BASE BALL SKIES BRIGHTEN

Approach of Time to Open Season Sees Everybody in Eagercest

Team Managers Find Their Positions Much Strengthened and All Face the Season with Much Confidence.

WESTERN LEAGUE IN FINE CONDITION

Only three weeks. Twenty-three days, and then-"What's was and in all human probability never boys, and while they made them look like a lot of ring-tailed monkeys last season, they didn't feel at all easy until the game is snything but encouraged by its proswas over. Three years ago Omaha opened | pects. the season at Denver and what the Rourkites did to Tebeau's push was enough and then some. Bill would like to repeat that dose this year, just to get even for the

Every sign points to a prosperous season, not only in the Western league, but all over the country. Here in the west the prospects are particularly bright. Last season was an uncommonly good one, but had a serious drawback in the lack of control the managers held over the play-This was due to the war between the Sexton and Hickey leagues and the consequent demoralization of discipline. It was out of the question for a manager to be strict with an unruly player, who could leave one association tonight and be signed with the other tomorrow. This condition does not exist now, and the players know it, so it is quite likely they will be more amenable to club discipline. In many ways this will benefit the game. will make the players work harder, for a man will only hold his job through merit this year. Umpire balting will also be a list art, for offenses on the field will be met with prompt and certain punishment. All this will contribute to the enhanceof the sport, and will aid in making the games more popular. Omaha was peculiarly unfortunate last year, the blame for the many disturbances on the local diamond

and Milwaukee, Denver and Colorado Springs were chronic disturbers of the peace. All this will be done away with, and the great crowds that go down daily to Vinton park when the team is in town may be assured that in each instance they will see nothing but clean base ball, played by experts, and not the noisy wrangles they had to bear with last season. Omaha made a splendid reputation all around the circuit last year for having not only a fine lot of ball players but a team which could and would behave on the diamond.

being wholly on the visiting teams. Only

two or three times during the entire sea-

game on the home grounds, while every one

of the visitors contributed to the disorder,

son was an Omaha player put out of the

Only one bit of rowdylsm that was nipped in the bud last season is locally regretted. That is the time when McFadden of St. Joseph took it into his noodle to take a of us who would pay something to see that affair go to a finish, and who would then add a contribution to the sum necessary to provide for the care of the remains of McFadden. That tough from the slums of Phtladelphia will never know just what he missed when he decided not to carry his pugilistic intentions into execution. No one around these parts ever knew Gonding to lose his temper, but that's no sign he would meekly turn the other cheek to a hoodlum nitcher.

Omaha's team is working out well, and will be ready to start the season with the best of them. It would take a long time to tell all the satisfaction the fans feel over the trade of Alloway for Schafstall; not that Podge wasn't well liked here, for he was, and is a good pitcher, and his much missed by his local friends who are numerous. But Schafstall is a much better man, and with the Omaha team behind him will undoubtedly do his best work. He will be a star this year if there ever Bruner, from the Southern league, is showing up strong in practice, and ought to make good at all times. Johnston, the big mark from the lowa-Dakota league, also begins to look good, and Galaski seems to be a find. With these and the other material he has on Manager Rourke is quite well satisfied to open the season. He doesn't pretend to be as well fixed for pitchers as he was last year, but he is much better off than he was a few weeks ago, and if careful training can do anything, he won't

THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL

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Chargoal effectually clears and improves the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently

It absorbs the injurious gases which collect in the stomach and bowels; it disinfeets the mouth and throat from the po son

All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money is Stuart's Abserbent Lozenges; they are compused of the finest powdered willow charcoal and other harmless antisoptics in tablet form, or, rather, in the form of large, pleasant tasting lowenges, the chargoal being mixed with

The dally use of these lozenges will soon tell in a much improved condition of the general health, better complexion, sweeter reath and purer blood, and the brauty of it te, that no possible harm can result from for to the university daily paper Thursday watched it often and nothing could be

els, and to clear the complexion and purify a place even if a better player. the breath, mouth and throat; I also be-lieve the liver is greatly benefited by the

the close of the game. For the rest of the team he is fletter off. Preston isn't a slugger, as was Stone, but Stone's slugging didn't win many games, and was far from being a compensation for his deficiencles in other departments. Preston is a seasoned ball player, and a mighty good one, and will be a strong addition to an already strong outfield. On first Johnny Wright will more than fill Dave Calhoun's shoes. Wright is tractable, and Calhous was not; Wright is ambitious to shine in the game. and Dave was ambitious to see pay day Wright can field as well as Calhoun and can but a great deal better, so that corner is stronger than it has been in years. Captain Ace is fit as ever, and Dolan and Hickey were never in better condition. Genins and Carter are both the score?" Omaha will meet Denver in the back, ready to play only high-grade ball. opening series at Broadway park, and the Gonding it in good cendition, with his season will be on. It's a cinch that the arm and his ambition unchecked, and he first game will get a crowd, for there never has for his sesistants Thomas, who is all the better for his last season's work with will be a rivalry in bese ball as intense as Omaha, and a new man. Long by name, that between Omahs and Denver. Aside who promises well. Hamilton is also a from jesting, the Denverites have always good first baseman, and all-round toficider. had a wholesome respect for Papa Bill's Taking it by and large, the team looks very good at the start of the season, and no one who followed its fortunes last year

What is probably the most cheering sign of the whole is the confident manner of the managers in talking of the outlook. unmerciful beatings he had to put up with A year ago none of them knew just where last summer. Whatever way the game he was at; it wasn't a cinch that at least goes, though, it is sure to be a contest, and two of the towns wouldn't start. Now its outcome will not interfere in the least they are all up on their toes, each one in with the pleasant relations between the command of the pennant winners, and each as eager to begin as any of the fans are to have them. Des Moines, Milwaukee, Peoria and Kansas City, all weak sisters a year ago, are out with the best of has a corking good team and says he is team back, and everyone knows that that bunch could play ball; Big Bill Wilson has gathered together the lovellest lot of tanks ever seen in one field, but every man of the lot is a ball player, and if he can keep the bunch sober long enough he will make the leaders hustle all the time. Charlie Nichols will have a strong team and one that he can control, so that Kansas City will be even more of a factor than last year, despite the fact that the pennant flies down at the mouth of the Kaw. St. Joseph will be more changed than any of the others, and consequently presents something of a puzzle. The Saints were always a scrappy lot, and may be depended upon to make their opponents work for any wins. Bill Everitt is at the head of very much the same outfit he led last season, and it must be admitted that it was a good one. Tommy Delehanty will manage and captain Denver's team, and will show very few new faces. He has the strongest batting team in the league, and claims as much for its fielding ability, but he'll have to show the rest of us. One thing is certain, in Dundon he has a man who knows as much about third base play as any one ever learned, and who isn't afraid to show it in a game. If Delehanty can induce Dundon to play ball with his hands and head and not with his mouth and feet, the game will be much the gainer.

> Anyway you look at it, the promise for the season is enticing, and the trouble can't start too soon. All the magnates feel much the same as the supporters, and it the 1903 receipts do not break some records, and if the race is not a close one, then all prophets are wrong.

The University of Nebraska base ball squad is taking shape, so that it begins to become apparent who will play the different positions. The requirement that no man can make the team who has not made twelve hours' credit may bar a few from entering, but it is not expected to work any damage to the team. Captain Townsend has had his crowd out every day this of the various sororities. week. Games have been played with the law students' team, who, by the way, put up a very good article of ball, the city Young Men's Christian association and the Lincoln High school,

Nehraska has about six good men for the box. Beltzer is undoubtedly the best man who has showed up for practice this season. Longanaecker is another good one and he cous round-the-clock motion will be is also handy with the stick and will, no doubt, show up as one of the 'varsity's crack batters. Hruebenki is not so slow, activity is being displayed for so early a either. He is playing his first season on the 'varsity and will undoubtedly develop with the law students he twirled for the under way or being planned for at both the 'varsity the first part of the game and fanned four men. He has considerable speed and good control. Chase is a speedy twirler, but they seem to be able to hit him ing room and kitchen. The golf links are pretty regular. Gore, Morse and Ling are also doing some artistic pitching.

Behind the bat the Cornhuskers have old man on the 'varsity team and the latter hope that they may be ccaxed into superb is playing a right game, though this is his first year. Wilson, the big man on first, is playing a good game and makes it a practice to make the boys back in the gardens on the ball with the club. Hood is a strong to make extensive thanges and additions man on third and Ramsey is also in line Few People Know How Useful it is in for the place. Sheimer, Cook, Sprague and Morris are doing good work in the gardens, while Steen and Johnson are putting in some good licks at short. The team is not all picked yet, but it is certain that a few of the positions are cinched on the first team and Manager Eager will be able in a week or so to know who will play on his second team, for which he is preparing a schedule of games with some of the small colleges of the state.

Quite a little flurry swept over the base ball world last week. Jim Beltzer, the awift pitcher who promised to rival the great Leatherby of last year's team, was refused registration by the university authorities. The registrar refused Beltzer registration because he believed that he was coming to the university for the sole purpose of playing ball. Beltzer had been attending the Omaha School of Pharmacy and when he left that institution to go to Lincoln one of the Professors sent word to the university authorities that Beitzer would not be a bona fida student, but would stay only during the base ball season. The base ball authorities believe that the matter can be fixed up so Belizer will be allowed to attend the university, and Captain Townsend said to a Bee representative Thursday: "Beltzer will be on the squad. We hope to be able to make full and satisfactory arrangements with the office in a few days. Captain Jack Westover of last year's foot ball team addressed a letcontinued use, but, on the contrary, in which he took a stand for non-profes sional athletics and deplored the effect A Buffalo physician, in speaking of the which the rumors about the Beltzer cans benefits of charcoal, cays: "I advise may have. People may get an idea from Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges to all patients these rumors that "certain men are im suffering from gas in the stomach and how- ported to play and that no one could win

The controversy between the department daily use of them; they cost but twenty-five of athletics and the military department centy's box at drug stores, and although to has not yet been decided. A temporary some sense a patent preparation, yet I be- concession has been made by Commundant Heve I get more and better charcoal in Chase pending final decision. It is ex-Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges than in any of pected that when the teams are finally se the other charcoal tablets."

have to apologize to any of his friends at base ball teams will be excused, but nothing definite has yet been arrived at.

> The tennis courts have been put in shape for the season's work and as soon as the of the racquet will be out in force. To lend zest to the game, tournaments with it is expected that the 'varsity will be ably represented this year. Arthur Schribner of Omaha and Mathewsen of Lincoln will begin playing as soon as the field is in condition and Wright, who won the tri-state championship at Lawrence last year, will also be on hand.

In the department of track athletica verything is very encouraging. Manager Walton has been trying to arrange a meet with Northwestern university and last week received this telegram from Evanston: Any date except May 16 or 30." That means that a big event will be pulled off on the home field with one of Nebraska's foot ball rivals. The meet will be held in the last week of May, and will be one of the most interesting events that will take place this year. The Minnesota track team has given the Cornbuskers the frozen face and hope of bringing the Millers to Lincoln has been abandoned. Forty men are out for practice in track events and some very good material is showing up. There are twelve men who will take part in running events. Practice will be kept up regularly and industriously during April to prepare for the meet with South Dakota, which will probably take place the first week in May. Preliminary contests will be beld to determine what men will take the trips to Sloux City and Lawrence, Kan.

The bright outlook for a winning track team this year has been made more bright by the appearance of Eddie Manning, a Lincoln High school boy. He makes a spethem this year Undertaker Joe Quinn cialty of long runs and in the 400-yard run he has never met defeat. Last year going to finish in the first division; Hugh he won two championships in running Duffic has nearly all of his last year's events at the annual meet of the Missouri Valley Athletic association. Manning will no doubt be heard from later in the season, when the reports of the track meets come in. He is a thorough athlete and a fair specimen of what athletic training will do for a man. Johnson and Benedict are working hard for the pole vault event. The former has crossed the bar at ten feet four inches and Benny has a record somewhat better than that. Lehman, an ex-Omaha High school man, is also doing well with the pole. Douglas is doing well with the weights and Tobin is in his usual good form with the hammer and shot and discus, Martin is also handy with the weights. States and Benedict will probably lead in the long running events, though there is a good string of contestants for places on

> On May 10 will be held the fourth annual meet of the Missouri Valley Inter-Scholastic Athletic association. The meet will be held in Lincoln and fourteen of the largest high schools in the middle west will be represented. Among others are the high schools of St. Louis, Kansas City and several academies. Gold medals will be given for firsts and championships of the middle west will be awarded.

Manager Clark Bell of the base ball team states that he has been compelled to refuse the date offered by Chicago university for a game. The first real game of the season is to be pulled off April 13, when the varsity will bump up against the Omahas. Four teams will be met on the home grounds, viz: Omaha league, Kausas state, Nebraska Indians and Washburn college before the Cornhuskers s'art on ATHLETICS AT THE UNIVERSITY their conquest into the south and cast. The Warm Weather Brings the Husky kans meet Highland Park team at Des Moines. The eleven men who will take the rip will be announced next week

> Inter-fraternity base ball games are being arranged for. The streets in front of the frat houses about Lincoln are being utilized s working-out grounds and it is expected that each of the eleven Greek letter societies will make a race for the championship. The girls are getting the athetic feeling, too, and contests at basket ball and bowling will be pulled off by teams

GOLFERS LOOK TO THE GREENS Country and Field Clubs Both Prepare for a Busy Summer on

the Lintes.

Things look bright for golf sticks, caddy boys and gay rags at the Country and Field clubs this year. At both places unwented stage in the game. The usual spring housecleaning and overhauling is progressinto a strong man for the box. In the game ing and a number of improvements are

The Country club is adding to the south end of the clubhouse and enlarging the dinbeing rolled and the bare spots seeded and souded. H. C. Leavitt has been placed in charge of the grounds committee and under his direction the greens have been closed Bender and Whitcomb. The former is an to all of the golfers until May, with the condition by then.

The Field club has been considering the matter of adding to its present clubhouse seek the edge of the field when he lands and had authorized the building committee but a week ago it retrenched and left the committee, which had not taken any steps toward the work up to that time, in a posttion to do but little toward the original improvements. So it is hardly probable that many marked improvements will be made on the clubhouse for the season, but the money that was to have been expended in that way is now to be put into improvements on the tennis courts and on the relocation of the base ball diamond and its attendant grandstand. The nine-hole course on the links is to be piped and the work is practically completed already.

> The bright, warm days that have come so quietly from time to time the last few weeks have drawn out a number of the golfing contingent and sometimes there have been twenty and thirty of an afternoon at either of the clubs. Few of the women have braved the spring winds and risked their complexions, though, even for the joys of the first trip around the links. But such old standbys as Gilbert Hitchcock, Dick Kimball and Kilpatrick have gone cheerfully over the links daily since the first spring buds began to swell and wind in their desire to retain their proficiency and win new glory on the links. Instructor Barsch came in last week and is preparing for the golfing season for the old imers who desire to continue in the game and for the new ones, who know they can play it because is is so easy. They have simpler than such a game. It is these that he is preparing for. There are going to be a number of them, too, if the signs can be read aright, that is a good many, considering that Omaha is becoming old in golf.

Word has also been received from Sherwood, who occupies a similar eminence at the Field club, that he will be here within a few days. When be is here the days will be warm again and the two courses will be bright with the colors of the new golfing clothes that each spring must bring.

fected the men who get on the track and change will be made in the course at the as silk.

Country club before next spring it is pertinent to mention that work is progressing toward the lengthening of the course by 500 yards. The change as arranged for will be made on all of the holes from the eleventh state of the weather permits the devotees to the eighteenth. It may be that the change will be effected by fall, but it is hardly expected at present that such will rival schools have been arranged for, and be the case and no efforts are being made to effect it before next spring.

> No arrangements have been made by the Country glub for any tournaments for the summer or fall, but the committee having this in charge is preparing to undertake several tournaments and within a week will have arranged for several, which may be added to before the spring is over.

SOME CHANGES IN FOOT BALL

Hard Leather Helmets Will Barred From Games by Common Consent.

At a meeting of the Intercollegiate Foot Ball Rules committee in Atlantic City last week the bard weather headpiece that has gladdened the hearts of the gridiron heroes for the last two years, received its death warrant. No rule was made against its use, but the very fact that its use was condemned by the athletic representatives of seven schools foremost in the game of foot ball means that it must go sooner or later. And it should go, for its use is a detriment to the game as it tends to add to the list of injured that must come with the game. It is hard as steel and a man can deliver a blow with his head, when he is wearing one that will put his opponent out of the game, and suffer little injury

The only change in the rules, which was effected was with regard to the kick-off after a touch down. Under the old rules the side that was scored against was forced to change sides and kick off to its victorous opponents. The new rule still provides for changing sides but it gives the choice of kicking off or not to the side scored against. This is an essentially good rule, as a light fast playing team has often lost a game because it had to kick off continually to its slower and heavier opponents, who could not be stopped after they once had the ball in their possession.

In the making of the schedules for the next fall's foot ball teams several new features have been introduced by certain of the colleges of the big nine. The University of Chicago, which was the first western team to defeat one of the big five, has arranged for a game with the West Point cadets at West Point. This is the first time that West Point has ever played other than an eastern team. Point is peculiarly situated and cannot play any games but the Annapolis game away from home, it has been considered until recently only a practice game, and colleges have played them for that reason. Then the soldiers humbled a few of them and they sought for revenge and the game became a feature of the schedule of Harvard and Yale. Now Chicago comes forward to play the cadets and shows a sportsmanlike spirit that is pleasant to witness. The game cannot mean as much financially to Chicago as some lesser team might, but from the very desire to add laurels to her glory Chicago has sacrificed financial gain. When college sports are brought back closer to the basis of real contests and less thought is given to a surplus in the treasury then the real end of all real college sport is attnined.

Northwestern university, which has never played with an eastern team, has also looked toward the east and, after a failure to get the game with West to Chicago, it closed a contract for a game with the Carlisle Indians. The game is to be played in Chicago.

HUNTERS ARE DOING BETTER

Last Week Found Conditions for Bagging Ducks and Geese More Favorable.

Hunters for water fowl have been a little more successful in the week just passed, as the waters are receding slightly, and then they are going a little further away from home in their efforts to kill the webfoots. It certainly has been a joy to them to come home with more than feathers, and, since the luck of the last few weeks, a few ducks seemed like a good bag and the man with a score of ducks to show for a few days' sport is credited with being a lucky man.

Some, who have gone out to the west beyond Clarks on the Pintte, and others, who have gone into the sand hills, are bringing back with them the fifty ducks and the ten geese that the law allows. They say that a man with a gun and a few spare days can easily reach the limit on the upper reaches of either the Platte or the Elkhorn. Up in the sand hills, too, sport is good and ducks are swarming on the lakes, although the banks are wet and soggy and do not add to the joys of the sport, besides making it difficult to reach the birds. From Herman comes word of the best hunting to be found near Omaha. Several parties of Omaha hunters have not fered ill there in the last few days and they have had good, fat bags after two and three days hunting trips.

The principal grievance hunters have had during the last week has been the condition of the weather, which has made it necessary to spend five or six days on a trip to get two goods days of hunting. It has been wet and cold and foggy so many mornings that it has been absolutely impossible to leave the camps and get any shots worth talking about. But the ducks and the geese are there in numbers unprecedented, and when the right days have come to the hunters the slaughter has been great, as is evidenced by the bags that have been coming in with the few who beginning to accumulate and have had the temerity to risk the continual reports of no opportunity to reach them with anything but a gatling gun.

will give place to jack snipe. An occasignal one is seen already and the prospects for them are said to be very good Here, too, Herman has the reputation of being one of the good places close to town information is found in to go to reach their hunting grounds. The lakes in that country have flooded out until there are sloughs and little lakes that will have felt many a cold rain and chilling afford the snipe the very feeding grounds that they desire. Along the Platte a few snipe have been seen and their old haunts on the sandbars and the islands will be well patronized by the hunters.

Parasites Cause All Hair Troubles. Nipe-tenths of the diseases of the scalp and hair are caused by parasite germs. The importance of this discovery by Professer Unna of the Charity hospital, Hamburg. Germany, cannot be overestimated It explains why ordinary hair preparations, even of the most expensive character, fatl to cure dandruff; because they do not and they cannot kill the dandruff germ. The hair preparation in the world that positively destroys the dandruff parasites that burrow up the scalp into scales called scurf or dandruff is Newbro's Herpicide. In addition to its destroying the dandruff germ Herpicide is also a delightful hair While it is hardly probable that any dressing, making the hair glossy and soft



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matter is all discharged. But lucky is the unfortunate sufferer who gets off with only one boil, for even if another does not follow immediately, the poison that is left in the blood is bound to collect somewhere else and break through the skin, and these pyramids of pain may be coming and going all through the Spring and Summer until the strength and patience are exhausted.

Some people have an idea that boils are good for the health, that they are evidences that

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