SPORTING GOSSIP OF THE WEEK

That sign has cost the team owners an day night; immense amount of money during the last week. Every team in the country has suffered to some extent, and almost all of the teams playing in the northern states have lost fully half of the games scheduled. This tells big on the year's business, for expenses go on just the same, and every time a game is postponed it means that the probable gate receipts of that day form just so much of a loss to the owner. He has no way of getting even, but must content himself with the reflection that if It hadn't rained he would have been money ahead. Omaha lost a Saturday and Sunday game at St. Joseph, a game Wednesday at three games, and made twenty-seven hits, lot at the corner of Twenty-fourth street sloux City and a game on Friday at Colo- an average of 250 for the week. rade Springs, all due to rain. This mean at least \$1,000 to Papa Bill, and no earth hope of ever getting it back. While Omah was standing idle, the other teams wer suffering, too, and the loss is general the league and very unfortunate, for ea team needs all the money it can get just present. Outside of Omaha the atter dance has not been good, even Denve having fallen down at the gate. Th Mountaineers were a little lucky in th matter of weather, though, for they man olorado Springs only won four out of six from Denven. Might have done better if the schedule had been longer. This, too, after the Denver boosters had been telling | what they intended to do to the Springs when they came together. It just happened to be the other way around, and it is In fact, Denver showed up about the weakseason. They are fine fielders, and know they cannot be depended on for the bingles.

Speaking of base running, there is Omaha's weak spot just now. In the games played up till Saturday the Rourkes have made 25 hits of various lengths and have cashed but 149 of them. It is not to be expected that every hit will develop into a run, but in these days of scientific ball the percentage of runs to hits ought to be larger than it is. Fully half of the games that have been lost have been by one run. and if a little more attention had been paid to the conduct of mer on bases the needed tally would have been forthcoming. The seventeen-inning game with St. Joseph could have been won twice if even ordinary caution had been exercised by the runners. As it stands, Howard seems to be the only man on the team who runs right. Captain Dolan has a fine chance for reform in this direction. He knows the angles, and he ought to get his men into a little more lively action around the bags.

Generally, the play of the team is imroving, slowly, but still an improvement. Fewer dumb plays are being made, and the team work is being developed in every way. ot so many trick plays are being tried, Rourke and Dolan preferring to depend on straight base ball, but each man is getting into the same with more of vim and certainty. Errors are still being made, but they are on long chances and show the intention of the player, but even at this the average of the team is still on the uplift. April 29 the team average for fielding was 905; May 8 the figures were .318; May 15 the average had grown to .923, May 23 it had fallen back to .921, May 29 the jump took the figures to 332, and on the present the team gets so it can hit the 95 per cent clip we were getting two years ago, and can bat the way it is batting now, we will have no trouble in leading the list. Only three of the team is below the 90 per cent mark just now, and they are slowly climbing toward the glorlous company of the good fielders. Bobby has been the worst offender this season, his work being inexplicable. He ready familiar with its ins and outs. has already made one more error than he made all last summer. Bobby doesn't undentake to explain it, but keeps plughits are registered. This indicates that One thing is positively certain-the game has never been so strenuous

Here are the statistics is regard to the individual performance of the Omaha team | innings, and the Armours but five off

members, including the games up till Fri

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Howard 56	87	12	155	.933	.93
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Companion 2	36	3	31	993	.900
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cepted 113 out of 118 chances offered, a fielding average for the three games of .958.

The Sloux City shakeup will very likely help the playing of that team, although it all due to a fact that was demonstrated in is doubtful if it will do more than get the Omaha that the Cubs are weak at the bat. race a little closer. The Sloux appear to be hopelessly last. Jay Andrews is a good est hitting lot that has visited Omaha this ball player, but a frost as a manager. He and Dick Stewart fought it out over the had a big handicap, too, in the matter of what to do when they get on bases, but getting a team together, and isn't to blame great deal for the poor showing the Sioux nade, although he became disheartened and resigned. Parker has his work cut out for him if he can get any life into the remains. The addition of Fleming and Lawler, with the long-genred Metcalfe, gives them a cracking good outfield, at any rate, and in Fremer and Kelly Parker has at least two good infielders. St. Joseph is still playing the fast game that took Omahas breath away and will have to be settled with by every team that bumps into them for a while at least. Des Moines is in and out, as usual, while the Springe and Denver are just about holding what they showed at the start, and that isn't enough to entitle them to head honors. It looks very much now as if St. Joe were headed for top place, and if Omaha only gets in swing once the Rourkes will not be very far away from the Saints.

Hand ball bids fair to become as popular a summer game with the various athletic organizations of the city as has basket ball of his having so many friends and acfor the winter months. There are already a number of courts in town-if courts is tho proper name for them-some of them im- and because of his wonderful performances provised, it is true, but answering every on the famous Bullet No. 2. Then there purpose so far as the actual fun and exer- are other chaffeurs right here in the city cise is concerned. One of the best is that who acknowledge that they are about the at Creighton university, where the blank brick walls of two of the wings of the in- chug wagon over almost any kind of gostitution and the wall of the main building, ing, and that all they need is a chance equally minus of windows, offers a splendid to show what they can do. When the thing chance for playing the game that is taken does get framed up, if it ever does, the advantage of daily by a large number of Lincoln, Kansas City and Denver cranks students to the neglect of base ball, tennis will be invited to come and be a part of and others of the more aggressive games. the show that will certainly be worth the The Young Men's Christian association price of admission. gymnasium has also been turned into a one-wall court for the summer, as already | The track meet to be participated in by showing the team is fielding at the general average of .834. This is not wonderful work, but it shows the right spirit. When use it cannot be accommodated. The sides or two Iowa institutions that was to have of about every third barn throughout the been pulled off in this city during the city are being utilized for the same purpose present month has fallen through, much by the smaller fry, who are quick to get onto anything new in the line of amusement, though not one person in ten of those who see them know what they are doing. Insane idea into their heads that the prep-Hand ball, like basket ball, is a game for girls as well as boys, and is worth looking up by all of both genders who are not al-

cast down or discouraged, just because Pa wing away, trying to get everything his Rourke and his bunch have shaken the into right field, and will soon be putting dust of the city temporarily from their up the brilliant game that has made him dainty feetlets. Neither run amuck with ch a favorite here. The hitting isn't the idea that just because the said bunch all that it might be, but Omaha is no is cavorting over other pastures green worse off than any other team in this there is no chance to see fast ball in this The list is a very short city of Omaha. There are some amateur one in all the leagues this season, and no teams, so called, in this burg that can one seems to be able to account for the play ball. And there do be those fully general slump. It may be that the pitch- competent to judge who say that any one ers have overcome the handicaps placed of several of these local teams could give on them from time to time during the any team in the Western league the merlast few seasons, until they again have riest, maddest kind of a little jaunt for its the advantage of the batter, and it may money if it ever came to a question of be that the fielding is sharper than ever supremacy as between the two. But be before. Something of both these causes that as it may, and all conjectures aside, figures in the result, very likely, for, while it is unqualifiedly true that there are some fewer bases on balls are given, and fewer rattling good games played here that commen are struck out by the pitchers, fewer paratively few people see or know about. the fielders have something to do with at Vinten park last Sunday afternoon, between the Armours and Originals, with hit off young Adams in nine consecutive

Scully, and then answer the question whether or not that isn't playing some and pitching some. Take the game, for an illustration, in which the same Originals beat the Creightons, 4 to 3, with six hits on the one side and five on the other, and then judge if the amateurs of Omaha can or not furnish a quality of ball fit for the fanniest fan that ever warmed a bleacher. The next time there is a game between two of these nines go and see for yourself and be convinced, and don't wait until the good ones are all picked out, as they are year by year, for the leagues, and you have to dig up 50 cents to help pay their salary.

The rejuvenation of the popularity of tennis in this and other populous centers is once more attested by the formation this last week of another club, which datest organization is to be known by the euphonious title of the Courtland, New double built with an eye to durability as well as fast work on the part of the players Among the score of young men who are the charter members of the new organization are some of the best players in the city and it is proposed to have representatives of the Courtland in every open tournament held in and about Omaha this season. A large proportion of the members belong to other clubs which have tennis courts, but which are not tennis clubs, as the new one is proposed to be to the exclusion of all other games. The first board of officers include W. B. Dickinson as president; treasurer, T. W. Jaycox, jr.; secretary, C.

The golf sharps of the Field club are feeling happy just now over the fact that if the Country club players did take them into camp as a whole in their recent match Harry Morrill still holds the best stick in the city so far as heard from. Morrill course from end to end to the ultimate victory of the man with the smile that won't come off, and now his friends all agree that he is the sure enough "champeen." Even Morrill himself admits that he is the best anywhere around this end of the circuit.

All is still uncertainty and confusion with regard to the holding of an auto race meet in this city during the summer and this in spite of the fact that every owner of a hum cart in the city is head over heels in favor of the scheme and cannot see, for the life of him, why some of the other fellows don't get the thing a-going. Now that Barney Oldfield, who is unuestionably the fleetest Bulleteer that ever want over a cirder path, has been reinstated in the good graces of the National Auto association and given back his mile-a-minute gun, he can and will come to Omaha and be the main guy in any show that the local choofers will arrange. Oldfield would prove a great drawing card, too, for any kind of a meeting, both on account quaintances in Omaha, made in the fays when he did all his hiking on a bicycle,

to the regret of the local strong men. The trouble seems to be that the educators in the institutions named have gotten an aration and training that the contestants in such ap event must necessarily go through would interfere with the absorbing of useful knowledge on the part of the aforesaid contestants, which knowledge the young ideas are supposed to be laying away just at this time in particularly large and well assorted chunks. In other words, the faculty have vetoed the meet because they consider the date selected as inopportune.

C. E. Wilkins has placed the order for the new auto that he will make his pilgrimage to the east and through the New England states in, and the same will be delivered to him this week. It is a 34-horse of it has never been seen in these parts before, and if it doesn't make the people on the line of march toward the rising sun that Mr. Wilkins proposes to make, put on their colored goggles, then all bets are off. The body of the new gig is yellow. Yellow doesn't begin to express it, either. A dandellon blossom is yellow on a bright Take, for instance, that ten-inning game spring morning, but the innocent little flower looks pale and sickly beside this new cart. It's as yellow as-well, it's yellow, the score 4 to 5 at the finish, and only one anyhow, and then some. It has black error on either side. Note the fact that enamel trimmings and is altogether about the Originals made only one, just one little as handsome a vehicle as ever was put upon four wheels. Whether he had it The dates selected for the noise are June painted in this style so that he would not 14, 15 and 16, and from the preparations have to use a honk horn to let people that are being made the New London know he was coming, deponent saith not, but it's a loud one and no mistake. Be- The Omaha bunch has got a little whiff sides being the gayest of the gay, Mr. of the prize money into its nostrils and Wilkins believes it is also the best of the is sharpening up daily for the event. best for practical service, and will attempt Among those who will go from here are to duplicate in it the 25,000 miles that he Billy Townsend of this city, J. H. Sievertraveled in his other machine last year, son of Wisner, Dick Linderman of Lincoln, which was of the same manufacture. W. A. Waddington of Beatrice, H. G. Tay-That's a good ways to travel in one ma- lor of Meckling, S. D., and Fred Goodrich chine, and no one can blame him for having and H. S. McDonald of Omaha. These faith in one that will take him that far men will stop long enough at New London and bring him back every trip.

> Another beautiful machine that has attracted much attention on the streets beis the Pope Toledo touring car purchased the first of the week by A. I. Root. This is of the 1904 model and as handsome as they make them, besides having all the other attributes that make the hum carts and a fight all the way through. a pleasure. Mr. Root's machine is of Yale blue enamel with wheels of coach yellow and with its handsome canopy, fine leather mountings and brass trimmings is a thing of beauty that he hopes will prove a joy forever. Incidentally, it cost in the vicinity of \$4,000, and ought to be worth while

Gould Dietz and Dr. Gilmore have each invested in a White steamer car and both feel that they have gotten the very best. The demonstrator who showed the machine to Mr. Dietz took him in the course of the try-out on the Florence boulevard and up Ponca hill north of the Northwestern tracks. It is claimed that no other machine in the city has ever succeeded in making this climb. S. A. Mo-Whorter has purchased a 1904 model Winton and is now using the same to his complete satisfaction, while Dr. Elmer Porter is making his calls in a Franklin.

The unanimity of good nature with that in any kind of a fair wind it can win which the local autoists have conformed which the local autoists have conformed One of the many to determine which beat to the rules and regulations which the good shall defend the cup in the coming races with city fathers have adopted concerning them the Lotus Yacht club of St. Joe is on June and their carts is quite as surprising as 22. The St. Joe men are making elaborate it is unusual. It is seldom that a paper preparations for these races and are coming can be read these days that does not concan be read these days that does not con-up here with the determination to take tain accounts of scraps between the drivers back the Manawa Challengo cup, as they of automobiles and the police at various have failed to do so three times be places or also the great unwashed public fore. They will soon be known as the

with which the haughty chauffeur is bound Liptons of the west, but once they get Track judges, Prof. W. E. Leonard, Dr. to come in contact more or less. It was the cup they will have a great advantage | Kerr and Oscar Kayser; field judges, E. F. only a day or two ago that a New York and the Omaha saflors will have to go down Stepp, Prof. Sterenberg and F. H. Runner aristocrat of the female persuasion bumped the river after it. into a plebelan bike rider and left him

prostrate in the dust, whereupon the popu-

ordinance, every auto bears a number and

Now it's the New London (Ia.) Gun club

that proposes to mete out a meet to the various big and little guns of this and

surrounding parts of Uncle Sam's domain.

pigeon pluggers expect to have company.

chance for the boats to prove their worth,

as the winds were very light, and the

races were finished only two minutes inside

the time limit. The Grebe on Monday

sailed the race of the day, and on what

little windward work there was it safled

away from all the boats, but on the long runs before the wind the Argo made up

what it had lost and crossed the line in the lead. In the Monday race the

Manawa was off color, for some reason, and

for awhile was beaten by every boat in

the race. It did not respond to its rud-

ders, and immediately after the race its

double rudders were taken out and the

large single rudder put in, which seems

The yachtamen are awaiting, with a

great deal of interest, the first race in

a good wind, and opinion is rife as to whether the Manawa will prove its claim,

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Following is a program for the annual track and field meet to be held at Bellevue X came in this morning to buy a rair in the afternoon: 100-yard dash; 120-yard hurdle; mile run; 230-yard dash; running high jump; 440-yard run; pole vault; running broad jump; putting 16-pound shot; throwing 16-pound hammer; college-acadmile run; 220-yard hurdle; discus throw, ten for pincushion covera." The best individual score in all of the lected for these events are as follows: dalible ink."-Indianapolis News.

clerk of course, W. H. Kerr; scorer, Prof. Wells; referee, J. A. Pipal; starter, Perry

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parasol." "Well, I didn't do so badly myself," said "We had a lot of maids' caps, another. emy relay race, six men to a team; half made of Swiss and lace, and I sold about

"That's as bad as my brother in the drug above events entitles the maker to the store. A man came in with a headache possession of the president's cup for gen- and wanted to buy a menthol pencil to rub eral athletics for one year. This is now on his forehead. They were out of mentholheld by T. V. Moore, jr. The officers se- pencils and George sold him a stick of in-



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