SPORTING COSSIP OF WEEK

Omaha and Des Moines Teams Lay the Colorado Hoodoo.

WESTERN TRIP QUITE SATISFACTORY

Record Made in the Mountains One that Pleases the Valley Fans and Shows the Strength of the Clubs.

Laid the hoodes. Omaha and Des Moines did fairly well on their trip to the mountain resorts; so much better, in fact, than they did last season that no occasion for possible complaint exists. Des Moines won five out of seven and Omaha won four out of seven. Just compare this with the record of last season, when each team won one out of eight in the same series, and you will understand what improvement has been made, Jack Pflester got caught on a cold, stormy afternoon and dropped the one to Denver that set the champions back in

the standing table, but that is easily forgiven, for Jack was not entirely to blame, Bill Schipke stuck in a couple of untamed throws across the field, and that made a good deal of difference. But the establighed fact is that both Des Moines and Omaha are stronger than Denver and Colorado Springs. Just what Sloux City and St. Joseph will do hasn't been established yet, as they have been sawing off with each other and the Saints have the long end of the argument. They will now get a touch of high altitude and their relative positions in the list will be a little better established within a day or two. Surface indications still point to the accuracy of the remark made some time ago that Des Moines is the team Omaha has to beat for the 1906 honors. For that reason the opening game on the Omaha grounds on Monday will be of double interest. Not only will the penhant be unfurled, but the champions of 1905 and the probable champions of 1906 will be in the game. This ought to bring out a crowd if nothing else can. The good feeling, as well as the close rivalry tween the towns is exemplified by the visiting of the fans, who go back and forth in trainloads to see the teams play against each other.

Published accounts of the games indicate that the Omaha team is doing all that was expected of it. Jack Thomas has made good on his determination to play ball, and we all know that when Jack sets out to play ball his superior does not exist so far as first base is concerned. He has a little something on any man whoever guarded the bag in the Western league, especially in his fielding. He is sure as death on a ground hit, covers a lot of territory and never misses a bunt. It is simply driving the runner to death to bunt to Thomas, and many a well intended sacrifice was turned into a double play this way last season. But Jack was then a little bit dissatisfied, and his playing was at times so indifferent that the public lost confidence in him. He knows now that his policy was a poor one and has decided to show what he can do. Across the diamond from him is another admitted star, Bill Schipke, who is just a little bit the smoothest article in the way of a third-base artist the league has seen in many a year. Schipke is death on anything he can reach, and he has reached many a hit that would have gone safe with any other fielder in the league. His hitting is improving this season and he will be well up among the top ones next fall. Joe Dolan is doing the work that made him famous years having apparently renewed his youth. He is hitting as well, fielding in 2-year-old form, and that is enough. Martin has so far proved a splendid second for Dolan, his work at second base being of the highest order. The games played so far surely indicate that Omaha has a good in-As the outfield is exactly the same as it was last season, no mention is needed further than to say that Harry Welch is a much more finished player than when he opened with Omaha and will surely be among the topnotchers all the way this year. Gonding's catching is all that can well be looked for. The veteran is still the terror of base runners who have no tions of stealing, and has been connecting with the ball for safeties with a refreshing regularity. In fact, the start made indicates that Omaha is surely in condition to make a fight for a pennant, and it's a cinch that the team that beats the champions out will have to hustle all the way.

The announcement that Charlie Nichols was relieved as manager of the St. Louis Nationals did not come as much of a surprise to some of his Omaha friends. Nichols has not been altogether satisfied with Robinsons, and while he has given them most loyal service, he was too badly handiplayers over the cuts in their salaries. St.

son. Danny Shea, who is sadly missed at short, jumped on account of the cut in calary; Jake Beckley, Smoot and Shannon held out till the last minute for the same reason, and other players have felt little like pulling out with full force on account of slices made on the pay roll. Then the Jack Taylor trouble didn't make things any better for the team, and it is little to be wondered at that it got so bad a start, particularly as it has been against what are admitted to be the strongest teams in the league outside of New York. Another shakeup that was looked for was the release of Billy Hallman by Indianapolis. It was given out during the winter that Owner Ruschaupt and Manager Barrows had reversed the policy of Watkins and would not try to win a pennant with youngsters; they would have a lot of veterans, and all that sort of thing. Just how well this sort of talk developed can easly be ascertained by an examination of the standing table. Toledo has made the customry bad start in the Tebeau league and seems to be hopelessly last, even with the winning of two from Keily's disorganized champion Saints.

The St. Louis papers do not exactly charge Charlie Nichols with being the Jonah, but they do say that Jimmy Burke, who has succeeded Nichols as manager, and Brain, as captain, will pull the team out of the hole. It is even stated that Danny Shea is now expected to join the team at any day. According to this, it, would appear that Shea stayed out on account of Nichols. If that is true, it will be a little hard for Nick to pitch winning ball in his new position as a mere pitcher with the malcontents supporting him. It looks like-well, you can guess.

Only one thing of real interest happened during the week. Shepherd of the Denver Times forgot himself long enough to say a good word for the Grizzlies and to commend Bohannon, against whom he launched the most deadly of his red ink thunderbolts when he was transferred from Louisville to Denver in exchange for Kenna.

Tennis is jumping to the front ranks in this city this spring and premises to hold the attention of the lovers of this class of sport better than for several years. All of the clubs are organized and ready for play and the courts are being put into the best The principal club possible condition. courts are the Field club with seven courts, the St. Croix, six, the Young Men's Christian association, five, the Shriners, three, the West Farnam, two, Kountze Place, three, the Walnut, two, and the Country club with two good courts. Besides these there are more private courts being constructed than ever before. The St. Croix courts at Thirty-third and Pacific were built last summer and the principal problem that confronts the club is the construction of a new club house. This will be done as soon as the club has secured the necessary membership to warrant undertaking the expense. With a membership already of forty and new members coming fast the officers think that they will soon be able to announce themselves in a position to start the construction of a club house with lockers and bath. At the Field club the tennis courts have been rebuilt this spring to remedy a few defects. The principal of these was that the courts were constructed with a slight slope to enable the water to run off after a heavy rain, but by the new plan they are constructed perfectly level and laid out by a civil engineer and a system of drainage put in that will dry the courts immediately after the heavlest rain. The former slope was of no bother to the local players, who became used to it, but visitors complained that it interfered alightly with their play, and to remedy this they were rebuilt. This will make the Field club courts the best, without exception, in the whole west, not excepting Chicago. The committee expects that the courts will be ready for play by May 13, and soon thereafter the tournaments will be started. The city championships have been set for July at the Field club courts, the date to be decided by the

The middle west championship will be played on the Field club grounds and the date for this is August 21. The tournament season will end in September with the Junior City championships, open to all playplanning to send teams of four or six men to Sloux City in June or July as they have been invited by the Sloux City Tennis club to participate in their tournament. The play at this tournament will be at the Riverside Boat club courts, which are recognized as some of the best in the west The club also has a new house and the Omaha players are looking forward to the trip with pleasure. C. H. Brown, W. M. Wood and F. M. Blish are the tennis comthe retrenchment policy adopted by the mittee at the Field club and are putting forth their best endeavors to make tennis a go at the club. They say that there are capped by the dissatisfaction among the more new players than in any previous year and that the interest in the game seems to

Louis is commonly reported to be the cheap- be increasing. Ladies are permitted to use year, taking into account the strong head est team in the National circuit this sea- the courts at the Field club in the forenoon, and this, with the new added gallery which will be about sixty feet long, for the speciators, will give an added impetus to the game.

> Athletic Director Pentland of the Young Men's Christian association will soon have the courts of the association at Twentieth and Farnam in condition, and these five courts will probably be ketp busy because of their central location.

> Hastings is to have a big shooting tournament May 9, 10, 11 and 12, under the auspices of the Nebraska State Sportsman's association. The club will add \$100 each day to the regular prises, and in addition to these special prizes are hung up for high gun. The tournament will be open to amateurs only, but the professionals will be permitted to shoot to show the amateurs how it should be done. Event No. 1 is for the Denver Post trophy, 100 targets, \$50 added, with the Rose system of money division. Omaha shooters who will attend are Sandy McDonald, Fred Goodrich, W. D. Townsend, C. A. Lewis, George Rogers and G. W. Loomis. G. A. Mann is president of the local association and will receive all entries and all shipments of shells and guns.

In behalf of "Jolly" Rogers, colored, of Spokane, Wash., J. L. Troy has written to the sporting editor of The Bee challenging Clarence English or Franklin Trummer of Omaha, for a match to take place in either Omaha, Denver, Salt Lake or Spokane. To this challenge Clarence English writes The Bee that he will accept to fight Rogers or any other man in the world at 125 pounds, but would prefer to have the match at Spokane or some other town than Omaha.

The supreme test of an automobile is not altogether speed or easy running. The average purchaser wents to be sure if it will climb steep grades. This accounts for the number of hill climbing contests originated by clubs and others the past two years, which attracted universal attention among those owning automobiles and those who are prespective purchasers. The most severe test that automobiles could be put to was originated last summer when the "climb to the clouds" was given in New Hampshire by the New Hampshire Roads Improvement association. This association invited automobilists to test their machines in a run up the famous Mount Washington, which is nearly 7,000 feet above sea level. Mount Washington was selected because of its carriage road, some eight miles in length, which starts at the Glen cottage and winds around Mount Washington until it reaches the Summit house. It is a very remarkable fact that out of some thirty who attempted the climb all got to the top, some of the automobiles being only of fourhorse power. The fastest time done for the eight miles was by the owner of a trip in a little over twenty-four minutes, averaging nearly three minutes to the A steam vehicle of the runabout pattern made the distance only a few seconds slower than the winner, the machine being of less than ten-horse power. Automobilists from all over the United States gathered in the White mountains to see the tests, which were followed by "endurance" runs over the mountain roads. The New Hampshire roads during the July tests last year were in very fair condition and served as a good test of automobile merit. These runs were very enjoyable, as they took in many of the prominent summer resorts and attracted general attention from the summer visitors and received a cordial welcome everywhere. Governor Batchellor of New Hampshire being one of the tourists. It is proposed to repeat the New Hampshire tests next July, the dates, July 10 to the 15th, having been se lected as the time the trials will take place.

The Long Branch automobile carnival of coming summer at about the same time-August 14 to 19. Last summer the Long Branch carnival was quite successful, the exhibit of automobiles, road and track races and the floral parade attracting general attention to the north Jersey coast. It is proposed to add to the floral parade ers under 18 years. The Field club is also next summer a carriage division, for which prizes for best, most unique, etc., decorations will be offered. The automobile part of it will undoubtedly be as successful as it was last summer, with even a larger number in the parade. The floral parade of carriages used to be one of the great society events of Long Branch. A nonstop, six-day automobile run was one of the features of the carnival last Augusta machine running night and day between Long Branch and Spring Lake for five days without the motor stopping, and when it did stop it was for the purpose of preventing an accident, a child having caused the driver to pull up short, and he did it so well as to save the little one from harm. This feature may be added to, with a thirty-day, twelve hours daily daylight nonstop run, next August. The roads at and around Long Branch are of the finest description, and the automobilists gather there each summer in larger numbers, among them last summer being Mayor McClellan, Governor Odell, ex-Senator James Smith, jr., Governor Murphy and others.

The leading trotting events of the year, as announced up to date, are as follows, the list being given in the order they will

Detroit-Merchants and Manufacturers, 2:24 trot, \$16,000. Buffalo-Empire State, 2:10 trot, \$10,000. Readville-The Massachusetts, 2:10 trot,

10,000. Providence—The Roger Williams, 2:10 trot, 25,000. Hartford—The Charter Oak, 2:09 trot, \$10,000. Syracuse—The Syracuse Driving club, 2:14 trot, \$10,000. mbus Hoster Brewerles, 2:19 trot,

\$10,000. Cincinnati—The Ohio, 2:09 trot, \$10,000. A wide divergence is noticed between the classes for which the various stakes are given, but it is safe to say the difference in the time in which each race is decided will be nearly uniform.

The date for the regatta of the Inter collegiate Rowing association at Poughkeepsie has been changed from July 1 to June 28, when the races will be rowed at 3 p. m., 3:45 p. m. and 5 p. m., the varsity eight-cared race coming last. The change has been made on the request of the West Shore railroad, which finds its improvement work so delayed by the bad winter that its completion at the time of the regatia is uncertain, and the officials of the road deem it unwise to run regatta special trains on the Friday and Saturday preceding July 4, when the regular traffic is always heavy. There are three points along the line between New York and Highlands, where the construction of new bridges of trestle-work necessitates the use of a single track, and this complicates matters when special trains are run. The race has therefore to be set ahead, and the day before the Yale-Harvard races, June 28, was chosen as the only day on which the tide is suitable for the regatta. It is expected that the same number of crews as last year will compete, and the winning Syracuse 'varsity eight will be on hand with most of its crew of last year. Georgetown university will be represented by both freshmen and 'varsity crews. Coach Dempacy was satisfied with the showing made by the crews in their race with the naval cadets. The 'varsity was beaten by only half a length in two miles. The time was remarkably fast for this time of

tide on the Severn.

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No license shall be issued to any person under is years of ago. Licenses cost \$3, and the license number shall not be less than 5 inches in height. The fee will go to the use of the state highway department, except in cities of the first-cless, where it shall be paid into the city treasury for the use of said city.

In cities and boroughs the speed limit is a mile in aix minutes, and in the country the speed is limited to a mile in three minutes, but in townships of the first-class, the commissioners may fix the speed rate of a mile in six minutes, and in sections where such limit is fixed signs, must be placed at the boundaries setting forth the limit and the penalty for violation. The machine at night must carry a white light in front and a red light in the rear.

Constables and police officers may arrest upon view and without warrant any person violating any of the provisions of the law, and, if bail for a hearing cannot be furnished, the magistrate shall hold the automobile in custody, which may be disposed of by order of the court.

Any person violating any of the provisions of the law shall be subject to a fine of, not less than \$10 nor more than \$25 for the first offense, and, in case of non-payment within forty-eight hours, shall be imprisonment for not more than ten days For a second offense the fine will be from \$55 to \$100, or thirty days in jail. "Upon conviction of a second violation, certified the state highway commissioner the Bureau of Boller inspection, the license to such person so convicted shall immediately be revoked" for the space of six months.

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The entries for the French Gordon Ben nett team have been closed, the only no table firm not represented being the Mors. The Hotchkiss company entered three cars at the last minute. The French club has decided to make the eliminating trial, by which the three cup defenders will be selected, also severe for the selection of their team in the Vanderbilt cup race, the first five cars home in the trials being eligible to compete for the Vanderbilt rophy. . The circular course in the Auvergne district covers 137 kilometers. Germany will this year be represented in the G. B. cup race by three Mercedes cars only, other firms which had put forward a claim to run having withdrawn on ac count of the enormous expense involved The English eliminating trials will be held in the Isle of Man, in May, the competitors including four Napiers (driven by Messrs, Hargreaves, Macdonald, Cecil Edge and Clifford Earp); two Wolseleys, one of which will be handled by C. Bianchi two Stars, driven by J. Lisie and F. R. Goodwin; one Darracq, built at Messre Weiss', Glasgow, and driven by the Hon A. Lee Guinneas, and Mr. Lionel Roths child's Siddeley, driven by S. Girling. During the winter the roads in the island have

in splendid condition for the race. National track championships are to be established by the American Automobile association. They are to be inaugurated by a national meet at Morris park, New York, on Monday and Tuesday, July 3 and 4. Championships, both amateur and freefor-all, will be scheduled for determination sixty-horse power machine, who made the at various weights and distances. It is believed that this is but the beginning of the adoption of a series of national championships for all classes at standard distances, which will be distributed among the various race meets during the season The question will probably come up for discussion and decision at the next meeting of the racing board.

been carefully made up and are said to be

The American Athletic association's plans for the future comprise the building up of a strong national body that will extend from coast to coast and contain in its membership all the clubs of the country organized into state associations, which will work for uniform and just legislation, agitate roads improvement, provide touring information for members and control racing in an impartial manner that will satisfy both the patrons of and the participants in the sport.

The official organ of the English Lawn Tennis association has announced the makeup of the team which will represent the United States to try for the international cup. The American committee which consists of Dr. James Dwight, R. D. last August will be repeated again the Wrenn and Richard Stevens, has made no announcement of the team, but the Englishmen say that it will consist of William A. Larned and William J. Clothier for the singles, and Holcombe Ward and Beals Wright in the doubles. The local tennis enthusiasts are rather incensed that this announcement, which seems to be official, should come by way of England.

> There is no lack of action in the preparation for the season's golf, and the latest happening is of international consequence. Miss Georgianna Bishop, the national champion, is to sail early next month for England, to play in the championship of the Ladies' Golf union, to begin on May 29, over the seashore course at Cromer. She will be the first holder of the American title to strive for the British laurels and, as far as may be recalled, the first woman champion in any sport here to enter in the English championship of her chosen game. Miss Bishop won her title at Merion last fall, and subsequently defeated Miss Lottle Dod, the English champion, in a team match at Toronto. Miss Bishop will not make the trip alone. She will be one of a party to be chaperoned by Mrs. Clement A. Griscom, and to include Miss F. C. Griscom, the title holder here in 1900; the Misses Curtis, Miss Mary Adams and Miss Emily Lockwood, a quartet from Boston. Miss Mabel Higgins of the Midlothian club, Chicago, who played in the British event last year at Troon, is also mentioned as a starter. There is no doubt, however, that Miss Florence Borden of Fall River, and Miss Fanny Osgood the latter the Boston champion, will play, and they are now abroad for the purpose

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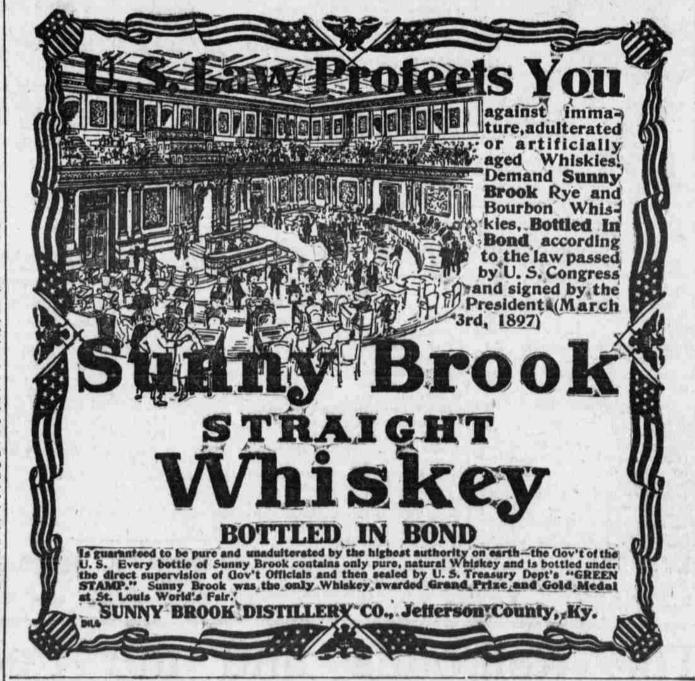
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