

SPORTING GOSSIP OF WEEK

Western League Playing Fast Ball and Teams All Look Good.

DES MOINES SETTING FAST PACE NOW

Denver's Chance for Leadership Still Good and Omaha is Ready to Make Race for the Front.

Playing fast ball? Well, it looks like it. St. Joe comes here and gets one run in thirty-six innings...

Omaha is getting into better condition every day. The absence of Yonakas from the game has been serious, and Thiel and Goding being in bad shape has also proved a great drawback.

The Western Golf association has inaugurated a series of contests for players from any golf association in the world, which will be played annually over the links of the Chicago Golf Club.

Golf at both of the clubs is the premier game as far as the number of contestants are concerned, and the numerous cups furnish plenty of match play so that interest is always kept up.

R. B. Wallace, president of the North End Golf club, thus talks of the links in Miller park.

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an expensive game—a game for quality folks, and out of the reach of the masses. This has been done by the organization of clubs with expensive settings, club houses more or less elegant in their appointments, retinues of servants and a general appeal to those who have money to spend.

Miller park has of late years been growing into a beautiful place, winding drives, beautiful trees and a handsome sward. It is largely as nature made it. It has some of the best level common with few trees, and these are trying to utilize for the links.

"In order that the links may be popularized a club is being organized. It will on it such names as W. H. McCord, C. Campbell, E. P. Boyer, one of the champion golf players of the city; J. B. Stewart, 2d, Harry Lawrie, a well known enthusiast; Councilman Nicholson, F. J. Hoel, who would rather play golf than eat.

With all the talk of unfair advantage which the pitcher has over the batsman, the rule which is intended to favor the batsman and give him an even footing with the pitcher when the ball is delivered is to a great extent unenforced.

Hardly a game passes that one of these rules is not violated one or more times, and some of the pitchers are habitual violators of at least one of the rules. The fact is that the rules are so stringent that if they were strictly enforced the pitcher would have to send out advance notices before throwing the ball if he wished to be within the regulations.

There met in New York a few days ago the so-called "root ball rules committee," originally constituted in 1896 by the University Athletic club, which itself went out of existence some years ago.

Manawa's yacht races were a grand success for every one but the St. Joseph crew, and they had to return home on their shanks as it were on Monday.

A movement is on foot to form an automobile club in Omaha and it will probably meet with the hearty co-operation of all motorists.

The tennis handicap tournament which opened at the Field club Saturday is attracting the attention of all of the players of the city by the large list of entries.

The sixteenth annual tournament of the Canadian Lawn Tennis association will be held at the courts of the Queen's Royal hotel, at Niagara-on-the-Lake, commencing on Tuesday, July 4, at 2:30 p. m., and continuing the following days.

In automobile circles nowadays the chief topic of conversation is the result of the French elimination trials for places on the team that will represent France in the Bennett and Vanderbilt cup races.

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Whisk Wagon Parts. The Powell company will move into its new garage at Twenty-second and Farnam next Tuesday.

Max Gladstone and party enjoyed a spin over to Harlan, Ia., and return a few days ago in a touring car.

George H. Payne of the Payne Investment company has taken to the automobile for his business trips and is using a machine to take his customers around.

The Inn at beautiful Okoboji is now open under the S. T. Callender Co. management. Best of fishing, sailing and boating. Rooms face the lake. Address, The Inn, Okoboji, Iowa.

Club composed of the owners of autos would be a very influential affair and could accomplish many needed reforms.

City auto owners are having a great time in getting a state license so that their state number and city number will be the same and thus do away with the necessity of having two numbers.

A. B. McGowan, representing an eastern auto manufacturing company, was at the Powell garage last week and had an interesting experience he had last month in Oklahoma, between Bliss and Ponca City.

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Black bass are considered the gamiest fish to be found on the American continent, though some anglers assert that their equal is to be found in the great lakes and streams of the Rocky mountains.

A good reel and rod will last for years, while some cheap ones will not survive a week. The fact is that the rules are so stringent that if they were strictly enforced the pitcher would have to send out advance notices before throwing the ball if he wished to be within the regulations.

Three automobiles made the trip to Sioux City last Sunday and returned in record time without mishap. One of the features of the trip was the fact that Mr. Max Reichenberg drove her own machine both ways and was able to keep the hot pace set by the other machines.

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