

GETTING READY FOR PLAY

Base Ball Men Eagerly Anticipate the Coming Season.

OMAHA TEAM WILL SOON BEGIN PRACTICE
Manager O'Brien has a likely lot to start work with and has a prospect of making it better.

In another week the members of the Omaha base ball team will report for duty and from that time until the season opens they will be in active training. In the meantime there is little for the fans to do except to anticipate the arrival of the playing season with as much patience as possible. The only news matter that is hanging fire is the acquisition of a first baseman that will fill Tucker's shoes, and although there is nothing to say at this time beyond what has already been said in that connection, it is expected that a definite announcement will be promulgated in a few days.

Aside from this point the Omaha team is in excellent shape and is now much nearer being ready to play ball than the other Western league teams. Every report that comes from the men is encouraging and there is no doubt that Manager O'Brien has got together a team that will sustain the honor of the city. All the men are taking good care of themselves and are not waiting until their pay begins to get into condition. Bat Masterson was in town the other day on his way east and he brought a most encouraging report of a game played at Hot Springs, Arkansas, at which both men are in the pink of condition. Root's arm promises to be all right and Eustace is as fit to play ball as any man who has stepped into a diamond. If this is the case, Omaha's infield will be all right for these two in good condition with McKinney and first class first baseman will certainly make a combination that will make infield hits pretty scarce.

As a matter of fact, Manager O'Brien is entitled to no little credit for getting together so strong a team. It is very nearly an impossibility to organize a new team that can play with such rapidity as the Omaha team as the Western league, but there is every reason to believe that Manager O'Brien has succeeded in doing it. Aside from the vacancy on first base, the Omaha team has at least two of the other Western league teams, and there is no reason why it should not win a fair proportion of the games from the start. None of them have any better backstop than "Pop" McCauley and Fisher. Hemming and Hagerman constitute as good a trio of pitchers as there is in the league. The infield will be only as strong as the average and we are sure of at least two good, steady hitting outfielders. The team is above the average in batting and Manager O'Brien has a string to pull that will very shortly repair any weakness that may be apparent when the team shows up in practice. Altogether, the Omaha public has every reason to congratulate itself and it should appreciate by giving the management a patronage sufficiently liberal to warrant the efforts that have been made to give the city a team that will do it credit.

The improvements at the Ames Avenue park are progressing at a rapid rate. In a few days more the grounds will be enclosed and the diamond will be ready for practice. The fact that the grounds have been enclosed and have been staked out ever since they were laid for all it is worth it will not be for lack of room. The diamond and outfield are fast getting into shape under the big roller and before the work is done the fence will be up and the carpenters will be working on the grand stand.

In common with other managers, Manager O'Brien is just now undergoing the antiseptic leg-pulling process induced by the fact that the festive ball player has long ago wasted his substance and advanced to the writing for chunks of advance money to the him over until the show begins to walk in. About three out of four of the letters that he receives from the fans are for more or less vigorous demands for pecuniary favors, but O'Brien has been in the business a long time and he knows that the less money a man has beyond the means of his necessities to allow him to report the better condition he will be in to play ball. Astute managers will go quit handing out big salaries and will rather prefer to frequently serve no better purpose than to create a temporary panic in the booze market.

"Pop" McCauley writes that he is in splendid condition and fit to play his best. He is now working off his superfluous flesh at his home in Massachusetts and expects to land in Omaha ready to play the game from the jump. Manager O'Brien also had a letter from Charles Fisher during the week. Fisher also declares that he is at least in trim to put 'em over, and as he is among those whose contracts have already been executed, he is occasioning the manager no trouble.

It is not quite as easy with Hemming, who has so far neglected to affix his signature to a contract. The transfer to the Western league means a material salary for Hemming, and he is evidently inclined to put the matter off until the last minute in the hope that something may happen to save him from the contract. However, Hemming will probably get in line all right before long, and as soon as his contract is received, Omaha will have a trio of pitchers that will be good enough for anyone.

Third baseman McKinney, who was in the city one day during the week, also has his judgment to make. He has been said of Hagerman. He played with him all last season at Grand Rapids and is positive that he will make a fine first baseman. He is steady in any emergency and with a first class team behind him ought to be a winner.

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W. F. Jordan, who has been signed by Manager O'Brien as "Pop" McCauley's understudy, is said to be fully capable of holding his own as a backstop. He played successfully last season at the University of the London, Ontario, club. He is a native of President Jordan of the Omaha Board of Education.

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Woods, left field and pitcher; Heron, second base; Dwyer, first base; Leach, catcher; Dwyer, Foreman, Breitenbach, pitcher; Dwyer, pitcher; "Phil" Corcoran and Hann, pitchers; Beckley, first base; McPhee, second base; Ewing, Smith and McBride, outfielders; Farling, Fritz, Miller, Holliday, Steinfield, Wood, pitcher.

Cleveland, O'Connor, Zimmer and Criger, catchers; Young, Bert Jones, Cuyoo, Blue, Wilson, pitcher; Hatcher, pitcher; Tebeau, first base; Childs, second base; Wallace, third base; McKean, shortstop; Burkette, pitcher; Beckley, pitcher; Hatcher, pitcher; Esterquist, Beck, Gilks, Belden and Leaver, pitcher.

St. Louis—Sugden, Clements and Clifford, catchers; Sulthoff, Daniels, Coleman, Taylor, Egan, pitcher; Dugan and Carson, pitchers; Lally, first base; Crooks and Huseman, second base; L. Cross and Hall, shortstop; C. W. Sullivan, pitcher; Holmes and Harby, outfielders.

Washington—McGuire, Parrish and Snyder, catchers; Dimes and Donovan, pitchers; Doyle, first base; Reitz, second base; Leahy, shortstop; Brown, pitcher; Brown, Seibach and McHale, outfielders; Casey, Wagner and White, extras.

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Present: Boston—Nichols, Stivets, Lewis, Glendon, Willis, J. Sullivan, Payne, Kennedy, Fenner and Miller, pitchers; Bergen, Klobe and Yeager, catchers; Tenney, first base; Lewis, second base; Collins, third base; Shortstop; Duffy, Hamilton and Stahl, outfielders; Keister, utility.

scene of the gridiron battles there will be no use of half-freedom to death on the side counts. It is a matter of regret that the view of a game, with some regret and a pair of cold feet. The officers of the recently organized Intercollegiate Football League of Nebraska and Iowa, and the University of Iowa, are making friends for the game and to extend an interest in it among the high schools of this territory that shall result in the building of a sport among the high schools of the west.

Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania have definitely decided to play their annual football game this year on November 5, which will create some surprise in the large world, as it is an unexpected departure from the usual custom of playing on the Saturday before Thanksgiving day.

A game with the Carlisle Indians may be arranged for October 29, though nothing definite has been decided upon. With such a season would wind up on the usually early date of November 12, which would not be generally approved by Princetonians.

Frank Morse, one of the most famous halfbacks who ever wore the orange and black, expresses himself as decidedly in favor of a renewal of football games with Princeton. Morse's suggestion, therefore that the two schools should come together by all means, is said to be "People do not care to be harassed by constant and prolonged bickering between colleges, and it is better to have red tape and diplomacy connected with it, but there can be too much of them.

The New York Sun throws this dainty little bouquet at Briggs, the 125-pound orsman in the stock market. Briggs, who is the "Jack rabbit" variety crew again this year has boomed the stock of Courtney's eight among cowing men who say that Courtney is the "Jack rabbit" variety crew again this year.

European Buyers Getting the Better of American Trotting Stallions. European horsemen have taken away from this country many of the best trotting stallions of the last few years, and they are now trying to buy in St. Louis, 2074, the former champion of trotting champions and the present champion of the show ring.

Pat Wright's Pacific coast league has been formed with eight good towns in the procession. It is a significant fact that nearly every base ball organization that ever existed in this year in one form or another, and a number of new leagues are in the field.

It is a matter of some gratification to the Omahans who have interested themselves in the movement to form an Intercollegiate Football League among the leading high school teams of Nebraska and Iowa to learn that the meeting for organization recently held in Omaha was such an auspicious success. The thorough manner in which the preliminary work was accomplished augurs well for the future success of the organization.

The biggest foreign campaign ever attempted by American horsemen against the trotting season was decided. Only one American horse owned by an American citizen was entered in the race at the Metropole. He made a mighty bad showing, he finished eleventh in the fourteen which started. He had to be led to the post, and he was not in the race at all.

The special committee of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, to which was referred the order restricting racing in that city to forty-eight days in one year, and abolishing women's day at the race track, has decided to report in favor of its passage. It appears that a majority of the board is in favor of the measure, and that the measure will be quickly made a law.

There will be twenty stakes in the Montana Racing Circuit this year, entries to which will close April 15. The first meeting will be at Butte on the 19th. The Anconada opens on August 11 and will run until September 10. All the stakes are of the guaranteed order and none are worth less than \$1,000. The total amount of stakes is \$2,500 and the Daily stakes are worth \$2,000. It is believed that the season up in the mountains will be a good one.

bred, for horses ranging between 3:13 and 2:46. Among these horse-bred may be also counted the astro-Hungarian and the Scandinavian. Both of these breeds are there will be twelve international events, of which four are handicaps and the rest for horses between 2:42 and 2:34.

When St. Joe pacer his mile in 1:40 at Keosauqua, August 2, 1892, he had shot as follows: 1:38, 1:37, 1:36, 1:35, 1:34, 1:33, 1:32, 1:31, 1:30, 1:29, 1:28, 1:27, 1:26, 1:25, 1:24, 1:23, 1:22, 1:21, 1:20, 1:19, 1:18, 1:17, 1:16, 1:15, 1:14, 1:13, 1:12, 1:11, 1:10, 1:09, 1:08, 1:07, 1:06, 1:05, 1:04, 1:03, 1:02, 1:01, 1:00, 0:59, 0:58, 0:57, 0:56, 0:55, 0:54, 0:53, 0:52, 0:51, 0:50, 0:49, 0:48, 0:47, 0:46, 0:45, 0:44, 0:43, 0:42, 0:41, 0:40, 0:39, 0:38, 0:37, 0:36, 0:35, 0:34, 0:33, 0:32, 0:31, 0:30, 0:29, 0:28, 0:27, 0:26, 0:25, 0:24, 0:23, 0:22, 0:21, 0:20, 0:19, 0:18, 0:17, 0:16, 0:15, 0:14, 0:13, 0:12, 0:11, 0:10, 0:09, 0:08, 0:07, 0:06, 0:05, 0:04, 0:03, 0:02, 0:01, 0:00.

With THE SHOTGUN EXPERTS. Falford Wins the Big Handicap with Loomis of Omaha Second. The event of the week in trap shooting circles was the event of the year as well. No shooting tournament in the world brings together a bigger crowd of cracks than the Loomis handicap. Now in its fourth year, it is fortunate enough to win out against this tremendous competition can certainly be fairly entitled to congratulations.

Joe Chovnek, the hero of fifty ring battles, is reported to be out of it forever. Blood poisoning, alleged to have resulted from almost continuous training for over a dozen years, has brought him to the hands of a physician, who says that he cannot operate again without endangering his life. With his withdrawal one of the idols of the sport might be called a professional debut in 1854, when a boy of 14, he lost in a one-round battle to the budding 16-year-old Jim Corbett.

Among the handicaps handed out by the committee at the Grand American handicap race, which was held at Keosauqua, Iowa, on the 23rd inst., were placed at the thirty-two-yard line. Full shot at twenty-nine yards; Elliott, thirty-one; Parmalee, thirty; Loomis, twenty-nine; Heikes, thirty; Budd, thirty; Grimm, thirty.

The Philadelphia Record printed the following last week: "Mike Gallagher is the name of a big young fellow from Nebraska who has just arrived in town. He has been a boxer and a pugilist, with a fondness for boxing. Gallagher claims to have defeated a number of western boxers, and is anxious to get a chance at some of the local heavyweights. John McCormick, a professional pugilist, is said to be a good friend of Gallagher's, and he is said to be weighing about 175 pounds."

A period of increased activity seems to have dawned in chess circles. Matches of national and international importance have been completed in a sportsmanlike and scholarly way. The match between the American and the Englishman, who could get hold of a gun turned out and many got goose. The birds came from the south and flew very low over the city, some of them with two-story buildings. Many geese were killed and a tremendous flight northward was observed also at Leavenworth and at Wellington.

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had stood by if he would have been forced to forfeit his title. Since he has decided to hold on to it, however, it does not look good for him to say to McCoy or Corbett that they should fight somebody else before meeting him. In the history of the ring champions never did that. To satisfy the sporting public of this country, however, Fitzsimmons will have to meet Corbett again before he can hang on to the championship. That fight at Carson City did not settle the matter in the minds of the people. When I say this, too, I give all due credit to Fitz, for he fought a wonderful uphill fight. I do not believe that Corbett gave a good run for the money that was on him though. In the first place, he had men in his corner who were sufficient to defeat him—all working at cross purposes. I don't say that Corbett will whip Fitzsimmons, but I do say that the latter ought to be willing to give a return match because the public demands it. And certainly the public ought to be consulted in the matter, for the purses for which the best pugilists fight are not put up by them or the promoters of the affairs, but by the public.

"What does Fitzsimmons reply to both McCoy and Corbett that they should fight somebody else first really amount to anything? Suppose they met Peter Maher and were defeated by him. Would that help Fitzsimmons in the matter of the public's demanding a fight between Fitz and Maher before they would admit the former's pre-eminence. There is but one thing for Fitz to do. That is for him to accept every challenge that is backed up by the right amount of coin.

Poor old Peter Jackson has paid the penalty of his long career of dissipation. Now in his thirty-seventh year, he is far, far from being the man he was six years ago, when he bested Slavin in London. He was a great fighter on his day, but that day was ago. He is now a young man barely in his 20s, and with none of his science is able to knock him out in three rounds. One can't tell from the distance just why the man was picked up simply because it was known that his name would attract a crowd. This opposition is fought by the fact that just one year ago Jeffrey refused to fight Bob Armstrong, because he is colored.

Joe Walcott is anxious to arrange a match with either Jack Daly or George Lavigne on the same terms as the recent battle in Cleveland, namely, weigh in at 137 pounds at 6 o'clock on the day of the contest. Tom O'Rourke is of the opinion that the grueling Lavigne got from Walcott has taken a lot of steam out of the kid, and believes that in another week he will be beaten by the Barbours does wonder.

Tomorrow night Kid McCoy and Jack Bonner, a Philadelphia middleweight, are to meet in New Orleans for the championship of the world. This match is much talked about because of the fact that McCoy is a native of New Orleans and Bonner is a native of Philadelphia. McCoy is a native of New Orleans and Bonner is a native of Philadelphia.

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stood 4 to 1 in favor of Pillsbury, two games being drawn. This would indicate a difference in playing strength, but it should be considered that Showalter lost one game by an oversight and so far has not played in his best form. He has shown good recuperative power in the past, as in the match last year, when Pillsbury started with three wins and his opponent soon evened matters up. The play of each is of a high standard, Pillsbury excelling in his accuracy and quickness in taking opportunities. The sixth game, which follows, was drawn at the thirtieth move, as black could continue K to Q3 forking an exchange of rooks and the bishops being of opposite color, nothing but a drawn battle could be anticipated.

QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING. White, Showalter. 1-P to Q 4. 2-K to K 3. 3-B to Q 3. 4-P to K B 4. 5-K to K B 2. 6-P takes Kt. 7-Castles. 8-K to B 3. 9-B to Q 2. 10-R to B 4. 11-P takes P. 12-K to Q R 4. 13-P takes Kt. 14-P takes Kt. 15-B takes Kt. 16-P takes Kt. 17-R to Q B 3. 18-Q to B 3 sq. 19-Q to K 2. 20-K to B 2. 21-Q to K 2. 22-R takes R. 23-R to K 4. 24-Q to B 3. 25-B to B 5. 26-B to B 7 (ch). 27-K to Q 2. 28-K to Q 2. 29-Drawn.

Problem No. 17, by C. G. DeFrance of Lincoln, White to play and mate in three moves. The author says, "I would suggest as a motto for this problem, 'The battle is not always to the strong.' Technically, it is a very difficult problem, as there are some superior pieces; but I wish to emphasize the fact that position is often better than potential strength of pieces."

Problem No. 16, done as follows: 1-Kt to K 3 (ch). 2-K to Q 3, must. 3-K to Q 3 (ch). 4-Kt to K 3 (mte).

ACTIVITY OF OMAHA CRICKETERS. Already Completing Details for the Great Tournament in July. Final arrangements have been made for the greatest cricket tournament ever held in Omaha or any other transmississipi city. The annual tournament of the Northwestern Cricket Association of the United States and Canada will take place in this city on July 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22.

The tournament and the international match will be played on the new base ball grounds at Twenty-fourth street and Ames avenue. Satisfactory terms have been made with Manager O'Brien of the Omaha Base Ball Club for the use of the grounds on the days named, the home team playing away from home on those days. The regular practice games of the Omaha Cricket Club will be continued on the grounds on the other days.

General Sporting Gossip. Eastern golf clubs are endeavoring to introduce a new feature in this season's golf play. This is to have two of the most prominent English professionals visit this country during September and October. These players are to be given a salary of \$20

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a week and to have their expenses paid. The men who will be asked to come are James Braid and Harry Vardon. Both are said to have already assigned their willingness to make the journey. Braid is considered the leading professional in England. In the last open championship in England he finished one stroke behind the winner, who was an amateur. Vardon won the open championship in 1896.

The international fencing tournament will be held in New York during the coming week, commencing Tuesday. The star of the tourney will be Prof. G. Pavese, who will meet all comers on the opening night, taking no rest except the few minutes that will elapse between matches. This is the most daring offer made by any swordsman in the country, and the various bouts the Italian will use foils, broadswords and canes. Pavese won the championship belt in this country, defeating the greatest fencing masters of America, including Duncan C. Ross, Prof. McMahon and Captain Oscar.

Whist Notes. A communication has been received by the Omaha Whist Club from the Union-Commercial club of Lincoln relative to the formation of a state association of whist clubs. The purpose will be to promote a closer relationship among its members and to arouse a greater interest in the scientific pursuit of the game. A circular sent out for this purpose is proposed to have a meeting for the purpose of organization about April 15, provided sufficient encouragement is received to assure the success of the committee, composed of Messrs. M. I. Aitken, J. H. Harber and Benton Maret is busy sending out letters to whist players in the matter by corresponding with a sufficient number will join such an association.

It is proposed at this meeting to have three teams from each club of four, only one team to play against each other in the pairs, in which any number of pairs may enter from clubs belonging to the association, and a free-for-all contest for the best players will be made. Another reason for the organization is to provide for the reception of the annual meet of the Central Whist association, comprising the states of Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska and the Dakotas, which would be held in Omaha in February, 1898. The meeting last year was held at Des Moines, at which 200 delegates were in attendance for several days.

In the following position, from the Philadelphia Press, hearts are trump. N is to lead, and with S for a partner, to take all six tricks: S-5, 3. H-4, 2. D-7, 6. C-K, 10, 9. H-6. D-8, 1. C-A, 8. H-5, 4. D-5, 4.

The solution to the problem published last week is for N to lead the nine of diamonds, which E must cover to prevent S from passing it. S trumps and leads ace of trumps. The rest depends on the discards. If W discards a spade, N will discard a spade also, but if W discards any other suit, N keeps what W discards and also the spade. S's lead is then easily governed by W's discard.

The Christian Advocate says that "A doctored and lubricious saint is an anomaly. A saint should always be filled with holy joy. To be otherwise is to make a travesty of religion."

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