

IN THE FIELD OF SPORT

Omaha High School Football Players Are to Warm Up.

HUNTERS HAVING GOOD CHICKEN HUNTING

Gossip of the Base Ball Players—Talk of the Pugilists—Downfall of Star Pointer, King of the Harness Races.

There seems to be a very general impression, even among yachtsmen, that the America's cup which is to be raced for in October, always has been an international trophy, since it was first offered. This, however, is not the case. The trophy before it was won by the American schooner "America" was offered annually near the end of the yachting season, open to all comers of whatever rig and irrespective of size. No time allowance was given. Of so little importance was the cup considered prior to its having been won by the "America" that no record seems to have been kept of the previous winners of like trophies. The "America" did not go to England expressly to race for it; indeed, the race was not contemplated when the schooner left this country.

There was a world's fair in England in 1851 and a syndicate of New York yacht club members decided to build an American yacht and visit England to show their cousins what a fast yacht was. Steers, Brown, the Hornbroschs of that day, designed and built the schooner "America" at a cost of \$20,000. Captain Brown was in command and his regular crew consisted of twelve men. When it arrived in England it raced all the best yachts of the day which could be induced to sail against it, for any yachtsman who could beat them all. The time soon came when there were no more worlds to conquer. No one would race the "America."

Then came the annual race for the cup for the fastest yacht and it was open to all comers of the American element. How it was pitted against thirteen boats, of all rigs, how a number of them were larger than it, and how it won so easily that the Englishmen declared it had some ingenious "trick" device to accelerate its speed, are all matters of history. In fact, it was not until it was dry-docked and its bottom fully exposed that this illusion was first removed.

This race was what first brought the "skimming dish" model and the centerboard into prominence. Both were known on this side of the water, but in England they had nothing but the long, narrow cutter. How the skimming dish became the distinctive American model, and how it was gradually merged into one very superior to either, are also matters of history. If the Shamrock's model is ever made known it would not be surprising to find that it more nearly approached the old "America" than the American skimming-dish model than the Columbia does.

Queen Victoria, in the prime of her youth and beauty in 1851, was one of the spectators of the American victory. She attended the regatta aboard the royal yacht. When it was thought to be time for the boats to be in sight her majesty asked the captain of her yacht:

"Are the boats in sight yet, captain?" "Yes, your majesty," was the answer. "Which is ahead?" "The American, your majesty." "Which is second?" asked the queen. "Ah, your majesty," answered the old captain, "there is no second."

It was not until 1899 that the America's cup became an international trophy. The syndicate which owned the yacht "America" presented it to the New York Yacht club as a perpetual international trophy at that time, and as soon as England was notified of this fact yachtsmen of that country decided that the cup, which was English, could not be allowed to remain here. How they have persevered in their efforts to get it back and how they have always failed, and how this cup has become the most coveted trophy in the world, are also matters of history.

It has been estimated by a member of Sir Thomas Lipton's fleet, who has been directly interested in the last five races sailed, and who has had ample opportunity for comparing the figures on the former races, and who has had the curiosity to do so, that the America's cup races, first and last, have cost the two nations engaged over \$4,000,000. This estimate, of course, includes not only the cost of building and maintaining the yachts, but also challengers and defenders, but the expenses incurred in trial races and the main races; in fact, everything incident to the races themselves on both sides of the Atlantic.

And this vast amount for what? A cup, which in itself is of most ordinary, even slovenly, design, fashioned from 100 ounces of silver. A cup which, were it duplicate offered by the Atlantic or New York Yacht club, in an ordinary regatta, would hardly draw together half a dozen catboats or half raters. And yet circumstances have made this cup the bone of contention between the yachtsmen of the two greatest yachting and sporting nations of the world, and if it does go back to England, bids fair to draw two or three more great nations into the vortex of lavish expenditure which has marked its existence thus far.

Verily the destiny of cups, as well as of men, is beyond comprehension. The Friend Courting club will hold its first annual meet October 11-12-13 at its park at Friend, Neb. Good, big purses are hung up for the events and a large number of entries are already in, with more expected. All communications should be addressed to the secretary, W. G. Gooden.

BRIEF BASE BALL GOSSIP

Exposition Management Has Put a Ball Game on the Program for This Afternoon.

Pittsburg gave \$1,500 for its new first baseman, Dillon of the Buffalos.

Williams, a left-handed pitcher who has won every game he has pitched so far this season, has been signed by Buffalo. He holds the record for the longest hit in the world, which allows the system without any unpleasantness or burning. It has cured thousands of patients, after all other remedies have failed. It is arranged particularly to suit each case, and is a permanent cure for Rheumatism, Kidney, Liver, Troubles, Long Manhood, Constipation, etc.

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It places a steady, even, mild current in the system while you sleep. The weakened nerves gradually absorb the current, the circulation is equalized throughout the whole system, and you get up invigorated. Its effect is permanent and not temporary relief. The reason Dr. Bennett is successful in treating cases of this kind is that, instead of the bare metal electrodes, used on all other belts, which burn and blister, he uses a SOFT SPONGE ELECTRODE—his electrodes are made of a heavy cotton material, and the system without any unpleasantness or burning. It has cured thousands of patients, after all other remedies have failed. It is arranged particularly to suit each case, and is a permanent cure for Rheumatism, Kidney, Liver, Troubles, Long Manhood, Constipation, etc.

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The Blue Streaks of this city play at Neola, Ia., today. The Neola team lately won the championship of western Iowa and as the Blue Streaks have only lost four out of twenty games, a warm and exciting contest is looked for.

The drafting season begins on October 1 and lasts to January 1. During this period National league clubs have the privilege of signing any minor league player by paying \$500 for a Western or Eastern league man, and \$300 for an Interstate league man and \$200 for a New York State league, New England league or Connecticut league man.

The raid on the minor leagues has begun and but few players of promise will be subject to the draft during the major league's period of selection. Many thousands of dollars have been invested in young players who have shown ability and many of them are being tried out. The Cincinnati club is the best informed as to the market value of the players. It is a conservative estimate that President Brush has made an outlay of \$15,000 in the hope of securing two or three first-class players.

GOSSIP OF THE GRIDIRON

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The success of last year's eleven is already bearing fruit, as the candidates now being drilled instructed for the fall campaign far outnumber those of past years. Even now the mercury of the enthusiastic bull has reached the boiling point and all the students have not donned mole skins are out every afternoon cheering the boys, while the "new principal" has fairly won the hearts of all by his display of athletic interest.

The outlook for the first two or three days was far from encouraging as the old members were late in arriving, but now many a familiar form may be recognized in the ranks. The short pants and knickerbockers will be with the team this year, but there is a host of material to fill the vacancies. Among the most promising of the new men are Welch, Hall and McCrae, Fairbanks, Martin and Lehner, quarters; Clarke, Fairbrother and Marsh, half backs; Borg, Walter and Secret, guards, besides a large number of freshmen who have no definite position, but wish to play.

Although many of the men are new to the game in the strict practice mat of them have shown exceptional talent and with a little coaching should develop rapidly. Nor will this brand be neglected, as Frank Crawford, Lew Reed, Gordon Clarke, Estabrook, Barnes and Benedict have signified a willingness to aid in this department. The members of the old Omaha High school teams are also taking an active part and every afternoon one or more of the alumni may be seen on the grounds working with the boys.

The team selected will represent Omaha in the Iowa-Nebraska Intercollegiate Football league and the entire school has sworn by Venus and Cupid and all the dear old heathen deities, who are such remarkably convenient myths to call upon, that at the close of this season the pennant will fan the gentle breeze from the pinnacle of the High school tower and that by no means shall there be a repetition of last year's fate.

The schedule of the league includes games with Red Oak, Council Bluffs and Lincoln, and besides, the management has arranged games with Hastings, Mapleton and Tabor college, and possibly West Des Moines and Earl Blodgett. These will all prove interesting and enjoyable contests, especially a game with Tarkio, as Tarkio is still smarting from a base ball defeat and is anxious to redeem itself. As an encouragement to the High school, a large crowd should be present to see them play. Every gridiron enthusiast in the city should attend each and every game and cheer the wearers of the royal purple and pure white on to victory. Let the citizens show the boys that they have an interest in the school and its every work.

Captain Branch of last year's Williams college eleven has been secured as coach of the University of Nebraska team for this fall and from what can be learned he is a splendid choice and an excellent man.

The prospects for football in the Missouri State university are better than were predicted. Many very promising men have arrived and work was begun Monday. Coach White of Cornell is here and is well pleased with the material. Mr. White coached the University of Buffalo last year and has been a player and a coach for the last ten years. He has the co-operation of the students and faculty in putting out a good team this fall. Every place will be hotly contested. Captain Howard has been re-elected captain this year and will be found at center. Hartung of Carrollton, weight

195, ex-guard from Richmond, Mo., Hunt, weight 230, of last year's team and Craig, weight 200, will try for guard. Candidates for tackle are: Richard from Arkansas, weight 200; West from University of Arkansas, weight 195; John Tolson of '98-99 team, weight 200; Parker of '98-99 team, weight 185; Carrigan, '96-97, weight 175; Hechenhull, 175. Candidates for half back are: Kramer, '98-99, weight 185; Dunn, '98-99, weight 185; Frost, weight 175; Goodson, president Young Men's Christian association, weight 170; Cooper of '98-99 team, weight 185, and Gilbreath, weight 170. McCollin of '98-99, Bassett Nelson, weight 185; Black, Jenkins and Sanders of Central college, Kentucky, by "H" Conley of '98 team will contest for Houx, '98-99, and McAllister, '98-99, will try for quarterback. Candidates for full-back are Peep, '98-99, weight 175; Thurman, sub, '98-99, and Gilbreath. Meagher of K. C. H. S., weight sub '98-99, and Mills will also try for places. A good schedule has been arranged by Manager Lucas and will be as follows: October 7, Warrenburg at Columbia; October 7, open; October 14, Haskell Indians at Columbia; October 21, Nebraska university at Lincoln; October 23, St. Mary's at Topeka; October 24, Washburn at Topeka; October 28, C. B. C. at St. Louis; November 4, Denver Wheeling club at Denver; November 7, Colorado State school of Mines at Golden; November 11, open; November 18, Washington university at St. Louis; November 30, Kansas university at Kansas City.

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DOWNFALL OF STAR POINTER

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Last week witnessed the downfall of Star Pointer. He was showing a trifle lame even before the start and while in shape good enough for a trial against the watch which had at least one loophole through which it had not been possible to give him work enough, fearing a breakdown in training, so that, although he was decidedly lame when pulled up a beaten horse in the third heat, yet it was as much lack of condition as anything else. Joe when he was in the lead in the first heat, but Gentry shows that there was no mistake in the late Goshen race, the result of which was attributed to Patchen having the luck to draw the pole.

Unless most of the men who follow the harness horses are much mistaken, Star Pointer has at least one loophole through which all wheelers may ride without much risk. By its provisions cyclists are allowed, in urgent cases, to ride after dark without lights provided they sound an audible signal every thirty feet. "It can be seen from a glance," says the Brooklyn Eagle, "that this permits of great laxity and it is undoubtedly abused by hundreds of cyclists in this borough. It is not surprising, therefore, that they cannot say that the cyclist is not an urgent business. While they are, waiting to see if he rings his bell or toots a whistle every thirty feet, he is probably out of sight in the darkness. Anyone who watches the roads on a clear night can verify this."

John Nelson of the Chicago Cycling club, winner of the 100-kilometer amateur championship of the world at Montreal, has made up his mind to cast his lot with the professionals under the watchful eye of Dave Shafer, the man who made Michael, and before the season is over he will meet with a series of middle-distance contests. Shafer is greatly impressed with Nelson's riding and thinks he can make him an even better man than the diminutive Michael. When Shafer first took hold of Michael the Welshman could not follow pace any better than the ordinary middle-distance man. Dave worked hard with him and before Jimmy left to join the horses Shafer had him the undisputed champion. Michael never rode thirty miles in an hour, while Nelson did thirty-one and one-half and kept it up for two hours. He has not found pace too hot for him, and at Montreal, when he smashed all amateur records, and beat the time of the professionals by ten minutes, he was constantly calling for more pace.

Those "in the know" believe that Jimmy Michael will ride a bicycle this winter. The tactful midwife will not say so, but his friends are not without evidence. The belief is based on the fact that Michael has practically given up horse racing and is living in retirement in New York. He is fond of indoor racing and, being of a thrifty turn of mind, realizes the possibility of financial gain in his reappearance. Should Michael return to his first love he will find many eager to give him battle. Elkes would appreciate nothing more than a series of matches with Michael, the only crack that has never met a match—two out of three—between the Welsh Rabbit and the Glen Falls shadow would fill Madison Square Garden. It is thought, and lovers of racing are eagerly anticipating the time when these two cycle kings will meet again.

A piece of ingenuity on the part of a rider was witnessed recently at a railroad station and the account of it should furnish a suggestion for all riders who experience a similar misfortune. The wheelman's lamp bracket had been broken in the baggage car in such a manner that it was useless. The rider pondered awhile, then obtained a piece of middling stout wire about four inches long and proceeded to remedy the matter. He first doubled the wire in the middle, then wrapped the free ends about the handlebar stem and twisted them tightly together. This was done in such a manner as to leave the doubled end projecting backward toward the saddle. This end he twisted a little, then brought it up over the top of the handlebar and bent it again so that the loop stood perpendicular like the regulation wire lamp bracket. With another piece of wire he fastened this improvised bracket so that it could not shift sideways, then adjusted his lamp and went his way.

Unless he alters his present plans, Charley Miller, the world's champion long-distance cyclist, will complete no more six-day races. He has found the present outdoor season of paced work profitable, and he never has been able to make money in the winter without undergoing the deprivations of an all-week grid. He proved last Monday that he has the speediest motor wire in the country, and this insures him plenty of engagements from pace followers. He has shown that he is a capable pace follower himself, and before another season is over he may be able to beat the best of them at the middle-distance game.

Mr. Edward North Buxton, an Englishman, is at present bicycling with his daughter along the high road to Uganda, which is now good enough through most of its course to make an adequate bicycling track. In one of his letters home he describes an amusing adventure. As Mr. Buxton and his daughter were riding along, they found that a lion had taken up a position right across the track. People with

books. Manufacturing concerns find amateur victories the best form of advertisement and contrive to secure as many as possible for their respective make of wheel. Other riders, not so successful, pay their own expenses, and the fewer the race meets, and prizes, the fewer the returns for their efforts. All that have not scored thus far in the season stand but a poor chance of doing so. The racing game is practically over for this season, and from now on there will be nothing doing of importance until the winter meets in Madison Square Garden.

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