GROWTH OF GOLF IN AMERICA

Fifteen Years Since First Course Was Laid Out in New York.

MANY HUNDRED CLUBS ACTIVE NOW

Debate as to "Standard" Links Develops Fact that Such a Thing is Not Only Impossible but Undesirable.

The game of golf in the United States is just fifteen years old, the first links in this country having been established at Yonkers-on-the-Hudson, New York, on November 18, 1888, at which time the Yonkers Golf club was formed, the charter members being John Reid, J. R. Upham, Harry Holbrook and H. O. Tallmadge. The links consisted of but six holes at first, and the game was first introduced through Robert Lockhart, a member of the St. Andrew's Golf club of Scotland.

The second course in the United States is what is still known as Shinnecock Hills, which was organized August 22, 1891. In striking contrast to those days, it may now be stated that every state in the union boasts of a multitude of golf courses, a good many more in the eastern states than in the west, but with the strides the game is making in the west, it is assured beyond a doubt that every town and village of any pretentions whatever, will eventually have its golf course. Today in the state of New York there are 177 golf courses, 168 in Massachusetts, 114 in Pennsylvania. Golf courses in the west are not so numerous, because the game is younger.

The game has become firmly established everywhere that it has been once put to the test. As a health promoter it is today and has been for some time recommended by physicians in every city in the United States. A prominent business man in Omaha when on the verge of consumption three years ago was advised by his physician to take up golf, and although at that time he was scarcely able to wield a club, today he can play a larger number of holes than many of his companions and does not feel as tired as his competitors. Much of the popularity of the game during the past two years has been attained by reason of the fact that it has attracted to it and has retained, a vast number of women, and this insures its purification and stability, although on many of the courses there is an ironclad rule which will not permit of the women playing on Saturday because of the congestion of the links.

The other day a discussion arose as to whether there is or was such a thing as a standard golf course, reference being had solely to the question of length. In this connection it may be stated that there is no such thing as a standard golf course. A golf course of 6,000 yards, or thereabouts, is supposed to be what may be designated as an ideal and a satisfactory course. A course which is in excess of 6,500 yards is not inviting for the reason that a premium is placed upon a long game, and if the lover of this sport cannot drive a long ball he is at a disadvantage and stands but little show against one whose long game is much his superior. Any golf course ranging from 5,500 to 6,000 yards meets every requirement and condition for the playing of golf under advantageous circumstances, providing the holes are apportioned properly as regards the matter of distance. The royal and ancient links at St. Andrews, about which so much has been said during the last half-century, and which is referred to today as the "whole thing," does not seem to be what it is cracked up to be to one who has never seen it. The length of the course is 6,323 yards, and there are ten out of eighteen holes which will not vary ten points either way, on an average, from 350 yards. This would seem to be too much of a sameness and would preclude the possibility of playing the game without a continual repetition of certain shots and certain distances. It is argued in this connection, however, that the course is scientifically trapped and bunkered, and that these features prevent the possibility of repetitions.

The "royal and ancient" authorities at St. Andrews have announced some decisions on mooted points of golf which will be of interest to the golfing public. Of these the first case is that of two players who sought temporary shelter from a rainstorm during a contest. They were disqualified. In another case, just previous to a stroke competition, one of the players in a tournament practiced putting on one of the greens and the player with whom he was to compete claimed he did not have to play with the party who had done the practicing, for the reason that the latter had thereby disqualified himself. The latter contended that he was not subject to disqualification in this instance, because the rules provide for the making of new holes by the green keeper immediately preceding any stroke competition in tourneys. The view of the latter was sustained and the other man was compelled to play the match with him.

The third case was where one of two players had failed to include in his card for a stroke competition an extra stroke which he had taken on one of the holes where he had lost a ball until fifteen minutes after the cards had been handed in, and then he thought of it and went to the tourney committee and apprised it of the fact. He also was disqualified.

It may be of some interest to those golfers who use the rubber-cored balls to know that a small hole made in the opposite ends of the pole of the ball will prevent its cracking. The past season many of the players have gone out with a brand new ball and after hitting it one or two good cracks have been dismayed to note that it was cracked. This may not be due to any defect on the part of the ball, but is caused by the elongation of the ball at the moment of impact with the club, thereby stretching and cracking the cover. The two little holes give the cover sufficient "play" to do away with this difficulty and they do not in any way hamper or alter the flight of the ball.

In a recent driving contest at Boston Miss Rhona Adair, the champion lady golfer of Great Britain, drove a ball on a level spot and with no wind to aid her, a distance of 175 yards 2 feet by actual measurement. This is further than the average drive made by the masculine player by thirty yards, as it has been demonstrated that on an average the length of the drive of any other than a crack or leading golfer is not in excess of 140 yards.

The method of counting one point for the first nine holes, one point for the second nine and another point to the winner of the match seems to find great favor in the east and at Chicago, where it has been put to trial, and the indications are that in the contests which are to be waged in the west next summer this method will be adopted.

The indentation made by a stray horse or cow on a golf course cannot be construed to mean a "golf hole" or a "flag hole," and when the ball has lodged in one of these unsightly places it must be played from where it lies. Another ruling which has recently been announced is that when in wet weather and the turf "through the green" or anywhere else is so soft as to permit a ball to sink into it the ball must be played from where it lies.

Miss Rhona Adair has summarized her experiences and impressions of golf in the United States and the one thing above all others which came under her notice was the pluck and grim "stick-to-it-ive-ness" of the American woman golfer. In this respect Miss Adair says the women of this country excel their cousins across the Atlantic.

In the final tourney of the year at the Oakley Golf club at Watertown, Mass., Donald J. Ross made the wonderful score of 69. He made a 35 out and a 34 in and the eastern critics are marveling at it and saying that the record will stand for years. In doing this remarkable stunt Ross made seven threes.

H. Chandler Egan has been chosen captain of the Harvard golfing team.

TALK FROM TRACK AND STABLE

Advance Guard Closes a Career of Great Success in Honor and May Never Race Again.

With a record behind him that makes him one of the greatest horses the American turf has ever produced, Advance Guard has gone into winter quarters and may never return to the track. In his retirement the turf loses one of its most consistent performers, and few horses in modern racing have had a more severe campaigning or traveled greater distances to races than he. During the four years from 1899 as a 2-year-old up to and including his turf career as a 5-year-old in 1902 Advance Guard faced the flag in 160 races, of which he won forty-five, was second in thirty-eight, third in twenty-nine and unpaid in forty-eight. This is a remarkable record for a horse whose races were never made to order and which sported silk without regard to weight, distance, company or track conditions.

Scott McCoy, who has been with Lou Dillon in all her races as a pacer for that fast animal, says that at the big fall meet in Memphis last fall, which marked the final event in the Grand Circuit races, $50,000 was paid for the betting privileges by a Memphis citizen. He in turn employed a small army of bookkeepers and they could not book the bets as fast as applications were made. Men, women and children, of all denominations, creeds and colors bet on the races in that city. The women are as well versed on horses as any others and evince a deep interest in all that pertains to horses. Memphis is not so good a town for trotting and pacing events as for running, as the people of that community have been addicted to running races for years.

The eastern sporting critics are just finding out that Dan Patch has been somewhat overlooked in the matter of praise for noteworthy performances on the turf the past season, in view of the fact that much has been said of Lou Dillon and Cresceus and but little has been said of Dan Patch. As a matter of fact Dan Patch has a better record for the past season than any horse that ever occupied the lime lights on the American turf. He now has the following world's records to his credit:

Fastest mile by a pacer	1:56¼
Fastest mile, half-mile track	2:02¼
Fastest half mile	:58
Fastest mile to wagon	1:57¼
Fastest mile, high wheel sulky	2:01¾
Two fastest miles	4:17

Dan Patch participated in one of the real sensational events of the year at Macon, Ga., recently, when he broke two world's records—the high-wheeled sulky event, and five minutes later the bike sulky—the records for which are noted above. Dan Patch has proved himself to be one of the greatest horses ever seen on the turf, and in ruggedness and gameness, he is fully the equal of his sire, Joe Patchen, (2:01¾) and Cresceus, (1:59¾), two horses which have stood up under more hard campaigning than any horses which have figured in the history of the American turf.

Research into the so-called "dope" of the harness horse records reveal many startling changes in the make-up of the trotting champions of the past and the paraphernalia that accompanied them in their world's record breaking performances. Yankee, the first horse to negotiate a mile in less than 3 minutes, drew a cart that weighed more than twice as much as the pneumatic affair pulled by Lou Dillon when she circled the Memphis course in 1:58¾, or exactly 1:0¼ faster than Yankee's mark of 2:59, which was made ninety-seven years ago. Commenting on the performance of Yankee, a sporting paper at the time said: "The frail gig he drew weighed scarcely 100 pounds and no one but Yankee's driver cared to trust himself on it." Lou Dillon's sulky weighed twenty-four pounds and one ounce. The present trotting queen wears four shoes that will weigh scarcely one pound. She requires no artificial weight or appliance to balance her. All of her shoes together weigh not much more than one of the front shoes worn by Maud S. She is fifteen and one-tenth hands high and weighed exactly 858 pounds when she created her world's record over the Memphis track. It is not generally known that Lou Dillon is a relation in blood to Nancy Hanks, first of the pneumatic tire trotting kings or queens and one of the champions developed and driven by Budd Doble. Sired by Sidney Dillon, a young stallion at the Santa Rosa stock farm, Santa Rosa Cal., Lou Dillon's dam was Lou Milton, by Milton Medium, a son of Happy Medium, which sired Nancy Hanks. Saunders believes that Lou Dillon can trot as fast as Dan Patch can pace and in 1904 he predicts a mile in beter time than she has shown this year.

There's
"WIENER"
—That's for Beer Quality.
Always the Same Good Old Blatz.

WHAT THE BOWLERS ARE DOING

Omaha Not Likely to Be Represented at the National Tournament at Cleveland.

The announcement which has recently been made that bowling clubs do not have to belong to any organizations in order to compete at the big tourney in Cleveland in February, under the auspices of the American Bowling congress, is a matter of general interest, but it will have little bearing one way or another on the Omaha bowlers. Present indications are that none of the local bowlers will attend the meeting at Cleveland. It is argued that it is too far away to be attended with any satisfaction or profit.

National Bowling Champion D. A. Jones of Milwaukee has refused to play W. V. Thompson, the Chicago expert. The latter went to Milwaukee by agreement with Jones to roll seven games, total pins to count. Jones then claimed that he was out of condition and refused to play, saying his friends had advised him to save his energy for the national championship at Cleveland.

The indications are that the next national bowling event will go to Milwaukee. A canvass has been made of the executive committee and a majority have expressed themselves favorable to Milwaukee. If the national event should go to Milwaukee it would be a great help to the bowlers. They can take light balls to that city and get the loads after they arrive.

The following high scores were made on the Gate City alleys last week:

Charles Seaman, 210, 203, 237; Drahos, 228, 204, 212; Henry, 200, 203, 216; B. F. Hull, 203, 221, 208, 201; Burke, 202, 212; Cramer, 200, 232, 206; Mr. Usher of Chicago, 203, 204, 224; Windham, 204; Heft, 224; Landon, 231; Clay, 201, 206, 208; W. H. Heaton, 204, 207, 201; James Rogers, 206, 201; C. B. Bridenbecker, 201, 223, 214, 203, 208, 204; J. Lovejoy, 202, 212, 206; P. Smith, 214, 206. George Miller is high at four-back for three games, with 159; Saidy, jr., Kankakee, 136; C. Buelow high for three games at tenpins, with 631, and F. Welty high, with 86, for the sevenup prize.

On the Gate City alleys December 28, 29, 30 and 31 there will be an individual contest for cash prizes, besides a list of special prizes, for best three games and for highest single game. Entrance fee will be 50 cents. The number of entries will be limited to sixty.

At the Selleck & Marble alleys Mrs. I. S. Hunter still holds the women's high score for the month, with 184. For the men D. D. Norton has 250. For weekly prizes W. Whittaker and W. E. Riddell are tied at ninepins, with 24; C. H. Mullin has 57 at cocked hat, and D. D. Norton 258 at tenpins. High scores for the week at tenpins:

Huntington, 213, 211, 206; L. J. Schneider, 202; Arthur, 202; Sheldon, 245, 212, 200, 204, 214, 224, 211; Neale, 206; Chandler, 209, 222, 209, 216, 200; Hodges, 204, 216, 214, 224, 223; Gideon, 202; Mockett, 216, 202; Denman, 200, 203; Reddy, 205; Duke, 206; Smead, 207, 201; Encell, 200, 215; Sprague, 233; Forscutt, 206; Potter, 210, 215; Tracy, 207, 208, 201; Norton, 246, 208, 212, 258; F. W. Schneider, 202, 244, 215, 243, 210; Griffiths, 201, 200, 200, 234; Francisco, 209, 218, 211; Weber, 200; Cochran, 200, 225, 227; Beselin, 202; Reynolds, 203; Fritscher, 246; Dave O'Brien, 245; Fowler, 210; Lehmann, 204; Saidy, 210, 245; Stem, 211; Greenleaf, 201, 208, 224; Christie, 202, 200; Hunter, 203; Friedhof, 237, 209; Brunke, 216; Hughes, 200; Welty, 228; Banks, 203, 214, 204; Emery, 200, 207, 212, 220, 215; Marble, 212, 207, 216, 208, 201, 224, 217.

Individual standing of the members of the Omaha league at the end of the ninth week:

Name.	Games.	Pins.	Average.
Reed, H. D.	23	4,368	189 21-23
Welty	27	5,012	185 17-27
Emery	27	4,987	184 19-27
Fritscher	27	4,960	183 19-27
Brunke	27	4,946	183 5-27
Francisco	24	4,372	182 4-24
Schneider, F. W.	15	2,722	181 7-15
Hodges	27	4,818	179 7-27
Denman	27	4,813	178 7-27
Wigman	21	3,753	178 15-21
Marble	27	4,784	177 5-27
Zarp	27	4,764	176 12-21
Huntington	27	4,735	175 10-27
Potter	24	4,184	174 8-24
Zimmerman	27	4,693	173 17-27
Lehmann	21	3,644	173 11-21
Hughes	27	4,680	173 9-27
Chandler	27	4,666	172 22-27
Forscutt	21	3,629	172 17-21
Weber	21	3,626	172 14-21
Conrad	15	2,573	171 8-15
Norton	21	3,588	170 18-21
Gjerde	27	4,604	170 14-27
Christie	12	2,048	170 8-12
Jones	21	3,570	170
Friedhof	24	4,072	169 16-24
Schneider, L. J.	27	4,562	168 16-27
Beselin	21	3,530	168 2-21
Bengele	15	2,521	168 1-15
Encell	15	2,519	167 14-15
Hunter	12	2,005	167 1-12
Griffiths	24	4,006	166 22-24
Gilchrist	24	4,005	166 21-24
Neale	24	4,005	166 21-24

All the rest under 500 average for three games.

Individual standing, Commercial league:

Name.	Games.	Pins.	Average.
Bartsch	21	3,935	187 8-21
Foley	18	3,139	174 7-18
Seaman	9	1,568	174 2-9
Barker	3	538	179 1-3
Hull	21	3,581	170 11-21
Cochran	21	3,569	169 20-21
Heft	21	3,563	169 20-21
Howard	18	3,044	169 2-18
Landon	21	3,547	168 19-21
McKelvy	15	2,527	168 7-15
Stapenhorst	18	3,015	167 9-18
W. G. Johnson	15	2,485	165 10-15
Hub. Johnson	12	1,977	164 9-12
Brison	18	2,963	164 11-18
Davison	9	1,478	164 2-9
Neely	3	492	164
Stearns	18	2,954	162 8-18
Molyneaux	21	3,399	161 18-21
Zitzman	21	3,397	161 16-21
Saidy	12	1,937	161 5-12
Carter	3	482	160 2-3
Buelow	15	2,394	159 9-15
Hyorth	3	477	159
Drahos	3	476	158 2-3
Bush	15	2,377	158 7-15
Martin	15	2,377	158 7-15
Ernst	17	2,676	158
Yates	17	2,672	157 7-17
Henry	12	1,876	156 4-12
Sutton	15	2,344	156 6-15
Drinkwater	9	1,400	155 5-9
McCabe	18	2,796	155 6-18
Usher	3	465	155
Novak	15	2,378	154 15-15
Rubin	14	2,169	153 7-14
H. Lefholtz	15	2,302	153 7-15
Tonneman	3	460	153 1-3
Bryant	12	1,835	152 11-12
Moreland	12	1,834	152 10-12
Grubb	20	3,051	152 11-20
Stiles	15	2,286	152 6-15
Rosenberry	13	1,971	151 8-13
Champion	20	3,028	151 8-20
Sullivan	21	3,174	151 3-21
Smythe	15	2,297	151 2-15
Hamblet	6	912	152 2-6
Schmela	21	3,115	148 7-21
Milder	18	2,676	147 10-18
Bartsch, F.	3	442	147 1-3
Itt	15	2,192	146 2-15
Kelly	6	875	145 5-6
Heaton	18	2,595	145 11-18
Bidwell	3	434	144 2-3
Segelke	12	1,725	144 7-12
Elmore	5	721	144 1-5
Stein	10	1,437	143 7-10
Windham	3	429	143
Weymuller	6	848	141 2-6
Damron	1	141	141
Familton	15	2,110	140 10-15
Tambrink	10	1,402	140 3-10
Havens	9	1,252	139 1-9
Stoetzel	6	834	139 2-6
McVea	9	1,223	135 8-9
Hyte	9	1,205	133 8-9
Yeagay	3	400	133 1-3
Nester	9	1,198	133 1-9
Lefholtz, F.	9	1,134	126

High scores Western alleys: T. J. Bengele is high for single game weekly prize with 256; also three successive games weekly prize, 223, 256, 212; total, 691. F. J. Bengele is high with 256 on monthly prize.

Scores of 200 or better: H. Clay, 206, 203, 212, 227, 211; T. Foley, 202; A. Grubb, 201; G. Novak, 203; F. J. Bengele, 225, 220, 228, 200, 241, 212, 256, 223; B. Smythe, 223, 222; W. G. Johnson, 208, 230; R. E. McKelvy, 244; W. H. Stapenhorst, 204, 208, 221, 201, 218; Joe Havens, 225; W. Yates, 212; Roy Bowen, 205; H. W. Lehmann, 211, 256, 200, 219; A. A. Saidy, 266, 206; Willie Usher, 234; A. J. Smyth, 201; S. L. Brison, 206, 204; Sears, 207, 220; H. Lefholtz, 203; W. L. McConnell, Springfield, Neb., 211.

Schedule next week, Commercial league: December 14, Drexels and Browning, King & Co., Lentz & Williams alleys; December 15, Westerns and Black's Kats, Western alleys; December 16, Gate City and Stephens & Smith, Lentz & Williams alleys; December 17, Woodmen of the World and Lentz & Williams, Western alleys.

Uricsol
Cures rheumatism

Uricsol not only cures the common forms of Rheumatism but it does what no other remedy ever has succeeded in accomplishing before.

It dissolves and eliminates deposits in the joints, where they have been accumulating for years.

Records are in our possession, not of one but of many cases where the joints of the fingers were so thickened as to be practically rigid and useless; where the hip or knee joints were so filled with the deposit as to render the patient wholly unable to walk, and who have been restored to health and activity by the systematic use of Uricsol.

An occasional case is found which refuses to yield to treatment, but these are rare, and we can truthfully claim the remarkable record of 90 per cent. of cures, where a proper opportunity is given the remedy to accomplish the result.

Unsolicited Opinion of An Expert Chemist.

Uricsol Chemical Co., Los Angeles, Cal.—Gentlemen: Having had the opportunity of testing your preparation for the treatment of the Uric Acid Diatheses, very appropriately called Uricsol, it is a pleasure to be able to say that it has made itself deserving of much esteem and confidence.

The opportunity was one of which the manufacturers had neither knowledge nor intimation. The incident of acquaintance was brought about by a happy chance. Edward U. S. Holmes was in China at the earlier date of the Boxer outbreak, and the first Pekin horror drove him from the Celestial Kingdom. Suffering from terrible exposure before he sailed, and still worse exposure while a passenger on a freight steamer, he reached this country invalided with Rheumatism. At a place called Turner, not far from Salem, Oregon, he found friends. The disorder, muscular and articular combined, had possession of him in a most aggravated form; it was then that his friends obtained Uricsol from Woodward & Co., Portland (druggists). His report, as given August 6, on his coming to Newark, was in four words: "It cured me promptly." The case was one of much interest, although full particulars were not brought, and led to the laboratory acquaintance, the samples being bought through a Salem druggist, the person ordering it having the impression that Woodward & Co. manufactured it.

I have no "testimonial" to write. Mr. Holmes' case is mentioned simply to state the circumstances of introduction. The results of laboratory and somewhat limited clinical research present several striking points of interest. To these I desire to call particular attention, in proof of the deserving esteem and confidence to which reference has been made.

It neutralizes the Uric Acid without overstimulating the kidneys. This, of course, is the secret of its success, as a neutral subject will not produce detrimental results.

It does not disturb the digestive processes.

It controls the action of the heart without depressing it and without causing any exhaustion. In regulating the pulse it does not cause any nausea or other disagreeable symptoms.

It acts in accordance with nature's own laws in controlling the nerves of voluntary motion.

It does not impair the quality of the blood—in other words, it does not impair the constructive energies of the system.

It has an action on the liver which is very gently alterative.

It seems to produce a mild, pleasant, physiological and healthy stimulation of the intestinal glands.

These several facts concerning physiological action go to accentuate its value as a Uric Acid solvent.

WILLARD H. MOORE, M. D., F. S. S., etc.
Consulting Chemist.

An Instance of Prompt Relief.

Pomona, Cal., Aug. 20, 1902.
Uricsol Chemical Co., Los Angeles, Cal—Gentlemen: I had Rheumatism for about seventeen months, both articular and muscular; was so I could not walk part of the time. I tried the doctors and got some relief, but was not cured. Tried also various patent medicines to no effect. Was in at Mr. Ludden's drug store to get some thing to relieve the Rheumatism in my shoulder, and he spoke of Uricsol, but did not know what it would do, as it was new. I bought a bottle and have not been bothered with Rheumatism since taking half of it. Took all the bottle and expect to keep it on hand. I am sure any one suffering from a uric acid condition will get relief if they take Uricsol as directed.

Yours,
661 W. 4th street. LULU CLAYPOOL.

A Well Known Druggist Praises Uricsol

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 26, 1902.
Uricsol Chemical Co., Los Angeles, Cal—Dear Sirs: I have long suffered from Rheumatism in my shoulders and elsewhere, and could scarcely use my arms or hands. I had tried other remedies without success. I used two bottles of Uricsol and regard myself as completely cured. It has not only cured the Rheumatism but it has very materially benefited my general health. I regard Uricsol as a fine remedy, and will gladly recommend it to all who suffer with this disease.

Very respectfully,
ALEX JOHNS, Druggist,
16 Lawn street.

A Prominent Journalist Cured.

Los Angeles, Feb. 23, 1903.
Uricsol Chemical Co., Los Angeles, Cal—Gentlemen: Having suffered for some years from Rheumatism and diseases allied to it, caused by uric acid, I wish to give my testimonial, wholly unsolicited by you, to the merits of Uricsol.

I consider myself cured, and believe your remedy is one which cannot be too highly commended. I have met a number of other victims of Rheumatism, one of the most painful and dangerous diseases flesh is heir to, who say they also have been relieved and cured by Uricsol.

Very truly yours,
J. C. PEABODY,
Staff writer Los Angeles Western Graphic.

Acute Inflammatory Rheumatism.

This letter from Mrs. F. L. Holliday, explains her feelings toward Uricsol for what it did for her son:

Los Angeles, Cal., March 5, 1902.
Uricsol Chemical Co., Los Angeles, Cal—Gentlemen: My son Joseph recently had an attack of inflammatory Rheumatism. He took one bottle of Uricsol and was quickly relieved. He commenced this treatment on a Friday and was well enough to be up and about on the succeeding Sunday, and is now perfectly well. Yours respectfully,
F. L. HOLLIDAY.

BASKET BALL MOVING SLOWLY

Local Teams Getting Into Condition, with Promise of Interesting Season.

The last week has witnessed little that is new in athletics at the Young Men's Christian association, although there is no letup in the preparations for a full program of full winter sports. These will necessarily consist for the main part of basket ball, and the regular gymnasium work. The number of persons taking regular work is larger than ever before and continued interest is manifested in the work of the institution. The efforts at present are bent toward basket ball, which has been a great favorite with Omaha since the first game was first introduced. Just now interest centers about the athletic events which are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday nights of this week. These contests will consist of indoor events and are held at this time in order to determine the best men to compose the team which will compete against the Sioux City athletes on January 15, when the Young Men's Christian association teams of this city and Sioux City will engage in a team contest.

To the contest which is announced for Monday and Tuesday nights of this week, the general public, including women, is invited. The events for the contest with Sioux City will consist of the running high jump, three standing broad jump, shot put, relay race and pole vault. Five men are to compose the team on each side. For the contest on Monday and Tuesday evenings there are about twenty-five entries.

Another thing at the Young Men's Christian association about which much interest centers at this time of the year is the "open house" which will be a feature of the New Year's day, and which is to wind up with a general gymnastic exhibition by the night class, from 7 to 10 o'clock. The contests will consist of gymnastic games, obstacle, crab and sack races. Every New Year's day between 2,500 and 3,000 people frequent the Young Men's Christian association parlors and special preparations are being made this year to make this day one long to be remembered.

Up to this time the Young Men's Christian association basket ball team has scheduled but one game and that is to be played at Sioux City on January 15 upon the occasion of the team match between the Young Men's Christian association of Omaha and Sioux City. Negotiations are now pending looking to a game with Tabor and Shenandoah, Ia., and later it is expected that games will be booked with Grinnell, Des Moines and Iowa City.

The first of the series of the noon class basket ball games has been won by class No. 3, of which C. H. Hamilton is the captain.

The Omaha High school basket ball team has selected the men to compose its first team. The members are as follows:

Right Forward—Ben Cherrington.
Left Forward—Richard Patterson and Earl Cooper.
Center—Adolph Meyer.
Left Guard—Clarence Walsh, captain.
Right Guard—Curtis Lindsey and Rodney Durkee.

The team is being coached by N. Bernstein. A game will be played with the Crescent team on Tuesday evening and on Thursday evening a game will be played with the Thurston Rifles. The high school team has played but one game thus far. This game was with South Omaha, and the Omaha High school won it by a score of 14 to 7. The Kansas university team will make a tour this winter and has written to the high school management, looking to a game in this city on January 1. If arrangements can be perfected the game will be pulled off in this city.

PLEASING TO LOCAL SHOOTERS

Prospects for the Missouri Valley Team Shoots Are Most Encouraging Just Now.

Local sportsmen are looking forward with pleasure to the team matches which have been anounced between Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis and St. Joseph. Four team contests have been arranged for and the first will be held in St. Joseph and the second one in this city during the second week in January. For this event the best shooters in this city and the other cities represented will participate and the local sportsmen confidently look forward to winning some of the laurels, provided the Kansas City delegation does not capture all of them. The Kansas City shooters have a great reputation and have captured a large number of events during the past season.

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