

ATHLETICS AT UNIVERSITY

Base Ball Has the Center of the Stage Just Now at Lincoln.

EDDIE GORDON WILL COACH THE TEAM

Promising Squad Lines Up in Case for Trip Out and Enthusiasm Seems at Top Notch Among the Men.

Athletes and athletics in general have been taking something of a rest at the University of Nebraska during the week just past. It has been a period of inactivity in basketball, a moment of inactivity in the lines of the track and a time of shifting systems in the base ball cage, a new coach having taken charge of the candidates for different positions on the diamond.

"Candidates for battery positions will meet in the cage at 10 o'clock on Thursday. A. E. Gordon, coach." The above notice, plastered upon the locker room door during the early part of the week, told the baseball circles of the school that Eddie Gordon had been secured as a coach for the team and that he would begin his work in real earnest immediately.

In accordance with the action of Coach Gordon, about fifteen men put in an appearance at the gymnasium Thursday afternoon, and were set at once to working out. Each man who is trying for the throwing position is given about twenty minutes every day of individual instruction from the coach. He takes them one at a time, clips their crude movements, puts them next to the most approved fashion of holding the horseshoe for the delivery of various curves, and then watches them try to do it with his expert eye.

"The men are showing up pretty well, and are now doing regular work-out exercises in the cage daily. The team this year will not be as good as it was last, from the fact that but three of them are back for the game. We are fortunate, however, in having to start such good men for the battery as Townsend and Bender, who being old men, will steady the team wonderfully. This year a pitcher will play the bench when he is no longer in the box. That shifting positions is had, but had to be done last year because Townsend and Bobby Gaines were so much better at the sacks than anyone else who showed up, that we simply had to use them. We will get out of doors just as soon as the weather permits."

So far the men show up with prospective pitchers are Morris, Ling, Longacker, Hurbecky and Gore, while those who are making good behind the willow are Bender, Whitcomb and Wilson. Townsend, of course, can't be beat as a twirler, and will always be an hand. For the infield, which has been something of a perplexity, Hood, Mickle, Wright, Stuen, Ramsey and a pair of Johnsons are looking good. Mickle is a foot ball man and Wright a tennis champion of three states, and the job at first base lies between them. Johnson and Stuen will try for shortstop, and Guy Hood alone for third. He has it so firmly clinched that all others have vanished. Then there is some chance that Jimmie Bell, last year's captain, may return to the game. "I shall be in if I can," he said yesterday. Another man whom it is planned to put at the toughest stunt is Alva Ahlne of Hastings, who is said to be a corking good twirler and to secure whom an effort is being made.

The schedule for the season is pretty nearly complete and will no doubt be definitely determined within a week. It is now planned to take an eastern trip which will include Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and returning, Kansas and Missouri, and for which the team will leave on May 3. A larger number of home games have been planned this year than last, and they take in Kansas for a pair of games, April 17 and 18; Washington college, May 1; Colorado, May 15; Highland Park, May 20; Knox, May 23; South Dakota, May 25 and 26, and probably Bellevue and Creighton. Over twenty games will be put on the list and the sport will run high. Last year this college crowd beat nineteen out of twenty-two games played, and with prospects as good as they now seem, they will very nearly equal that record again.

In track work the men began Thursday afternoon of this week to train for individual events, and will meet in the "gym" at 4 o'clock daily from here on for that purpose. A number of meets are being planned and it is thought that with the individual coaching of Dr. Clapp the Nebraska team will beat a number of the out-of-door records, as it did within. Work outside will begin as soon as the weather will permit. Track the fellow who had never done track work in his life and took three first places on Charter day, is suffering somewhat from a bruised shin, but is nevertheless training for events.

Captain John Tobin has now a squad of about thirty men under his direction, and they are all enthusiastic. Some of those who are showing up especially well are Bill Johnson, the colored boy; Benedict, who tied Johnson for the indoor pole vault record; Tobin and Martin with the weights; Leonard, a hammer, a hurdler; State, the long distance runner, and Hewitt. An effort is being made to bring out Ed Manning, who made some of the best high school records west of the Mississippi last season.

Basket ball nearly lost its life in the un-

Cancerous Ulcers ROOTED IN THE BLOOD.

After the age of 45 or 50 when the vital powers are naturally weaker, it is noticed that a hurt of any kind heals slowly and often a very insignificant scratch or bruise becomes a bad ulcer or sore. At this time of life warty growths, moles and pimples that have been on the body almost from birth begin to flame and fester, and before very long are large eating, sloughing ulcers.

Whenever a sore or ulcer is slow in healing then you may be sure something is radically wrong with your blood. Some old taint or poison that has been slumbering there for years, is beginning to assert itself, and breaks out and becomes a bad ulcer and perhaps the beginning of Cancer. These old sores are rooted in the blood, and while washes, soaps, salves, etc., keep the surface clean they are not healing. A blood medicine to purify and strengthen the polluted blood and a tonic to build up the general system is what is needed, and S. S. S. is just such a remedy. No medicine is so powerful and no germ so deadly that this great vegetable blood remedy cannot reach it, and ulcers of every kind quickly yield to its wonderful curative properties. If you have an old sore or ulcer, write us all about it and medical advice or any information you may desire will be given by our physicians without charge.

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verity Monday night. A meeting was held for the purpose of disbanding, but with a prospect of taking a Minnesota trip, the fellows decided to stay with the leather until along in March. They are now wrestling in the sport every afternoon, and there is prospect that a trip will be taken which will include a game at Sioux City against the Young Men's Christian association, the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis and the Agricultural school of that state. The matter is not definitely decided, and Manager Hillier is awaiting a wire from the north. Meanwhile Captain Hewitt has Hour, Benedict, Newton, Elliott and Hillier working hard at new tricks in the game. There will be no more home games, however, this season and as soon as the contests with the foreigners are over the aggregation will discontinue playing.

Y. M. C. A. ATHLETES END TEST

Midwinter "Carnival" Ends with Team No. 6 in First Place by One Point.

Last Friday night the final three events of the midwinter athletic carnival of the Young Men's Christian association were pulled off in the gymnasium and team No. 6, Captain Lee, which has led from the first, won top honors by the margin of only one point over team No. 2, Captain Frankfort. The total score of Lee's men in the carnival was 24 points, while Frankfort's followers made 23. Meanwhile team No. 1, Captain Atkins, which was in fifth place last week, leaped up to third in the final score, with a total of 25 points. Thus on the final night Atkins and his mates for the first time of the contest, as they made twelve points on that night alone, while the leading team made but five points.

The carnival consisted of twelve events, and the final three were worked off Friday night. They were pull-ups, high kick and goal throw. In each of the twelve events first place has counted five points for the team scoring it, second place three points and third place one point. Attendance has counted one point for each man on a team each of the three nights. Eight men composed a team, there being no octets in any of the pull-ups, which is what the average boy knows as "chinning," team No. 4, Captain Greene, won with an average of eleven pull-ups per man. Team No. 2, Captain Frankfort, was second with an average of nine pull-ups per man. Team No. 5, Captain Kiger, was third with an average of nine pull-ups. Jack Hall of team No. 6 was high individual competitor in this event, he scoring eighteen pull-ups. That is a fine record. In this event the men all jumped for the bar and let out at extreme arm's length between each rise.

Team No. 1, won the high kick for his team. He made seven feet, nine inches. H. Green of Team No. 4 was second and Captain Meyers of Team No. 5 third. In this event the records made were low, as the athletes have not worked much at this stunt. They will be doing nine feet and over soon.

In the goal throw the men were very weak. This is merely throwing a basket ball at a basket ball goal, the endeavor being to score as many baskets in successive attempts as possible. Captain Atkins of Team No. 1 won with an average of two and a third baskets, he being compelled to throw off a tie with Captain Meyers of Team No. 7, who was second finally with an average two and one-fourth baskets. Captain Frankfort of Team No. 2 was third with two baskets.

This carnival has proved a great success. Koen interest has been exhibited and competition has been strong. The race for first place was a tight one all through. The twelve events were: Relay race, tug of war, broad jump, crab race, underswing, relay potato race, rope climb, ball throw, relay hop race, pull-up, high kick and goal throw. Similar contests will be inaugurated, their nature being changed enough to give some novelty.

Last Monday R. Cornwell, a student at Bellevue college and the best all-around athlete at that school, walked into the gymnasium and announced his intention of getting his name on that honor roll by jumping into a "gym" suit and scored eleven points before he stopped. He only needed seven to make the roll. In two events he made first place, a very good record, as the first place marks are set high. These were the standing broad jump and the two standing broad jumps. He made second place in the three standing broad jumps and in the shot put. He made third place in the underswing. Cornwell is the only addition to the roll during the week. Many more are expected to appear in a number of athletes are working in preparation for a test.

C. H. Hamilton has increased his total score on the roll eighteen points, the highest of any, and he now has stars on ten of the twenty-four events. He has made first in the goal jump and underswing, second in the rope climb, two standing broad jumps, fence vault and ball throw, third in the standing high jump, standing broad jump, three standing broad jumps and shot put.

BASE BALL IN WINTER TIME

Bill Kourke Begins Baying Bases, Bats, Balls and Baggage for His Team.

Yesterday Manager William Bourke's mood was alliterative, and his humor ambiguous. "That's buyin' bases early," he quipped, as a big package was dumped on his office floor. "There's nice new clean socks in there for the season's work, and how they will get worried and ragged around before it's over. That's just a beginning of the many little purchases I have to look forward to as preparatory. The twenty pairs of old balls that we'll buy out of business will be another item. Then we always need about a half gross of bats, six dozen or so. You'd be surprised to think that we'd get away with

that many, but bats seem to go mighty fast. Every man is supposed to have two stags, and they are broken frequently. Then they are stolen a good deal."

"But I mustn't forget to tell you of the well worn uniforms we'll have this season. Yes, the old ones were very nice, the best and best looking we ever had, and they are in good shape yet, but I want some more. We'll use these old ones along for the first few weeks of the season, and about May 15 we'll come out in the new regalia. They'll be white for home games, blue for the road, just as before, but the trimmings will be different. Last season I had red trimmings for the white suits. This time they'll be blue. Blue socks, blue cap, blue belt and blue lettering. A single big round 'O' on the left breast. The jacket, too, will be a shade of light blue, very handsome. It'll give a touch of color to the road clothes, too. This year the blue suits will carry maroon trimmings all through. On the whole the boys will be well togged."

"My team stands just the same. I'm still hanging fire on this Whistler business. He offered me any one of three pitchers from the Montgomery Southern league team if I would let him go there to manage it. They were Hopkins, Bruner and Ell. I chose Hopkins. Eddie Lawler, who played with Birmingham in the Southern all last season, tells me that Hopkins is a wonder, the best left-hander he ever saw, and that I must be about true, for as soon as I wired naming Hopkins for the trade there came an answer that he was signed by the Detroit American league team, and that there would be some difficulty in getting him. I'd like to get him, because he's good, and I'd like to see how he'd do in the new league. He's a bona fide pitcher. The only one I've got is that young fellow from St. Louis, Companion. I'd feel lost without a good south-paw in my list. Even if I can't get Hopkins, Lawler says that this Bruner is also a good man, and I may then take him on."

"I see that the American and National leagues find that they will conflict in four or five games. But that was only to be expected, and will cause no difficulty or misunderstanding whatever. When the schedules come out the same trouble will undoubtedly be found in the Western league and American association arrangements. You see, it is just about impossible to avoid all confessions. We can keep them off all important dates, but we cannot help having a few. Milwaukee wanted to play heavy if we avoided them all. It might cost a team several thousand miles traveling to avoid a few conflicts, and in that case it is a better financial proposition for the teams to take the conflicts than to do the traveling. When they lose by the mileage charge would be more than what they would lose the other way."

"Presidents Sexton and Hickey are now out wed engaged in their attempt to bring peace between the two leagues, the Pacific Northwest and the Coast League. I certainly hope they succeed, but there's one way to do it. That is for the Coast people to withdraw from Portland and Seattle. There's no other way. They certainly cannot expect the other league to withdraw, for it would leave them with an abnormal circuit of more than 1,000 miles. In fact, I don't see how those Coast league people can afford to take in those dues anyway. From Los Angeles to Portland is about 1,800 miles, and to Seattle is more than a hundred miles added on. That's a terrific stretch for a baseball cover, and San Francisco, Oakland and Sacramento are all nearly 1,900 miles from the two northern towns. Their former little circuit of four teams was a money-maker, but I don't see how this could be."

SHOOTING OUTLOOK IS GOOD

Spring Flight of Water Fowl Has Set in Early and Sportsmen Are Eager.

All the last week geese have been flying along the Missouri and Platte rivers, and the hearts of sportsmen are warming with an anticipation that is half the joy of the chase itself. In a week or two there will be hunting galore, and there is every prospect that both the birds and the shooters in this part of the country will be more plentiful than for many seasons past.

The first news of the geese was brought by a conductor on the Central City branch of the Union Pacific. Along his run Monday he saw several flocks. Next came similar information from Coand, and finally Frank Lederer came in from De Soto, and said that a half dozen bunches of geese had gone past him. Outside of Nebraska, similar reports come from Paul, Ia. Ducks have not yet been seen. They are less venturesome than their stronger brethren, the geese, but a very few more warm days will bring them along in the wake of their harder pioneers. Then will the hunters hie to the old favorite haunts, where they know that open water is good and food plentiful, and where, therefore, the birds will be if they are anywhere at all. Till April 15 the sportsman may shoot water fowl as he will, and from indications the gun stores he will take extensive advantage of the opportunity this season. So the man who maintains that it's only chicken and quail that the shotgun expert fancy will find himself plainly outvoted this spring. There will be just about twenty times as much hunting done for the water fowl as there was for the land fowl last fall. There will be more birds, more time to hunt them, and more men after them. And in this calculation the jackpots should not be omitted. He will get his share of the attention.

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circuit, and this season there will be many a shot following it the whole way around. First is Grand Island, with a shoot on April 7, 8 and 9. Then comes St. Joseph on April 7, 8 and 9. Kansas City follows with the Grand American Handicap at targets, the dates being April 10, 11, 12 and 13. Next is the Kansas State shoot at Council Bluffs, on April 21, 22 and 23. After that Nebraska takes a whirl with its state shoot, to be held at Lincoln April 25, 26 and 27. Following next in turn is the Iowa state shoot at Oosawka, on May 15, 16 and 17. Finally, Sioux City has scheduled an event for June 8, 9 and 10. There is a great deal of shooting that should satisfy the most rapacious of them all.

Rheumatic Pains Believed.

The prompt relief from the severe pains of sciatica and rheumatism which is afforded by Chamberlain's Pain Balm, is always worth many times its cost. Mr. William C. Vail, of Foughkeepsie, N. Y., writes: "Al Riverdale, Cal., found at a drug store a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and two bottles of the same. If it is sold at this price, please inform me, if not, please send me some, as I am troubled with rheumatism and neuralgia of the nerves and Chamberlain's Pain Balm gives relief quicker than any liniment I have ever used."

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

To paint a battleship requires 100 tons of paint. "Hurrah for Ireland! A fine flow of oil has been uncovered in the Dublin bogs. Two-thirds of the world's correspondence is conducted in German. A confession to the unfortunate in German cities is the municipal pawpaw. The board of health will get a letter in Chicago's Board of Health report for January. To paint a battleship requires 100 tons of paint. "Hurrah for Ireland! A fine flow of oil has been uncovered in the Dublin bogs. Two-thirds of the world's correspondence is conducted in German. A confession to the unfortunate in German cities is the municipal pawpaw. The board of health will get a letter in Chicago's Board of Health report for January."

"Nathan Ballinger of Newcastle, Ind., 80 years old, is cutting a new set of teeth, the third he has had in the course of his life. A tributory main has been compressed of air which is half an inch high and no larger than a dime, but it runs as long as the air line. Charles M. Bidwell, who died in East Hartford, Conn., last week at the age of 102, was the last of a family which had been in the possession of his family for seven generations. A London actress, was accused by a distiller of Malda-Vale of stealing a dog she was leading through the park, and had him arrested for recovery and recovered a verdict of 1 farthing (half a cent)."

The famed crystal palace of London has been purchased by Imre Kiralfy and will become the center of the Kiralfy Brothers. Several others prominent in the theatrical world are associated with the purchase. A simple method of taking castor oil, according to the Medical News, without producing any nauseating effects, is to instruct the patient to wash out the mouth with water before he takes the oil, and then swallow the oil, and follow this by rinsing out the mouth with hot water. The oil makes the membranes hot, so that the oil does not stick, and consequently slips down.

At the present rate the British government soon will cease to be English. The present prime minister is a Scot; so is the leader of the opposition, the attorney general and the secretary of the Board of Trade. The lord chancellor, the solicitor general, the secretary for India, the foreign secretary, the war secretary and the chief secretary for Ireland are all Irishmen.

LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

Electrically heated gloves and shoes are proposed for motorists. Rhode Island factories employ 9,550 persons, of whom 4,500 are children. There are over 15,000 men and women in Cleveland, O., who belong to labor organizations.

Increase in wages has been gained throughout Greater New York by nearly 600,000 members of the United Brotherhood of Cloakmakers. The Virginia house of delegates has passed a law prohibiting women labor for children under 12 years and regulating the work of those between 12 and 14 years. Ninety-five per cent of mortgages, as shown by the census, are made in order to increase the original holding of property or to raise money for business operations, and but 5 per cent are because of threatened disaster.

The annual convention of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers will be held in Pittsburgh, beginning April 15. The steel industry has been with great rapidity and many of the affiliated bodies will be represented at the convention. The contractor for the New York rapid transit subway said that owing to the rapid developments in electrical and generation of electricity is now only three years. What because of the old machinery and who pays for the new?

Great efforts have been made in southern California to produce iron. Although the climate fosters the most satisfactory growth of the necessary crops, the high price of labor makes the crop unremunerative. Sixty per cent of the world's output of vessels during the last year was built in British ship yards, from which, during the year, the sea stores he will take extensive advantage of the opportunity this season. So the man who maintains that it's only chicken and quail that the shotgun expert fancy will find himself plainly outvoted this spring. There will be just about twenty times as much hunting done for the water fowl as there was for the land fowl last fall. There will be more birds, more time to hunt them, and more men after them. And in this calculation the jackpots should not be omitted. He will get his share of the attention.

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