

SPORTING GOSSIP OF WEEK

Omaha Certain to Finish in Third Place or Better This Year.

LEAD LOST FOR LACK OF A FEW HITS

Sixteen Games that Might Have Been Won by a Timely Single - Cost Champions the Championship.

Third Place. That appears to be the bill for the Champions this season. It might have been second, or maybe better, but for the hard luck that followed the bunch from the first day down to the end of the season...

Omaha was jolted pretty hard by the draft. McCloskey and Schipke being two mighty hard men to replace, but Manager Bourke had been looking for something of that sort, and has already several young fellows under leash for next season...

Des Moines papers are making a plea for Mike Cantillon to be allowed to play for Ames umpire and do pretty much as his erratic nature suggests, because he saved the league. To prove that he saved the league these papers say that he put up \$1,300 to secure the transfer of Colorado Springs to Pueblo...

Foot ball will soon hold the limelight both in this community and all over the country. The Omaha High School football team were out to some extent during the last week, but no special effort was made by Captain Barnett to line up his forces...

Many other teams will be organized before the season is much further advanced. The Omaha Commercial college will again have a foot ball team in the field, as will the Boyles Business college...

South Dakota is to have another splendid team from all present indications, for never in the history of the state university has the opening day of school drawn...

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near with better prospects of a winning team, to represent the institution on the gridiron. Many of the stars of last year's team will return, and these, together with new and good players recruited from the high schools...

The suggestion of the members of the Omaha Field club for a state golf tournament was upon which will see the clubs of the state. Some have their golf clubs in an embryo state, but the necessity of getting a team together for the best state tournament has made all haste to be represented to the fullest extent.

Nebraska Individual Championship-Sixteen. The Omaha Field club, which has made an enviable reputation in the matter of entertainments for these visiting club members and the big club course will be well patronized by large numbers.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15. Nebraska Individual Championship-Second round, 9 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. Solace Class-Second round, 9:30 a. m. to 1:30 p. m.

It is probable that another western crew for eastern racing will be put together. The Alumnus of the University of Minnesota are already planning the formation of a crew which is proposed to send to the Hudson. A dam across the river which flows near the university is now in process of construction...

Alfred Shrub, the world's champion distance runner, and J. M. Morton, the champion English sprinter, have landed in Canada from England and will in all probability visit the United States early in September. Arthur Duffey, the American sprinter, just home from abroad, received a letter from Shrub recently stating that the English runner had succeeded in getting the ban against his American trip lifted.

Nearly all of the big eastern colleges are making preliminary plans for the foot ball season, although they do not begin work until September 11 or 12. But candidates for the teams have already been at the college towns and several weeks ago Pennsylvania and Columbia began work on the dates mentioned, and Yale, Harvard and Princeton will also commence work in a very few days.

Yale is facing two new disappointments to add to the defection of Mike Murphy. Lewis, last season's back, who, although he was graduated last year, was expected to take a postgraduate course and play again, has signed a contract to coach the University of Alabama team and will not be back in the ranks of the Blue.

championship team, but everything is ready to get up for practice in earnest. Princeton has suffered much by reason of the graduation of old players, and the amount of available new material which will report for practice is still unknown.

The addition of Thompson is the cause of much rejoicing in the Cornell camp. It is reported that Schindler, end on last year's Andover team, has also decided to enter Cornell, and Kirkerger, a 280-pound center, on last year's Mercerburg team, is another player whom the Ithaca experts expect to add to their squad.

The great success of Heals C. Wright in the all-congress lawn tennis tournament at Newport should prove a great incentive to the young players who imagine that the race is only to the swift, or, in other words, that their ultimate chances for supremacy are against the crackers who swimmer.

Last year brought him most strongly forward as a championship possibility, for many up to then had declared in his favor for the doubles alone, Davis having practically withdrawn from the singles play with Ward. Various round robin invitation tournaments had given him lots of practice against the leaders, and time and again he was out on top.

That this was no fluke the Newport tournament fully proved, for in defeating Hobart in the final round he certainly had the hardest work of anyone in the preliminary matches, scoring hollow victories over W. C. Grant, R. C. Gardner, J. F. Allen, William J. Clothier and William A. Larned, as opposed to his opponent's successes against F. C. Colston, O. Chew (default), R. N. Dana, Richard Stevens and the western champion, Krigel Collins.

On account of the tremendous power that is now supplied by racing automobiles and the dangers that are in evidence when they are driven at high speed, either on the track or road, the suggestion has been made that, in future contests, cars should be entered only when they have a motor of a certain size.

"One of the greatest mistakes that the newcomer in automobile making is to neglect his car," said an automobilist of many years' experience. A motor car needs care just the same as any other piece of machinery, and even though it runs well for a week or so, it should be carefully gone over every so often and proper adjustments made.

"Although there are lots of wrenches on 'the market,' said an automobilist recently, "I have yet to find a wrench that makes removal of spark plugs easy, except when they have been made by chauffeurs."

through which a lead pencil or a piece of steel could be inserted for leverage. This set right over the plug and it could be removed instantly. Such a thing put on the market could not fail to meet with a ready sale, especially among those who drive cars with motors under the hood, and where it is not the easiest thing in the world to get a grip on the spark plug with the ordinary wrench.

A lover of statistics has figured out that in the recent six-day race held at Long Branch, the motor of the winning car revolved about 3,000,000 times a day, or 6,000,000 times during the week, and during that time was stopped less than twenty minutes. Conservatively figured, the motor turned over 700 times a mile, which means 4,300 times an hour or about 1,000,000 times in the twenty-four hours.

Carpeteer's Letter. (Continued from Page Five.) than ten of the best American acres. He says that one acre of Cuban sugar land will at a low estimate yield 1250 per annum, and lands set out in oranges and other tropical fruits even more.

triumphs of the invention and the perfecting of human control and management that we must look for an explanation of the all but absolute security of steamship travel today. The secret of this security is to be found both in the structure of the ship itself and in the marvelously ingenious devices which science and invention have placed at the service of the navigator to guide him in the more perilous phases of his duty.

Personal Investigation Needed. In closing this letter I urge all would-be investors in Cuban lands to come to the island and look over the country themselves before buying. The opportunities for making money are everywhere. Land is bound to rise in value. The soil is among the most fertile of the world, and the island will probably become the fruit and winter market garden of the United States.

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