

SPORTS OF THE SEASON

Omaha to Be a Member of a Huge National Bowling League.

PRELIMINARY PLANS MADE LAST WEEK

Other Matters of Sporting Interest, Including an Account of the Western Intercollegiate Foot Ball League Meeting.

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Besides booming this scheme in this city, Mr. Karpf also booked the Greater American Bowling Club for several appearances...

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has a record of 256 pins. Corbett, the captain, has rolled 242, while Wolf has averaged 188 plus a game during the recent trip.

Secretary Karpf is very much encouraged at the prospects of bowling in the western country and in this city. In speaking about the situation, he said: "In every city in which I have been since I have commenced this trip I have found that the conditions are ripe for the formation of such a league as I propose."

"Our national league plan gives Omaha a membership in the western division, or rather in one of the two sections of the western division. The scheme of the league is as follows: There is to be an eastern and a western division. The former has already been formed and is divided into two sections, each being made up of cities located near each other. The same plan will probably be adopted here in the west."

"With a league formed completely in this fashion there will be a national championship. The section teams will first play with each other. Then the winner of one section in the eastern division will play the winner of the other section in the same division. The same plan will be employed in the western division. The winners of the two divisions will then be pitted against each other for the championship of the league."

Local bowlers have become interested in this league scheme and have promised to give their support. They are interested in Mr. Karpf while he was in the city and on Thursday night gave him some idea of what Omaha bowlers could do with the pins on the bowling alleys of the Vienna. On Friday Mr. Karpf left the city for Sioux City and will then proceed to Des Moines.

An attempt is being made to induce Iowa to come back into the foot ball league of which Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas are at present members. This attempt was made at a meeting held a week ago at Lincoln, at which the delegates from the last three named institutions were on hand.

"Whereas, There is a misunderstanding as to the exact relation which Iowa now sustains to this league; and whereas, at the meeting, July called by the promoters of this league, Iowa had no representative, the other members of the league having arranged a schedule of games, which, according to their judgment, is as much to the interest of Iowa as to themselves, do hereby express their unanimous and sincere desire that she approve the following schedule of games before April 1: October 21, Missouri vs. Iowa; November 4, Kansas vs. Iowa; November 18, Nebraska, at Lincoln; November 30, Kansas vs. Missouri, at Kansas City; November 30, Iowa vs. Nebraska, at Omaha."

According to the schedule Omaha lovers of the pugilist will be given their annual opportunity of seeing the gridiron struggle on Thanksgiving day between Nebraska and Iowa. This year the game will be in all probability played on this side of the river. By next fall the athletic grounds of the Young Men's Christian Association on Ames avenue will be in good condition and will furnish an ideal field for the battle. In past years Omaha has lost the game and has been compelled to journey across the river to see it, primarily because no adequate grounds could be secured here.

During the last week a survey was made of the Ames avenue ball grounds preliminary to their transformation into an athletic park by the Young Men's Christian Association. Work upon the reconstruction of the grounds will be commenced just as soon as the weather will permit. There is no doubt about the scheme going through, as all the money needed to build the park has been secured.

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Representatives of both the German and the Bohemian Turners have taken very kindly to the suggestion of Athletic Director Barnes of the Young Men's Christian Association that the Young Men's Christian Association athletes in field meets this summer. The German and Bohemian gymnastic systems both include events that would figure in such a meeting—the pole vault, weight throwing and sprint—and the local Turners have cracks in all of them.

That this will be a red letter year in the history of cricket in this state goes without saying. The great impetus given to the game in this section by the unexpected success of the Omaha team in last year's tournament should result in doubling the membership of the local organization, and indications unquestionably point that way. It is stated on good authority that there are enough cricketers engaged in the South Omaha packing houses to form a team little if any inferior to the champions of last year. These men should be induced to join the parent organization, and the difficulty of Saturday afternoon games would be easily overcome. It is with great pleasure that Omaha welcomes the advent of one of Chicago's famous cricketers, in the person of Mr. Charles Lennon. One has only to hear the glowing tributes paid by the "wanders" club to the above gentleman's capabilities as a player and as a round good comradship when off the field to convince one that the local club will indeed be in luck if it can secure his active co-operation during the coming season. All cricketers will deplore the news of the recent death of general Joe Bradley, one of the crack, low wielders of the Chicago Wanders, whose play during the last tournament was so much admired. An attack of that dread foe, Bright's disease, carried him off in his prime. All eyes are turned towards the coming

tournament in Winnipeg from July 21 to July 29. From recent advice the players in the prairie capital are making herculean efforts to make the trip a memorable one to the visiting clubs. They are by long odds the strongest organization in the league, and whoever loses the opportunity of making this journey will, it is sure, regret it to the end of their cricket lives. The ground committee of the Omaha club expects to have the grounds in good playing shape by the middle of April, and if the weather permits the season should be opened by a game on Saturday, April 15. The secretary, J. B. Reynolds, 1502 Farnam street, will be glad to receive applications for membership from anyone taking an interest in the good game.

PALAUVER OF THE PUGILISTS

Billy Madden's New Boxing Code and Other Items of Interest for Prize Ring Followers.

The patrons of the ring have long been objecting to the loose fashion in which the Marquis of Queensberry's London prize ring rules have been interpreted by referees. The trouble in many cases has been that the rules themselves are vague and unsatisfactory. In view of this condition of affairs, Billy Madden, the well known manager of the pugil, has come to the rescue with a new set of rules which in many particulars are being adopted by clubs that father fancy encounters. Madden has a wide experience among pugilists and is probably the oldest promoter now before the public. He has handled boxers for years and has watched the development of boxing with a keen eye and a keen ear. He has made many suggestions for the betterment of the game. His rules will not permit boxers to lose on technicalities. Inasmuch as the code will very likely be adopted, it is reproduced:

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GOSSIP FOR THE FANS

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Samuel Karpf, the bowler, who was in the city during the last week in the interests of the Bowling League, is on the sporting staff of the Evening Telegram and New York and looks after the scoring and base ball news of that sheet. He talks interestingly of the situation of Yankee Doodle's game in the metropolis of this country.

Goose Freedman is the hoodoo to base ball in New York City, and if he is allowed to continue his course he will kill it dead under a doornail. It is Mr. Karpf's sizeup of the New York situation. "The press of New York knew that a long time ago and therefore opened the batteries upon the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Giants."

"I have taken a crack or two myself at Freedman during the dozen years in which I have been connected with the New York press and people may consequently think that prejudice rather than judgment impels me to make these assertions. But that is not so. The condition of things stands for itself. Consider it. In the first place, New York fans can get to the grounds upon which the Trotley Dodgers play as quickly as to the Giants' diamond. Secondly, Brooklyn will have this season a team that will outkick the Giants in every department of the game. Thirdly, there is no one in Brooklyn man attached to the Brooklyn club. These three little circumstances speak louder than any words that I can utter. Why don't the Giants get rid of Freedman? Well, Croker owns the majority of the stock in the New York club and Freedman is one of the right bowlers of the box. There you are. Freedman would have said you shall, and they would have played Sunday ball. Croker holds the string on the assembly, you know, and what Freedman says in a base ball way goes."

"There is a whole lot of talk about the Trotley Dodgers, but I don't take any stock in it. Take the team man for man and you can not show me a weakness. Jones, Kelly and Keeler form an outfield that has no superior in any league. The infield, in my opinion, is as strong as the Orioles'. Freedman would have said you shall, and they would have played Sunday ball. Croker holds the string on the assembly, you know, and what Freedman says in a base ball way goes."

"Let me cite you a little illustration of how things are going in this giddy metropolis of ours, with Croker and Freedman playing the main roles. Brooklyn wants to play Sunday ball. Freedman says no, and they do not want to play Sunday ball. Freedman would have said you shall, and they would have played Sunday ball. Croker holds the string on the assembly, you know, and what Freedman says in a base ball way goes."

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In accordance with the prediction that has long been made by the critics of the ring, the coming fight between Ryan and Creedon is to be pulled off before the Coney Island Athletic club of New York, although that organization did not come forward with the biggest purse for the entertainment. Both the fighters will train in the vicinity of the city and will go on with his training even though his physician asserts that at least two months' rest will be required to put his injured leg in good condition.

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In accordance with the prediction that has long been made by the critics of the ring, the coming fight between Ryan and Creedon is to be pulled off before the Coney Island Athletic club of New York, although that organization did not come forward with the biggest purse for the entertainment. Both the fighters will train in the vicinity of the city and will go on with his training even though his physician asserts that at least two months' rest will be required to put his injured leg in good condition.

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