

GROWS BRIGHTER EVERY DAY

Omaha Receives Bowling as a Remarkably Popular Sport.

INTEREST IS INCREASING RAPIDLY

Unmindful of Summer Weather, Devotees of the Alley Continue Their Enthusiastic Work—Record for the Week.

A standing wonder among all Omahans, when they stop to think about it, is the sudden prominence attained by bowling sport. Almost in a season this form of amusement and exercise has leaped to first place in the favor of a large proportion of the athletically inclined, and it is now really the popular pastime. It was only two years ago when the firm of Lentz & Williams opened up its alleys, and a demand was soon created for more of them. The establishment of additional bowling resorts resulted, and since that time three sets of high grade alleys have been kept constantly occupied, while team after team has been organized and has played through the season with one of the leagues. One reason why Omaha people have taken so kindly to the game is undoubtedly because the alleys here are all of such a high grade, and the famous West Side runs in Chicago do not excel those here, either in architecture or in the care that is bestowed upon them. A newly polished and rubbed alley, with an attentive pin boy who does not spread the pins, plenty of room in front of the foul line and good light—these are things that delight the soul of the bowler and keep him at the game, and that's the kind of stuff you find in Omaha.

Never Mind the Weather. Bowling is more or less of a cold weather sport, being an indoor proposition, so the summer is naturally its "silly season." In many places the alleys shut down entirely in June, opening the following September, as golf and tennis are likely to absorb the pleasure-seeker during the hot weather. Not so in Omaha, however. The three resorts are still open and running all their alleys, and it now seems that only one will close at all during the summer. That is the Lentz & Williams place, which will probably suspend operations in a week or ten days. The Gate City resort announces definitely that it will continue all summer, and Clark is almost as certain that he will likewise, although he would like a month off for repairs and improvements.

Predictions that the women would be the first to abandon the alleys when the chilly winds ceased to blow have proven totally incorrect. Of course both sexes have quit the game more or less, but the heat has daunted a far larger portion of masculine bowlers than feminine. Almost every afternoon women may be found practicing the fine points of the different games and taking instructions in various lines. Then several nights a week, they are there, also and on the whole they are easily the sticklers.

Great Time is Coming. Everyone says that next winter will be the greatest season for bowling that Omaha has known and the sport may attain its height here then. The last season practically everyone was learning the game and none was more than a novice at best. With a winter's experience behind them, however, those who have become proficient are fascinated and the others are sure that they will grow very skillful with another season. Then it's a great game for a man to tell his friends about and is also very alluring to watch for spectators of a bowling contest but what becomes intricate shortly and devotes thereafter. Few players, also, but what, by a glowing tale of the exhilaration, exercise and clean sporting elements of the game can persuade about every sound and able-bodied friend they have to try it. That's why the establishment of new alleys here in addition to those already in place.

A plain proof that bowling is rising on a steep slant and will be rampant next winter is the fact that three leagues have already been arranged. The Omaha league will be practically the same as before, comprising about eight clubs. Then a Twin City league, connecting a few other Omaha organizations with the South Omaha clubs, is a certainty. It will consist of about five clubs.

Commercial League Proposed. The latest proposition, however, is a commercial league, to comprise clubs formed among employees of the different business houses. Several mercantile establishments have already had organizations in the field playing under the names of their respective houses, and the scheme is to get a few more of these and bring them all together into a separate league. The plan has met with high favor wherever broached, and although it is only in embryo as yet, seems certain of adoption.

Match games have been few the last week. On Thursday night occurred the principal event, when the Omaha team won the last and deciding round of the series with the Missouri Rivers by 115 pins. All the totals of the three games were exceptionally high.

Record of the Week.

Scores for the week: Gate City alleys. Leading scores: Toppins—H. W. Lehman, 225. Ninopins—Fred A. J. and D. W. Odell, each 2. Fourback—H. Besnell, 74. Scores at tenpins or 200 or better: F. E. Gould, 201; A. Moxie, 200, 206; C. E. Seaman, 200, 212, 212; W. L. Sheldon, 202, 210; C. B. Brickenbecker, 202, 212; Con Horn, 202, 217; H. E. Mahaffey, 211, 201; G. R. Nelson, 207, 208. Ladies' scores: Mrs. Noel Griffiths, 152. Lentz & Williams—Leading scores: Toppins—J. R. McConahay, 267. Checked Hat—Buck, 94. Ninopins—H. Besnell, 24 straight. Fourback—H. Besnell, 64. Revue—C. M. Leachman, 5. Fiveback—Sol Nielsen, 7. Ducks—Al Krey, 121. Six straight games: Pete Nelson—210, 202, 211, 211, 205—1,232. Average, 208 4-6.

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ery of the institution. Doane closed the season with a great victory over Tabor college. This contest was held at Crete on May 31, when Doane succeeded in carrying off 83 points to Tabor's 24.

The success of the team has been due in great measure to the work of John W. Fuhrer, trainer and captain of the team. Fuhrer is 21 years old. When stripped his height is 5 feet 11 inches, weight 175 pounds. Fuhrer's specialty is the high jump. He commenced the season by making 5 feet 3 inches, and increased this to 5 feet 7 1/2 inches at the Doane against Nebraska university meet, while at the Doane against Tabor meet he cleared the bar at 5 feet 10 1/2 inches. This is ahead of any college record in the state. The only institution west of the Mississippi that has beaten Fuhrer's record this year is the University of Minnesota—record, 5 feet. Fuhrer is also good at the 120-yard hurdle, his record in this event at the Tabor meet being 9:17 3-5.

Henry W. Wendland, stripped, weighs 124 pounds and stands 5 feet 11 inches high. Wendland's best work has been done in the 120-yard hurdle race. At the beginning of the season he made the 120-yard hurdle race in 9:17 3-5. In the contest with the Nebraska State university he made the same event in 9:17 3-5. On a soft track at York his time in the 120-yard hurdle was 9:17 4-5. On a good track at Crete in the Tabor meet he made the 120-yard hurdle race in 9:16 3-5. This record is better than any college record in the state. Wendland is also good at the 120-yard hurdle, his record being 9:25. He has also a record this year of 19 feet 8 inches in the broad jump. He is also good with the sixteen-pound hammer.

George B. Fuller, stripped, weighs 167 pounds and stands 5 feet 11 1/2 inches. He is good in the 120-yard hurdle, his record at the Tabor meet of 19 feet 11 1/2 inches. He commenced the season with 19 feet 8 inches to his credit, which he increased to 20 feet 3 inches at Hastings. He is also good at the low hurdles.

Alonso L. Moon, the Doane quarter-mile man, has stripped, stands 5 feet 11 inches and weighs 168 pounds. He has a record of 9:53 3-5. Out of five meets he has only been beaten once.

Rolland F. Ireland is Doane's 100-yard man. He weighs when stripped 153 pounds and stands 5 feet 10 1/2 inches. Ireland's best work of the season has been a record of 9:10 3-5. At the state meet at York he made the 100-yard dash in 9:10 1-5 and the 220-yard dash in 2:23 2-5. He thus has tied the 220-yard record in this state.

Luther A. Pickrell and Jens D. Hansen possess exceptional ability in long-distance running. The former weighs 157 pounds when stripped and his height is 5 feet 7 inches. The latter stripped weighs 161 pounds and is 6 feet in height. Pickrell has a record of 4:58 to his credit in the mile and 2:10 4-5 in the half-mile. Hansen's best work of the season has been a record of 9:10 3-5. At the state meet at York he made the 100-yard dash in 9:10 1-5 and the 220-yard dash in 2:23 2-5. He thus has tied the 220-yard record in this state.

CHESSE PLANS FOR SUMMER

New Association Prepares to Elect State Officers and to Participate in Minnesota Tournament. Last week Secretary DeFrance sent his annual report to members, together with official ballots for the election of officers. With the ballots a number of questions were submitted. We quote: "Smile the Nebraska Chess association, whose members are also members of the Northwestern Chess association, be represented at the summer meeting of said Northwestern association, to be held at Lake Minnetonka, Minn., August 12-17, 1901."

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