

**BASE BALL GOSSIP OF WEEK**

**Home Knockers Drive a Good Ball Player from Omaha.**

**TEAM'S SLUMP DUE TO WEAK HITTING**

**Only Two Men in the Bench Able to Find the Ball with Anything Like Regularity.**

Rah for the knocker!  
He got one scalp last week, and if he can only keep up his present gall he'll get another. As Stewart couldn't stand for the deal he was handed by the Home Knocker club and is now wearing a Florida uniform. In losing Stewart Omaha parted with one of the finest ball players that ever wore a uniform. He was a capable fielder, a fair hitter and a general of the highest ability. But above all was the gentleman on the field and off; he knew his authority as field captain and he knew his rights, and insisted on having them, but he was never known to stoop to wrangling or unseemly debate to secure fair treatment for his team. What he lacked in aggressiveness as some of the fighters call the rowdy tactics, he made up in firmness. His career in Omaha was a distinct success, and his going a matter of sincere regret. He leaves here with the good wishes of a large-body of base ball patrons, who will remember him as a careful, courteous, painstaking batter and one who is a credit to any team.

But it isn't only the knockers who are worried over the condition of the Omaha team. Even the most faithful of the boosters are talking just now about the games, and wondering if there is going to be any change. No one tries to locate the difficulty, but a spirit of apathy seems to have settled down on the members of the team, and not one of them is playing the ball he is capable of. Some hard luck exists in having both Hickey and Goding out of the game thus early with badly injured arms, but that doesn't account for it all. The Wright for example, least fail he came to Omaha from Rock Island, and fairly set the league on fire with his playing. He batted .375 and fielded away above 90 per cent. During the last week he hasn't made a hit and has made an error in every game; his errors are not all of commission, either, but a spirit of apathy seems to have taken hold of him. His work has been far from the snappy sort he is capable of. Wright is not the only offender in this direction, but is referred to merely as an example. Bobby Carter is setting a fine pace for the others at the bat, having an average of .312 for the season. None of his team mates approaches this, save Shugart, who has only been with Omaha since Wednesday. If the others would only put some of his spice into their work the tale would be much different. It is hardly necessary to look farther for the cause. A batting average for the team of .205, a fraction of one hit out of every five times up, is in itself a volume. If the record of Carter and Shugart is omitted from the total, the team batting average so far is .107. If anything more is wanted, the following tables will supply it.

**BATTING AVERAGES.**

Player	AB.	R.	IB.	PC.
Shugart	70	24	4	.343
Carter	70	21	5	.312
Wright	68	4	1	.243
Stewart	64	8	12	.241
McMahon	64	8	12	.241
Thomas	64	8	12	.241
Patterson	64	8	12	.241
Freston	64	8	12	.241
Gensie	64	8	12	.241
Hickey	64	8	12	.241
Compagnon	64	8	12	.241
Goding	64	8	12	.241
Bruder	64	8	12	.241
Bhatatal	64	8	12	.241
Henderson	64	8	12	.241
Milton	64	8	12	.241
Creighton	64	8	12	.241
Welch	64	8	12	.241
Wedy	64	8	12	.241

**FIELDING AVERAGES.**

Player	PO.	A.	E.	PC.
Goding	15	0	0	1.000
Shugart	4	0	0	1.000
Henderson	4	0	0	1.000
Creighton	4	0	0	1.000
Wedy	4	0	0	1.000
Thomas	15	1	1	.933
Gensie	15	1	1	.933
Stewart	15	1	1	.933
Wright	15	1	1	.933
Carter	15	1	1	.933
Bruder	15	1	1	.933
Patterson	15	1	1	.933
Compagnon	15	1	1	.933
Dolan	15	1	1	.933
Milton	15	1	1	.933
Hickey	15	1	1	.933
Welch	15	1	1	.933

Papa Bill Rouke says he is doing all he can to get new men and that he proposes to strengthen the team if possible. What he is in need of just now is a couple of pitchers who can be relied on and a third baseman who can hit a little and field with some certainty. Then get the rest of the team geared up to the pitch of last season, and the outlook will be much brighter. Every patron of the game in Omaha feels confidence in the ability of the team to play ball, and every man who has any interest in the game wants to see this confidence redeemed. Knockers have always existed here, and the best answer to the knockers is to win games. Just a little ginger in the right place is all that is needed.

In other respects the league race shows little change. Old Bill Everett and his Money Burners still go merrily along, piling up victories as fast as they play games. Bill has a stack now so high he can't see over it, and can play his first trip away from home on velvet and lose three out of

four at that. None of the rest of the lot is doing anything worthy of mention, unless it be the batting machine Des Moines fielded on Friday, when the Undertakers, joined Kansas City's pitchers for twenty safeties.

In the big league there is a very pretty race just now. The National has revived memories of '84, when New York and Chicago fought all the way around the course for the lead. McGraw's team still has the advantage of playing on its home grounds, while Seles has played a majority of his contests on other diamonds than Chicago's. If the Colts get even break with the Giants during the series which begins tomorrow on the Polo grounds, Chicago will return for a long home series well in the lead of the league. Once during the week the Colts had the top place and for the first time in history two Chicago teams were heading the processions. A postponed game at Boston put New York back in first, but it's only an eyelash old McGraw has on the position. Both teams are playing magnificent ball and have the others well strung out. Comiskey has taken his White Stockings to the front and is making the race in the American a hot one. Detroit is still hustling and so is Cleveland, but Chicago holds on to the top position. Comiskey has had the advantage of a long home series. His team must now take the road, and it may take a tumble, too. Clark Griffith hasn't accomplished any great things as yet with his New York Americans and doesn't seem at all likely to. So far as popularity goes, the Gotham fans take to the McGraw crowd, and the strongest is something to make Andy Goose Freedman's pockets bulge. In Chicago, too, the leaning is toward the National, now that the team is making good, and the prospects are that Colonel Hart will have to enlarge his park or arrange to play to overflow crowds when the team gets back home.

**ATHLETICS AT THE UNIVERSITY**

**Base Ball Team Shows a Balance on the Right Side of the Ledger.**

That trip the Cornhusker aggregation took wasn't quite as much of a howling success as had reason to expect. It seems that the boys were up against some hard luck, at times, good and plenty. Financially the trip was a success. Manager Clark Bell says the athletic board will be a neat sum ahead on the base ball deal at the end of the season. This is certainly fortunate. It has been said by persons closely connected with the athletic board that had this year's base ball venture been a failure it was highly improbable that the Cornhuskers would have been represented on the diamond next year, or if they had had a team no such trip would be taken. As far as finances are concerned the base ball future is bright enough. About victories. There were fourteen games played on the trip and of these Nebraska lost six. That doesn't look very well, but the fact must not be lost sight of that of the eleven men on the squad seven are freshmen and are playing their first season on the varsity team. This remarkable per cent of first year men must be remembered when the defeats are being counted.

Captain Townsend in reviewing the prospect for next year said: "The team will be practically the same next year as it is this year. We may reasonably expect that the men who are comparatively green this year will be reliable material next year. The great falling on our team this season has been poor sticking, though on the whole the team put up a pretty warm variety of the American game."

On the trip the Cornhuskers were decently treated, except at Kansas. The Jayhawkers stole two games from the Omaha team, and then turned in and mobbed them and swiped half their equipment. The Authorities at Kansas University have expressed regret at the performance of some of the students of that institution, and apologies have been sent to Lincoln. The loss of two games to the Jayhawkers can be attributed only to the unfairness of the Kansas crowd.

In the game with Highland Park on May 19, Longanecker and Bender, the battery, showed that they were playing as good ball as ever. This was the first game since the return of the team and fans were glad to see the undaunted Cornhuskers in good shape for the finishing games of the season. J. F. Johnson, shortstop, who did some sensational batting on the trip and who made the only long hit at Notre Dame and who won the day at Purdue, got a home run and a three-bagger in the Highland Park game. Johnson is one of the freshmen and one of the most promising men on the team. Gore has also shown up remarkably well.

Nebraska track athletics took a brace and things began to look better, when the Cornhusker's track team rubbed it into the crockery of Knox college. Those interested in track athletics fairly held their breath until the meet was pulled off, for this meet was to decide the fate of track work in the university. The athletic board agreed to furnish funds and all kinds of encouragement for the track athletics department for this year, with the understanding that the support would be withdrawn if the venture proved a failure this year. Financially it came up to the expectations of the most enthusiastic, and best of all, the Nebraska team won by the handsome score of 52 to 4 points.

Captain Tobin, who recently broke the hammer throw record of the Nebraska field, raised his own record in the event

with Knox. Tobin sent the hammer flying through the air, and it didn't hit bottom until it had gone 125 feet 7 inches. Captain Brew who used to lead the Nebraskans on the foot ball field, had a record when he was in school of 117 feet. In this mile run Lehner won with States a close second. The Knox man was lost in the shuffle. Wilson of Knox won the 200-yard dash. Winning of Nebraska won the 225-yard dash, as well as 400-yard dash. Benedict won the half mile. The sensation of the day was the half-mile relay race, which started with four men on each side. The bunch kept well together until the last lap, when Manning and Wilson took the lead, and then it was a neck-and-neck race. The two men were the best athletes of their respective schools, and when Manning crossed the tape a good margin ahead, the Nebraska rooters cut loose and cheered him to the echo. The Knox team depended principally upon Wilson to win points for them, and he certainly showed himself a good athlete. This victory over Knox is the first big thing the Nebraska track team ever accomplished. In other colleges more attention is paid to track work than by Nebraska heretofore, but things look good for a better status of this class of sport in the future. Benjamin Lee, an alumnus of Chicago university, and who has been connected with college athletics all over the west, speaking of the situation in Nebraska, compared with the sentiment toward track athletics in other schools, said: "In Chicago university, people will cut out a base ball game any day to see a track meet. Track men are as notable characters as foot ball heroes, and training is carried on for track work with utmost care." It is hoped that this may be said for track athletics at Nebraska at some not far distant time.

**BOOM IN TENNIS AFFAIRS**

**Game Catches Its Second Wind in Omaha and is Becoming Mighty Popular.**

Every day goes to prove that the revival in tennis last year will continue and increase in strength this summer. The east has taken it up so strongly already that it has outlasted golf in popularity and will continue to do so for at least another year.

Everything that lent itself last summer to the increase in popularity of the game will be evident this year and these same conditions will be improved to a great extent. With all of the courts of last year in better shape and two new tennis clubs in the city, the revival of the game is certainly bright. Practically all of the men, who were among the better players last year, have already appeared on the courts and many new players and many more with a little experience are swelling the numbers. A few of the strongest players of the field club have not yet donned their flannels and begun in earnest, but they have been kept back solely because of the poorness of the courts.

Next year these courts will be the best in the city and they will be this year, again, but many changes and repairs will be wrought on them and it has not been possible to get them into really good shape before now, because of the extensiveness of these repairs and the wet weather.

Many of the men who play on these courts are members of other tennis clubs and do not intend to do their really hard practice on the Field club courts, but will use the more private courts closer home.

Some are not situated this way and they must suffer at the Field club courts. Fortunately this number is small, however, and but few have suffered thereby.

This year the interstate tournament, comprising Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska, will be held on these courts and practically all of those who enter it will be only to a faster set of courts and into company that will make them players of the first class.

**TRI-CITY LEAGUE AFFAIRS**

**Two Teams Dropped and Schedule to Be Worked Over for Four Clubs.**

After having arranged for a membership of six teams in the Tri-City Base Ball league a change has been effected whereby the membership is reduced to four. The Regents and the C. N. Dietz teams did not come up entirely to the requirements of the league, and so were dropped, leaving the Lee-Glass-Anderson Originals, the Council Bluffs Eagles, the B. Jettlers of South Omaha and the Crescentans of Omaha as the teams which will play. These four teams have all been together for five years or more, and during all of which time they have been among the strongest of any of the local amateur nines and promise to be even stronger this season than they have ever been before.

An attempt will be made by the St. Croix club to make the club partly social as well as a tennis club and the winter will find it giving a number of dances, while during the summer, two days of each week, Wednesdays and Fridays, will be set aside

The original intention of placing the Crescents in Florence and of playing a portion of the games there has been abandoned as the people of Florence decided that any team that should bear the town name and receive the town patronage should be composed of local players, and so the idea of putting a first-class team of local talent in the game that could make it interesting for the others in the league, and so the league refused the proposition incontinently. They say that only teams that can play on Saturdays and Sundays are eligible and that the games will be of the first order or not at all.

The games are to be played on the grounds at Lake Manawa. Vinton Street park and on the B. Jettler's field at Twenty-eighth and W streets, in South Omaha. While the Manawa and Vinton Street grounds are used regularly by the Western league and Buck Keith's league, the games will be played on them at times when the league teams are playing away from home. There is also a strong probability that some of the games will be played at Courtland Beach. The grounds there are not particularly good, but an attempt will be made to put them in shape for playing and, if it succeeds, some of the games will undoubtedly be played there.

The umpires for the season have been selected and they promise to be both fair and good and should add greatly to the value of the games. Wood Hartley and

## WE DO NOT HESITATE

to single out Dr. J. E. McGrew of Omaha, Neb., as a specialist fully deserving the highest praise. During our twenty years of experience as a newspaper correspondent we have not encountered a more thorough, a better equipped or more reliable specialist than Dr. McGrew"—  
*Chicago Review.*

Thousands of men throughout the west can vouch for the truthfulness of the above. In fact the life work of Dr. McGrew has been given to the welfare of men.

### 17 Years in Omaha.

**FOR TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS** Dr. McGrew has made a specialty of Diseases of Men, and his success in this line of practice has no superior. Men are coming to him from far and near for his treatment, and the great numbers daily at his office are the best proofs of his success in the treatment of this class of diseases. There are three reasons for this:

**FIRST**—Men have confidence in him.  
**SECOND**—This confidence is never betrayed.  
**THIRD**—His charges for treatment are low and within the reach of all. Those who can pay but a small fee are just as welcome as those who can pay more.

**Dr. McGrew's treatment for VARICOCELE** is acknowledged by all to be the superior of all other forms of treatment. The quickest, safest and without loss of time. For 27 years Dr. McGrew has made the treatment of Varicocele his special study and it is but justice to him to say that his treatment has NO SUPERIOR ANYWHERE. One visit and a single treatment is all that is necessary in many cases.

### Stricture Cured in Less Than Five Days.

**HOT SPRINGS TREATMENT**

for Blood Poison and all diseases of the Blood. All external signs of the disease disappear at once under Dr. McGrew's treatment, and not a spot or pimple will appear to expose the nature of your disease. This fact alone is a priceless comfort and consolation to one afflicted with this ailment.

**MANY FORMS OF BLOOD DISEASES CURED IN LESS THAN THIRTY DAYS.**

**OVER 30,000 CASES**

Have been cured of Loss of Vitality, Loss of Brain Power, Poor Memory, Despondency, and all unusual weaknesses of men.

OFFICE OPEN EVERY HOUR FROM 8 A. M. TO 8:30 P. M. SUNDAYS FROM 8 A. M. TO 4 P. M.

Office over 215 So. 14th Sts., Between Douglas and Farnam Sts., Omaha, Neb. P. O. Box 766.

as ladies' days and several tournaments will be given during the summer for a strong life practice as well as at the time of the club's first tournament, it is to be a social event.

Ten or twelve of the members are showing in excellent form and the club intends to hold a series of tournaments in the club and with other city clubs and tennis aggregations. These will all be played on the club grounds and will add to the interest among its members.

The Country club is also taking up tennis much more than it ever did before and every afternoon finds the men diligently playing on the two courts there. The courts are black dirt courts and, consequently, not very fast, but with such men as Fred Hamilton, George Pritchett, Earl Millard, R. S. Strickland and Frank Hession on the courts the Country club will have a very strong representation in all city tournaments. Some of these men played in the interstate tournament last summer and made an enviable record and the others promise to do equally as good work this year.

The game has also found charms for the gentler sex at the Country club and the mornings are whittled away by many of the women in tennis instead of in playing golf.

The Young Men's Christian association courts will hardly turn out at any time as representative of the blood of the years to come in being fostered on these courts, which give recreation and play to 100 players. Most of them are young men and the training that they get here will make them work further into the game and their graduation from these courts will be only to a faster set of courts and into company that will make them players of the first class.

At La Plata, Mo., the other day Cole Younger did not seem to be original, especially for a showman and an ex-ban-dit. A patron of his wild west show told Younger that he had been short changed out of \$5 by an employe of the show. He pointed out the man and Younger went to the employe and said: "Give this man his money back." "What money?" asked the man, feigning surprise. "Did you hear me?" returned Cole. "Give this man his money." The employe commenced to explain, "I don't want any explanation, 'I don't want any explanation, 'I don't want any explanation." The money was handed over and the dishonest employe discharged then and there. Frank James, who stood by, approved the action of his partner.

After having spent \$10,000 in search of his boy and having passed fully twenty times within the shadow of the little tin shop in which he stood tinkering away for nearly two years, Martin Walls of York, Pa., is overjoyed because his son George was found. George left Spring Grove on October 21, 1901. He says he was drugged by companions and he remained in a dazed condition for a week. He traveled as far as Elvinton and went to work for Jacob Hunkle. He says he did not know his father was looking for him until he read an advertisement in a country newspaper.

One of the most enthusiastic base ball cranks in the country is a blind man, James Judge of Minneapolis, a master steamfitter, successful contractor and mechanical inventor of pronounced ability. He has been totally sightless for forty years and never saw a base ball game in his life, but he never allows business to interfere when he wishes to "see" a contest on the diamond. Mr. Judge is always accompanied by someone who tells him of the various plays and he yells as loudly as anybody, even shouting "down in front" when someone obstructs the view of those who can see. He is an inveterate smoker, too, thus disproving the oft-heard statement that one must see the smoke in order to enjoy a cigar.

With one parting look at the locomotive he had run for so many years Jackson Adams of Pittsburgh, Pa., probably the oldest engineer on the West Pennsylvania road, dropped dead this afternoon. Adams had been on the railroad for thirty years, first as a fireman and then as an engineer. He did not work today, but love for his old engine could not keep him from the roundhouse. He visited the place this afternoon and was standing looking admiringly at his engine when he suddenly reeled forward on his face. When picked up it was found that he was dead. Heart disease is supposed to have caused his death.

### BLUE RIBBON MINING COMPANY'S

## Grand Excursion to Colorado

WILL LEAVE—Council Bluffs, 5:15 p. m.; Omaha, 5:30 p. m., Monday, June 1st,

### Via ROCK ISLAND SYSTEM

Rate \$17.50 from Council Bluffs and Omaha to Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo and return. Final return limit, October 31.

As the company's mines are located at Idaho Springs, arrangements will be made on the train for special rate tickets from Denver to that point.

For further particulars regarding the excursion and valuable information, address

**C. P. RINKER, Secretary,**  
Merriam Block, Council Bluffs, Ia., or  
**C. A. RUTHERFORD, D. P. A.,**  
Rock Island System, Omaha, Neb.

The Only Double Track Railway between the Missouri River and Chicago.

### 5 DAILY TRAINS OMAHA TO CHICAGO

8:15 PM THE OVERLAND LIMITED

8:00 AM THE ATLANTIC EXPRESS

5:50 PM THE EASTERN EXPRESS

2 OTHER DAILY TRAINS

3:40 AM

11:30 AM

2 DAILY TRAINS TO ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS

7:35 AM

8:10 PM

**BLACK HILLS**

3:00 PM

7:15 AM

CITY TICKET OFFICE,  
1401 and 1403 Farnam Street.

## QUAKER MAID RYE

Delightful as a Beverage.

Healthful as a Tonic.

For sale at the leading bars, cafes and drug stores.

**S. HIRSCH & CO.**  
Kansas City, Mo.

## PILE'S

CURED WHILE YOU SLEEP.

Instantly stops bleeding and soothes soreness, itching, swelling, redness and cure, without knife, operation or pain.

**\$2.50**

Sent by mail with plain directions for using, securely sealed, bearing your address. Write today; enclosure \$2.50.

MAIL ORDER REMEDY CO.  
617 Guaranty Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.

### California Excursions

In Pullman tourist sleepers on fast trains, tri-weekly, personally conducted.

New cars, courteous employes, satisfying meals.

Cheap and comfortable.

"Santa Fe all the way," Chicago and Kansas City to Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Cheap colonist tickets, daily, until June 15.

Illustrated books about California tour and cheap Southwest lands.

R. L. Palmer, P. A.,  
469 Equitable Bldg.,  
Des Moines, Ia.

## Santa Fe

Business Stimulators  
**BEE WANT ADS**

TURN your old books into money. Telephone J 1857 and our representative will call.

### "Ye Old Book Shop,"

215 FARNAM ST.

TWENTIETH CENTURY FARMER  
Makes Most Useful Presents

## RELIEF AT HAND

Hundreds of Omaha people are finding relief—Relief for bad backs—For Rheumatic aches and pains—for Urinary troubles—for Diabetes—For every form of Kidney disorder down to the advanced stages of Bright's disease.

### Doan's Kidney Pills

relieve and cure—Omaha people say so—your own friends and neighbors—Doan's Kidney Pills have cured them—Will cure you—Read this testimony:

Mr. B. M. Schnellbacher of the Omaha Truck Co., No. 507 South 10th street, says: "When a young man I strained my back lifting and ever since got extra work, too much sleeping or a cold settling in the loins affected the kidneys and brought on backache. An advertisement about Doan's Kidney Pills led me to procure a box of Kuhn & Co.'s drug store, corner 15th and Douglas streets. The treatment cured me."

Doan's Kidney Pills are for sale at all Drug Stores—50c a box—Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.