

SPORTING GOSSIP OF WEEK

Rourke Looks for Better Batting from His Men Very Soon.

TEAM IS PLAYING GAME IN FIELD

Splendid Defensive Work and the Pitching Staff Down to Working Basis, Means More Wins for Omaha.

Full of hope

Paul Hill took his boys down into Missouri on Friday morning to meet the Saints as full of hope as an egg is of meat. He isn't at all discouraged by the unsatisfactory showing they have been making at the bat, and says they simply can't go on hitting as they have been.

In disposing of Companion and Liebhart, Rourke feels that he has let two more good pitchers go to opposing clubs. Liebhart has been singularly unfortunate in an Omaha uniform. His ability is not in question, for it is admitted that he has good speed, curves and control, with a head sufficient to direct him in the intelligent use of his power, but he was never able to land a game for the Rourke family.

A very good account of last year's Middle West appears in both the eastern guides for this year, and space which they have given it, both for illustrations and the account of the play, shows what strides this affair has made in the last few years, now ranking with the biggest events in the country.

Headline, who will come to Omaha from St. Joseph, will probably not be added to the local roster for several weeks, depending on how soon Ketchum can get into the game again. He is a youngster of great promise, plays a good fielding game, and is hitting fairly well.

Bobby Carter is proving that the streak of throwing he took on toward the close of the season last year was not a bluff, but is getting them back from the right field fence with more speed than ever. On Thursday afternoon he caught a runner at second who had slammed the ball hard against the fence, and he has made a number of other returns so fast that they easily got into the assist column.

At a meeting of the base ball contingent of the Omaha Field club last week John Lund was elected manager and Jack Ketchum captain of the base ball team.

All classes of sports have their following

at the Field club, but the national game of base ball has to take second place to golf in the number of participants at the club. Many stars of other games and colleges wear the Field club uniforms.

Owing to the illness of E. W. Naah, brother of F. A. Naah, president of the Omaha Driving club, the matinee scheduled for yesterday was postponed for one week. The same card of races that had been prepared for Saturday will be run on Friday, and from the number of entries the interest will be beyond the standard set last year, when the grandstand was insufficient to accommodate the spectators.

The Field club will hold its first open handicap tennis tournament on Saturday, June 3, and the play will be so arranged as to have the finals played off June 10, the opening day of the club.

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The program of athletic sports has been prepared by the committee for the Lewis and Clark exposition. This year will be given under the direction of the bureau of athletics, which in turn is under the direction of the Muttomah Athletic club of Portland.

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IN CONNECTION WITH OTHER CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

It has been decided to have the tour for the Charles J. Hildon automobile race on July 11, going to the White Mountains and returning during the two weeks following. Four days will be occupied in the outward trip with stops at Hartford, Boston and Portsmouth, while five days will be occupied returning by way of Nashua, Worcester, Lenox and Poughkeepsie.

That the track motor car championship of 1905 will be decided on the National circuit by a point score is the opinion of New York Chairman Morrell of the American Athletic association racing board. In order to become eligible for this championship series an entrant must obligate himself to compete at all circuit meets as long as his point score places him in first or second position in the championship table.

To beat Barney Oldfield is the ambition of every driver, but no man has beaten him more than once, with the exception of A. C. Webb at St. Louis last year. Webb started even with Oldfield and piloted his racer to victory. At the same place a few days ago Webb scored another victory over an American champion, although it was in a handicap event. It was at St. Louis last year, after Webb had passed him that Oldfield ran into a cloud of dust and plunged through the fence.

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The Omaha Gun and Rod club has an enrollment of 23 members, all of whom are enthusiastic over the matter of protecting the fish in the neighboring waters and especially in Cut Off. The club also has held Wednesday night, the directors intend to submit several plans for the new club house which is under consideration, to a membership meeting, which will be held Wednesday night.

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discussed and idiosyncrasies known before the match begins. A popular method of stealing tricks is by the discard, and a novel means of trying to do this was noted in Philadelphia. As players are more and more accustomed to going to these large meetings, they are likely to ask fewer questions, but it is well also to know what sort of discard is to be used on the other side. The question, "How do you discard?" was asked of a pair (strangers at the congress), and after a number of evasions one of them formulated the following: "Our discard is from the suit which we can best spare."

As a matter of fact, such a nonsensical discard would not only hamper the players of it at all other times, but the opportunity for such use would depend upon having such a card as one could spare to ask for to the rough, and at the same time to cause no damage to the suit from which the high card was played. The notion seems to have been taken from the famous "rough men" discard, which was played with some success several years ago by the Baltimore team. Their convention was a perfectly plain one. If they made no call for trumps in the discard, the desire to rough, therefore, a low card, one below the six, came to be regarded as a call, while a high discard was a call for a partner to ask for a force, five or lower. To forbid a force, six or higher; after discarding to show not to force, on partner's lead of supporting card to your declared suit, the play of the lowest card of that suit in your hand is a trump call.

Fate appears to be playing unkind tricks with the English lawn tennis experts. High Lawrence Doherty, the doughty little champion, winner and holder of many titles and generally rated as the foremost amateur with a racket in the world, is in bad physical trim, and the great all England championships only three weeks away.

The entries for the conference meet, the intercollegiate contest of the middle west, which will take place at Marshall Field, Chicago, on June 3, have been received from all the "Big Nine," except Minnesota. Altogether 30 entries for the different sports have been announced.

With the closing of the first month the American league season showed the most remarkable record of a major league race since the first time ever written. Eight teams after a month's play, were so closely matched that only 154 points separate the leaders from the tailenders, and more remarkable is the identity of the tailenders and their close companions, the Highlanders.

The official Cricket Guide for 1905, edited by J. P. Flannery, is the current issue of Spalding's Athletic Library. Editor Flannery has made the Cricket Guide for 1905 a very interesting publication and one that the cricketers will appreciate. The book contains many pages of interesting illustrations and pictures of nearly all of America's prominent cricket teams and individual cricketers.

The Powell Automobile company has received a Baker Stanhope which is a beauty and it is now on exhibition at the garage. This is the first electric of this make in this territory.

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try to Logan in a perfectly satisfactory manner to the doctor, and to the admiration of the people of the small towns, whom he saw on his trip.

When the Olds racers left Powell's garage on their transcontinental run to Portland they each carried a load of 150 pounds, besides the two men. In spite of this load they made the hills on the Dodge street macadam without even slackening their pace.

A record trip was made from Omaha to St. Joseph, by J. W. Wilson, who was returning with his new electric car. The trip was made under considerable difficulty, owing to the bad condition of some of the roads in the low places. At Arlington and at the approach to the wagon bridge across the Elmore, the road was nearly under water to the depth of several feet.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Pixley and Mr. and Mrs. S. G. V. Griswold left Thursday evening for a short sojourn at Lake Washington, where they will spend the month for Lake Ida. They go to Bedman's beach.

Frank and Billy Mars, Frank Duer and Dave O'Brien have planned a trip to Lake Washington for about the first of the month. Reports from this old favorite fishing ground are that the fishing is as good as ever, and that is saying a good deal, as so many Omaha anglers can testify.

Judge Munger, United States Circuit Clerk Humphrey and Deputy United States Marshal Henry Homan are all hunting matters in beef trust investigation to make the annual onslaught on the muckrangers of northern Wisconsin. They have a favorite spot and they do not let every-one who is in the territory say that you have to go to a logging camp and then drive twenty miles through the woods.

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