

SPORTING GOSSIP OF WEEK

Omaha Loses Some Games that Should Have Been Won.

PLENTY OF TIME TO WIN THE PENNANT

Final Series of Games Just Starting Will Allow Any One of Four Teams to Land in

First Place.

Depression due to dog days seems to have struck the Rourke family; at any rate the performance of the last week was not just what its admirers had been looking for. And it was such a reversal of form, too. After the gallant struggle with Des Moines, when that series of ten sensational games with the leaders ended in a tie, and the easy way in which the Champions took the measure of the St. Joe team, it was thought that a winning spurt was coming. When Hill Schriver showed up here with his Puebio bunch and won three out of four, the home hearts were all but broken, and losing three out of five to Denver looked just about gether on Thursday morning and what he the home team lose, but they do get sore Sunday. when it looks like the loss was due to in-

difference. It is true that Omaha was ent story is likely to result.

pennant pole on which he is going to hang will be called upon to play the present up for the event if nothing happens to nates to force a twelve-club league. This is the flag over at Des Moines next season. | middle west champion, Ralph B. Fletcher and Joe Cantillon has one chosen for Mil- of Galesburg. Ill., and the winners in the Dufrene, John Hughes, Arthur Scribner, which rumor has brought forth, however, waukee. Several other teams hope to have doubles will meet the present double something to say about this, and it may champions, Fred and Frank Eberhardt of be the Cantillon celebration is a little Salina, Kan. The drawings for the chamahead of the facts. Denver is within easy pionships will be held at the Field club striking distance of Des Moines and it Saturday evening, August 21, and the comwouldn't take a very great spurt to land mittee in charge of the meet requests all the Grizzlies on top. Then, too, both Sloux prospective players to make their entries



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would send one or the other of these clubs the consolation prizes are better than twenty-four games at home and only nine- that it augurs well for the tourney, and home grounds idea, this gives Sloux City west tournament. quite a bit the better of the argument. Postponed games are sure to cut some figure in the finish. Omnha has postponed

games with all the teams but Denver, and this means some double-headers during the next few weeks. Only one of these will be with Des Moines, and the rest are with will be looked after from the moment that is in favor of the Mountaineers to date, twenty-two games having been played with to quarters, taken to lunch and then esthe score standing 12 to 10 in favor of Den- corted to the club. Each outsider will be ver. With Des Moines twenty-three games have been played, the score standing 12 to 11 in favor of Des Moines. Omaha has eight more games with Denver and seven more with Des Moines to finish the season's schedule. You see, there's plenty of chance to win that penant yet. country.

It looks as though Papa Bill had un covered another of those wonders in the as bad. Papa Bill gathered the boys to- pitching line for which he is becoming famous. Hall, who joined the team said to them was brief, but carnest, and and pitched his first game for Omaha last the game that afternoon looked like his Sunday, looks good to the fans. He is a R. B. Fletcher. This becomes the perwords had gone home. It is to be hoped strapping hig fellow, bigger than any man sonal property of anyone who may win it they did, for the young men who are wear- on the team, and has an arm that might three times, not necessarily in succession. ing the Omaha uniform are capable of pitch forty innings if called on. He has much better things than they did while a deceptive delivery, not so much speed, playing with Denver and Pueblo. At least and yet more than it seems, and has all four of the games lost to these invaders | sorts of curves. With a bit more of exfrom the mountains went that way because | perience, he will quite likely develop into the Omahaogs played careless, dopey ball, a wonder, just as pitchers have a fashion and not the bright, snappy article they of doing when coached by Rourke. He generally put up. Fans don't like to see made quite a hit with a big crowd last athletic carnival Tuesday night, to have

Omaha and the Omaha Field club will Friday night and to end the week with a against a hard proposition all week, for be the scene of the middle west championboth Pueblo and Denver ground out base ships in tennis beginning August 21. This will be given to the winner in singles, runball of the highest type, but even at that will be the fifth annual open tennis tour- ner up in singles, winner in consolation the home team should have won if it had nament held under the auspices of the singles, runner up in consolation singles, done what it is capable of doing. Now that Field club and the event has become to winner in doubles, runner up in doubles, Papa Bill has scolded them, and they have be recognized as one of the national fix- winner in consolation doubles and the given evidence of reform-particularly by tures. It is held under the auspices of runners up in the consolation doubles. getting out for morning practice, a differ- the United States National Lawn Tennis

association for the championship of the middle west in both gentlemen's singles

City and Omaha are in the race yet, and a as far in advance as possible to facilitate In the work of the drawing, and also that

accommodations may be secured.

Some novel features have been added this the visitors, especially during the evenings. The Field club prides itself on the manner in which it handles all visitors and an especial effort will be made this year, so that, even though all cannot get the prizes they can return home with the Assortment of prizes is large as usual and this season over \$500 has been expended in securing prizes beautiful and appropriate.

repetition of the sport of last year by the ably due to the challenge cups, but this ment between the two major organizachampions or of this year by the Sioux should not interfere in any way because tions, is almost absolutely unbelievable. to the front. Omaha and Des Moines each those usually offered at tennis tourna- still remains the bit of fire that Dreyfuss ing, she is brimful of confidence. have forty-two games scheduled, including ments in the west. The entry list has and Pulliam are decidedly at outs and that today, for the rest of the season, nineteen been growing daily, and the members of any attempt to re-elect Pulliam head of at home and twenty-three abroad. Denver the committee, who have served on pre- the league at the coming meeting in Dehas twenty more games at home and vious committees, are astonished at this cember will meet with the determined twenty-three abroad, and Sloux City gets carly swelling of the entry list and say opposition of Pittsburg and other western teen abroad. If there is anything in the assures the success of this year's middle leadership. The eastern magnates, on the

The tournament is in charge of a committee composed of Will M. Wood, chairman; Austin Collett, Herbert C. Kohn, Dr. Schneider, John Hughes, Frederick Dufrene and Dr. Lee Van Camp. Visitors of Pittsburg's defection, has been generally the other three. The series with Denver they reach the city. They will be met at teams, and any attempt to unseat him the depots, their luggage cared for, hustled the especial charge of two assigned members of the club appointed to look after their welfare. The changes made on the Field club courts will at once strike the visitor as a great improvement and Groundsman Flaverty has rounded into shape six of the fastest courts in the

> The trophy known as the Field club, challenge cup in singles has been won as ollowst 1991, N. A. Webster; 1902, F. R. Sanderson; 1963, F. L. Eberhardt, and 1904, The trophies known as the Field club challenge cups in doubles will become the property of the team winning two consecutive years. For the evening entertainments it is planned to take the visitors to the den to the initiation of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Monday night, to give an a dance at the club Wednesday night, an automobile ride Thursday night, a smoker dance at the club Saturday night. Prizes

Next Monday the Tri-State tournament Mike Cantillon has alres v picked out the and doubles. The winner of the singles ber of Omaha men are expecting to go there is a report of a combination of magprevent. The following will enter: Fred states-Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska.

> A New York writer says: "Here in likely." the east it is believed that when the present hase ball season is ended there will

he some changes in the makeup or management of the National-league. Indefinite and diversified as the various rumors are,

"But from all the smoke of these rumors clubs which are dissatisfied with his other hand, as a rule, are satisfied with

Pulliam's leadership and will support him against any candidate who has yet been mentioned for the position. Pulliam's work throughout the season, except perhaps his rather hasty reply to the rumor satisfactory to the owners of the eastern is likely to lead to a very warm argument. "Another source, fully as prolific of rumors which are more believable, is that fact that the league is so poorly balanced. There is such a difference in class between the first and second divisions that the poorer teams are playing to crowds that surely are not large enough to make the ventures any but losing ones. Rumors have chises will be transferred to other cities,

Baltimore being mentioned as the possible does not seem to be the entire solution of good a ball town as there is on the circuit, if it is represented by a first class team, but the puzzle appears to be where to get enough fast players to make up the six- judges of the race. The judges in deciding teen first class teams necessary for the two major leagues.

"Ned Hanlon's present group of players would not draw a crowd in any city of the For instance? circuit. There is a chance of the transfer of the teams of Boston and St. Louis to some other city, and the report that Cincinnati money backed up Murphy's purchase of stock in Chicago makes Cincinnati also a storm center for rumors of transfer. Something surely will be done in an attempt to strengthen the lower half of the league, and no one would be surprised to see names of new National cities on next year's roster. "As a result of the scarcity of players, the rumor of the formation of a twelve-club league, which has lived to a ripe old age, in still extant. This is undoubtedly favored by managers of teams who have been unwill commence at Sloux City and a num- successful in getting good players, and

among the remotest of the possibilities Conrad Young and Sam Caldwell. W. S. for strong clubs like the local American Gilman of Sloux City is managing the Tri- and National teams would oppose it fiercely State tourney. The meet always attracts and, probably, successfully. There is little some very good players from the three doubt, neverthiess, that is spite of the un- resolves itself into a great object lesson Merchant, owned by Billy Paxton, and reliability of most of these rumors, changes

For the first time in the history of the classic Mississippi Valley Coursing Futurity a woman will be represented among the question as to the actual origin of base entries when the event is decided next Oc- ball will be definitely settled before the year in the matter of entertainment for and, although they have been magnified tober. Mrs. Newton Bennington of New close of the year. The mombers of the beyond recognition, even by their orig- York is the fair member who will make a commission nominated by Mr. A. C. Spaldinators, the reason of their origin has un- bid for the rich prize, which is considered ing for the purpose of passing final judgdoubtedly foundations on the numerous the most valuable for coming stars. The ment on the matter have filed their aclittle discords which imagination has Mississippi Valley Futurity is worth \$4,000, ceptance with Secretary James E. Suilistretched into league feuds. Particularly so it will pay Mrs. Bennington if her en- van of New York and have sent him much has the trouble which has arisen between tries capture the rich prize. It is generally valuable data. From all parts of the counmbrance of a week well spent. The Dreyfuss and Pulliam over the McGraw- conceded that the western dogs have the try communications have poured into the 'Hey Barney' incident been fruitful of advantage over the eastern entries owing secretary's office relating to the subject rumors of coming dissension. Chief to the fact that the hounds of this section and there is no doubt that the commis-rumor, child of this parent, is the report of the country work with rabbits, while in sion will be able to settle the subject for that Pittsburg intends to jump to the the eastern part of the country it is al- all time. The members of the commission American league. This is undoubtedly a most impossible for them to secure much follow: Ex-Governor Morgan G. Bulkeley The committee reports that some of the percential idea that blossoms forth every practice of that description. Even with now United States senator from Connectistate players have been somewhat back-THE TARRANT CO., 46 Hudson Street, N. Y. | ward about sending in their names, prob-1 and, taken in connection with the agree- that she has a quartet of hounds that will league; Hon. Arthur P. Gorman, United

The cycling world is promised a big treat in the near future. Negotiations are now being made to bring about a series of match races between Frank Kramer, the sprinting champion of America, and Iver Lawson, who just returned to this country after defeating all of the greatest short distance men in Europe and Australia. Floyd McFarland is looking after Lawson's interests, the latter having been out west. McFarland wants to arrange a series of races to determine the short distance championship. Should Lawson and Kramer he brought together the event would prove one of the most interesting blbycle events of recent years.

In connection with the annual convention of the American Road Makers and the Good Roads celebration at Port Huron. Mich., on August 29, 30 and 31, there will be an automobile contest in the form of a run from various cities to Port Huron. The plans proposed are as follows: Each competitor will procure from the mayor therefore sprung up that some of the fran- of his city or the president of his village or from a justice of the peace a written and attested certificate stating the hour played by six or more boys with three recipient of a National league team. This of his departure for the convention and will then proceed to get there so as to shape of a triangle. Four-old-cat was the difficulty. Brooklyn, for instance, is as arrive either August 29 or 39, and the time of his arrival will be the hour when e enters the Hotel Harrington at Port old-cat required four throwers, alternating

> being passed from one corner to the next who are the winners will take into consid- around the square field. Individual scores eration a variety of points and figure the or tailles were credited to the batsman result from them on a percentage basis, making the hit and running from one corner to the next. Some ingenious American

> The contestants must have come all of lad naturally suggested that one thrower way under his own power. e must not have violated any speed He

He must not have violated any speed He must not have caused any horse to and which brought nine players into the game, and which also made it possible to change the must not have collided with or run wer any man or beast upon the way. In short, he must have traveled in an unobjectionable manner through the country. The judges in making out the list of base ball may have had its origin. winners will take into consideration;

The make and type of the autom The age and experience of the contestant.

The size of the machine. The size of the machine. The horse power of the engine. The type of engine as, if gasoline, the umber of cylinders, etc. The nature of the route traversed. The distance covered. The distance covered.

The infure of the route traversed. The distance covered. The time consumed. The condition of the machine upon ar-rival.

The number of people brought in the ma-

And, finally, all of the circumstances encountered, so that the contest really both owned by Clinton Briggs, and the for the farmer delegates to show them of some sort in the lengue are extremely that many automobiles can spin through

the country in a manner that will make them welcome wherever they go.

From all indications the much-discussed

enthusiastic ball player before and during

trip, the convenience, easy riding and speed of the machine. the civil war, and the third president of Charles A. Marien, manager of the Autothe National league; Mr. N. E. Young of Washington, D. C., a veteran ball player and first secretary and afterward fourth president of the National league; Mr. Al-bert J. Reach of Philadelobia and Mr. bert J. Reach of Philadelphia and Mr. cilities were fully equal to any George Wright of Boston, both well known Louis.

George Wright of Boston, both well known as two of the most famous ball players in their day, and Mr. James E. Sullivan, sec-retary of the Amateur Athletic union. The distinction attaching to the various mem-bers of the commission is such that it is not likely that their final verdict will be questioned. Mr. Spaiding, it is well known, favors the theory that the national game had its

atety. origin in the old colonial game of one-old-

Too slowly to create the commotion of a cat. He says: "One-old-cat was played Too slowly to create the commution of a revolutionary movement, yet very steadily, the automobile is being introduced for de-partmental service in various municipali-ties. An intresting new move in this direction has been made by the introduc-tion of an electric street sprinkler. This type of vehicle made its first appearance at Hartford. Conn., and just yet it is made only to order, but the manufacturers of it have been showered with inquiries about it from all parts of the country. by three boys-a thrower, a catcher and a batsman. The latter, after striking the ball, ran to a goal about thirty feet distant, and by returning to the batsman's position without being put out counted one run, or tally. Two-old-cat was played by four or more boys with two batsmen about forty feet apart. Three-old-cat was

tram all parts of the country. This summer witnessed the last "climb to the clouds" that will be held up Mount Washington. The automobilists have re-belled freevocably against the exorbitant to lis demanded by the owners of the wagon road. Besides, it is helleved that the best time possible within reason was made to this famous summit when W. H. Hilliard made the climb in 20 minutes, test seconds, and that any attempt to further lower the record would be to in-vite disaster. The possibilities of the White mountains as a field for the winning of fame through hill-climbing are not ex-housted, however. Mount Willard, not far-from Mount Washington, never has been climbed by an automobile. An investiga-tion is soon to be made to see if this road is at all practicable for a contest next year. batsmen, the ground being laid out in the played by eight or more boys, with grounds laid out in the shape of a square. Four-Huron and hands his certificate to the as catchers, and four batsmen, the ball be placed in the center of the square.

for many years known as the game of town ball, from which the present game of

Although, through hard luck, Eddia Bald is at all practicable for a contest next year. Although, through hard luck, Eddia Bald failed to make a record trip up Mount Washington, he want far enough to gather some interesting observations. Hald had climbed seven of the eight miles on a trial trip in his touring car, and was going at a record-breaking pace, when he was put out of business by the breaking of a bearing in a connection rod, which through mome mischance, had run out of old. Con-corning the climb Bald said: "It is a great experience. If you drive your car fast you are off the seat half the time, hanging onto the steering wheel. You nover know what is coming next. The turns are aften hidden by the thick mists of clouds and a general sense of uncertainty prevails as to everything. With sharp turns and a 1,000-foot previption on the dde, one finds a field for action which I think it difficult to duplicate on any other traveled road in the weld." The report of the recent performance of two Nebraska horses in Europe is a reminder that Nebraska has turned out many tast harness horses. Alta Axworthy heat Contraito, both Nebraska borses, al Baden, Austria, August 6. Both were formerly owned in Omaha, being foaled on Billy Paxton's Keystone stock farm near Omaha. Among the good ones that have gone forth

from Nebraska are Online, owned by Gould and Miller, and Ontonian, reared by the same firm. Hurly Burly and Thornline.

Automobile Sparks.

Dr. Schindel of South Omaha purchased two-passenger machine from Fredrickson ast week.

R. B. Held of Leigh, Neb., bought a tour-ing car from Frank W. Bacon last Wednes-day and drove the car home overland on Thursday John L. Webster is seen in an automobile almost nightly. Mr. C. A. Showalter of the Powell-Bacon company generally pillots him

winner of many of the large stakes.

on his trips. John G. Jacobs of the Maul undertaking catabilishment placed his order with Mr. Fredrickson for a touring car and delivery was made to him last week. F. C. Grable has just taken out a local license for his touring car. His family W-ing at Landon Court, keep it in almost con-stant requisition these August days. n his trips.

Clarke G. Powell spent Wednesday of last week in Lincoln looking over the situation there. The Capital City is very cothusias-tic on automobiling, the absence of hills and the long, well-kept driveways making distance of source. driving a pleasure.

duplicate on any other traveled road in the world " It is well known in manufacturing cir-cles, a matter of statistics, in fact, that very few of the producing concerns made any very substantial profit last year. The industry is not the gold mine that it is popularly supposed to be. One reason is that the styles in cars have been changing to rapidly. Settled patterns and large outputs are necessary to hig profits in all manufactures. The talk of a touring car for Swe next year, which was started for a purpose, is not, therefore taken seriously by the manufacturers at large. The an-nouncement, as made, refered to a con-cern whose identity is well known, though it was not named and was qualified by "if" orders for a certain large numbers of cars of the same type could be se-cured they could be produced for S00 each. Last year there was a resport circulated that the same maker was to effer a twenty-horse power car for \$1400 this year, but when it appeared the price was \$2,000, Au-tom here index of the manufacturers' or material reduction in price very soon.

Omaha District Log Rollers.

Modern Woodmen Tenth Annual Picnic at lattemouth, Thursday, August 24, Fine grounds within short walking distance. Trains leave Omaha Burlington station 8:30 and 9 a. m.; Bouth Omsha U. P. Walter Jardine made a 150-mile trip out | depot \$:40 a. m. A good time for all.

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