#### SPORTING GOSSIP OF THE WEEK

Even at the end of a hard week of hard games, the Omaha club shows improvement in its work and in its prospects. We have bobbed up and down against that average mark for so long that we have almost made up our minds that it isn't worth while to bother with it, and now we are headed for a place several notches further up the list. With the fielders working hard and well, and a bunch of pitchers that will compare favorably with anything in the league, Omaha is sure to get higher, in the standing table, and no one need be greatly disappointed if the team fills the top place before the end of another month Hard luck has camped on its trail all spring, but the hoodoo spell is nearly over, and the youngsters who were put into copertant positions on the diamond are learning the game, so that the general sum of efficiency is increasing with each day, and all this can have but the one result, and that is already apparent. Papa Bill is working as hard as any of his men these days, for he is anxious to make a success this year of all years. He is doing his best to put the accumulated wisdom of twenty-three years on the ball field at the service of the boys who are just starting in, and he has certainly impressed two or three of them with the idea that they are in a class where only fast work goes, and where the leafer is sure to fall back.

Right here you want to take notice of the fact that the ball being served by the Western league this season is of the highest and fastest quality. Bloux City is the only team that has not been going the right gait, but steps have been taken at last to put the Indians in good shape, and the shakeup of Friday is certain to put them into the race right. With this weakness removed, the race will be all the more interesting, for the other teams are very evenly matched, despite the apparent safe lead Colorado Springs has been maintaining. It is not out of the question for the Moneyburners to win the pennant; in fact, any one of four teams has a chance at that, but it's a cinch that the team that finishes first will not have a credit of much over 80 per cent of games wen, and none of the losers is going to be very far back of the half-way mark.

President Rourke has finally maneuvered the Omaha team into a fairly good position in the fight, and can now rake some of his opponents and not be exposed to a broadside. He was in a bad condition to start the season, with a demoralised pitching staff and three of the most important positions in the field filled by comparatively untried men. Out of his original bunch of pitchers Companion and McCarthy have nally come around right, and the given Omaha four as good men as there are in the league. The quality of the game this direction is certain to be first chop m now on. In the field Welch, Howard and Schipke had it to learn when they began, and for that matter they haven't earned it all yet; but they have been apt pupils, and each is playing a game that is several times over better than when he started last April. Schipke is certainly making good at third and has won a warm place in the hearts of the patrons. He is quick and accurate and ambitious, and grasps the situation almost as clearly as every game. He has not batted up to what he ought, but none of the team has. Hownot completely mastered the science of the position. His chief fault is too much deliberation in starting on a play and he is well and is getting better every day as a fielder. Welch was also something of an experiment in the middle field, but he has done remarkably well. He covers a great deal of ground for so large a man, and is very sure on his catch. His weakness is browing. When he gets so that he can care his target he will be a fine out-

members of the team were slow

average so high that he is now leading the potent reasons exist for retaining the foul regulars. Joe Dolan had a bad week all strike rule. If the pitcher must be handi-

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the way down the line. Even last Sunday, when everybody was taking a poke at Pop Eyler, Dolan went through without getting his hit. Smith and Bobby McHale robbed him of at least six hits in the three Denver games, but that is what they are paid for and Dolan had to suffer for it. He hazn't fooled away any chances at the Big Jack Thomas and Bobby Carter also games up till Friday night the team made and is now quite a respectable figure. Here lenge always and subject to general comare the statistics:

BATTING AVERAGES.

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This afternoon the first double-header of the season will be played on the Omaha first race was run on Thursday, in a heavy grounds. This has been rendered neces- breeze that knocked the boats up on their sary by the unusual number of postponed games, due entirely to rain. Double-head- Argo for awhile, and then it was nip and ers are not popular with players or man- tuck until the Lotus suddenly went lame, agers either, but they become necessary during the season in order that the schedule may be played out as nearly as possible, and are appreciated by the public, for they give two games for the price of one. The games this afternoon ought to get the biggest crowd of the season, for the teams had hung on like the proverbial bull dog. are evenly matched and are playing very On Friday there was a very light breeze good ball. Omaha will be represented in and the race was called off as the boats the box by Companion and Pfeister, and as could not finish in the time limit of one it has been some weeks since either of hour and thirty-nine minutes. The Argo on the half-mile track at the Omaha Driv-these men has pitched a Sunday game in ran away from its rival as long as the race ing park on North Twentieth street, prom-bit of clothing they wear must be made Omaha, they should be welcomed by a tremendous throng.

marked the course of base ball since the a race, as the cup is to go to the winner very first game." Each year some change of the best three out of five. has been made to put the pitcher at a The St. Joe men made the fatal mistake greater disadvantage, and each year has of hiding their light under a keg. They the pitcher come to the front with a new built their boat to surprise the people here box of tricks to fool the batter. Fifteen and did not take into consideration that the years ago Charlie Nichols and Dad Clarke rules concerning handleaps had been each performed the feat of retiring the side changed since they were last best, which each performed the feat of retiring the side changed since they were last here, which on three pitched balls on the Omaha was some two years ago, and that there are and Nic Once the Kid struck out seven men in succession, and he had no foul strike rule to assist him. The four-foot box has been cut one minute for every foot of length she down, all the preliminary gyrations have was shy compared to the other boat, so devices have been introduced to get the half feet. This would give the Lotus a batter and pitcher on even terms, always handicap of three and one-half minutes, against the pitcher. The only rule that has ever been passed for the pitcher's benefit is the foul strike rule. It doesn't look right to charge a man with a strike when he has swiped the ball as hard as he can, but failed to land in fair territory, and yet it is questionable whether the emciency of the game will be enhanced by getting into form, even after the season returning to the condition where a good opened, but they are all working well now batter can turn off foul after foul until he in adding to the interest in yachting to a and are certainly playing the game as it wears the pitcher down, just to increase should be played. One other youngster the number of hits made in a game. should be mentioned here, and that is Games are now played in an hour and a Spotty Freeze. He has delivered the goods half, this fact alone lending a great deal of late in a fashion that is delightful to to the popularity of the game, especially the fans and has managed to keep his in a city where half to three-quarters of good eye on the ball all the time, and an hour is expended in getting home from thus is any apprehension as to the back-stop work removed. the game. It enables the game to be started later and still be finished in good season, an important factor in the matter Howard was the only man who could do of attendance, for it gives the business any business with the pitchers Omaha man a chance to end his day's work and faced during the week and he jumped his still see the game started. Other equally

capped, let it be in some way that will not lengthen the time of playing the game. In the meantime, the chief opposition comes from Ban Johnson, and he is simply taking the other end of Jim Hart's proposition, more as a matter of American league policy than because he thinks it is the right thing to do. In the meantime it will pay the younger base ball writers to study conditions before entering earnestly on the crusade for the abelition

Golf was never so popular in Omaha as it is right now. The fad stage of the bat and will soon be getting in his two or game has passed, and those who tramp the three safe ones each day. His fielding courses now do it for love of the game. errors have all been made playing ball, and | And the number of players has not perhe is not at all discouraged by the showing. ceptibly decreased, either. At both the Country and Field clubs the links are suffered because of the pitcher's prowess patronized daily by men who feel the deduring the week, in fact it was a bit hard lights of a walk in the open, the exercise on the batting all the way round. In six the little ball gives them and the satisfaction of beating the colonel or some other but thirty hits, while its opponents made old body. And at both clubs the element thirty-six, and yet Omaha won half the of club rivalry has been stimulated by the games. The fielding average for the team presentation of cups that represent the shows the customary two points advance, championship, and which are open to chaipetition once each month. The first competition for these was held last week and brought out nearly the playing strength of both clubs. At the Country club the interest has been still further enhanced by the patriotism of Mesers. C. N. Dietz and Frank Colpetzer, each of whom has presented a valuable cup to be played for during the season, and four other members of the club have agreed to make similar presentations during the season. Beginning with next Saturday a cup competition will be held weekly at the Country club, and it is up to the golfers to get themselves into condition.

The St. Joe boys are here and there is much doing at Lake Manawa these days. The Lotus Yacht club boat arrived Tuesday with the crew and they had hard luck from the start. Their first job was to remove all the special preparation they had put on the bottom of the boat, and that took them the better part of the day, as it had not hardened as it had been promised to do in the glowing advertisement. On Wednesday they launched their boat and with a corking breeze set sall. The Manawa Yacht club boys absolutely held their breath as they saw the Lotus pick up and go. Visions of a trip after the cup began to loom up in the distant sky. The edges. The Lotus commenced to leave the as her hollow mast gave way, and the two parts tried to part company. Up to this time the race had been on such tacks as the Argo claims to be its fastest, and the home fellows were more anxious than ever as that little boat from down the river was on. It is evident that the Lotus needs wind and lots of it, with a little more if Much clamor is now being heard for the is in another column. If necessary there abolition of the foul strike rule, the charge will be two today, one this morning and The races will begin at 3 o'clock. Many being made that the pitcher has too much one this afternoon. The first one will be on the batter under the present rules. This sailed no matter what happened yesteris but a renewal of the agitation that has day, and the second one if the Lotus wins

land Lake Yachting association. Up to two years ago a boat had been allowed been out out, the throwing distance has they built a boat only twenty-eight feet been increased and all sorts of schemes and long, while the Argo is thirty-one and onebut the time changes and they lost by not a wonder, but they have but little chance of taking the cup back with them. They are already planning, if they are licked this time, to come again with a boat built up to the limit. The sailors here certainly hope that they do, as they have proved to be a fine bunch of men and have assisted very great extent.

> Skipper Robbins of the Lotus has started rouble at the lake by declaring that the Manawa has better lines and should beat the Argo. The Manawa crew, to hold up their rep, took up the challenge and declared that it cannot, so it ended in the crew of the Lotus agreeing to take the Manawa, while the Manawa's crew take the Argo, and a race is to be sailed sometime today. It is now up to the Manawa's that the crew of the Lotus are better men. By the way, that man Robbins is no mean

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Louis Flescher and Dave Schultz, propossible. How Saturday's races came out and the interest and patronage shown great weight then justified holding a meet this year. of the best machines and riders in this section of the country have entered and it is confidently expected that last year's time will be cut down materially. Mr. Flescher is offing up his motorcycle and says he will make the time of 1:00, made at last year's meet, look like an "also ran," A feature of the afternoon's sport will be a five-mile bicycle match race be-tween Charles Hall of Seattle and Da Show of Lincoln. The race will be paced "Good friend," a visitor said to the movement of wheels from gong to gong. Charles Hall was a "speed merchant" in Omaha some years ago, when bicycle races were in vogue more than they are now. In the motorcycle races will be such riders as John Dye, winner in last year's races; like this is terribly wearing on the soil." John Taylor, Jim Dinnuxio, Paul Hamilton, A. Guthrie and L. Flescher. Virgil Hall, formerly identified with bicycle racing in Omaha, will ride in the open bicycle races as well as the motorcycle events. The regular events are as fol-

lows:
One mile boys' race, under 16; First, tires, \$2; second, coaster brake, \$4.50; third, \$2.50 worth of repairs.
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One mile motorcycle, standing start: First, \$20 cup; second, \$5 in merchandise.
Three-mile handicap bicycle race: First, \$25 Rugby or Iver Johnson; second, stop watch, \$10; third, tires, \$5.
Five-mile motorcycle, flying start: First, \$25 cup; second, motorcycle tires, \$15.
Three-mile automobile, 4 to 3 H. P., cup, Five-mile automobile, free for all, cup.

QUAINT FEATURES OF LIFE.

In those lands where horses are the food of men, all manner of flesh goes the way of the sausage machine. Recently there crew to beat their own boat or fess up had to be slaughtered at Ghent an elephant well known in Belgium by the name of garden, and his flesh, which is stated to have weighed 3,800 pounds, or nearly two tons, all went to the sausage makers.

> Daniel G. Burr, aged 84, a survivor of company H. Fourth regiment, recruited at Paris, Ill., June 4, 1846, for the war with Mexico, has held a reunion by himself in the fair grounds at Paris. As he had done annually for forty years, he called the roll of his company from the original roll he had written with a quill pen and of which he had custody as orderly sergeant of the company. He spent the day in meditation, eating his picnic dinner alone.

> In certain parts of the Himalaya Mountains the native women have a singular way of putting their children to sleep in the middle of the day. The child is put near a stream of water and by means of a palm leaf or a tin scoop the water is delected so as to run over the back of the child's head. The water pouring on the child's head apparently sends it to sleep and keeps it so, while the mother proceeds with her work in the fields. No one seems ever to fear that the baby may be

In a murder trial in Lancaster, Mo., last week State Attorney Smoot asked a woman witness some question about her domestic affairs. The witness resented the asking of such a question, saying, "I reckon a woman has a right to boss her own house. Mr. Smoot asked what she meant by that, whereupon Judge Shelton interposed: "The remark made by the witness is perfectly clear, and I am confident the jury under stands what she means. They are all mar-

A telegraphic wire chief was the victim not long ago of one of the funniest "bulls" that ever agitated his division. He had sent his lineman out to trace a break in a wire near New York and repair it. Pres ently a report came to him from the of Jersey: "Patched & East with 10 West --tell Pat O'Rielly." Patched means "spliced," but who was Pat O'Rielly, and why was it any business of his? No O'Rielly of that name was known to the service. Investigation followed mystery and "tell Pat O'Rielly" proved to be only

Persons walking about fieaside, L. L. during the last few days have stopped and see that they are all after the Monogram, looked with amassment on two ohildren to Cigar. "It's great." Ask any dealer. whose combined weight is nearly pounds. The children have pretty faces and are the picture of health. Their parents

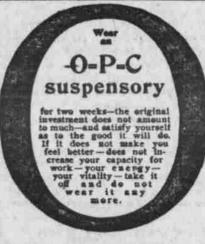
sallor. If there are any tricks of the trade are Mr. and Mrs. Louis Eggert, residents he does not know they are yet to show of Newark, N. J., where the children were up. That is one thing we lack around born. Harry is not quite 6 years old, but here; we have lots of men who knew how | tips the scales at 215 pounds, while his sisto sail and many other things, but they ter Minnie, who is but 2½ years old, bal-have never sailed anywhere else, so it ances the scales at 120 pounds. Harry and takes some man from the deep blue to show Minnie are possessed of enormous appetites. them, and this very thing Robbins is doing. Feur pounds of steak for Harry is but a normal meal, and Minnie thinks nothing of eating a dozen or more eggs at a sitting. noters of the automebile, motorcycle and Noted specialists and physicians have exbicycle races to be given this afternoon amined the children and have wondered on the half-mile track at the Omaha Driv- at their remarkable development. Every ise some exciting sport. A similar meet to order, and when they first arrived at the was given a year ago on the same track | beach their beds broke down under their

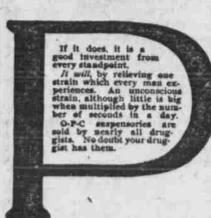
> Dr. Richard T. Gotthell, of Columbia University, has a broad knowledge of Oriental Dr. Gottheil was condemning pessimism

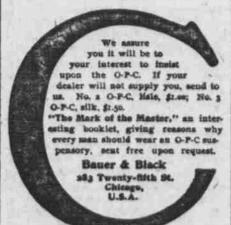
one day at Columbia. "Pessimism" he said, "is as old as the hills. Mankind has always regarded it and has always derided it."

"There is a Persian story about a Pessimist. This story is so old that no date can "'Good friend,' a visitor said to the

farmer, 'you are fortunate this year.' He pointed to the heavy and rich grain fields spreading so far as the eye could see. 'You can't grumble,' he went on, 'about your crop this season, ch?" 'No,' whined the pessimist, 'but a crop









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