

FOOT BALL, KING OF SPORTS

Reign of the Pigeon Culminates During the Thanksgiving Season.

NEW INTEREST IS MANIFESTED IN GOLF

Western Base Ball Association is Assured, with Omaha the Leading Member—Destiny of Cricket is Discussed.

The Nebraska varsity eleven passed through the city Thursday on its way to meet the South Dakota university men at Vermillion. The boys were in good spirits and fine physical condition and expected to have little difficulty in subduing the husky Dakotans. Captain Williams of the Nebraska team has practically withdrawn from the team and did not accompany it on the northern trip. Left Tackle Pearce is now acting as captain and most of the players expressed themselves as well pleased with the new arrangement. The lack of harmony in the team has been responsible in a large measure for the wretched showing made during the present season. The eleven has been at the mercy of two factions contending for the ascendancy in university athletics, and it was accordingly qualified to meet Red Oak for the interstate championship in spite of the equality in the percentages of the Nebraska teams.

Delegates to the annual meeting of the Intercollegiate league will assemble in Omaha on December 2. A schedule of games will be arranged for next season, the championship will be awarded and officers will be elected.

It is definitely announced that Omaha and Council Bluffs will meet a second time in this city during the Christmas holidays.

The Omaha Medical college eleven feels keenly its position in the intercollegiate victory over the Creighton collegians one week ago and expects to accumulate other laurels before the season closes. The team shows up for daily practice on its oval at Tenth and Pierce streets and has sufficient bulk to make it a dangerous adversary, now that its team work is being perfected. A generous proposal has been received from the Young Men's Christian association of Salt Lake City for a game there and a sufficient guaranty is offered.

It is proposed to make a tour of the west, and to return to Omaha in the latter part of the year. The Omaha Medical college team, one of the strongest aggregations in the west, and a generous proposal has been made inviting the Missourians to this city. Negotiations are also under way with Tabor and Doane colleges.

A great deal of interest centers in the game between the two great government institutions at West Point and Annapolis on December 2. This is the first meeting of the naval and military academies since 1893, and their comparative merits are therefore a matter of general interest. Nebraska has the advantage of playing with Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Columbia, and has trained rigorously under alumni coaches, while Annapolis has depended upon a resident instructor with outside assistance.

West Point is not up to its usual weight this year and its backs have not displayed the dash characteristic in the past. Annapolis, on the other hand, has been fortunate this season in its original material and has faithfully developed its team play. The outcome of the game will be of great interest to the naval cadets, with one exception. The first meeting, in 1890, took place at West Point, when the visitors won by a score of 24 to 0. The soldiers, bent on retrieving themselves, turned the tables in the second year with a score of 26 to 15. In 1892 and 1893 Annapolis developed rapidly in strength and generalship and won by the scores of 12 to 4 and 6 to 4. In the latter year the authorities at Washington felt that the annual game was interfering in some untimely way with the duties of the cadets and forbade the custom. No objection was made, however, to the cadets playing with other eleven, and they have accordingly kept abreast of the times. The game will be played on Franklin field, Philadelphia, and a drop kick was made to a meeting on the local ovals.

The game between Harvard and Yale one week ago was probably the most scientific exhibition of football ever witnessed by the American public. Harvard pressed its adversary hard and was only prevented from scoring on three occasions by the desperate resistance of old Bill's men. With its inimitable interference and team work the crimson players advanced the ball to Yale's two-yard line, but were unable to push it over. An attempt to gather in 5 points was also made by a place kick from the twenty-five-yard line, but neither passed between the posts.

Yale accomplished in a large measure what it started out to do, namely the disruption of the famous Harvard interference and its backs sifted through the line and reached the runner with amazing agility. In its kicking game Yale also excelled, McBride gaining an average of fifteen yards on every extra point. The Yale ends, however, could not prevent the Harvard men from carrying back the ball more than far enough to make good the deficiency.

CLEAN RECORD FOR THE IOWANS. No Hostile Runner Crosses Their Goal During the Season. IOWA CITY, Nov. 25.—(Special).—Iowa is one of the three college football teams of the country which has not met defeat this year. The other two are Harvard and Chicago. All three have been scored against, but Iowa has the proud distinction of being the only team which has not had a touchdown scored against it. This record is not the result of luck, but of hard work under able coaching. Dr. A. A. Knipe, Iowa's coach, is a Pennsylvania native and has been a football captain in 1894. He is an ardent believer in team work and has no use for "stars." As a result of his systematic coaching a team has been produced which works like an automatic machine.

The first game of the season was with the State Normal school of Cedar Falls, which went down to defeat by a score of 22 to 0. Then the alumni were shut out by a score of 35 to 0. The next game was the hardest of the season, played with Chicago university, and resulting in a tie score of 5 to 5. This is the only score made against Iowa this year.

Chicago made its points on a place kick, while the Iowans earned theirs on a touchdown with the ball in the hands of little Edson, left halfback. Just a week later Penn college of Oskaloosa added 25 points to Iowa's list, and was followed by the Rush college of Chicago with 17. Five more were taken from the Iowa Agricultural college of Ames, and then came the Nebraska game, played in Omaha.

Of this game the Iowa boys speak in the highest terms, especially of the gentlemanly conduct of the Nebraska players, and the strong game they put up. One of Iowa's players, speaking of the Nebraska game, declared that in spite of the score of 30 to 0 Nebraska played a game nearly as hard as Chicago University. Grinnell college went down to defeat by 16 to 0, and Knox college of Galesburg, Ill., followed one week ago by defeating the figure to 33. The final game of the year will be played with the University of Illinois on Thanksgiving day at Rock Island. Illinois football ball experts have already conceded the game to Iowa by a score of about 24 to 0.

Iowa's team for next year will probably be exactly the same as it is now, with one exception. Fred A. Williams, who lives at Neola, will graduate from the law department next June. Next year candidates for the Iowa team will be Dr. Sullivan's place at left end. Next year Iowa will hunt for bigger prey. Games with Wisconsin, Michigan and at least one big eastern school have been spoken for, though nothing definite is contracted. Dr. Knipe will remain as coach and will pursue the same methods as those of this year.

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WEATHER KEPT GAME AWAY

Climatic Conditions Ideal for Championship Out, but Weather Unfriendly to Do Any Shooting.

Charles L. Saunders, deputy city treasurer, and Harry Sharpe, deputy comptroller, gathered together certain divers and necessary articles for a camping-out experience several days ago and betook themselves to a favorite haunt at Kelley's lake, up the river about sixteen miles. The climatic conditions were ideal for a pleasant outing, but, to use the words of Mr. Saunders, "the weather was too fine to permit of any hunting." Despite this fact, the outing was hugely enjoyed. For three days Messrs. Saunders and Sharpe divorced themselves from all thoughts of municipal or other affairs and devoted their attention entirely to quest of rest and recreation. In this they were successful until Sunday rolled around. Then a number of Omaha friends, having learned of their retreat, descended upon them and necessitated the obligation of entertaining hosts. Saunders and Sharpe bustled about and prepared for their visitors a sumptuous repast, arranging a menu for dinner which would arouse delight in the most pronounced epicure. Even though they had been disappointed in their quest of rest and recreation, their friends envied them the pleasant experience they had enjoyed and the whole crowd was loath to break up camp and return to town that night.

Local base ball enthusiasts—and there are many of them in Omaha—are overjoyed at the prospect of having a professional team in this city next season. Plans looking toward the reorganization of the Western association have been under way for some weeks and present indications warrant the prediction that no obstacle will be presented sufficient to frustrate them.

When the project was first broached word was sent out from Omaha that this city could be depended upon first, last and all the time, and because of this encouragement given the promoters in the beginning, Omaha is likely to be the most important city in the circuit. Shortly after the local season closed last summer Buck Keith, the enthusiast of all enthusiasts, entered heartily into preliminary arrangements with T. J. Hickey of St. Joseph and other western base ball magnates for the reconstitution of the western association. If such encouragement is manifested during the season then just closed by Omaha and South Omaha fans in the mediocre article of ball put up by the several local teams, it will be more than amply repaid.

At this time assurances have been given that Omaha, Denver, Lincoln, Sioux City, St. Joseph and Des Moines may be depended upon as members of the circuit, with Topeka, Pueblo, Cripple Creek, Davenport and Peoria anxious to gain admittance. From this number an eight-club circuit which would be a winner can be formed. It is expected that a meeting of representatives from each of these cities will be held in Omaha next Thursday for the purpose of completing preliminary arrangements and effecting an organization.

No person other than Buck Keith has been suggested or even thought of in connection with the managerial position of the Omaha team. He has been the godfather of local base ball for several years, and with the somewhat limited material available has been able to provide Omaha fans with some really good games. His plan is to raise the necessary funds to enable Omaha to become a member of the new association is to secure a voluntary donation of \$2,000 from the financial nabobs who patronize the sport. Of his ability to do this he has the slightest doubt. Aided to this will be a stock subscription of \$1,500. Each subscriber will become a shareholder on payment of \$5, and no one will be permitted to purchase more than two shares, or \$10 worth. In this way no clique will be able to get together and buy up the stock, and they will have the privilege of running the organization, but its division among many will insure the best success. Besides this, \$2,500 can be raised by the sale of tickets—5,000 in number at 50 cents each. With the scores of about 24 to 0.

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THE WHEELING WORLD.

The bicycle trust does not differ from other trusts in methods of business. It has not yet touched the jobber and retailer, because the latter is not a factor in the season to tighten the screws. But the combine has already shown its purpose to "economize" by closing two bicycle factories at Toledo. The Lozier, Colton and other factories which were absorbed by the trust and assurances were given that they would be operated as usual. A dispatch from Toledo says that during the recent campaign "Manager Colton of the Colton bicycle factory declared in a published card that the trust would greatly increase the amount of bicycle labor employed in Toledo. Last week an agent of the trust arrived in the city and a few days after the announcement was made that the Colton Manufacturing and the Viking factory are to be permanently shut down and that the machinery will be transferred to the Lozier. The downtown store of the latter factory is also being closed. This will throw out of employment 500 workmen. Mr. Colton will leave the employ of the trust at the end of the month."

"A peculiar fact in relation to the deal whereby the tiremakers in the cycle trust were swallowed by the Flint rubber trust," reports the New York Sun, "is that while the bicycle men are bound not to make any tire they are not on the other hand obliged to buy them of the Rubber Goods Manufacturing company. In this particular the deal would seem to be one offering a big loophole to the cycle makers, but the spirit of the deal will be observed, and riders who are found with makers equipping their machines with certain tires and advocating them will probably find the same cycles fitted with the same tires as previously. The technically, however, will enable the cycle makers who desire a change to make it. At any rate, the privilege permits of an open competition in the market. As tires are the most costly adjunct to a bicycle and have to be renewed more often than any other part of the machine, the change should be quite as interesting to the general run of cyclists as the changes in the cycle trade itself."

E. D. Stevens, in filing his formal entry for the six-day race in which he is to team it with Charlie Turville, the Philadelphia, asks that No. 13 be apportioned to him. Stevens has a superstition. He believes that the unlucky number for others is anything but unlucky for him. In fact, he believes that the best of good luck to secure the "hoo-doo" number. His wish will be granted. Stevens wears the number thirteen in the San Francisco twenty-four-hour race and won the contest. During the twenty-four hours he was the only rider who failed to meet with some sort of an accident, and when he dismounted after the race it was

Several of the leading officials of the League of American Wheelmen are seriously considering the matter of so changing the form of the organization as to make it more national in character. The idea prevalent is that much of the strength of the league is wasted because of the many subdivisions of working energy in it, and those who are of this mind would like to have a reorganization providing for an association more on the lines of many of the large secret societies, the difference being that there would be no secrets. It is probable there will be many suggestions on this line at the coming assembly, and if the idea meets with sufficient favor to warrant extended discussion another will be added to the many important topics that will be discussed before the annual meeting.

The National Cycling association maintains that its first out-door season has been satisfactory to clubs, track owners and riders. The amateur feature of the sport has received careful attention and common sense rules have enabled the branch to flourish in a very successful manner, especially in cities where the bicycle craze has become a professional attraction. As a natural sequence in the order of progression, there will be the usual number of fast amateur graduates to the professional ranks in 1900.

Louis Grimm, the twenty-four-hour winner in New York last season, has started training on the road around Pittsburgh. Grimm says that regardless of his almost fatal accident at San Francisco he is now in finer condition than ever. Providing he succeeds in making for the six-day race, he will be a competitor, and will also follow the indoor circuit.

The \$4,000 purse for the six-day race at Madison Square garden next month has been rearranged in such manner that the individual efforts of each competitor will bring more substantial reward. The sum to be given the individual competitors will be \$1,200, the sum to the teams \$2,800, making the total the same.

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