

BASE BALL GOSSIP OF WEEK

Omaha Still Struggling at Bottom of Standing Table.

INDIVIDUAL PLAY vs. TEAM IS BETTER

Members Improve in Fielding and Batting and Give Supporters Reason to Hope for Better Things.

Squirriling.

Omaha doesn't fit in last place, and all the pouncing that the other clubs can do isn't going to alter this fact. Rourke...

General improvement is noticeable in the play of the individuals on the team during the last week, and when the team gets back to the standard it's going to take something better than the Western League...

Harry Walsh is certainly making good with the bat. His home drives have been the feature of the team recently. With a little more experience he is going to be the mainstay of the team in attackwork.

According to the wise ones there's nothing to it but Milwaukee. One Denver paper actually demands that the Duffy aggregation be split up and divided between Omaha and Denver, in order that these towns can have a better place in the standing table.

In the National League it's hats off to Pittsburgh, and the wise guys insist that the Pirates will not be headed again this season. They put New York and Chicago second and Milwaukee fourth.

SOCIAL DISSIPATION

A young woman from a nearby town, who was recently visiting friends in Cleveland, was taken sick at the theater. It became necessary to call a doctor for the audience, and one promptly appeared at the manager's office to render her assistance.

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the mustard. In the Hickey league, Cantillon is still running easy in the lead, and is fixin' there for a long time. It isn't a cinch for Josephus, for some of the others are fixin' to give him a merry jolt.

Lennon won a decided victory when he got a decision from the court that base ball is not a nuisance, and with it permission to build an uptown park. This decision is a grand thing for the solid foundation. Many earnest supporters of the game in Omaha still regret that the Gate City is not in that circuit, because they feel that that is where we belong.

The statistics concerning the Omaha team look a little better this week. Here they are:

Table with columns: FIELDING AVERAGES, Name, P.O., A., E., P.C. and BATTING AVERAGES, Name, AB., R., IB., P.C.

CHANGES IN FOOT BALL RULES

No More Mass Plays by Linemen In the Center of the Field.

The two most important changes which are to be made in the foot ball playing rules in the universities next fall eliminates end plays with line men carrying the ball in the center of the field and gives the quarter-back the privilege of carrying the ball in the same territory.

In general the two new rules are aimed at the elimination of the tendency to make scientific mass and heavy formations take the place of the old-time "open" play. There has been a decided and increasing movement toward this end for several years, not only among school and college faculties, who have believed that the present mass play is dangerous to the foot ball players, but also among graduate players, who have believed that a return to some measure at least to the old style of open play would not detract from the interest of the game, but would be instead greatly to the advantage of the spectator, who is hardly ever interested in the machinery of heavy formations, but who is anxious to see a running game.

The new quarter-back rule, namely, the elimination of mass plays is not made to cover the twenty-five yards nearest the goal lines, where, if a team chooses, it can return to the now accepted style of close formation in order to make the distance in the last few yards.

Then followed the playing of the singles in the City handicap tournament on the St. Croix courts.

It was hardly expected that the players could be so well handicapped as many of them were practically unknown and it was hard for the committee to know how good their play was and so some suffered slightly from being given less than they were deserving of, while others were favored beyond the expectations of the club and the week only saw the playing out of the singles, while the doubles, with the exception of a few games, were held over until this week.

The compromise evident in the new rules was agreed upon by the committee after many sessions. It is desired that a suitable comparison of open and mass plays may be made, and to that end the two styles are retained in the game, where there will be the best possible chance for the spectators to judge between them.

FISHING ATTRACTS CITY MEN

Sport is Good at the Lakes and Many There Be Who Enjoy It Hugely.

The fishermen are still somewhat of a local sport as there has been more of the tribe of fishers along the shores of Manawa and Cut-Off than in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa the last week. It has been so cool here lately that it hardly seemed that the weather to the northward could be really pleasurable for fishing, so the fishers of a scientific turn of mind have sought the shores of Manawa and Cut-Off and waited.

A few of the local men who have wandered away to the clear, still waters of our northern lakes have come home with stories of many fish and happy catches. The fish are not only plentiful, but they are large and heavy. Lake Okoboji and Spirit Lake in Iowa and Lakes Washington and Balsam have been the favorites of the Omaha people who have gone away from home on fishing trips the last few weeks.

TENNIS MAKES A FIRM STAND

Local Players Have Taken Up the Game with Enthusiasm that is Encouraging.

Two solid weeks of tennis and tennis tournaments and another week of it with the best of us is a good sign of the way the finger of popularity is pointing when it comes to a summer game for every one. And the tournaments that have been held in Omaha and other places during the last few weeks are a sure sign that the little old sport is again being taken up by a new crop of players.

The Field Club tournament of week before last was the first tournament of the season and proved a great stimulus to the game. The courts had scarcely been put in shape for play when the tournament began and the men played with but little practice, but they displayed a very fast play for so early in the season and there is great promise of much faster play on these courts this year than last.

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to try any strokes that are not absolutely certain, as the first point against him is almost certain of being fatal. The handicaps proved to be fairly well placed and there was little dissatisfaction with them. The play throughout was exceedingly close and left a goodly collection of the best plays in the tournament in the closing matches.

It was no little surprise to see Vernon Chase lose to Scribner, as the St. Croix men had felt certain that he would win handsly from Scribner. Then Packard turned around and beat Scribner readily enough. That was another surprise, as it was so generally expected that Scribner could defeat Packard, as he is a much younger man and plays a very clean game with lots of life in it.

The organization of the Omaha Lawn Tennis association has progressed slowly, but there is little doubt but that another week will find it taking its place in city tennis affairs. With such of the older men as Con Young, Sam Caldwell, Frank Haskell and Dr. Van Camp back of the movement, along with all of the younger element, there can be no doubt of its success. On Wednesday evening of this week they will meet to further complete their organization and to take up the matter of a city tournament, which will be held early in July.

SCOOT WAGON RACES TODAY

Local Chauffeurs Will Try Driving Their Machines for Speed This Afternoon.

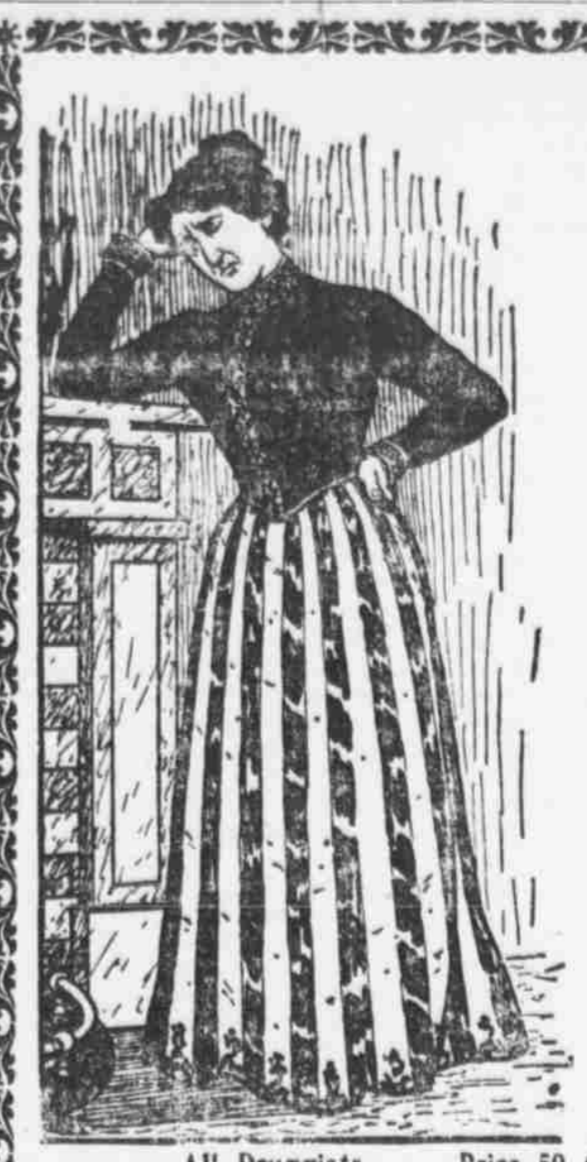
The first automobile races ever held in Omaha will be run off this afternoon on the half mile track of the Omaha Driving association at Twentieth and Taylor streets. Only well built and equipped automobiles, motorcycles and bicycle races as well. The list of entries for the race this afternoon is very good, considering the short time in which the arrangements have been made.

It is understood that Colonel Pope, the bicycle manufacturer, will begin a crusade of advertising next spring to bring the bicycle back to the front after several years of retrogression. Advertising may bring it back somewhat into popularity, but those who take it up now will be the younger generation, as the older generation tired of it and the wheel clubs, century runs, moonlight rides and all of the other social and sporting paraphernalia of the wheel died out with the enthusiasm of the riders, so that today it is used only as a means of travel when it is needed.

What the bicycle was six years ago in popularity, the automobile and the motorcycle promise to be within another six years. As many of them will never be in use as there were of bicycles, as the cost precludes that possibility, but they are certainly becoming exceedingly popular with those who can afford them. The prejudice against and the fear of automobiles and motorcycles is instinctive rather than real and persons who are against them change their views almost as soon as they ride a few miles in them. Such has been the case in Omaha and many of the machines on the streets today are driven and owned by persons who said six months ago that they could never be brought to use one, much less own one. Peculiarly, too, the very persons who have taken the greatest dislike to them are the persons who drive horses and could well afford to use them if they so desired.

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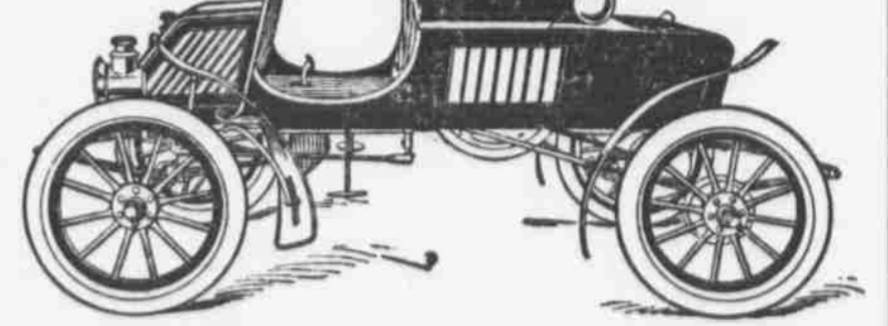
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