TeraDays Before the Opening of the Season and No Line.

DOPE MAKERS TURN TO THE RECORDS

Performances of Present Season Give No Indication of What May Be Expected from the Teams as They Stand.

rendy. It's only ten days now until the race will be on for fair. All the teams have been handicapped by the weather in their warming up, and none has shown anything that really gives a line on its form. Last year's still has the sluggers, Omaha the fielders, hustlers, Peoria the boozers, and Colorado Springs the kickers. Just what Kansas fright. City and St. Joseph will hand out for the edification of the fanatics is still unsettled. Charley Nichols says he intends to have a pennant winning bunch this season, and the new St. Joe owners also give it will have the team. And this is about where the matter stands.

Papa Bill wants the big league fellows to show cause. That is he wants the players or the money. Boston hasn't put up the draft money for Stone, and Chicago has falled to make good on the grab that took Either of these players Owen away. would be welcome to the Omaha fold just at present, and Owen would be a prize indeed in the present pinch. Rourke sent timber that will fall out of the major word to the delinquent teams last week leagues in a few days to pick from. that he wanted his men or his money, and hinted that he would prefer the men. It is hardly hoped that Comiskey will let Owen go, for he knows what Frank can do, and his White Stockings need good pitchers as much as any team in the country.

has toured the United States for the last five seasons with his red men, not only manager, but getting material for an interesting little book, in which he gives the experiences of himself and men in the various towns where they have played. That the life of a manager of an independant team, "barnstorming" through the United States, is not one of unmixed delight, is easy to believe after reading a few of Green's chapters. The way he hands out roasts to some of the managers he has convictions, and that the man who gets Mathewson's high inball, etc. much the better of him in a settlement is welcome to all he gains.

President Sexton has sent out his instructions to umpires, and if the language he uses is any indication of his intention, Western league patrons will see very little rowdy ball during the season. Last year Mr. Sexton established himself as a strict and impartial disciplinarian, and his deevident from the following:

iy. They will not be permitted to bor-w money from clubs. Salary checks will received promptly on the first and fif-nth day of each month, and requests advance money during the interval will declined.

be declined.

I will enforce the payment of all just fines imposed, and in all aggravated cases of rowdylsm, I will discipline the offenders in such manner as will convince the players and public that the umpire must be respected.

spected.
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M. H. SEXTON, President.

Well, it doesn't look so bad for "Papa Bill" and his aggregation of ball players as resulted in favor of the Field club, gives the some of the fans thought it did at the beginning of the season before the team at least make it interesting. At this game begun to round into shape. Everyone of Mr. Ellis will put on the field one of the those "dyed in the wool" boys that sat prettiest uniformed teams ever seen in out on the bleachers last year and cheered | these parts. Twelve new uniforms of royal for Podge Alloway, Graham and the rest blue and white have been ordered and will collegiate track meets. of the bunch of curve producers thought be here in time for this game. The manbut things look as if their dope was very ever this year and Ellis is keeping his eyes much to the sandpaper. When the days open for fast players under 18 years of age, were yet short and the air cold the boys. The personnel of the team so far as picked weather has set treir blood to flowing and Benjamin Cherrington; catcher, Charles they are getting there like an only son in Miller; first base, Walter Hachten; second

ticing up his old stunt of beating a bunt out to first, and he is almost letter perfect a few days he seemed to be the only man McMahon and Jesse Clark. Local teams ridiculed mask a necessity as well as a week just gone by the rest of the old weather eye out for the ball until they are a champion lot of hitters. Not that they will hit much harder than they did last year, but that they can hit when it is necessary and that is the time to get to work. As for fielding, they are getting Good Weather Brings Out Golfers and onto that, too, and they are playing a fast, heady game, that looks good and like a winner for the season.

"Cap" Stewart has been out of the game for a few days, but was in it Saturday just as chipper as ever and playing his old the game for the free air and the warm game at second. Hickey's arm has been haze of spring, as much as for the game itdecidedly bad, but he is getting better self, and the links at the Country and every day and he will be as fit as a race- Field clubs are scattered over with the records are the only guide for the dope-making fans. These indicate that Denver in the bearpit. Patterson has been in of golfing apparel. The idlers in the game Hickey's place and is showing up like an are not the only ones that are enjoying Milwaukee the fighters. Des Moines the old hand as the days go by, although he still seems to suffer elightly from stage

As for the slab artists, there are four that the story seems to have simmered down to and they all look pretty good. Of course, Bruner and Schafstal are a little out that if money can get the players they shead of the others, through their headier play and better control that has come with experience in fast company. Henderson, the Council Bluffs boy, who comes from Fort Scott, has been improving greatly and looks like a stayer. Then with the addition of one southpaw, Companion, the pitching staff is pretty well made up. One more man is needed and it may be that one of the seven pitchers Selee had with him here would land on the Omaha team eventunily. If not, there will be plenty of other

After hearing that the season would open one week later than anticipated, Manager Rourke took it upon himself to add three more games to his before-the-season schedule. The first one is a third game with St. Joseph, which is to be played Guy Green is getting ready to take his Monday at Lincoln to open the new M Indian team on the road again. Green street ball grounds there fittingly. Then for four days the team will work out its own salvation daily at the park, and on winning a high standing as a base ball Saturday and Sunday will stack up against "Kid" Nichols' Kansas City bunch and take a reef in their topsalls.

"How to Play Base Ball," by Tim Murnane, is the title of the Spalding Athletic Library for the month of March. pages of illustrations show how to hold the ball in pitching, describing fully the outcurve, the incurve, the drop curve, the met is proof that he has the courage of his raised ball, the straight swift ball, Mathewson's slow ball, Mathewson's drop curve, the contributors to the book and the subjects are the following:

How to become a good batter, by Mesars Napoleon Lajole, James Collins and Hugh Jennings. How to run the bases, by Jack Doyle. Advice to base runners, by James E. Sullivan, secretary-treasurer of the A. A. U. How to become a good pitcher, by Cy Young. On curve pitching, by Cy Young, termination to stick to that record is quite James J. Callshan, Frank Donohue, Vic Willis, William Dineen and Charley Nichols. How to become a good catcher,

dentifemen: In entering upon your duties I desire to have you understand that you be desire to have you understand that you be desire to have you understand that you be desire to have you understand that you enforce the rules of the game, at all times conduct yourselves in a gentlemanly and honorable manner; abstain from free induspence in intoxicants, and refrain from either on or off the diamond. So long as you comply with these instructions and display a shifty to unpire successfully your position will be secure despite the ordinary powers, on the result of the control of the secure despite the ordinary cores; otherwise, your connection with the lesgue will terminate at once.

You are vested with extraordinary powers, and can order any manager, captain your may deem necessary to give force and effect to the rules of the game. He careful and conservative in the exercise of your and city, and the secure of the game is called, or just after its close, and you have the same of the progress of a game.

Positively no vite or profane language will be tolerated, and failure on the part of any unpire to punish instances of this. In punishing offenders for violations of the rules, a fine of 5 must be imposed for the first offense, to be followed by the reimoval of the offender from the game or a Compel players of each club to retain their seats on the players' bench, except when you will not be permitted to by the terminate of the players' bench, except the seats on the players' bench, except when you read to the speciators the suiteries for the players' bench except the manager, players of a game.

In calling a bail on the pitcher accompany your action by a motion of the first offense, to be followed by the removal of the offense to the speciators the suiteries for the players' bench except the manager, players' bench except the manager, players' bench the except the manager, players' bench except the manager, players' bench the except the manager, players' bench the except the manager, players' bench the except the Umpires must pay their obligations regu- are to spend two weeks touring western Iowa and two weeks in Nebraska. Not only will funds be raised to make this trip, but a movement is also on foot to provide South Omaha with a ball grounds. centrally located and suitably fenced. Mr. Ellis is looking around for grounds and if a lease can be secured South Omaha will see plenty of good ball with teams from abroad.

Just at present all interest is centered on the opening game, which takes place at Vinton street park Saturday, May 2, with the Omaha Field club. The Field club team that we wouldn't be in it without them, agement is making the team stronger than play a little yellowish, but warmer is as follows: Pitchers, Frank Quinn and

center field. Louis Ferguson; Caughey; are in the same class as the yards boys Yard Juniors, South Omaha.

AMATEURS AND THE SUNSHINE

Tennis Men and Makes Links and Courts Lively.

With sunny skies and gentle breezes has come a coterie of golfers, who enjoy the goodness of the season. The older ones to whom the game is something more than a mere pastime are appearing on the links as regularly as ever. For them no gray, chilly days or threatening skies hold disparagement and make the house seem preferable to the links. On both links the entire course is open now, although the greens at the Country club will not attempt to crowd his machine. be played upon for two weeks yet. There the players are using temporary holes on the entire course.

While neither of the club houses is officially open, the social features of them are growing more and more with each adready there has been an attempt to turn into the social rut and a cotillion has SEASON OF REST FOR HUNTER been given by the young ladies, which was in many ways an athletic feature, in that hobbyhorse races, basket ball games and ping-pong, were part of the order of the

Tennis, too, is having its turn at the hands of the frequenters of the Field club, and this year bids fair to surpass that of last as a banner one. At the Field club this is partly due to the great improvements that have been made in the courts in regard to drainage, as well as the playing surface. The courts, as im-Tennis is showing a disposition to push to the front as a summer game elsewhere than at the Field club. In and around courts, are being rolled and put into conbusy preparing for the summer tournaments that must result from this activity. The Young Men's Christian association has almost completed its courts at Nineteenth and Farnam streets, and within a few days will have players on them. These courts will have as much toward bringing the game into universal favor as any in town, owing to their proximity to the center of and the hunter's reward scanty. As the the town. In the morning, at noon and in days grow long the Nimrods will sit in the evening they are always handy to the the quiet of the evening and tell of what man whose office is near by and the workers will slip down early in the morning to the retrospect of but a few days it has play a set, or run out at noon for a game or two with a friend, and again on the way home from work at night they will the waters of Nebraska streams and lakes. tarry for another round on the courts.

ATHLETICS AMONG SOLDIERS Army Men Turn to Outdoor Sports and Are Making Ecclient

Headway.

Owing to the recent orders of the army soldiers at Fort Crook are taking an active and track work, beside base ball and foot them a few teal as well as their allowance ganized with a flourishing membership among the enlisted men and the officers. The entrance fees and dues are nominal and they have high hopes of building up a name for themselves at Fort Crook that With the coming of spring and warm the Missouri. It will be possible for the of Wood River. He was a low handfcap weather the lovers of base ball down in different regiments to compete with each South Omaha are taking an interest in the other from time to time and rivalry prom- the sixteen-yard line, and he won in a sport that has not been known for a long ises to be as keen as that in college sport, One thing is sure. South Omaha although the records will probably not be will have at least one good bail club, the as high, owing to the lack of practice and preparation by the men in the army.

> this year's team bids fair to rival that of previous years because of the added interest lent it by the rivalry which is now between the various regimental teams. Friday they were defeated by the Omaha team by a one-sided score, but they were playing in hard luck and the score does not represent the true value of the team. The men are still a little green and stiff, and will take a few more days to round into good shape. Each of the eight companies at the post has a base ball team, and from these teams it is always possible to recruit a number of good men, so that the team is continually changing at this time of the year. The regiment will be in St. Louis during the fair dedication ceremony and, during that time, expect to meet the base ball teams from the Eighth and Sixteenth regiments in match games. It may to the number of duties that are always ties. Definite arrangements have been they will succeed better against them than they did against Omaha. There is a quarter-mile cinder running

track on the post grounds and a great deal of interest is being manifested in track work. On next Monday the men will have and, generally speaking, they outclass the meets will be held every month. In the yards boys. However, the close game of beginning the events will include only the last year between these two teams, which | 100 and 226-yard dashes, half mile and mile runs and the 100 and 220-yard hurdles, beyards boys confidence and they promise to side obstacle and relay races. Later, if any of the men develop into weight throwers and pole vaulters, these will be added, and eventually the meets will include all of the events that are included in inter-

WAITING FOR AUTOMOBILES Omaha People Looking for

Scoot Wagons Ordered Long Ago.

If it were not for the fact that the desire for automobiling is so general throughout the country Omaha would have today so many of the machines that one could look nowhere without seeing them. The craze to ride in the horseless vehicles is growing here as elsewhere out of all proportion to the facilities of the manufacturers and dealers to furnish them. At present more than a dezen Omaha people are waiting for machines they have ordered, but which they have been unable to get as yet. Many of these automobiles are of the larger type, too, and it seems that from now on there will be more and more of the large, heavy, fast carriages. Four of the foremost of Omaha's herse lovers have ordered large automobiles weighing from one to two tons and with speeds varying from thirty to forty miles an hour. It is the coming of these machines that will make Omaha an automobile loving town, for the great sest and sport of auto trips in the country is the ability to go out for a day's jaunt and reach some place that is beyond the

BASE BALL FRIENDS ANXIOUS the pantry. "Nick" Carter has been practically base, Dale Talbot; third base, Earl Millett; abilities and possibilities of the horse. short stop, Ray Bohner; left field, Grant There is a great joy in moving along in an automobile down the country roads and on it. It is a joy to see him work it. For right field, Anton Lott; substitutes, Frank lanes at a pace that makes the muchwho could get a hit, but the last of the and Nebraska and western lews clubs who mark of the machine. The smaller machines, of which there is to be no dearth "uns" got to work and began to get their will be accommodated with games by ad-weather eye out for the ball until they are dressing H. R. Ellis, Manager, Union Stock making these and filling orders, are also coming to the front and their number wil be legion this aummer.

The gasoline machine seems to hold the front rank here. It is a more sensible machine than any of the others, owing to the ease of renewing its power in the country or at home, which the electric machine does not allow of. The steam machine has also fallen into disfavor here for two reasons. It requires more care in opera tion than either the gasoline or electric and is more likely to fall into habits o breaking down than any of the others.

While the matter of taking the first apring run is still undetermined, a decision as t the date for this will be come to within few days and all arrangements made for it Meanwhile the autos are slipping out on the country byways and highways and thei owners are trying to outdo old records fo speed that they established for themselves last year. On two Saturdays in successio Mr. Frederickson has made the run to Ben nington, a matter of eighteen miles, i forty-five minutes, and that without any

The society maids are slipping out brigh and early in the mornings and secretly prac ticing the maneuvering of their brothers and fathers' machines, that they may also have an opportunity of holding the reins when the auto has displaced the horse as vancing day. At the Country club al- the proper carriage for moonlight drives.

> Close Time on Game Birds Com-Early and Sends Him to His

> > Rod and Line.

The hunting season, so far as ducks an snipe and the remainder of the water for and the birds that skim along the wet and soggy shores are concerned, is over, ac cording to the state law, and shotguns are once more laid away in the dark and th quiet to wait for fall before they shall appear again to be the boon companion proved, are as fast as any clay courts in of the man and his dog. The season i the country and are the pride of the club. still open for doves and their kin, but little shooting will be done on their account Within two or three weeks those who like to hunt will have turned their endeavors town new courts, both private and club to the pursuits of Isaac Walton and will spend long days with the rod and line on dition and the wielders of the racket are the quiet shores of the lakes and streams where the members of the finny tribe abound.

The season gone by has been in many ways a peculiar one for the hunter. On every side game has been abundant and, yet, with the exception of a few weeks of snipe shooting, the baga have been light a wonderful season it was, but looked at in been remarkable only for the lightness of bags and the awarms of duck that covered High water has met the hunter on ever; side and the ducks and geese have lived in perfect security in the far-away middleness of the water. The banks were muddy and difficult to find a blind in. On the upper reaches of the rivers, where the ice gorges and the high water was not so painfully evident there have been some remarkable kills, but nearer home, and few of the hunters went far away, the quest with respect to athletics among the troops | has been long and the return has been light. at the posts in the various departments, the Last week and the week preceding the waters had receded considerably and those of snipe. The ducks and geese, otherwise were gone to the northward, though, and the subsidence of the waters brought little comfort to the hunter.

The fourth Grand American Handicap has will be an envied one in the Department of fallen to a Nebraska man, M. Diefenderfer man, shooting at the clay pigeons from sensational finish, taking the last twentyfive targets without a miss. Two other Nebraska men were among the list of winners in the shoot at Kansas City. They were W. P. Townsend of Omaha, with 87 While the Twenty-second has always had targets at eighteen yards, and Dave Lindera ball team, even when in the Philippines, man of Lincoln, with 85 targets, at nineteen yards.

> ATHLETICS AT THE UNIVERSITY Victory of the Base Ball Team Over the Omaha Leaguers Pleases All.

The fans feel a little better than usual mostly on account of beating the Rourke family. The fact that the Omahane defeated the 'varsity on last Tuesday is not commented upon. Everyone wants to talk about the Monday game. On Monday the Cornhusker aggregation beat the leaguers by a score of 4 to 2. The next day the Rourke aggregation got it back on the 'varsity, and then some. Mr. Rourke's colts piled up a score of 9 to the university boys' be that this may be an impossibility owing 2. This explains why everybody about the university has been talking about how the liable to fall to a regiment on such du- varsity licked the gents from the metropoiis. When asked if there was anything new made for a game on May 2 with the St. in the athletic situation, Captain Townsend Louis Browns, and the soldiers think that said: "The newest thing is the way we beat the Omaha league team. That was the first time in the history of the university that we have been able to make that big aggregation bite the dust, and we feel encouraged by it." When asked about the turning of the tables in Tuesday's game, consists largely of old-time college players, the first track meet. From then on the Captain Townsend had nothing to say, except that it was no disgrace to meet defeat at the hands of so strong an aggregation as the Rourke family.

Beltzer filled the box in Monday's game, and upheld his claim to be a rival of the famous Leatherby of last year's winning team. In the Tuesday game Longanecker pitched a good game until the seventh inning, when he fell down. Hrubeski was then put in and he threw his arm out and was compelled to yield the sphere to Morse. The twirlers for the Cornhuskers' aggregation for this season will be Beltzer, Morse, Longanecker and Townsend. All these men have proved themselves capable to make good on the base ball field, and

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premises cleared of all old plunder and trash, the great majority of house keepers feel that Spring cleaning is over, and forget that their systems may be in a worse condition than the house, and that the bad feelings, debility, loss of appetite, nervousness and sleeplessness from which they are suffering are due to neglect of the more important and necessary work of Physical house cleaning. A clean house does not insure against disease, but a clean system does. The poisons and humors engendered within the body, the waste matter that is clogging the system and contaminating and vitiating the blood, are far more dangerous to health than the dirt and dust of our homes. In the winter time we give free rein to our appetites, and eat more and oftener than is for our good. We inhale the polluted air of badly ventilated offices and rooms, take little or no exercise, and our bodies become a veritable hot-bed of disease-bearing germs, and our blood is loaded with impurities and poisons of every conceivable kind; and no wonder that Spring time is so often Sick time and finds us in such poor physical condition, with vitality slowly wasting away, our digestion impaired, the liver torpid, and all the bodily organs over-worked and out of repair. Unless our systems are given a thorough cleaning, and the blood purged and purified, the simplest malady may develop into some serious disorder or end in chronic invalidism, and often the pent-up impurities, poisons and humors break out through the skin, and all through the Spring and Summer you are tormented with boils, itchy

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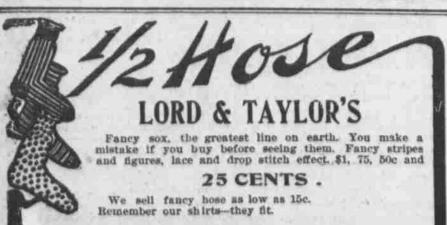
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