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BASE BALL GOS. I. OF WEEK

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mal at Emporia, May 7; Fort Riley at Fort Riley, May 8; St. Mary's at St. Mary's, May 9, and Kansas State Agricultural school at Manhattan, May 9.

TENNIS COMES TO THE FORE

Local interest in the game revives and many new players are at work.

This spring tennis is pushing itself toward the front until it begins to overshadow all other forms of sport in the number of people who are actively engaged in the playing of it. While only a few courts are as yet ready for the players, others are being planned for or are in actual process of making on all sides. The hot days of summer will find forty courts in the city and fully 750 players. While the greatest of the work is being taken up by clubs and groups of people, a number of the courts are private. Many of these private courts are not really good courts, but they will tend to act as a great stimulus toward the advancement of the game, as they will give their owners a wonderful opportunity to practice continually and much oftener than if they had to rely entirely upon club courts for the opportunity to play.

Local dealers, both wholesale and retail, in sporting goods declare that the sale of tennis supplies this year is already greater than that of last year, which was the best year for tennis that Omaha has seen in six years. They have bought for local distribution 1,000 rackets and already the stock in some of the grades has run low. Other supplies have been bought as freely. Entire new equipment has been bought for many of the old courts and others have bought equipment for courts that have had their inception this year.

Several reasons have been assigned to this sudden leap into favor in two short seasons of the game that had practically died out. Nationally the game has been coming more and more into prominence

again after a lengthy dormancy. It grew in the east and two winters ago ping pong, a parlor outgrowth of the game, was invented. Ping pong captured the hearts of the people and led to the exclusion of cards, billiards, dancing and almost all other winter pastimes, but its life was short. One year in the east and one and a half in the west found it one of the pleasures of the past, but it had aroused interest in its parent among many people who had never been so interested before and the tennis courts grew in number and goodness with the increase of players. The fever spread to the west. Last year the Field club held the Four-State Tennis tournament in Omaha and interest was strong. The home people took hold of the game and were soon fond of it again. The older players dragged their rackets from the dark corners of closets and garrets and new players flocked to the standard.

Practically all of the club courts that were crowded with tennis devotees last summer will be their haven this summer. They are being leveled off and smoothed up preparatory to the starting of the game. At the Field club the six courts are being put in better shape than they were for the tournament last summer. Two of the center courts are being supplied with a brickbat underdrilling, which makes them free drainage courts. On these two tournament games will be played. The passing summer rains will be hinder playing for more than a few minutes, as they will dry almost as quickly as they are wetted. The remaining four will be the same as last year, and they were, then, as fast as any club courts in all of the western country.

Last year's tournament was a success, far greater than had been anticipated, and this year a second tournament of the "Four States" will be held on these same courts. Beginning August 17, the tournament will last a week or ten days. The players from abroad, who were considerable then, will return, and their number will be augmented by others who did not understand a year ago the excellence of it.

The Field club will probably join the Western Tennis association and, being a member of that, others, who play tennis more than well, will be drawn here.

Besides, arrangements are being made by the club to hold a series of club, city and intercity tournaments for small trophies.

These will be in a way a sort of preparation for the larger tournament in August.

At the Field club the greater number of the better tennis players are centered, and all that were there last year are with them this year again, with the exception of only one. From the crowd of youngsters, for the players at the club number 200, a number of good men are expected to develop, and there is little danger of the game waning there.

The four courts which the Young Men's Christian association has placed at Nineteenth and Farnam streets are an accession to the courts of the city, for none were there before, and last year the association had no courts. Now they are to have 100 men playing through the cool, bright mornings, and the long summer evenings on these courts.

The men themselves are mostly of the younger set, and few of them are experienced players, but one never knows but what some of the best men may be making from this very class.

Years ago there were five courts to the west of the Metropolitan club on Harney street, and they were famous as the Metropolitan courts, but they have not been used for some summers. Many men famous in the history of both western and eastern tennis, in the years gone by, have played matches on these grounds.

Now a coterie of young men about town have gathered together and are planning to place four courts, where the five once were. Little work is necessary to put the courts in condition and but for a little darkness and dampness the courts will be as good as any in the city, with the exception of the tournament courts at the Field club.

A few of the members are experienced players and all of them have, in the past, played tennis to some extent. Once organized, they are going to work hard and intend to enter in the tournaments as they are played from time to time.

As yet no name has been given this club, but it is probable that it will be known as the Metropolitan Racquet club, and will be continued into the winter as a social organization.

The Shriners courts, a few blocks up from the Metropolitan courts, have been reduced to two this year and are being put into shape for play. The membership this year is about the same as last, but has been cut down to ten, which is all that the courts are able to accommodate.

MANAGER TELLS OF ROBBERY

Eddie Robinson insists that Clarence English Didn't Get Fair Treatment.

Manager Eddie Robinson, for Clarence English, was in town the other day talking about the fight pulled off in Kansas City a week ago last Thursday night. "It was a palpable steal," he said, and showed a number of newspaper clippings to back up his statement.

"The whole thing," he declared, "was arranged so that English could not get the decision without his giving Yanger a clean knockout blow. Even the newspaper reports that went out from the Kaw were garbled more or less. Everything was fixed and there was no hope for English from the start. The refusal of Yanger's manager to even talk of another fight at once, despite the purse of \$5,000 we offered, goes to prove

that they are afraid of another bout. It was English's fight all the way through and the crowd knew it. Why, when the fight was over the crowd surged down on the stage the minute the decision was given to Yanger by Bardell and only the policemen saved them from the crowd, which was so frantic and calling names and threats after Bardell and Yanger.

"The old talk about condition is an old one and everybody laughs when you begin it, but the truth of the matter is that English was not in condition and had not been for a week preceding the fight. When he went in he was wobbly and after the first round was tired out, but laughing. Yanger couldn't punish him. It was his own efforts which were wearing him out. But he has game and would have stayed long enough to put Yanger to the had if the fight had been for a longer number of rounds.

"The crowd was with English from the start and you won't find many who saw the fight that won't declare that it was a palpable steal. Some of the papers came out the next morning and declared that it was the biggest steal ever perpetrated in the annals of the ring and they were not far from right.

"The athletic club know that the thing was not straight and have practically acknowledged it by giving us the pick of the men that English is to meet on May 15. We picked O'Keefe, and he has been signed for the fight. O'Keefe is a welterweight and is a good man. Not as good as we might want, but it will be a good fight."

Whether English was beaten out of the decision at Kansas City is a moot question and there is a great deal of indecision as to it. However, English proved himself one of the comers in the ring in this fight. He was fighting under adverse conditions and forced the fighting at all times. He is only 19 and young in experience, has nerve and is a steady fighter. With a few more years added to his head he will be one of the best men in his class in the country.

When he was here with Robinson the other day he looked as fit as a fiddle and stood as a bull. He has a good reach and strong punishment well. When he stepped into the ring at Kansas City he had a record of thirty-eight knockouts and decisions to his credit and never a draw. His backers were confident that he would win and they forced the Yanger odds to even money. Even after the decision went against him they were still ready to back him and did everything in their power to show that they believed in his ability, but he was cheated out of the decision.

It can readily be seen that it would be very undesirable for Yanger to have lost the fight, especially as he has several big goes on at present. Besides Clarence English was an unknown and it would look bad for Yanger to be cleaned up by an unknown.

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QUAINT FEATURES OF LIFE.

James F. Pierce of Chester, Pa., found something was tugging at his shad net while drifting near Chester Island, and after a struggle landed a sturgeon weighing 550 pounds. He has been fishing the Delaware for forty years and this is the biggest sturgeon he ever caught.

The owners of an enormous sheep ranch in Montana suffer so much from the consumption by prairie dogs of the tender shoots of grass, which are an important part of the diet of sheep, that they have determined to import cats enough to exterminate the dogs. The first company of 100 cats is being recruited at St. Paul. A facetious writer in the New York Post shows anxiety for the future of the cats, their work being accomplished. He says if they do kill the prairie dogs they will have the choice, subsequently, of starvation, cannibalism or brigandage.

An engineer on a Kansas railroad has made a request to be allowed to run faster than sixty-five miles an hour, because a jackrabbit has been making fun of him on his run. A jackrabbit is noted for its speed, and this particular jack, it seems, has been in the habit of coming out of his burrow, just south of Olathe, Kan., when he hears the flyer coming early in the morning, looking up and winking at the engineer, and then, throwing back his long ears, racing alongside the track. He seems to know that the engineer may not run ahead of his schedule, so he keeps up only a fair speed, but at that he often gets on the track in front of the locomotive, and, putting one foot to his face, spreads out his toes and makes a sign perfectly familiar to all small boys, which is expressive of the highest scorn and derision. This is a true story and vouched for by a Kansas paper.

The commissioner of street cleaning in New York City, Mr. Woodbury, has been explaining how the municipality derives a revenue from every bit of street sweepings and refuse collected in New York and he is proud of the good results from the city's incinerator and "digester." "Now what do you suppose," he said, "frequently clogs up the sifter? Why, hairpins! Do you know we sell tons of them and get quite a revenue from them? And what do you suppose came out of the 'digester' the other day? Two \$1 bills. After the refuse is sifted," he continued, "it goes into the digester and later on is covered with oil. The top is skimmed off and what do you think we do with that? Why, that goes to Holland or France and comes back to this country as perfume."

In 1889 H. B. Dunbar, a former hotel-keeper of Boston and Cincinnati, obtained a divorce from his wife despite her vigorous opposition. An agreement was finally reached by which Mr. Dunbar was to pay her \$89,000 in annual payments covering a long period of years. Upon the execution of this contract Mrs. Dunbar permitted her husband to obtain a divorce. With the amount of money she was to receive she could provide for herself and children very comfortably. But Mrs. Dunbar had received only \$8,000 when Mr. Dunbar went into bankruptcy. After his discharge from his debts under the bankrupt law his former wife brought an action in the city court of Boston, the contention of her attorneys being that he was not discharged from this

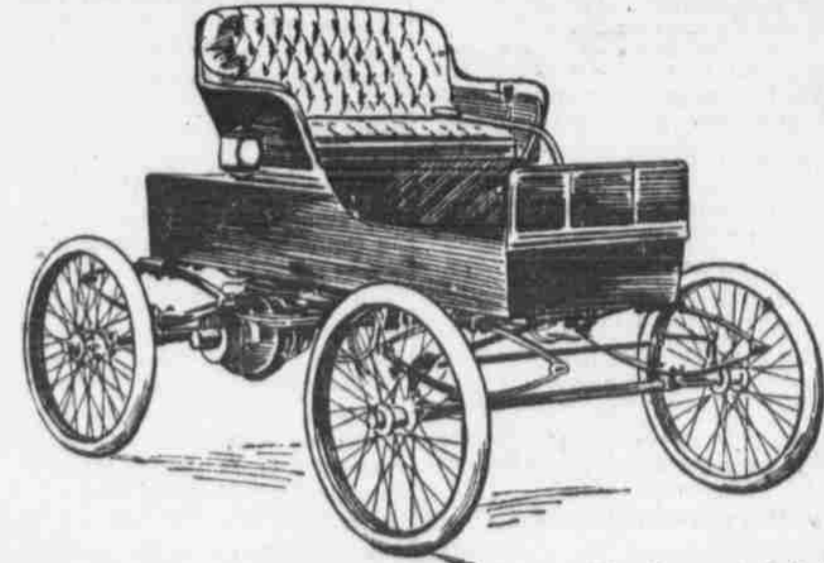
obligation by the bankruptcy proceedings. Mrs. Dunbar lost the suit in the lower courts, but immediately appealed the case and had the decision reversed by the supreme court of Massachusetts. Now Mr. Dunbar has appealed to the United States supreme court.

The Munchener Neueste Nachrichten announces that a big pressed corn beef deposit has been discovered in the Yellowstone park. "Evidently," says the Neueste Nachrichten, "enormous droves of cattle have, during the triassic period, been caught by a revolution of the earth and buried by the thrown down masses. The extensive saline deposits in the district preserved and seasoned the meat; the cold of the ice period kept it for aeons, and under the influence of the immense pressure of the masses of earth and stone it has been transformed into a kind of salt meat, which,

as to taste and nutritiousness, is not inferior to corned beef." The Chicago Journal adds some still more wonderful details regarding the discovery of mustard and boiled cabbage in the same neighborhood: "When the cataclysm occurred the beasts who were canned, so to speak, were grazing on a field of mustard, and the grinding of the glacier pulverized the mustard, flavored it with the oil of the animals and impregnated their flesh with it to the queen's taste. As for the boiled cabbage and boiled potatoes, they evidently grew uncoked in great abundance in those days, for millions of them are found within half a mile of the corned beef mine, boiled and kept hot by hot springs, in which this region abounds."

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