivalry in track and field as to think for an instant that it can de-tract from the honors now enjoyed by its events in the same state universities would not be just as successful, or more so? victor by designating another contest with Bee is firmly of the opinion that a meet of the best track and field athletes in the states 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 Satfield sports than anything that has ever imp-pend in western intercollegiate circles. Not only would the spring most liself be of such great interest as to draw a large attendance and probably produce a few record-brokers. 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 life. At the opening of the fall term a few At the opening of the fall term a few of the enthusiasts, after bearing the burden and expense of maintaining the Cornell

Much is being said in the papers these days

relative to the resumption of athletic rela-tions between Princeton and University of work. Some progress toward a revision of foot tuned certain members of the faculty to allow Princeton to play the Red and Blue. It will to serve as representatives on the rules. uity cassed a law in which it was stated that the students of Old Nassau should engage in no form of spurt with Pennsylvania so long The track athletic team is the poot as class of 1898 was in college. Well, the

and a graduate of Lehigh, as the delegate-atrevocation will not take place during the coming spring, and that consequently no game with Pennsylvania will be played. Whether the faculty will relent next fail so away with the so-called turtle-back wedge, Pennsylvania's famous guardback 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-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 hind the line. Another suggestion is, that there he more open play and the quarterback be allowed to run with the ball, the same as the others block of the line. Some

of the sules will probably be rewritten, as they are so vague in meaning that different interpretations were made of them last position and other important matters base son, notably the one about the kick-off. revised western tes pre-

ost castern states. It does not require a regard its races with Harvard of supreme versity of Illino's were sent out after a an effort to secure. But the visit of Presi- | man, who will follow the franchise consequence? Isn't an assured victory al-ways of first consideration? Yes, indeed, final conference Tuesday. Alterations in the dent Johnson and his associates and the fol-rules are less sweeping than many expected. lowing zanouncement that Omaha would uu-and therein may be found the essence of The vital change is that radically altering doubtedly be selected has developed more the crack field athletes of the star runners and botween the two big rivers. If competition has dote this much for lown in the de-velopment of track and field athletics surely it cannot do less for Nebraska.

There is no requirement for seven men and O'Brien propose to establish will re-n the line, but it is provided that if two crive a liberal support. The sort of ball s dollars to cents that Anson don't know linesmen are drawn back of the line they, that the league is putting up will be espe-shall be outside of the line of scrimmage, cially welcome after two or three years of shall be outside of the line of scrimmage, cally welcome after two or three years of Another safeguard against roughness is fourth rate hall followed by none at all, and itmself. that imposing a distance penalty for laying the old brigade of fans will receive numerou hind the bat as long as he can hands on opponents before the ball is put accessions before the season opcas. work. He does not believe in the former into play. An important alteration also is

As a rule the selections of players that fashioned scheme of alternating catchers. that permitting to the side scored on the outting in a backstop every other day. Nelof kick-off. Other changes suggested have been announced are warmly comare in defining the safety, allowing fifteen mended. Tommy Tucker is just the sor yards instead of ten, on the kick-out after of a man that pleases an Omaha crowd ther does he believe that pitcher of a man that pleases an Omaha crowd. They like to see a player who is in the batterles. a kick for goal on the first down, permit-An examination of the sixty-nine league ing only two minutes of time taken out game all the time and Tommy's fog horn volce and original coaching would be a for injuries, and modifying the penalty of impositions when the ball is close to the drawing carl on the local grounds. There some difference of opinion in regard to them being among the heavy batters. There goal line. The committee reserves several uggestions on duty of officials which will Fred Pfeffer as a managerial candidate. It are eleven catchers, ten first basemen, eight right fielders, seven center fielders, seven

suggested that his personal character bo submitted if the committee is continued. istics are not such as would make him popular with the local fraternity, but the opposite view is held by others who are

Bright Prospects for the Western equally qualified to judge. League Locating Here.

positions. Well, it is now a 10 to 1 shot that There is one thing that must be borne in SCATTERGUN EXPERTS AND GAME. Omaha will have a ball club this year and mind by any one who proposes to put by the same token it will be one in which team in Omaha, and that is that this no town for lushers. The public is quick Fencing club for two years, made stronuous the fans can happily pride themselves. The efforts to get the club on its feet again, with visit of President Ban Johnson of the Westthe fans can happily pride themselves. The to discover if any of the players are their eye on account of bibulent hable

the result that Cornell has at last a repre-sentation in this sport of considerable size and of much promise. The club will very shortly journey to Annapolis and cross foils and there is nothing that will sacrifice in men, and as far as known there is nothtcrest more certainly than this discovery. ing in sight for the immediate future that More than one ball player has lost credit here on this score, and if the prospective with the naval cadets, who are said to be base ball way that has occurred here Omalia management can secure a teampast masters at fencing and broadsword years and that it will result in the location valry between Omaha and Council Bluffs sober and reliable players whose deport-

trip would be eliminated and the value of

every reason to believe that Omaha has wor

the prize. It will be selected because the league considers it the best town in sight

and because it holieves with us that it has

started on a period of business prosperity (stop

It is surprising how the local spirit has

next revivified by the news that a franchise was almost secured. In the pressure of ex-

ball has been allowed to go by the board. People have been inclined to look on it os

change is apparent.

something which would

of a first-clss Weatern League team here is almost certain. In fact as the situation now ment on and off the grounds will mend them to favor it will be a better inber of very pretty races. But the Ne stands it would be difficult to bring about any other result. It has been well known vestment than a more pretentious aggregabraska cracks have walked off with the ball rules appears to be sear at hand. All for some time, and the fact was contribu-though the movement among western teams for some time, and the fact was contribu-to change the rules was confined to the Unit by President Johnson the other day, that by President Johnson the other day, that it has long been the intention of the league tion of men who will play brilliant ball when they are sober, but whose sobriety is uncertain. they get tangled up again.

relatives of chickgo and litinois there is it has food been the intention of the league no doubt a general centiment among western foot hall men in favor of a revision of the rules. In the east something toward re-vision will probably be done at New York The Western association seems to be about the only base ball organization in the country that is without the most flattering prospects for the present selson. The St. Joe franchise seems to be a drug has arrived. Omain has struck the up grade Representatives of the leading eastern niversities will meet at the University Ath-letic club in New York on Saturday, Feb-ruary 19, for the purpose indicated. It is likely that the same men will be called upon to correct as the the strong attitude in favor of Omaba will have error will have error with the obvious on the market. Des 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 kely that the same men will be called upon serve as representatives on the rules munitee as composed it during the last. More than that his position is endorsed by we meetings, when the following were mem-bers: Walter Camp of Yale, Alexander Mof-fatt of Princeton, John C. Bell of Pennsyl-vania, Joseph H. Sears of Harvard, L. M. Dennis of Cornell and Paul Dashiell of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, and a graduate available and anapolis, sibly material place, with mood prospects of success.

they go against him. It says, that when Mr. Gillert was in New York to shoot his race with J. A. R. Elliott for the Dupont cup Captain Jack Brewer and some of his is said to be a chance that Sioux City will assist to fill up one gap and Ottumwa is making a hard hustle to scoure the other friends suggested that they would like to arrange a match with Gilbert for a big stake. Brower declared that he would not shoot for \$100 nor a tin cup, and the Diamond Dust.

Cadwallader, the big Yale foot ball player

arge. Attention will first be given to the rule But even at that Omaha would still be fairly

governing mass plays. It seems probable satisfactory to Detroit. That city is that mass plays will be abolished, thus doing much interested as Indianopolis and Colu That city is as bus in breaking the long jump between Kan sas City and St. Paul. With Oroha in the circuit the necessity of losing a day every

Hulen and Mertes to Columbus.

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the only apparent opposition that could pos-sibly materialize would be from Detroit which would naturally favor Grand Rapids

able ability.

Von der Ahe has announced that he will return Crooks, Genins and Daniels to the Columbus club next month. Columbus club ne

has taken to pitching and shows consider-

not shoot for \$100 nor a tin cup, and the Iowa man's backers at once replied that if warned a race with Glibert he could challenge him for any one of the cups that he now holds. If he would do so and shoot the match in Chicago they would a writer of thirty years ago. "Is that it has guired the most judgment, courage and dis-cretion-when to lead truncs-and go has brought all clayers down to the same level."

shoot the match in Chicago, they would accommodate Brewer with a side bet of Columbus club next month. President Soden of the Boston club cmi-phatically denies that the Beancaters will play Sunday hall either new or hereafter. Philadelphia has disposed of five of its Philadelphia has disposed of five of the philadelphia has disposed of five of the philadelphia has disposed of five of the philadelphila has disposed of five of the philadelphiladelphiladelphiladelphiladelphiladelphiladelphiladelphiladelphiladelphiladel thirty-seven players. Shugari and Geiger else quit talking, go to St. Paul. Miller to Montreal and

Rollo Heikes won first place in eight out if nine events at a recout shout at Dayton.

Omaka; if it comes here, ranked thirty-

third basemen, six second basemen, four pitchers and four shortstops. The three

outfield positions produce twenty-seven of

"sluggers" and so do the four infield

do good.

Pat McAuley's batting average last year Ohlg. was .253. The principal feature of his backing was his remarkable throwing which It is stated that the cournament that will netted him an extraordinary number of

of rard-sharoing ever introduced at the whist table." In England the rules are more strict in this regard and players are bound be given at Hot Springs, Ark., Pebruary 15 to 19 promises to be one of the best attended to draw no intervices except those proper from the natural fail of the cards. It is Among the pitching candidates for the Brown University bias ball team are Rich-ard Croker, jr. and Frank Croker, both sons of Richard Croker, the famous Tam-sons of Richard Croker, the famous Tamleader. The two lads are fine all- present. In the days of Mathews whist was played

third in the Western league batting list bist year. His average was 318. He was down near the foot in fielding, with .824: which are scheduled for next month. Helkes is the present holder of the medal, having wen it from C. W. Gramm December 6 and The question, "Where is Anson at?" is still unanswered. It is pretty definitely understood by this time that he will not again January 1. Charley Budd has a big trap shoot scheduled at Des Moines for four days, beginning ontinue to manage the Colts, but further April 19. There will be the usual purse. than that no one is able to go. In fact, it

to Los Moines and Rollo Helkes of Dayton, O

for the cast iron medal is one of the event

with \$400 added. Of this \$300 will be added to the target events of the first three days inself. Manager W. H. Watkins of the Pittsburg. So for the best average and \$50 added for the twenty-five live hird handicap, on the lub believes in keeping a good eatcher be- last day. 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 29. The club now has commodious grounds and a comcatcher should be coupled up into stated fortable club house within easy distance of the city and it is expected that the toursa-ment will be sufficiently successful to complayers who batted over 300 last year ponsate for the financial failure of the one shows that the left fielders lead, twelve of which was given a year ago.

The sportamen of Burlington, Ia., are heading a movement in the direction of a number of changes in the same laws which they believe will be beneficial to the sport. They want the open season for quall made twenty days later, closing December 20, Instead of December 1 as at present, and they also want an open season for doves. They will ask for the repeal of the section of the game law which prohibits the transportation of game out of the siste for fear that the

Iowa Men Lie Low While Fred Gilbert Hindis legislature will pass a retaliatory Cows the Eastern Cracks. list. The week is a blank for the local marks-

then its investor

It is said that no less than six new styles of hammericss, breech-loading guns will be is worthy of attention. During the last placed upon the market this year by Ameri-month there has been quite a lively ri- ran manufacturers. This number, added to those we already have, ought to enable the worst of gun cranks to find comething that markemen and this has resulted in a num- suits his favoy.

WITH THE DEVOTEES OF WHIST.

money on each occasion, and it is sug-gested that the Iowa men are laying low for a while to improve their form before Thunder of Authority Hurled at Trump Signal and Its Train.

A recent review of the rise and progress of the trump signal remarks that, like the Occording to the American Field, Fred love of money in life, it has been the root Gilbert's recent achievements have conof all cyll in play. From it has sprung up vinced even the crack eastern shots that that polsonous growth of private conven their reputations are liable to suffer if tions that has choked up the individuality.

the dash and brilliousy that is proper to the pames. Although at first it was believed to be a benefit to g od and had players office, its injurious influence was soon recognized and no one regritted its introduction more

"The great oldestion to the signal," says

these private conventions and says, speaking more especially of the rotary discard, that "It is one of the most contemptible pieces

upon very simple principles. Original leads