

BASE BALL GOSSIP OF WEEK

Omaha Holds Its Lead Easily and Looks Good at Home.

TEAM WORK THE SECRET OF ITS SUCCESS

Individuality Lost in Efforts to Make Perfect Machine and Result is Fine Start in Race for Pennant.

Doing fairly well. Five games out of six at home and six games out of seven abroad is not such a bad record. And what a howl the success of the Omaha team has set up in some quarters. One or two of the dope-makers for western sports news are turned inward, have shouted their throats out "Wait till Denver gets there!" or "Wait till Kansas City comes!" We are waiting, and will welcome the advent of both the Cowboys and the Grizzlies. Moreover, we'll guarantee them an hour or two of real lively work every day they play in Omaha. It is too much to expect that Omaha will win all its games, but the Bee stands by what it said before the season opened, that the team winning from Omaha will have to hustle all the time. No one could be more anxious than the Omaha fans for a clash between Omaha and Kansas City and Omaha and Denver on the home grounds. They know what the Rourkites can do, and are eager to find out what some of the others are capable of. However, the critics of the Omaha team must not rely on the fact that it is all good luck that has given the victories credited to the leaders. Some mighty ball players have entered into the struggle. For example, in the tie game with Peoria on the Omaha grounds, the visitors made twelve hits and got two runs in twelve innings. In one game at Peoria the Pirates made fifteen hits and got three runs. It takes ball playing of the highest order to produce such a result. Omaha has a strong point of the Omaha, yet they manage to scrape together a few hits just at the right time in each game. It is the feeling of the team, its perfect co-operation, that has made it the leader. All other Western league teams have been criticized for lack of concerted action. Among the Omahas this has been developed to a high point. Not a record player has a position on the nine; each member is a hard working part of a whole. Errors do not come frequently, owing to the skill of the individual players, but when an error does come up it is generally the result of a hard try on a ball a record player would have shrifted. This is the real secret of Omaha's success. It is ball playing and not luck, as some of the critics will find out before the summer is ended.

It is not impossible that the history of 1900 will be repeated. Then Omaha's team made a strong jump forward in the early part of the season, only to fall back later. One thing is absolutely sure, and that is that any slump the team may take this season will not be due to the cause which wrought its downfall in 1900. It was an open secret then that dissension in the ranks of the players and laxness in the field for the ordinary rules of base ball discipline were the contributing causes of Omaha's dreadful slump. No repetition of that discouraging experience is likely. Only the best of feeling exists among the players, and each has the interest of the team entirely at heart as much as if it were his own. On these facts the Omaha fans are building their hopes.

Kansas City has made a good stand on the home grounds and is holding second place by a nice majority. The series with Omaha means much to both teams and ought to prove intensely interesting to the public. Denver will have opportunity this week to discover the easy spots supposed to exist at Milwaukee and Peoria. After finishing there Omaha will give the Grizzlies welcome and prepare them for the reception that awaits them at home. Denver has not been playing the sort of ball expected from the team, the infield showing especially weak. Davis is playing his usual careful game at first, but Delehanty, Radcliffe and Dundon have been constant contributors to the error column. Parke Wilson is doing his best to steady the boys. Kansas City has been putting in a fast, consistent game. The other teams have been playing erratic ball, Colorado Springs and St. Joseph being the chief offenders.

That Missouri supreme court case just in time to give Jimmy Manning a lead-pipe pinch on Jackie Weiner. If there ever was a "rubber leg" protected by court decision that act like the old darkey's con trap, Southpaw Jackie is the one. First, he belongs to Manning under the Pennsylvania decision, because the reserve clause does hold good, and then he belongs to Manning under the Missouri decision because the re-

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serve clause doesn't hold good, and the player may play where he pleases. And still we hear talk of "organized" base ball. It is about as badly disorganized just at present as it will could be, and is getting no better fast.

In the major leagues the hurlers are still in practice. "Dummi" Jack Taylor, the pitcher, jumped from Cleveland to New York, and Clarence Wright, also of Cleveland's pitching staff, leaped to Brooklyn. It is reported that a deal is being cooked up whereby Lajoie will play in New York for Philadelphia, who is willing to pay Colonel Lajoie a salary of \$100,000 for the season. This is the only deal of the kind that has been made. This would double the very welcome to Maguire Shibe, who is coaching up \$1,000 per month to see Larry get fat on the bench. There are many other rumors afloat and there is reason to expect other moves among the "out-for-the-stuff" bunch.

One of the unpleasant stories told during the week is that Byron McKibben went to Toledo to tamper with Dale Gear's team. No statement as to his success has yet been given out, but for the good of the Western league it is hoped that he will fall. So far Jones of Denver and Welmer of Kansas City are the only known hurlers in the Western and they are two too many for the honesty of the game. St. Joseph probably needs to be strengthened, but why not do it in a legitimate way? Duffy is finding new material for his Milwaukee team in National and American league cast-offs and it certainly seems that McKibben could do well if he would only try. The affair also has color of a confession of weakness on the part of the Western league, for in coaxing players away from the Kansas City American team its superiority is admitted. This course is certain to gain sympathy for the opposition. It was hoped by patrons of the game on both sides of the controversy that the test of strength between the two organizations would be settled fairly and without resort to any underhanded or dishonest practice. Including players to jump contracts is manifestly unfair and amounts to nothing less than the encouragement of dishonesty.

Omaha patrons need not worry about Pat Heron leaving the team. President Sexton's order in his dual capacity merely involves the payment of a certain sum of money in event it shall finally be decided that Terre Haute is entitled to the same. Manager Rourke is willing to pay the money if the case is decided against him by the court of arbitration. Terre Haute claims Rourke under a three-year reserve rule. Brown did not sign a contract for the current year with the Indiana club, and is in no sense a contract jumper. He is subject to Omaha's draft, though, and if the board holds that Terre Haute has a claim on him, then Rourke will have to pay the price. In the meantime Omaha will have the services of one of the coolest, quickest and most effective pitchers who ever stood in the box for the Western league. Papa Bill's interest in the game is further shown by his allowing Stone to remain at Peoria for another week at least. Stone is doing splendid work, both with the bat and in the field, and is a tower of strength with the Peoria team. His presence would assist Omaha in the batting department, but there is some question as to whether he can be trusted in the field. The tried and tested men who are now there, Peoria and Peoria were left with him, for he is quite popular there, and so will remain until the Pirates have at least met the Denver and Colorado Springs teams. It is not improbable that he will be allowed to finish the season with Hart.

WHEELMEN FORMING A CLUB

Local Bicycle Riders Will Again Have an Organization to Control Their Affairs.

So earnest has been the revival in cycling interest that it is now almost assured that Omaha is to have a bona fide wheel club, an expression of athletics which the city has not possessed in four generations. The city is the site of this, and a city which was once as good a wheel town as this, should be without a bicycle club at any time. It is a condition that furnishes an excellent example of how dead this sport became; that the wheelmen who were successful in carrying the organized interest in their game shows plainly how keen the return of loyalty to the "tin horse" is, and how lasting it is likely to grow.

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People in the small towns about have already awakened to the fact that the bicyclists from Omaha, who a few years ago kept their quiet street swart with whizzing wheels, are again to visit them. From Blair comes a standing invitation from a hotelkeeper to a corking good dinner for as many as will come whenever the run is turned in that direction. This proposition has made a big impression on wheelmen and they intend to put Blair on their schedule very near the top of the list.

That run from Omaha to Blair and return, by the way, furnishes just about the ideal stunt for a day's wheeling by riders who are in good condition and who have been riding regularly. It is a run of about twenty miles up and just about as many back, and the road offers about all in the way of level stretches and hills here and there that can be desired by those who dislike monotonous runs. To take a day for a run of that length, with two or three hours for dinner and loafing at the Blair end, means a degree of speed and a lack of strain ideal from a standpoint of real healthful exercise, pleasure and healthful profit generally. This is the most popular middle distance run, and it has been so for years. In the heyday of the wheeling sport here many fierce road races were held over it. It means no heartbreak, mankilling "century" pace to cover it easily in a short day.

The rain last Sunday afternoon prohibited the run which had been planned to Crescent City, Ia., and return. A crowd of wheelmen the size of which was extremely flattering to the future of the game here was at the starting point, and the band got away together like a small army. Before the cyclists were out of the city, however, the rain cut in and the run was cut off until today. This afternoon the start will be made from Seventeenth street and Capitol avenue, as usual, the time being 1:30.

The exhibition of keen interest in road riding is extremely pleasing to the wheelmen who are leaders in the local revival movement. Every day, too, brings to notice another bunch of the oldtimers who are taking a hand. Even the veteran Jack Kastman is seen again astride the leather, and he seems to enjoy it more than he did years ago, though in a less violent form.

It is expected that organization of the new wheel club will be consummated this week. In that event there will be a schedule of evening runs, and the club feature will be one of the first to which the club will give its attention. This will undoubtedly prove a most attractive matter this summer, and it would not be surprising if the evening runs, which the long summer evenings will permit to be of some length, would be even a better drawing card than the weekly Sunday rides.

The Official Guide of the National Association of Professional Base Ball Leagues for the season of 1902, known as the "Minor League Guide," which has been edited by T. H. Muraine of Boston, is out today. This is the first guide of the National Association of Professional Base Ball Leagues and contains a complete history of the minor leagues under the national agreement, also the new national agreement now governing the minor league organizations. It contains the official playing rules, under which all games must be played, the official minor league schedules and much other valuable information. The book contains portraits of the officers of the National association, principal minor league officials, etc. It is published by A. G. Spalding & Bros., New York, Chicago and Denver.

CREIGHTON'S BASE BALL TEAM

"Omaha's Own" Boys Have Been Making a Great Record for Themselves.

The collegiate base ball season is at its zenith. A brief month more and the students' diamonds will be deserted and grass and weeds will spring up where bases were. Realizing this fact and realizing, also, that they have the material to make a champion team and have a winning season, the Creighton university boys are exerting every effort to establish themselves as one of the clearest collegiate aggregations in the west. The smaller college teams of the state have easily fallen before the Omaha students, and the fast Washburn college aggregation met its defeat at their hands in a 4 to 2 game. The fact that Nebraska only run 7 scores in Washburn's 2 shows how good Creighton's feat was and that the games between Nebraska and Creighton toward the end of the season will prove very warm contests.

Wisdom has been shown by securing Ed Lawler, the notable original catcher, with a special coach for Creighton. Besides being able to play shortstop in a manner almost equal to the average professional Lawler is gifted with the best powers for developing and rounding out a team. He inspires the players with coolness and nerve, and has them up on the scientific points of the game and develops confidence and certainty in every player. In fact, the Original can thank Lawler for much of their good reputation and standing.

Weich, who has been doing such great twisting this season, had his first off day in the game with the Nebraska Indians. It was a surprise to see steady old Harry go up in the air before a band of three aboriginal slingers. In battling Weich leads the team this year with a percentage of .500. This is a surprisingly good record for a pitcher.

As present Keweenaw, the steady little right-hander, is the team's compositor, with an average of .300. Captain O'Keefe, whose great weakness has always been at the stick, is pulling up this year and at present ranks fourth in batting averages. Lynch, Dineen, Clarke and Stone are also doing good work in the willow. It has been the object of the coaches to strengthen the

LOCAL HORSE NEWS OF WEEK

Gossip from Track, Stable and Paddock About the Harness Racers.

F. H. Haight attended the recent sale of W. Chamberlain's horses at Clarks, Neb., and returned with weight here. The pick of the lot is Hopkins, 5-year-old, chestnut gelding pacer, by Taconnet 2:14 1/2, dam Sally Hopkins by Cassius M. Clay, Jr., 2:21. Hopkins is considered one of the best green pacers in the state. Another purchase was Union, a bay pacing gelding, by Taconnet, dam Thorsaline, out of the dam of Thorsaline, 2:15 1/2; Little Thorne, 2:15 1/2, and others, by Venture 1972, a son of Aristos 771. FitzJames, another purchase, is a yearling roan colt pacer, by Taconnet, dam Green, dam of Tom Lee, 2:15 1/2, by Captain Walker, son of Major Edsell. A yearling filly, full sister to Hopkins, was purchased for \$1,000. Another yearling purchase is the chestnut filly Babette, by Taconnet, dam Fayette, out of the dam of Don Payne, 2:18, and Channing, 2:23 1/2, by John F. Payne 1979. Another one of the lot

is a bay yearling filly, Florian, by Taconnet, dam Alcantine, by Alcanine 2:14 1/2, sire of Alto, 2:14 1/2, and others. The only aged animal bought was the mare Songstress, by Protector 1427, son of Mambrino Patchen 58, dam Louette by Kentucky Prince 2170, sire of forty-one; granddam Fox Smith Mare by Strideway 1365, sire of Pratt, 2:25, and others, by Princeps.

Last Sunday, although a chilly day, found L. F. Crofoot at the track, and his pacer, which he then speeded for the first time this spring, made a remarkable showing. He was taken right out of a buggy and hitched to a cart and driven a half-mile in 1:18, the last quarter in 25 seconds. After less than fifteen minutes' cooling out Mr. Crofoot drove him a quarter in 36 1/2 seconds, a 2:25 gait. Mr. Crofoot's horse is a black gelding without a record and is called Governor Taylor.

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The nine Wirtz brothers of Forest Grove, Ore., have formed themselves into a base ball team and stand ready to cross bats with any family nine in the world. The boys, all stalwart and athletic, are sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wirtz, who live near Waukegan, Wis., from 1883 to 1873, conducting a tavern. Then the family moved to Forest Grove, where Mr. Wirtz died ten years ago. The young men are all sound democrats, like their late father, George C. Carrie, a St. Louisian 23 years of age, has what promises to become a great lyric tenor voice. He is a member of the choir of the Grand Avenue Presbyterian church and sings two octaves and a half tone and goes to high C twenty times

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batting department of the team and they have succeeded in developing one of the strongest hitting teams in college uniforms. Bucklin and Colfer are making good showings as slab artists. Colfer's fine showing in the Indian game, where he pitched the last two innings, and Bucklin's work on the eastern trip shows that both are promising young pitchers whose only needs are control and plenty of practice. Callahan, the brilliant little foot ball quarterback and last season's shortstop for the base ball team, has not made quite the showing that was expected of him this season. The lad is quick and powerful, but is at some times troubled with "rattles."

This is due, perhaps, to the fact that he has been unwell this spring, and it is not unlikely that he will pull back into his old form before the season closes.

Creighton's short eastern trip is over and now come heavy home games. On May 19 the swift Highland Park delegation will be taken in hand and it will require the Creighton lads' mightiest efforts to conquer these pennant winning Hawkeys. Then on Saturday, May 24, comes one of the biggest games of the Creighton schedule. On that date "Omaha" will meet the "Westerns" as adversaries the champion University of Nebraska team, and the event will undoubtedly prove the greatest in local amateur sport.

This will be the first time that Creighton and Nebraska have met in athletics and it is to be hoped that Omaha will hereafter be a frequent winner in contests between these two institutions. By winning this season Creighton has demonstrated its right to play in fast company, in fact is the only college in the state that can in any way claim a team that has a chance of success in a game with the university, and its opening with Nebraska is a good omen.

May 30 will conclude Creighton's home schedule by a game with Drake university. As yet Drake's strength has not been fully tested, but if it follows its usual custom it will show the fans on the hill a very fine game of ball. Mr. Creighton and Nebraska will meet Lincoln in the closing games of both their schedules.

H. J. Root has sold his trotter, St. Petersburg, 2:18, by Russia 2:04, a son of Nutwood, dam Nobby, by William Rydzek.

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"I must add my testimonial to your valuable medicine for blood-purifying. I have used it and I feel better than I have for years. I was suffering with sick headaches a great deal, but after taking a box of Cascarets my headache disappeared and my complexion improved. I feel like a new woman."—Mrs. C. Carrie, a St. Louisian 23 years of age, has what promises to become a great lyric tenor voice. He is a member of the choir of the Grand Avenue Presbyterian church and sings two octaves and a half tone and goes to high C twenty times

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The name Itch King rightfully belongs to Eczema, for no other disease can approach it in the intensity and fierceness of its itching. It is an irresistible and overpowering itch, unlike that produced by any other disease, or from any other cause. Eczema's itch is torture, and, at times, so distracting that the sufferer scratches till the skin is broken and streaked with blood. Scratching does harm, of course, but the eczema patient is deaf to reason and reckless of consequences when the itching begins.

Eczema is caused by a too acid blood and the retention in the system of uratic and other waste matters which the proper organs have failed to remove, and, through the circulation, these irritating poisons are carried to the surface of the body, producing inflammation and redness of the skin, pimples, pustules and blisters, discharging a gummy, sticky fluid, which dries and hardens into scales or bran-like particles, or forms into great sores or scabs. These highly inflammatory poisons break down the pores and glands of the skin, and cause it to harden, crack and bleed. This is one of the most inveterate and painful forms of this disease.

AN UNENDURABLE ITCHING.

I suffered for three years with Eczema on the lower part of my leg and ankle, and it became so badly swollen that I could not wear my shoe and was practically a cripple most of the time. I spent a good deal of money without relief, and had about given up hope of ever getting rid of the tormenting disease, when at times itched almost beyond endurance. When my attention was called to S. S. S. I decided to try it and began to improve at once, and in a short time was cured. The S. S. S. also built up my general health, and I feel better in every way. I am convinced S. S. S. is the greatest known remedy for Eczema.

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the body is overheated, is almost unbearable. In Eczema the blood must be treated, and not the skin, if a permanent cure is effected. Local applications of washes, ointments or salves allay the itching and burning to some extent, but do not reach the acid-laden blood, or cleanse the circulation of the accumulated waste, but S. S. S. does, and by thus removing the cause, the irritating eruption disappears, the itching and burning ceases and the unhealthy skin becomes soft and smooth again. S. S. S. cures Eczema and all skin diseases of the Uric Acid type, restoring to the thin, sour blood all of its lost properties, making it rich and pure again. All parts of the system take on new life, and all inflammation subsides under the influence of the nourishing, cooling blood.

Chronic sufferers from any form of Eczema or other skin troubles will find S. S. S. a remedy that they can rely upon, no matter how severe the disease or how long it has resisted other treatment.

S. S. S. contains no Arsenic or mineral of any description, but is guaranteed purely vegetable. S. S. S., the King of Blood Purifiers, is the only known medicine that conquers Eczema, the Itch King of skin diseases. Write us about your case, and our physicians will advise you without charge. Our illustrated book on skin diseases will be sent free to all who desire it.

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ton, H. L. Fowler, Tom Reynolds, W. W. Hartley, D. J. O'Brien, F. J. Bengale.

Meanwhile the long awaited series between the German and American teams is announced to begin this week. It has been decided to have four meetings, each man to throw three games of ten frames at a session. Two nights' play will be bowled at Clark's alleys, two at Lentz & Williams'. Only one contest will be held a week, so the match will continue four weeks.

As further proof that the month of May is yet to be the hottest of more bowling than any period of the whole year comes the news that the Omaha league team, which won the league championship this season, has finally completed all arrangements for its matches with the Nebraska city champion team. There will be four meetings of these teams, two at Nebraska City first, then two here. Three games of ten frames will be played at each contest. In order to avoid making two trips each way or staying over two nights it has been suggested that the teams play in the afternoon and again the same night. This will probably be done. The games in Omaha will be on Clark's alleys. It is said that the matches will commence next week.

Charles French has the last week rolled up twenty-eight points straight at ninepins, which is the best job at this game ever done in Omaha, and supposedly in Nebraska, as no record of a mark as good as that is known to local followers of the game. It is certainly a wonderful record and was made in three games, not in four. French dropped the last two points out of thirty frames.

Bowlers have been interested in the breaking of the world's record for team tenpins, two men, thirty frames each, at Providence, R. I., last week. The Providence team in winning from the Fall River team bowled 1,507, beating the record by two pins.

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Anyone would readily believe that a Philadelphia watchman would be kept to sleep on duty, but few will be prepared for the ingenuity recently displayed by a drowsy guardian in the City of Brotherly Love. He is employed in a large mill at night and required to make a certain number of rounds on duty while on watch. He is, of course, natural for him to go to sleep, but in order to avoid missing his rounds he fixed up a plan worthy of a Chicago man. He balances a plank across the street and runs up a pole and sets a pail filled with water. A very small hole has been punctured in the bottom of the pail, which causes the water to run out, slowly. As soon as he finishes his round he lies down on the other end of the pail and the weight counterbalances that of the pail and he falls to the ground, wide awake, and in time to start on his rounds again.