

SPORTING GOSSIP OF THE WEEK

It's a little bit early to win the pennant, but it isn't a bit too early to call public attention to the fact that Omaha is going to be a factor in the race from post to wire this season.

Jack Thomas and Paul Companion are the only ones of Pa's boys who have't put their John Hancock on the paper for the season.

Sam Leatherby, the University of Nebraska whirling of 1902, put his name to an Omaha contract during the week and will surely look good in the box here.

For shortstop Plake, who finished with the St. Joe's last season, after Maher jumped, has signed and will very likely make good.

Joe Dolan is still in Omaha, bucking on going to Atlanta, to which town the Omaha claim has been assigned. He is clamoring

for his release, which he will not get. Rourke had a long heart-to-heart with Joe during the week, and told him that it's Atlanta or nothing for him.

Halless, careless, shiftless and pretty nearly pantless, that is, not breathless, the Creighton university track team that is to participate in the big indoor meet at St. Louis, Saturday, March 26, is putting in some great ticks these days.

The boys and girls of the high school are in a tremor of two or three different kinds of excitement these days.

More interest is already shown in base ball circles at the Field club this year than any previously and undoubtedly the games to be played each Saturday afternoon will prove to be the stellar attractions of that organization this season.

Andrew Christie has arrived in town to navigate the fastest of the golf playing members of the Field club and from that time out the game will stop only at night on these popular links.

Fifteen minutes of sunshine and warm weather, more or less, during the last week was instrumental in setting a dozen bicycle sulky wheels to stinging, and already have been ripped off at Tenth and Denison's half-mile track.

Besides having the best half-mile track hereabouts, Omaha has a boulevard and speedway leading up to and beyond it that a much larger and more pretentious one might look upon with envy.

The local trainers are all getting into line and invariably good strings are found in all their stables.

PRATTLE OF THE YOUNGSTERS.

"Tommy," said the teacher, "can you repeat the golden rule?"

"Yes, mam," replied Tommy. "Do unto the other fellows what they would like to do unto you."

"Mamma—Why don't you eat your bread and butter, Harry?"

"Little Elmer is fond of Bible stories, and often refers to them in unexpected ways. One day after absorbing a potatoe jusage that had been given him for his sore throat, he said: 'Mamma, that fellow Esau was a chump to trade his birthmark for a mess of that stuff!'"

"The world of little Elizabeth was entirely the world of day. Her nights were spent in the land of Nod, so that her small soul was in ecstacy when she was given permission to stay up to see the stars."

"She may have deliberately planned it or she may not; that has no bearing on the result."

"Buy me some gum," she urged when she was out for a stroll with her father.

"No, indeed," he replied.

"Do you want to get the chewing gum face?" he asked by way of reply.

"What's that?" she inquired.

"Why, girls who chew gum screw their faces up into all sorts of grimaces and make great wrinkles."

"They don't look pretty," she admitted.

"Of course not," he returned, pleased with his easy victory.

"Is that the only reason you don't want to buy me gum?" she insisted.

"Yes," he answered thoughtfully.

"All right," she replied, with unexpected cheerfulness. "I'd rather have candy anyway."

"So she got her candy."

One day Eva, who had never seen an automobile was playing on the road side when one rushed by.

"Mamma, mamma!" she shouted, "the wagon has runned away and left the horse somewhere."

Teacher—Tommy, what is the difference between victuals and victuals?"

Tommy—Victuals is what we get on washday and victuals is what we get when we have company to dinner."

A 3-year-old going to church for the first time was much surprised when he recognized one of his father's friends taking up the collection.

"Look, look, mother!" he said. "There's Mr. Brown. I didn't know he was the conductor."

A question of wisdom of too early Bible teaching was brought forcibly to a mother's mind. She arrived home one afternoon to find the house in confusion.

Many had been removed to the nursery and arranged in a semi-circle on the floor. In the midst of this improvised grove sat her son and daughter clad in airy clothing.

"We are Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden," they explained.

"And I," added the youngest hopeful, appearing around the corner, his sole raiment his father's silk hat, "I am God, walking in the garden in the cool of the evening!"

—Helen Sherman Griffith in Lippincott's.

SIGNS OF BAD BLOOD

WATCH 'THE' SKIN' FOR SIGNS OF BAD BLOOD.

Boils and pimples, sores, ulcers and pustular or dry scaly skin eruptions, are signs of bad blood. When the bodily organs that nature has designed for the cleansing and purification of the system break down or become torpid and inactive, the blood takes up the impurities and casts them out through the pores of the skin, and a carbuncle or boil, sore or itching eruption of some kind is the result.

At this season the system should have a thorough cleansing, the blood purified and all the bodily organs toned up and strengthened, or you may look out for a return of your old skin trouble later on, for as long as a remnant of the disease remains in the blood it is liable to re-ferment and come back.

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