

BASE BALL GOSSIP OF WEEK

Western League Ready to Open the Season on Tuesday.

GEORGE TEBEAU TALKING TROUBLE AGAIN

Marplot of the Hickey League Puts in a Few Hours Disrupting the Western and Sending it to Smash.

She popt! On Tuesday the race in the Western opens, and according to the scheduled arrangement, all hands and the cook will be busy as millers until September 27, when the season is to begin. If the 152 days have been allowed for the season, and this means that postponed and the games will have to be lined up as double-headers, or they will have to go unmade. Each and every team approaches the battle with confidence, and all are ready to make a violent hit. Not one is in really good condition for the hard work of championship contests, the weather having been such as to preclude anything but the lightest practice. No player can afford to take the chance of injury by extending himself in practice games during such weather as all have had to encounter this season, and the result is that none of the men has been exactly what his form is. When the sun comes out in his zeal we know what the players will be like. In the meantime there is nothing to change the opinion expressed last week.

G. Whitewings Tebeau is certainly a wonder. One would think that a manager owning two teams in one league would have about all he could do to look after in the base ball line; but not so. He finds ample time to look after the business of the Western league as well as that of the American association, and from his lofty viewpoint near Leoville, Kentucky, he says, he announces that the Western league is rushing madly on to certain destruction; that the withdrawal of Mr. Van Brunt from the St. Joseph team removed the financial backing of the Western, and that it would certainly collapse. Mr. Tebeau gives figures to support his statements; where he got them can only be guessed at, but he probably made them himself and for that reason knows they are right. Mr. Tebeau is an excellent example of the man who knows a lot of things that are not so. In the first place, the Western league didn't lose \$50,000 or any part of it in base ball last season. Every club in the league but three made money, and only two lost any money, and this loss was made up out of the league funds without calling on any of the clubs for assistance. And one thing that G. Whitewings might put in a little time contemplating is that when the Western league held its meeting at the close of the season not one of the members was accused of holding out on the others; this is not true of the American association, where some of the members found the pool proposition only worked one way.

Tommy Burns, who used to refer to himself as "me and Van Brunt," has determined to keep his team at Colorado Springs during the season, although Pueblo made him a most tempting offer. Burns has a good team and under the new conditions it ought to be heard from.

In the leagues that have already started something in the way of upsets have been noted. No one was particularly surprised to see Pittsburgh go out in the lead, but people did look for a little better showing from Cincinnati. Kelley explains that his men are not playing the game as he taught it to them, and insists that they will make a better showing; but as a coach they couldn't do worse than McGraw. Kelley made good on some of his talk, but he has a long way to go yet, and it wouldn't surprise anyone if he met a fall. Frank Selee's team is doing fairly well, and promises to be in the race for a little while at least. In the American association a fan has been particularly surprised, although the Detroit has made easy work of the much-touted Cleveland outfit. Clark Griffith's bunch hasn't shown its speed yet, but the season is too young to give a line on the actual merits of any of the teams. This is also true of the Hickey league, in which only one thing has been shown and that is that both Minneapolis and St. Paul are weaker than anyone thought them.

Some of the individual features of the games so far have been very satisfactory to the local push. The game between Brown pitched for St. Louis against Chicago is going to be among the record performances of the year, and marks Brown as good enough for any company. In one of the Boston games George Stone was sent in to bat for a pitcher, but did nothing. Big Sam Crawford went down the line with Detroit when they were hammering the life out of Bernhard, the wonder Colonel Rogers made his fight for, and didn't get a hit. In two games Sam drew blanks in the base hit column. But old Wahoo will come to the front yet. He is with a bunch of sluggers almost equal to that famous crowd that once won a pennant for Detroit in the National and nobody out here is worried about his making good.

Thomas Jefferson Hickey has been having his troubles. He is paying for his habit of procrastination, and has been forced to come down like the proverbial thousand of brick on one his recalcitrant supporters, Mr. Brice of Columbus. It is all over the services of one Billy Cleggman.

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suspected of being a ball player, but against whom the charge has never been established. Milwaukee claims him and Columbus has him, and there is the basis of the scrap. After a long period of deliberation Hickey awarded the player to Milwaukee, but Cleggman went to Columbus, practiced there, and played there in the first game with Toledo, under an injunction prohibiting Hickey, Strobel or anyone else from interfering. Something of an understanding was reached after this game, and the matter is left about as it was at the start, that is, Cleggman is out of the game pending a further debate between Milwaukee and Columbus. Mr. Brice of Columbus is very much set in his determination to play Cleggman, and is admitted with saying a number of things at an early date. The result of Hickey, and Hickey has replied by declaring that he will ferret the Columbus franchise unless he is obeyed.

Today at Indianapolis another effort will be made to test the Sunday baseball law. It will likely end as all other attempts have, a defeat for Watkins. With all this trouble on hand it looks like G. W. Tebeau Old Boy might with profit turn his attention toward keeping his own league in shape and letting the Western alone.

After taking two out of three games from Mr. Rohe's Saints, Papa Rohe's boys returned to the seclusion of plain mowing and afternoon practice and are rapidly working into such shape as they have not displayed since the boys who have been in the clement and uncertain weather of the spring days.

The boys in their last few games picked up in their batting most wonderfully. Though they were never known as other than right hitting bats, they seem to find their knowledge of batting in those games and they hit pitchers, who have been garnered by the saints for the coming season, with apparent ease and abandon. And their own pitchers, who gave the fans such a scare because of their nervous and comparative lack of game, had some clean work in the box. None showed work that was akin to genius, but they pitched clean, consistent ball, never letting up when things seemed to be going against them; but instead pulling themselves out of dangerous situations. It was the work of veterans and it was done much to the quiet alarm of the fans over the loss of Brown and Owen.

"Mike" Wely is being given a thorough tryout and will soon have either made or lost his chance for playing professional ball with Omaha. He fields the skyscrapers well, but doesn't know what to do with the ball when he gets it. Perhaps a little minor league work would teach him that. Another of his weak points is his total inability to understand what a ball on the ground in his garden is going to do. Many singles have been lengthened out because they went through him. If he expects to stay he will have to get over that and also an uncertainty of batting. His hitting has been an uncertain quantity and they have been few and far between when compared to the ones that Alonzo S. one went to drive out to the tall grasses. Another local man, Graves, is being tried in the outfield. He is a quiet, taciturn youngster, fields brilliantly, although a little to the right frequently. If the few games that he has played are any indication he is a comer and will come closer to equalling Stone's record than he does or not. The outfield has three good men in Carter, Gardner and Preston. They are old and experienced in the game and know all of its hooks and crooks.

ATHLETICS AT THE UNIVERSITY

Base Ball Still Leads, but Much Interest is Felt in the Track Team.

Perseverent training is the order in base ball circles at the University of Nebraska. The Townsend colts are getting into good shape and when the train bearing the Nebraska ball team moves off it will take a crowd to understand to understand what a thing that it goes up against. They leave May 1 and will make a conquest into the east and meet some pretty swift aggregations. Last year people about the university thought that the base ball team was about the best ever. That track team was defeated in three games, viz.: Northwestern university, Notre Dame college and Kansas university. The Townsend crowd will meet each one of these and make a special effort to give these particular institutions black eyes. "Year before last the varsity lost five games, and last year we lost three games," said Captain Townsend. "One of the teams that beat us badly last year, namely Kansas, has met a couple of pretty neat defeats by us and we will try to serve all alike, though it will hardly be surprising if we are beaten by Notre Dame or Illinois university; at least, if I knew that we would lose two games, I would pick these two as the ones."

The Cornhuskers' captain does not mean by this that he will lose these games, but they are generally considered the hardest that the varsity will play. Everyone feels that the two defeats administered the Kansas make things about even with the Jayhawkers for the two defeats they handed the varsity last year.

Last year's team boasted of a pitcher who played a genuine article of the great American game, and this year the fans were fearful for a while about getting anybody to take his place. There were good pitchers trying for the team, but they hardly came up to the standard which Coach Eddie Gordon thought ought to be set. Then a man named Beltzer showed up and from that moment things looked better. It doesn't take anything but a glance at his record to satisfy anybody that he is the right man in the right place. For instance, in the second game with Kansas, Beltzer fanned nine men, let one walk and the Kansas didn't hit him until the last inning. In the last inning the ball was slipping, as it had begun to rain and was hard to control. One thing about Jim Beltzer is that he can be always depended upon for good work in the box, though as a pitcher he isn't so very swift.

That man Morse, who pitched part of the game with the Nebraska Indians Friday, is not one of the slow ones, either. He pitches a swift ball and has a mean curve. He can take any position in the field when he isn't needed in the box, and more than make good. He will probably be taken along on the trip as a fielder and pitcher.

It was thought last week that the list had been made up without the names of Longenecker, but Captain Townsend has announced that in all probability he will be on the team. Though not one of the dead sure stickers he puts up a heavy game and is doing some good twirling. He will add considerable strength to the team and make a reputation for himself.

The varsity fans rather congratulate themselves on having a man like Bender to wear the mask. Of course there are other things which make the university athletic world feel good, but nothing gives one a greater desire to embrace himself than the playing of "Twister." He hasn't made any bad breaks yet, and is an old hand at the game.

At last the track management is able to announce that it has a meet clinched for the home grounds. Knox college will send a team to Lincoln on May 16. There will be

ten men in the team from the Galesburg institution and the expense of bringing them to Nebraska will be heavy, but the athletic board has decided that a meet with Knox would be an event which will draw a crowd large enough to justify the expense of considerable money. The track athletes of Knox compete in the big meets of the conference, and they hold a very enviable reputation. It is expected to make the meet of May 16 one of the most important athletic events of the year. Captain Tobin, when asked about the prospects, replied: "Knox has a good athletic department, and anything we get from them will be well earned, but by the way our fellows are turning out and working I believe that the Cornhusker track team will win full share in its honors."

The speed department on the campus is a busy place every afternoon when the men in running events line up before the starter's pistol and learn how to get off in good shape.

The men who handle the weights occupy the field after the others, while jumping is provided for north of the gym. Lehmer and Johnson, the colored boy, are working away steadily with the pole, and under the direction of Dr. Clapp are making some good records for vaulting.

May 9 will be a big day at the university. On that day the Missouri Valley Athletic association will hold its annual meet. This association is composed of the high schools at St. Joseph, Kansas City, Leavenworth, Des Moines, Des Moines, Mo., Fort Scott, Kan., Nebraska City and Lincoln and the Bles Military academy and Wentworth academy. There will be all kinds of athletic contests and the competition for medals is always sharp. Entertainments will be run from a number of high schools about the state. It is at this meet that the championships for the Missouri valley are decided and prizes are awarded.

Every afternoon the tennis courts are occupied by the devotees of that game, and some interesting playing is done. The membership of the association has been considerably enlarged lately and there is no want for material to take part in the tournaments. Tennis is to be played by the girls taking gymnasium, and some interesting contests may be arranged.

The interfraternity base ball league has made up a schedule of games and eight frats are represented on the base ball field. One distinguishing feature of these games is the number of errors which may be counted against each man, and another feature is the size of the score. A game in which at least twenty men do not run in is considered pretty slow. With all their poor playing they are interesting and sometimes hard fought, though the element of debate is often brought in. Among other minor events was the game between the second team and the Lincoln High school, in which the former was victorious. Manager Eager will have a number of game books for his aggregation, and it is hoped that the schedule will include Omaha High school.

FIELD CLUB MAKES CHANGES

Alterations on the Grounds and Improvements in Accommodations for Players.

With the formal opening of the Field club still a few weeks off the interest in outdoor sports is growing with each warm day. Base ball and golf are rapidly coming to the fore and every day the links are scattered over with players, who make the rounds as often as they can be. The ball team is working steadily toward perfection and, while it has been unsuccessful to an extent unhoped for, it is creating a large amount of interest among the club members and is receiving their hearty support. Tennis, naturally, is not being played but will be on in ten days, when the courts will be open.

The links this spring are better than they ever were and are bound to be the attraction that will come next to tennis. The club members many enthusiastic in the golfing game and they have a course that is one of the best in the west. With 120 acres to spread it over and a rolling character of grounds, it is filled with natural hazards and mental hazards galore. The railroad track is the star hazard, being a mental hazard only in reality, and yet one that is a hoodoo to half of the club. Then there is the line of trees between the west forty and the middle forty. This is the hazard of the course and is looked upon with fear by all but the experienced players.

The ball diamond has been changed from the north side of the field to the south and the batter faces the club house now. The bleachers which are to be built will be placed along the south side of the diamond and there will be a new set of bleachers under the porch of the house, as would be done under the old condition of the field. It also makes a better appearance about the house.

The changes in the club house have not been as great as it was originally expected to make them, they being more in the line of repair than of enlargement, beyond the addition of a small room to the east of the old seltzer corner. The new room will be converted into a "golden haze refreshment parlor" and the old seltzer corner will be a lounging room. Beyond this a few patios of paint, a few new shingles, and the other things that go with spring house cleaning, is the extent of the building activity at the Field club.

TRI-CITY LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Six Local Clubs Frame Up Strong Organization for the Playing Season.

The base ball fever has got into the amateurs and on Friday night the Tri-City league was formed with six clubs as members. Franchises were traded in, players signed, a schedule adopted and all those other little things done that are necessary to the life of a league. Five of the six teams are known to the base ball fans, as they have been in existence in the three cities for from three to six years. They are the Lee-Glass-Andersen Originals, the C. N. Dietz team, the Regents, the B. Jettors of South Omaha, the Council Bluffs Eagles, formerly the Smith & Bradley's, and the Crescents, a new team to be put in at Florence under the management of P. Jensen. The best of the local talent is gathered together in these teams and in their season's games, which begin on June 6 and extend until October 4, each team will play seven games against each of its opponents.

The management of the teams is as follows: C. B. Bradford for the Lee-Glass-Andersen Originals, Frank Harrison, for the C. N. Dietz, T. E. Kennedy for the Regents, P. Jensen for the Crescents, R. Rawley for the B. Jettors and H. K. Smith for the Council Bluffs Eagles. From these managers was selected the governing body of the league, H. K. Smith being made president, R. Rawley vice president, P. Jensen secretary, and C. B. Bradford treasurer. While the real incentive to the battle will be the pennant there will undoubtedly be a first and second prize for the two teams finishing at the head of the list.

The league games will be played on four fields. The B. Jettors will play their home games on their grounds at Twenty-

eighth and W streets, South Omaha; the Council Bluffs Eagles on the grounds at Lake Manawa, the Crescents on a field which is being prepared at Florence, and the three Omaha teams on the Vinton street park grounds on dates that Omaha plays its league games away from Omaha. All of these grounds are reached by the street cars in the three towns and they should receive good patronage, as the teams are dandy amateur teams. It may be that the ball park at Courland bench will be put in shape for playing and some of the games scheduled for Vinton street park will be played there instead. The schedule is as follows:

Table with columns for team names and dates. Teams include Lee-Glass-Andersen Originals, C. N. Dietz, B. Jettors, Regents, Co. Bluffs Eagles, and Crescents. Dates range from June 6 to October 4.

CREIGHTON'S TRIP TO KANSAS

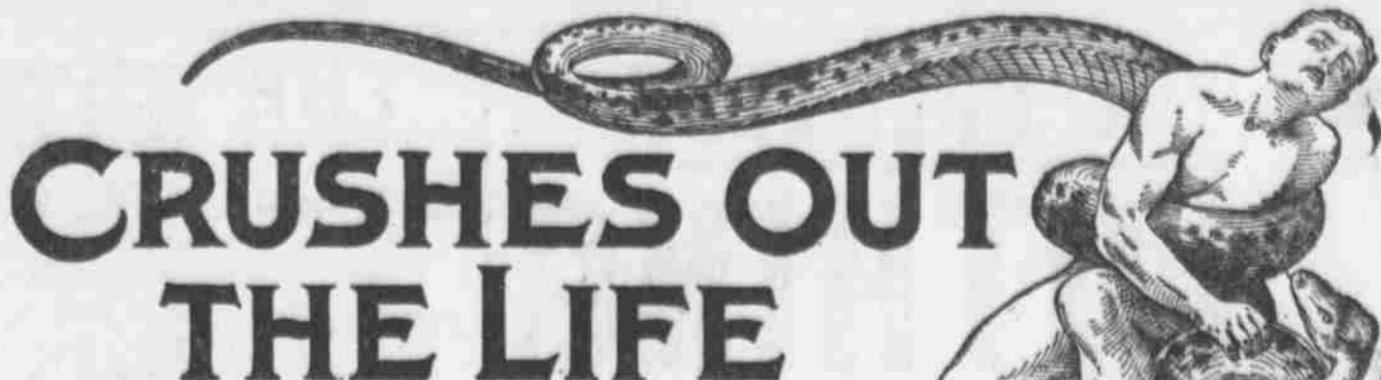
Short Tour of Sunflower State to Be Made by the Varsity Ball Team.

The Creighton university ball team has been able to arrange a schedule for a short Kansas trip lasting over six days. It had been hoped from the beginning of the season that it would be possible to make this trip, but it is very difficult for the team to get away from school and so they have held the matter in abeyance for some time with the hope that it would be arranged.

Several of the games have been arranged for some time and the others have been added to the schedule since it was decided that the team might make the trip. The schedule includes three games with the best of the Kansas college teams and the boys are hopeful that they may add new laurels to their record by bringing home the scraps of these three teams. Washburn, St. Mary's and Kansas State Agricultural school at Manhattan have all been doing great work this year and they are harder than any of the teams that Creighton has met so far this year, with the exception of the games with the Omaha league.

The schedule for the trip is arranged as: Washburn at Topeka, May 6; Kansas Normal at Lawrence, May 7; Kansas State at Manhattan, May 8; and back to Omaha, May 9.

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