

WHAT A HORSE SHOW MEANS

Some Explanatory Suggestions in Connection with the Project

GREAT AFFAIRS FOR SWAGGER PEOPLE

Display of Equine Aristocracy Calls for the Parade of Humanity in its Best Bib and Tacker.

Probably a great majority of the Omaha people who are reading in the newspapers that Omaha is to have a horse show next September have no very vivid idea of just exactly what such an affair is, what it comprises, how it is managed, what happens there and what, in short, there is to a horse show besides the horses, to make it a matter of such extreme interest wherever it may be given.

In all these things every horse show is just alike, no matter what its extent. Always in proportion to its size, it may have, it always has, a social element. For a horse show is a society event. It is made up of the society element. As a matter of fact the horse show is a large proportion of those who pay admission the smallest part of the show. It is a horse show, and the animals are there, the best in the land. Also are present those who are animals, who know their every fault and virtue. But there is more money exhibited in costly clothes and trappings generally of both men and women than in all the gear of the horses and equines.

A horse show is essentially a big society event. It cannot be for success otherwise. In whatever city the show is given the element there that represents the "400" must be interested in the affair or it will not be a go. There is no intention to try and depart from this precedent in Omaha. The show next fall will be the biggest society event the city has ever known if the promoters have their way. And it is intended that each succeeding year the society world will hold its breath and its pulse for the annual repetition of this show.

For years some of the progressive society men of Omaha who are also horse lovers and also business men have been endeavoring to get a horse show established here. They are about to succeed. The transformation of the Southern Western Horse show circuit into the American Horse Show association and the accompanying extension occurred simultaneously with the admission of Omaha into the circuit.

At the meeting in Kansas City at which these things were accomplished the new organization was started with twenty cities involved. They were San Antonio, Houston, Fort Worth, Dallas, Paris, Little Rock, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Salt Lake, Denver, Omaha, Des Moines, Indianapolis, Louisville, Knoxville, Hartsville, and Kansas City. Since that time five additional cities have been taken in. They are Cincinnati, Detroit, St. Joseph, Evansville and Terre Haute. Seven months will be exhausted by this circuit. It opens in San Antonio on April 5, then to Hartsville, St. Joseph on October 26. About four days are given to each city on the average.

The Omaha show will be one of the biggest of them all. Already the stockholders of the association have voted to offer \$5,000 in prizes. This is an unusually large sum and sufficient to bring the finest horses in the country. There are certain exhibitors identified with this circuit who always follow it throughout. Some of the more prominent horse owners who will bring their animals here are:

Colonel W. G. Cowling, St. Paul; E. A. Anshutz and W. A. Rife, Kansas City; Gustav Busch, Max Orthwein, John L. Bratton, St. Louis; C. Pratt, Little Rock; Ark. John Goshorn, Omaha; Hart Adams, Dr. Sherman Williams, Denver; Thomas Saxe, Mexico, Mo.; Herbert Crane, St. Charles, Ill.; Henry W. Kram, Pontiac, Ill.; Bull Bros., Versailles, Ky.; O. D. Underwood, Kansas City; Thomas W. Lawson, Boston; George W. Underwood, Toronto, Can.; C. W. Murray, Theological Seminary, Va.; E. S. Stottsgard, Philadelphia, and C. K. G. Billings, Chicago.

In the three years of its existence under the former name, ten car loads of equipment have followed this circuit to offer \$5,000 in prizes. Every imaginable style of equipment is carried for the better showing off of the horse in competition. Every vehicle from a dog cart up to a ten-ton drag will be here, and these are the latest products of the four leading carriage manufacturers in the country. There will also be carried every possible style of hitched. All the more modern modes of driving horses, never seen in this city, will be shown at the horse show. Two of these newest ones are the Roman, three horses abreast, and the Unicorn, two abreast and one in the lead.

The show is booked for four days here, September 8, 9, 10 and 11, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. There will be four evening programs and one matinee, probably on Wednesday afternoon. Each show will consume fully two hours and a half, as nine classes will be shown each time. There will be every possible class in the Omaha show, from a foal to a four-year-old. There will be a four-in-hand. Then, besides this many additional features are planned. There will be many

polo ponies entered, and their riders, skilled men at the game, will be here. A contest, or probably several of them, will be arranged. Pony polo has never been seen in Omaha. Further features will be a cross-country chase and rough riding and fancy riding.

It is expected that the horse show will be a great thing commercially for Omaha. Merchants will decorate their stores and buildings from top to bottom, inside and out, with the colors of the show to be adopted. It will have all the attractions of a carnival, with none of the bad features, the unreasonableness, the boresomeness and such. It will also be a good excuse to ask for the lowest of excursion rates to and from the city. And the show will be a liberal education in itself in more ways than one.

Already several business men of Omaha besides those interested in the Omaha Horse Show association have been approached regarding this project, and all are heartily in favor of it. Officers of the department stores have been seen and they applauded the plan and promise to decorate liberally. Everything points to the vast success of the initial enterprise.

Y. M. C. A. BASKET BALL

Team Still Strong and Confident of a Good Place in Season's Standing.

Members of the basketball team of the Young Men's Christian association in Omaha are still maintaining ever their defeat last Tuesday night by a team so decidedly their inferior. All the boys realize that they were way off form, and that none of them, except perhaps Hansen at center, was playing his average game. Even at that the athletes are unable to understand how that team that they had outclassed so decidedly all season on form and comparative scores could snatch a victory from them.

In this connection it is interesting to note the scores made at basket ball in the trans-mississippi country since the season opened on January 1. First of all, the local association team overpowered the Lincoln association boys here on January 2, by a score of 24 to 12. Next the Lincoln association team defeated the University of Nebraska 15 to 19. Next the Haskell Indians came north, and stopped off at Lincoln for two games. There they swamped the "varsity" team, 35 to 15, and also won from the Lincoln association boys, 25 to 21. That was on Friday and Saturday nights, January 17 and 18. Leaving that windfall in their wake, the Indians came on to Omaha to meet the association team here on January 21. The Omahans had no hopes of winning, but they did, and by a big score, 21 to 11.

Then and not till then people began to consider the Omaha aggregation as a championship team. They had doubled the score on the strongest team in the west, and they had laid to rest a team of the highest caliber for the season. And then came the Kansas team. They, too, stopped off in Lincoln, and they played the same teams as Haskell, being defeated by both. The Lincoln association beat the Jayhawkers 22 to 22, while the University of Nebraska won 22 to 15. Naturally the Omaha boys felt mighty confident against such a grade of teams as the one indicated by the scores. And it may have been this overconfidence that got away with them. Anyway, the visitors did them up last Tuesday night, 26 to 24, just enough to win, but a victory none the less.

No one thinks, however, that the decided slump shown by the Omaha boys last week is any assurance of a permanent falling off in form, or that it was anything more serious than an off day. It is confidently expected by the supporters of the team that the men will hereafter show their former prowess. Even at that, that defeat was a slap in the face as far as western championship honors are concerned, for Kansas can certainly not claim the supremacy in the trans-mississippi country, having won only one game, yet neither can the Omahans lay claim to the laurels, having been defeated by Kansas, the team that has made the weakest showing of any.

The only way to satisfactorily settle the matter is for Omaha to secure a return game with the Jayhawkers on their own field and let that contest determine the whole business. The team goes south late this month to meet the Haskell Indians at Lawrence, Kan., and the team of William Jewell college at Liberty, Mo., and might arrange a game with Kansas while in Lawrence on that trip. Should the Gate City men win, they will then be free to proceed with their final games with the Pitch association team of Denver. The result of the Omaha-Dever games would definitely settle the championship of the west, while as things now stand everything is muddled, for all the aspirants have been defeated by weak teams and have won from strong teams.

The Kansas university team played a schedule of seven foreign games on its trip, going from Omaha to meet Highland Park college at Des Moines, then the Des Moines association team, and finally the Ottumwa association team. The boys from the Sun-Blower state cannot be trained too highly for the gentlemanly game of basket ball.

With the beginning of the second semester at the University of Nebraska all departments of spring athletics have taken new life. The last week has called out muscular men with varied tendencies, and dressed them in "gym" suits for different types of work. Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock candidates for the track team were called out for the first time and began their preliminary training under the direction of Dr. Clapp, the physical director, and Captain Tobin. During the week also, candidates for the diamond have been put into the cage for "working out" and to go through the process of sifting in order that prospective material may be selected for the "varsity" squad, and other men for the "scrubs." To complete the week of activity the basket ball team, under Manager Hillier and Captain Hewitt, has been taking a lively run out into the surrounding regions of Colorado and Wyoming, playing scheduled games and making a good showing for the Scarlet and Cream.

The seven men who took the basket ball trip are the athletes who are preparing before the public eye now. In other departments the action is, so to speak, behind the scenes. And for this reason the course of the basket ball team has been watched with interest by Nebraska. They have had games at Denver, Boulder, Colorado Springs, Greeley and Cheyenne. They have worked hard for their alma mater and they have done well. They have gone into every contest with a determination to win and they have made a creditable showing. It is not generally known, but nevertheless true, that basket ball is the most exhaustive form of athletic sport indulged in by colleges in America. And for that reason these "N" men who have been throwing goals in the mountains during the last few days deserve more credit than they ordinarily receive. At the end of one of his noted foot ball seasons Cortelyou, the "star" end for the Cornhuskers for four years, came into the "gym" to take on basket ball. He had been in every hard grid-iron game, and in the most terrific scrimmages for nearly three months. His coach had pronounced his "wind" good. But in spite of all this, exactly ten minutes of basket ball was enough to put him out of the playing field and he, exhausted, to the locker room. That is why only the most robust fellows in school can ever hope to wear basket ball first team sweaters. And that is why, too, Captain Hewitt, with his little party, should be commended for what he has done.

At a disadvantage from a lack of old men, the sport has held its own wonder-

fully well at the university this year. Hewitt has watched the five men on the floor and coached them until they were able to make any move in the book with lightning rapidity. During practice days and the boys have practiced faithfully every day, with no enthusiastic supporters like those that greeted the football squad. Hewitt could be heard at all times calling out, "Drop it in, Elliott." "Get up over him, Ferguson." "Cover your man, there, Hatcher." "The new defensive tackle in the line, Newton, play low!" This, together with the admirable coaching of Dr. Clapp, has made the leather toppers what they are, the trick plays suggested by the physical director having proved especially profitable.

JAYHAWKERS LOOK STRONG

Expect to Put a Championship Team on the Gridiron Next Fall.

Alpha Brummage, right tackle on the foot ball team of Kansas university for the last two years, and captain of the Jayhawkers during the coming season, was in Omaha last Tuesday with the basket ball team of Kansas university. Brummage is the man whom Arthur Curtis, coach of Kansas last year, said was the best tackle in the west that season. Curtis made this statement after following the team through all its games, including the one with the Alma mater, the University of Wisconsin. Being the man who has made the most remarkable reputation of any middle west foot ball player in a line position, Curtis should know whom he speaks. Brummage was in his own old position, which he held for years straight on the Badger team, and the Kansas boys played the game after Curtis' own style. Brummage is the ideal type of foot ball player for a tackle position. He is heavy, yet not bulky, solid, but not so muscle-bound as to be slow on his feet; of a good height, yet with his weight laid low enough to make him firm on his pins. He still has two years to play under the conference rules limiting a man's time on a team to four seasons. The Kansas captain had some interesting remarks to make regarding foot ball at Kansas. Said he: "We will have a remarkable team at Kansas this fall. It will undoubtedly be our best since Yost left us, if I present prospects are fulfilled. Curtis last season put us on our feet ball team. We were not in the way of building up a team of champions, we are primed for that now."

The spirit at the university is all one of confidence now. We cannot figure how we can lose. Although we will not have Curtis back, we have just secured the famous Weekes of Michigan, quarterback on the Wolverine team for four years past, including the last two of the wonderful supremacy of the Ann Arbor men. Having been for two years in the hands of the instruction of Coach Yost, Weekes is, of course, thoroughly imbued with his ideas and methods. We couldn't ask anything better than that, for Yost is recognized in the west at least as the most remarkable coach of the age. Combining that instruction with Weekes' own record as a foot ball player and we feel sure that we are getting a good thing. He is twice placed at quarterback on the All-Western eleven. Of course there are always those who think that a player doesn't necessarily make a good coach, but the University of Michigan evidently thinks that Weekes would be a high grade foot ball teacher, for that school refused to let him go till it was sure of Yost for another season. Had Yost left Michigan we would not have secured Weekes.

"We get back eleven of the men that Curtis coached last season and nine of the eleven are first team men. They are myself at right tackle, Hicks at right end, Allen at right guard, Ackerman at left guard, Peters at left tackle, Pooler at quarterback, Reed at left half, Mosher and Love, who interchange at fullback; Cook for substitute left half and J. Alfred for substitute right half. Any one can see what a formidable lineup that makes, and it will be a great start for Weekes to begin on a team of trained and experienced men in that way. We start training on September 1 at Lawrence."

"Curtis goes back to Wisconsin next fall to be head coach. I have just heard from him, and he has entered Rush Medical college for the second half of the year. He intends to practice medicine eventually, and will probably pay his way through medical school with the proceeds of his coaching. At Kansas he received \$1,000 for the ten weeks' work. At Lawrence he will receive \$1,500. We pay Weekes \$1,200 this season. We regard Curtis as a fine coach. I think he did everything with that Kansas team last year that any man could have done. He is a hard worker, and anything but frivolous. He is very reserved, but he is not at all strictly to the gridiron itself. He never discusses it outside."

ATHLETICS AT THE UNIVERSITY

Men Are Enthusiastic Over the Outlook and Many Are Training for Teams.

"But affairs are so quiet and settled and orderly in the Western league and in my own club that we are spending most of our time watching the game follow. Every body in our league has eagerly awaited the result of the American association meeting Saturday. It is certainly time for those people to be giving out their circuit, and they ought to do it at that meeting. Then we'll see whether or not Hickey will take his club from Paul to Chicago. I don't think it will be any winner in the Windy City. In one sense Chicago is three big cities, and they would undoubtedly get good Sunday crowds out there on the North Side. But that is all they would get. They wouldn't be a corporal's guard out on week-days. It's the out-of-town people that make the weekday crowds in Chicago, and they wouldn't get clear out to that park. It's the floating population that makes the big big crowds on good base ball towns. Even here in Omaha 80 per cent of our weekday business is out-of-town people, and clear out there on the North Side Hickey couldn't get any of that floating population patronage."

"I see that the American league management will refuse to make public the location of their grounds in New York City. That is beginning to look rather fishy to me. They say they have two options, so if they are shut out of one they will have the other to fall back upon. But they've got to expose the secret and start work on the grounds mighty quick now or they can't get it ready for the season. If they intend using that location at Lenox avenue and One Hundred and Forty-first street they cannot delay much longer, for that is quite centrally situated and it will be an easy construction through. They cannot put any framework in there, nor any steel stands, and they are slow building."

**FACEMASKS.**  
This is one of the most dangerous and often fatal diseases. It always results from a cold or from an attack of the grip. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy quickly cures these diseases and counteracts any tendency toward pneumonia. It is made especially for these and similar ailments and can always be depended upon.

**A Natural Question.**  
The youngster in the art gallery looked long and earnestly at the painting. Then he read the inscription.

"Do you like it?" asked his mother.

"Oh, I like it well enough," he answered, "but I don't understand it."

"What do you don't understand?"

"Why, it says 'Wild Horses—Afternoon'." "I see the horses all right, but I don't see the girl they're after!"—Brooklyn Eagle.

During the last week of February another basket ball trip is contemplated, this time to the east. It is planned to take in the Omaha Young Men's Christian association, Des Moines Young Men's Christian association, Monmouth Military academy, Chicago Central Young Men's Christian association and the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee or Madison. Already Lincoln has been given a number of good games, of especial note being the Haskell Indians, Lincoln Young Men's Christian association and Kansas. In these, Nebraska has lost.

The track team is preparing for a list of events for one week from tomorrow, February 16, which is charter day at the university. Dr. Clapp and Captain Tobin have been working on this trip, and it will be good. The pole vault will be pre-eminently interesting, from that the fact that Dr. Clapp holds the world's championship record, gained at Yale. "Bill Johnson, the best pole vaulter in the world, is in the university now, but Benedict will press him hard. Tobin will put the shot and likely win against all comers. Benedict will come pretty close to "Bobby" Gaines' mark at the high jump proposition, and another race will be worth watching while because of the large number of entries. Lehmer of Omaha and Harry Reed of Omaha will probably do something at this.

The base ball men have at last satisfied old "Jack" Best, the trainer, and come into the cage. Townsend has arranged for this sort of a "working out" programme, and pitchers are now getting their arms into shape. Bender, Townsend, Thomson and the rest of the team are now working out. There is a prospect that Hoar, a Fremont man, will come in.

ROURKE ON WESTERN LEAGUE

Local Magistrate Still Looks on the Future Through Rose-Colored Glasses.

"It is not any cinch whatever that Whistler, one of my first basemen, will go to Montgomery, Ala., as player-manager of the Southern league team at that place," said Manager William Rourke of the Omaha base ball club late last week. "As a matter of fact, Whistler is such a good man that I am anxious to keep him in the Western league. He is certainly too good a base ball player to go in the Southern league. So I have offered Whistler \$10,000, and until that town refuses him I'll not let him go to Montgomery. Of course, down at St. Joseph, Mo., they say they have Charles Farrell, more familiarly known as 'Duke' Farrell, or at least they have a chance to get him. 'Duke' is the catcher who was with the Brooklyn team last season. He is a high grade ballplayer, and all external signs of the disease disappear at once. He is certainly too good a base ball player to go in the Southern league. 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