

SPORTING GOSSIP OF WEEK

Rourke in Search of Good Man to Play Second Base.

ONLY HOLE LEFT IN THE OMAHA TEAM

Western League Affairs in Hands of Base Ball Men, Who Will Give Its Hour's Attention.

You may not have noticed it, but if you will take your eye off the coal pile and the thermometer for a minute you will see that the sun is getting further into the north each succeeding day. In about sixty days he will cross the line again, and that means that the winter season is over and the spring season is beginning.

With Schipke at third, Heaver at short and Dolan on first, a good second baseman will make the Omaha infield well right a stone wall for sure. The list of pitchers needs little comment. Brown will not be with us, but Liebhardt will take his place, and that makes Omaha the one team in the west that can truly be called a complete team.

Speaking of Des Moines and Denver, the sporting writers are in a cave of gloom since the meeting of the Western league at Omaha, and are predicting all sorts of dire things, even to the ultimate and impending smash of the league.

Prof. Yamashita of Japan, who is to teach his art of offense and defense to the midshipmen at Annapolis, says he is to teach the young men Judo, which is but a part of the art of Jiu Jitsu. He will also give a course at Harvard university and instruct President Roosevelt in the art.

It may be that the rod of chastisement, which was laid on him with no light hand at Cincinnati, had its effect on Tebeau, but whatever the cause, the fact is that when he was in Omaha attending the Western league meeting, he was the tamest Tebeau ever seen in these parts.

When the proposition to extend the life of the league for five years was sprung at the meeting, Tebeau joined in the quiet smile that greeted it, and had nothing to say when it was allowed to die a natural death.

H. D. Pierson, deputy state game warden for this locality, is working up an organization along similar lines and purposes as the Council Bluffs Game and Fish Protective association. Deputy Pierson, who has had considerable experience in the work of protecting the fish and fowl of the state.

received. But the present season must be played out, and it will occupy the stage very fully from now until next fall at any rate. Comparisons may be odious, but they serve at times to show what is what and who is who. In the matter of bowling, for example, no local son needs be ashamed of the scores being rolled up at the Omaha Bowling association alleys.

The squash courts of the Omaha Racquet club, which were opened New Year's days, are receiving considerable patronage. Monthly tournaments are being held. Twenty-eight entrants are now playing the January tournament, the final of which will be played off on the 28th inst.

The gunners of the northwest are beginning to sit up again and take cognizance of the fact that the spring days are not a great way off. Last Thursday afternoon the Omaha Gun club gave a little shoot on the grounds across the river, with a view of raising money for a big event which occurs March 20, 21 and 22.

As the books now read, George Carter of Lincoln, Dan Gray and G. A. Schroeder of Columbus, William Veach of Falls City, George Rogers, F. Montgomery, W. D. Townsend, H. S. McDonald and G. W. Loomis of Omaha and L. F. Reed of Ohiowa will represent the Antelope state at the event to be staged at the Omaha Gun club. Among the cracks who will attend these meets are: C. W. Budd of Des Moines, Fred Gilbert and Russell Kline of Spirit Lake, James Elliott of Kansas City, Fred Whitney of Des Moines, W. H. Hoer of Concordia and Frank Hill of East Alton.

A number of Omaha trap artists will go next Thursday to Geneva, to attend a shoot to be given by Charles Brown, on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. L. E. Reed will conduct a two days' shoot at Ohiowa, where the Denver Post trophy will be contested for by L. E. Reed and C. E. Williams, the latter being the present holder of the trophy.

One of the healthy signs of the times is the general widespread interest being manifested throughout the country in indoor sports. While there is no surflet of indoor sports here at present things are picking up in this direction, and the outlook is bright. It seems the various institutions are missing their opportunities by not getting their track teams together for a series of contests.

The organization of the Auditorium polo team last Thursday morning is a step in the direction referred to and it is hoped will result in something material. The team is out with a deft to meet any team in the state on roller skates at the Auditorium. Roller polo has been played extensively in many of the eastern cities this season and is said to be a fast game.

Basket ball stock has been quite spirited during the week and is expected to be on top of the market for some time to come. The game at the Auditorium last Tuesday between the University of Nebraska and Omaha Young Men's Christian association was a splendid exhibition of the indoor ball game. The association team will play the Sioux City crack team at Sioux City tomorrow evening. Last evening the Omaha High school team played the high school team at South Omaha. On February 3 the Crete High school team will meet the Omaha High school at the local association court.

The members of the Omaha Bowling association will hold a meeting this afternoon at the association alleys on Harney street to talk over the Milwaukee tournament and discuss other matters of interest to local bowlers. A large attendance of the bowlers is urged. The entries to the national bowling tournament will close February 10.

BLAIR, Neb., Jan. 17, 1905.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you please give in your sports page the name of the most that can be made in one hand in the game of solitaire? Yours truly, H. H. P.

RUBBER FROM PRAIRIE WEED

Discovery of Great Value Made by Sheep Herders in Colorado.

Just to make good its proud boast that it can produce within its own borders everything used by its people, Colorado is going into the manufacture of rubber from a plant raised on its own soil.

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Passing of Garber

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Advocates Direct Vote on Senators. Governor Garber was an advocate of the proposition to elect United States senators by direct vote of the people, and during his administration, as during many administrations since then, the legislature petitioned congress to submit to the people such an amendment to the constitution.

Points in Biography. The late Governor Garber was born at Bellefontaine, O., September 2, 1833, and removed with his parents to Iowa before he was two years old.

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RHEUMATISM

A DEMON OF PAIN

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