BASKET BA L COMES ON NOW

casen for the Real Hot Game Has Opened in Earnest.

OCAL SCHEDULE IS A VERY GOOD ONE

H. C. A. Tenm Has Some Important Matches on Its List Already and Will Get Some Others.

w Year's day marks the beginning of banket ball season, and in college and masium circles generally everything the way of athletic contests is now subnated to that game. For some weeks onnel of the different teams has been process by means of elimination, and the picked lucky ones are far along ward the mastery of their own chosen ricacles of team play.

This sport seems to be growing steadily wh winter season and it has now bee a well known game practically everyere in this country. The colleges have subtless been most prominent in bringng it strikingly before the public notice, the local gymnasium in the different alties have also played a big part. s only a few years ago that the word basket ball aroused inquiries as to its naure and prerogatives, but now every boy knows the fules by heart.

Omaha is to have its good share of imrtant banket ball games this winter. The first team of the Young Men's Christian association has five contests arranged or the home gymnasium, and will play ut as many abroad. In addition to that list there are a good many minor games arranged between the different teams at the association, which will also offer keen sport, as the rivalry there is

Basket ball schedules are slow in making, so that not all the dates for the Omaha games are yet settled. The sport not yet developed to that degree where, like foot ball, dates can be made a year or two in advance and then rigidly adhered Teams which plan trips do so always more or less tentatively, as it is never assured until after the season has started whether or not the journeys can be taken with financial success. It is now almost certain that January 20 next will open the season of the big games here with a coutest between the association team and the Hackell Indians. Next will be Kansas university on February 3, then the University of Nebraska and following that the Sloux City team, the Topeka, Kan., team, the team of the Kansas City association and another game with the Lincoln asso-

Between these dates the local association plans to play return games with each one of these teams in turn, though it is not much good sport left.

The personnel of the local first team is almost the same as it was last year. With same in a four-round "kid" preliminary only one change in the lineup, grand team last winter thirty-one fights have followed. work is promised. Hanson will be back at Not a large proportion of these were it is said that his game is flercer and moment. After having fought and de- test against the statement that comes out defend the laurels of the association for so easily that it cannot be said that his the Western league needed no financing. all there is in the game. The selection mettle has yet been thoroughly tested. of this team was not at all arbitrary. There were fifteen candidates for the honor and all good men. This wealth of star material gave the best sort of opportunity to choose a really strong team and the fact that so many of last year's men were picked is due solely to their superiority. Experience and team work told, but each one was given a run for his place by at least two candidates.

The ten left over, meanwhile, gave an opening for the formation of a second team of very high grade; so good, in fact, that it is not to be called the second team. Some other name will be chosen. It has several games scheduled already with teams that would hardly be strong enough to go against the first team.

On the whole, the team that will represent the association this winter is a little ahead of anything the organization has been able to boast for some years and great hopes are entertained of its record to be made during the season.

BOWLERS START ON SCHEDULE

Play Will Be Resumed Monday After a Rest of Two Holiday Weeks.

Monday night play will be resumed in the Omaha Bowling league after a respite of two weeks. The rollers are all keen for the renewal and the marked air of uneasiness and restlessness which has been prevalent around the alleys during the fortnight's surcease will then disappear. The men

whose interest centers in the chunk of to St. Joseph from here, has arranged to lignum vitae do not seem to relish a halt give Kid Broad a warming-up there for his midway in the progress of the league play. fight with English here to follow. The date Sixty-three games are scheduled on the as now understood is January 9. The men year's string for each team and of these are signed for twenty rounds. There is no thirty have been played. With thirty-three | conceivable dope that would dare to more to go any team in the list has a running chance yet at first place. And that is or three of these save for sufferance. This not the only desirable position, for more would seem to be a very unwise match for reasons than the mere standing. The league | the budding and ambitious St. Joseph club has offered many good prizes this season, to have made. On form Spike has no show both for team and individual work. Here- with Broad, and about one more momentary tofore the winning team has received only fight will end the game there. The local a trophy, but now there is cash money added, and honors of the same nature go to

others of the ranking teams. The first four teams in the list when the season closes on March 19 will get money prizes. To the leader goes the trophy and \$50. Second place draws \$25. The third team gets \$15 and the fourth \$10. Then the Peace Conference Falls Through Beteam that rolls the highest three game's total in a single night gets \$10, and the team that makes the highest single game score a night gets \$10.

That makes seven prizes for the teams, and there are five individual offerings as average draws \$6, and to the third best average goes \$4. He who has rolled the highest single score for one game receives \$10 and the same sum goes to the man rolling the highest total score for three games in one night. All this makes a nice little bunch of prizes which add to the zest of the sport.

BOXERS START THEIR GAME

Good Match Fixed for South Omaha and Others in Pros-

peet.

It is now practically assured that about January 15 the local sports are to be treated to as fierce a mill at fisticuffs as has been seen in these parts for many a day. Eddie Robinson, manager of Clarence English, says that the go arranged between that boy and Kid Broad of Chicago is now cinched, and that it will be pulled off in the old Red Light theater at South Omaha, the areas in which many a fight, good, bad and indifferent, has been fought in recent years.

After so long a stagnant period at the boxing game this is welcome news indeed to the devotee of the rope enclosed canvas. Almost any old kind of a fight would be a joy at this time, and the prospect of such a stem winder as the coming affair promises to be is putting the pug patrons on their toes with expectation. It will be a man of undoubted prowess and estab- Brush-Freedman combination will be put lished reputation against a youngster of unusually good heart, great strength and a flerce and constant attack.

be said. He has been holding his own with the best of the featherweights for long enough to gain name and fame. But English can stand a little touting, and he deserves it. First, he is an Omaha boy, and only a year ago or so was a local even with a few games cut there will be better than he wrestled. From the first Eddie Robinson, had him in charge, and since English made his first ring appear-Willard opposite him. Jardine, last year's far as could be seen, been dazed, and has the Western league invading Gotham. But captain, will again be at left forward and never been made to falter or waver for a right here The Bee wants to enter a profaster than ever. Opposite him will be feated such men as Dick Green, Eddle every time Van Brunt's name is mentioned. After a very close game Melvin won by Gus Miller, the new captain, and the new Santry, Oscar Gardner and Billy Shannon, that he "financed" the Western league last points. nember on the team. These men make a English cannot be said to be untried, yet summer and made it possible to fight the very strong quartet and will doubtless in another sense all these victories came American association. As a matter of fact,

Not even Robinson himself will assert that cleverness is English's strong hold. He is not clever, but he is a fighter, and every team in the league except Kansas is furthermore the most aggressive party in a ring that one can imagine. His style is to go after his opponent from the first were met by the teams, there was no need gong and never stop till he has got him. He seems to mind a punch not at all, and withal has some terrible blows of his own, both while inside and at longer range. All in all, the go to come should be one

interesting affair, and with the preliminaries planned the evening will be locally a memorable one. The men are to make 126 pounds and twenty rounds is the limit set. It is probable that both will try to cut that down all they possibly can.

The referee for this fight has not yet been selected, but an endeavor will be made to secure Patsy Magner of Yankton. S. D. Magner is familiar with the game, because he has been actively mixed in it in his time. Moreover, he has demonstrated on other occasions that he knows his business as a referee, and also that he does it.

Two other Omaha fighters are now lined up for matches which are to occur in the very near future. Billy Rhodes, the popular welterweight, has finally agreed in his usual reckless fashion to meet Tommy Ryan, the middleweight, at St. Louis before Danny Daly's new club. This looks like a long shot for Rhodes, but he has decided to go in at catch weights, as Ryan insisted. and take his chances. These would seem to be about what a man stands with loaded dice. This mill is set for January 12. Spike Leroy, the boy who recently moved

prophesy that Spike will go more than two sports were none too well suited with the way in which Rhodes outclassed Marion Mc-Intyre there on December 15, and they are crying for an even match now.

BASE BALL IN THE WINTER TIME

cause the National Fails to Make Good.

Back to the woods for the gentle dove well. The man with the highest average of peace, and on with the merry war of for the season gets \$10, while the next best the magnates. Ban Johnson says there will be no conference at Cincinnati tomovrow and no further negotiations for peace from his end of the fight. He insisted that the National conferees come to the meeting clothed with full power to act. This was desired by President Herrmann of the Cincinnati team, who is chairman of the National committee, but the other magnates couldn't see it that way. So Mr. Johnson very naturally declines to go into a conference which can result in nothing. This outcome will be learned with regret by every lover of the game. All had looked forward to Cincinnati with fond hopes of peace, and the prospect was most encouraging. While the American league had named Mr. Johnson as a committee of one with full power to act, he had asked to come with him Messrs. Comiskey of Chicago, Somers of Cleveland and Killies of Beston, making a committee of four of the brainlest men in base ball today. For the National league the committee was made up of Messrs. Herrmann of Cincinnati, Hart of Chicago and Robison of St. Louis, three men in whom the base ball world has confidence. It is undoubtedly due to the influence of the Brush-Billings-Rogers faction that the meeting has failed. Just what these men can hope to gain by a continuation of the fight is not easily seen. In Boston and Philadelphia the American has the National skinned forty ways, and just as sure as the American starts in at New York the to the bad. From a business standpoint it looks as if the National had made another of the blunders that has marked its every step in dealing with the American Concerning Broad's fighting little need league. Ordinarily, when people can not be reached in any other way, they can be reached through the pocketbook, but in this case it is different. The National league purse has become flatter and flatter each year since the war started, and still positively settled that they will visit all amateur of the mat and ring. Early in the magnates refuse to make any move the places. If carried out entire, this will the wrestling game he became a wonder at that will check the drain. In the meanmake a very full and strong schedule, and his weight, but at that he always boxed time, public sympathy is with the Ameri-

Mr. W. T. Van Brunt, who "strides a puny Springs promised that they would foot the bills if the league falled to pay out. As City paid out, no bills were left over to And as the expenses of the league of financial assistance from any source. Omaha and Denver paid the expenses of the Western league last season by their magnificent support. More people paid their way into one Sunday game at Omaha than went through the pay gates in any one month at St. Joseph. This talk about W. T. Van Brunt "financing" the Western league makes the real supporters of the game tired. And then it doesn't give Tom Burns a show, either, and that's wrong. Tom is certainly entitled to something for the talk he put up last summer. Meantime, it's up to Omaha and Denver to turn out the crowds again.

Suddenly the talk about the raids that Joe Cantillion was making on the California league has ceased. Here's a tip on those lads: An offer from an eastern magnate is a good thing to flaunt in the face of a coast manager once in a while. Some of these times the coast managers will get "wised up proper" and then some alleged stars of the game in California will have to work or walk,

Byron McKibben will manage Tacoma next summer. He will have Russ Hall with him. There's a mighty good pair gone from the Western. McKibben was a good manager and Hall was the only real ball player on the St. Joe team last summer.

Big Bill Wilson has trapped Dave Calhoun and Buck Theil for his Peoria push, and gives it out cold that he will be in the money all the way around the course.

CURLERS MAY BUILD A RINK

Omaha Followers of the Roarin' Game to Have Permanent

Tee.

A curling rink is planned for Omaha. The Omaha Curling club contemplates building such a place and will hold a meeting Monday night at 1508 Howard street to take immediate steps in the matter if its feasibility becomes apparent at that time. rink will be built on some location close in down town, so that it will be within easy reach of the business men. The dimensions of the rinks will require a housing fully 165 feet long and forty feet wide. mmodations for equipment and playing tools and clothes would be arranged within. The Curling club has at present thirty members, all actively interested in the sport. The weather conditions here have always made the matter of good ice very uncertain, even with the coldest temperature prevailing. The rink would obviate all this, offering a perfect sheet of ice as long as the cold lasted. It would also bring the game within easy distance, so that curlers could induige every day instead of once a week or fortnight. They would, furthermore, be protected from the weather, which

is no small item. Not much difficulty is anticipated in makthe expenses of constructing the rink house. It is planned to have two rinks, each of which must be five yards by fifty. The place would be much on the same plan as a bowling alley, with ice in place of polished

The Curling club anticipates taking in many new members if the rink is constructed, as athletically inclined men are certain to become interested in the game when indulgence is made so easy and pleasurable. At Minneapolis and St. Paul curiing rinks are successfully conducted. Thus far this winter the curiers have in- over with. Established 1823

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dulged but four times in their favorite pastime. Thanksgiving day was the first, then world like a colossus," made a little ex- early in December the second, while the cursion from St. Joseph to Chicago the third and fourth occasions were Christmas other day, and at once the pipe wreaths and New Year's days. It had been planned Commission Makes Report to Congress on his old position of center. The Willard against good men, but be it said to the began to take the form of a Western to make the New Year's event a big affair, brothers will be playing the two guards credit of the young featherweight that he league team on Comiskey's White Stocking with the Troup Point medal and Forgan's with their old-time reliability and steadi- has never known defeat nor a draw, has park. Probably the next time Mr. Van silver cup as trophies. The ice was too bad ness, C. Willard on the left side and G. never been knocked down, has never, as Brunt goes to New York we will hear of to allow of any such championship conthat day was a match between rinks skipped

Most of the devotees of the game seem very enthusiastic about the covered rink proposition. One of the biggest advantages next to that of good ice all the time is that it will make possible curling at night. With

"Of course, one would never expect to on Saturdays. In Scotland as soon as curling begins no man will work after 2 o'clock. I know an old cobbler whom I have seen leave his shop while in the midst of cobbling a pair of shoes for which a customer was waiting barefooted. Nor would he return and complete the job till darkness stonged his game with the "stanes." Canada, too, more time is devoted to curling, and in some eastern cities in this country, but not out here."

SQUASH CLUB IS STILL ACTIVE

Young Men Who Began the Sport Keep it Up with Great

Last winter a score or more of the young men of the upper ten organized a Squash club in Omaha, secured quarters, equip-ment, conveniences and then played the game with persistence all during the cold season. This winter finds the club experiencing even more of a revival than the most sanguine expected. A few short months at this fascinating indoor game was sufficient to win permanent devotees among those inclined to athletics of the more strenuous sort, and as a consequence the life of the sport here seems now as-

The same quarters have been retained, on the second floor of the building at 105 South Fourteenth street, but they have been further improved. The building of a new back wall, or face, is an important feature, giving a more solid playing front. The visitors' gallery has also been altered and enlarged, so that considerable gatherings can now be accommodated at contests, perched up high above the arena out of harm's way. In membership there has been some change, which on the limited roll makes quite a difference. Some of the charter members have dropped out. The purpose of the club is not to let its membership exceed twenty-five men, so there is no difficulty in keeping the lists full, Two rising players are found among the

"Spike" Kennedy. Each has caught the commission says: "Unfortunately for the nang of the play remarkably well in the short time since the season began, and either bids fair to give the older cracks not been permitted to carry out its policy, a run for honors before the winter closes. adhered to again this season. One was held in November and another in December. Sam Burns won both of them, N. P. Dodge, jr., being his opponent in the final round of the second affair. It was discovered, in both these contests, that the same players who led the game last winter were again the ones to stick up to the late rounds. ing the necessary arrangements to defray It grew to be a mafe bet as to what four would be in the semi-finals. To avoid this and to make competition keener it has been decided to make the tournaments handicap affairs hereafter, for a time at least. This will give the weaker players an even chance with the others, providing the handicapping is judicious. It will enhance the interest and make competition more arduous. In the first tournament this winter there were twelve entries. The second drew sixteen names. It is expected that fully twenty will participate in the January affair, which will begin as soon as the holidays are well

Its Final Efforts.

PERMANENT CHANNEL FOR THE BIG MUDDY

Much Good Has Been Accomplished Already Through the Policy of Protection of Banks Adopted by Engineers.

commission for the fiscal year ending last good lighting the game is easily handled June has just come from the government after dark, and is as pleasant sport as printing office and is of more than passing skating by moonlight. This will give men interest from the fact that the commission more time for the game, as in this busy says that by reason of the repeal of the country people do not have time enough in law creating the commission this is the In discussing this point Mr. last annual report, and for this reason, probably, the commissioners give a short resume of the history of the commission see any great proficiency at curling here. from its organization, July 5, 1884, and a People do not have time enough. Here men brief outline of the policy of the commiswork until 5 o'clock every day and till 6 sion since that time. On the latter point it says:

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The policy may be stated, in a few words, to be a continuous, progressive control of the river, contracting it where necessary, giving the channel proper direction and securely holding it in place. * * * On that part of the river in the first reach, where continuous work was done, under what is called systematic improvement, the results reached were remarkable. A continuous channel of not less than six feet depth at low water was obtained in a stretch of about forty-five miles of river on what was originally one of the worst parts of the river, in the vicinity of the mouth of the Osage. In addition to this forming of a channel, much new land was formed and much land protected from destruction by the river. To illustrate this, it may be stated that in the distance of only eighteen miles in the vicinity of Jefferson City the area of new land formed by the rectification works amounted to 5,500 acres, and the area of land protected was 12,800 acres. Computing this at a fair price of \$50 per scre, the sum of \$915,000, or over \$50,000 per mile of river, was added to the wealth of the country as incidental to the improvement of navigation.

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There is hardly a doubt that equal re-ults would be obtained on the whole river, from its mouth to Sloux City, a distance of 800 mlies, under a thorough, systematic

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The river flows along or through seven states, with a length of over 2,400 miles. Betwen Bloux City and its mouth, a distance of 500 miles, it borders forty-six counties. In these forty-six counties the population aggregates :,473,570, and on its banks there are over 100 cities and towns, including one city of over 160,000, two of over 100,000, one of over 50,000, four of over 30,000, 25,000, 20,000 and 15,000, respectively, three of more than 7,000 and less than 10,000, five of more than 2,000 and less than 10,000, five of more than 2,000 and less than 10,000, and twenty of more than 500 and less than five feet depth at sloux City, and eight to ten feet at the mouth.

If the amount of its existing commerce is to be irsed as the measure of its worthiness for improvement, it might as well, as has been factiously proposed, be wiped off the map of internal improvements. If its capacity for improvement and the possibilities of its use as a highway for cheap transportation for a very large section of country and a numerous population be considered, its worthiness takes high rank.

Protest Against Policy.

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Running through the entire report there is a protest against the policy pursued by congress in the matter of the improvement new recruits. They are W. T. Burns and of the river. In the opening paragraph the improvement, the commission for the greater part of the time of its existence has except with such limited amounts of the The usual monthly tournaments are being | yearly appropriations as to render progress exceedingly slow." And more than once it speaks in the same vein, particularly when it refers to congressional action which required the commission to extend specific sums from the annual appropriation for work at certain points, far removed and entirely disconnected from the systematic work of the commission referred to above. These specific expenditures, it admits, were sometimes necessary, but should have been provided for outside of the regular appropriation of the commission, because the scattering of the work required an additional expense in the employment of superintendents, clerks and operation of tinct plants, which extra expense has been paid from the funds otherwise available for systematic work. It closes its protest against the action of congress by saying: Congress created the commission with the supposed purpose of making an extensive and effective improvement of the river. The commission has carried out this purpose with seal and with fidelity to the ex-

tent that was possible under congressional restrictions, and a much greater development of the general improvement of the river would have been attained if the money appropriated for the river could have been expended for the purpose. As congress has not deemed it advisable to continue the work upon a scale and in a manner to make an effective general improvement, there is, of course, no longer necessity for the existence of the commission.

Some Final Recommendations.

The commission recommands that a provision be made for the operation of a snagboat on the river, similar to the provisions made for other rivers, not to exceed the sum of \$35,000 per year, and in addition

And the commission desires to state that it makes no recommendation for any appropriation whatever other than for the operation of snagboat, unless it can be made in a manner to permit of its application to a thorough systematic improvement of the river. While if the systematic work referred to can be taken up it would ment of the river. While it the systematic work referred to can be taken up it would recommend the appropriation of \$1.000,000 a year for the work between Jefferson City and the mouth of the river until that is complete, at a cost estimated from \$3.000,000 to \$3,500,000, leaving the question of the development of the river above Jefferson City to future consideration.

Expenditures on All Work.

Accompanying the report is a statement of the disbursements of the commission from the time of its organization, showing that it has expended on the Missouri river since 1884, the sum of \$7,168,249.53; on the Osage river, \$353,032.31, and on the Gas conade river, \$25,138.11, making a grand total of expenditures for all purposes of \$7,539,637.81, and a balance on hand at the close of the year of \$6,782.14.

In the description of works carried on a the various points of the river it shows that of the aggregate sum mentioned \$404, 794.19 was expended at Omaha and Council Bluffs, \$80,496,12 at Sloux City, \$67,747.10 at Nebraska City, \$104,998.06 at Rulo, \$633, 569.98 at St. Joseph, while the remainder was expended at various points in the state of Missouri, \$2,609,700 having been expended on the systematic development of the "first reach," that part of the river from the mouth to Jefferson City.

During the year 1901 569,669 tons of merchandise of all kinds were carried on the Missouri river, 72,339 tens on the 0sage river and 19,460 tons on the Gasconade

Chicago Man is Promoted.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—Frank Hadley, super-intendent of the Northwestern Elevated railroad, has resigned to accept the office of general superintendent of the Iterborough general superintendent of the Herborough Rapid Transit company, which has in charge all of the New York subways. He will be succeeded here by E. C. Nohe, superintendent of the engineering department of the Chicago office of the General Electric company. Mr. Hadley's resignation will take effect January 10. He has been connected with the elevated railway work in Chicago for ten years.

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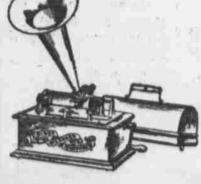
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