

**SPORTING GOSSIP OF WEEK**

**Omaha Reaching for Second Place in This Year's Race.**

**CIRCUIT FOR NEXT SEASON UNCERTAIN**

**Colorado Likely to Be Left Out of League Unless Better Returns Can Be Guaranteed to Visitors.**

be second.

Omaha has a little better than a fighting chance for second place in the Western league race, which will not be pleasant news for the small number of home roasters, who have not so many good as third. Little bit of cranks is never so happy as when Omaha is losing, but they have paid during the last two seasons a very handsome figure for thinking that any team in the league could beat the Rourke family, and particularly on the home grounds. They are not so meanly, but they make a lot of noise, and lose their money. The race that Omaha has been making lately has pulled all the rest of the bunch off their feet. Since August 15, Omaha has won more games and lost fewer than any team in the league, and this is with meetings the strong middle, too. At the others have had a crack at St. Joe, but even with this advantage they have not been able to keep track of Omaha's smoke so fast as the pace been. Eight out of ten from Sioux City and six out of seven from Pueblo, brought them up to Denver, and they began on Denver right where they had left off on the others. The account between the Rourke family and the Grizzlies, will be closed this afternoon, when, if there is no let up the books will show a balance in favor of Omaha. This is the only series we stand in need of, and we wish it. Des Moines got away through the unfortunate misadventure of second baseman Martin. This gave the Des Moines victory, that places them to the good with Omaha, but none of the rest will be able to say that. For a team of cripples, the Champions are surely making the other fellows bump.

Herman Long's revolt against the manners of the Des Moines manager is another feather in the cap of that sterling player. Mike Cantillon has done the game along the Western circuit more harm by his conduct during the season than anything that could possibly have been devised. He has wanted the support of the Des Moines people and wherever his team has appeared people have stayed away from the games because they did not care to be treated to the inevitable exhibition of rowdiness, certain to follow the beginning of the game. He is not feared by umpires or anyone else, but is merely despised. Just what the turn of time's wheel will bring us for next season cannot now be told, but it is hoped that it will not bring us Mike Cantillon again.

Next season's program is still very much up in the air. The Colorado people tried to force a meeting of the league during the week in Denver, but were unable to do so. The valley hasn't got to be a wary bird, and doesn't propose to be caught by the mountaineer's chaff any longer. If a Colorado team is located on the circuit for next summer it will be under different conditions than having one during the five years' agreement that is now coming to a close. The Colorado trip has been a losing one for three years, and for the last two years has been particularly bad. Last season the weather was in a measure responsible for this, but this season it has been clearly due to the indifference of the public. Denver is not a bad base ball town and with the blight of Tebeauism removed from the team there it would undoubtedly be a paying proposition, but Denver is the only town in the state that will give support to a team. Colorado's position is shown conclusively that the attempt to force base ball down the pockets of its people is hopeless, and Pueblo is said to be worse than the Springs. To go to Denver alone under present conditions is sure to be a costly trip, and for this reason it is quite likely that Colorado will be marooned by the Western league next season. St. Joseph is to have a berth in the Doe Shively's Western association, and in return Topeka may be taken into the Western league. Davenport, Rock Island, Peoria and Dubuque are other aspirants, and it is not improbable that the league will be taken to make up a eight-club circuit. This will require a readjustment of the Three-I circuit, and would also result in sending the Western out of Class A.

This is all speculation as yet, though, and the formation of other circuits will have a great bearing on the fate of Omaha. Mr. Rourke is watching for a chance in the American association circuit, and believes he sees an opening. The work of the rebuilding will start in the east, with the adjustment of the Eastern league, and this will come back to the American, and thus afford the opportunity Omaha has hoped for so many years. Big league writers profess to believe that the twelve-club circuit is laid aside, but the changes in ownership and all that doesn't give much support to the theory that the competition is going to continue much longer.

The dull thrud of the pliskin is once again heard on the foot ball season of 1906. Coaches, veteran players and substitutes with the ambitious preparatory school stars are ready to report at all of the universities on the opening day of practice and every indication points to one of the best seasons of recent years. All of the 'varsity' squads, with one or two exceptions, are in the pink of condition for the gridiron struggle. In the group of eastern colleges, known as the "Big Six," Columbia will be the only one who cannot call on nearly all of last year's eleven for work this season. With such a condition existing the contests will surely be close and

well played and the public will have a chance to see some magnificent struggles. Naturally, the two rival claimants for the foot ball championship of 1904, Yale and Pennsylvania, loom up as the likeliest to win the honor this year. Each has a nucleus of veteran players who will be able to fill nearly all the positions on the team and with the strong substitutes from last season and the material which each expects with the incoming class the coaches will apparently have little difficulty in turning out formidable eleven. Should both of these colleges go through the season without a defeat, and it is probable that they will, the championship would once again remain in doubt. It is unfortunate that they do not meet in a contest, for deciding the championship by comparative scores is a sorry business at best.

Harvard, the down-trodden of the last few years, will undoubtedly come to the front in foot ball lore. It, too, has a strong nucleus to work from and with many defeats to avenge will play a strong game with its more successful rivals. At Princeton, the safety, favorable condition of the New Jersey men have the making of a powerful aggregation in the gridiron game. At Cornell there will be a large squad of veteran material for Coach Warner to start on, but, although the men are experienced, they are not fully up to the standard of that at the colleges previously mentioned. The men lack the main essential—weight. The prospects are, however, more encouraging than those of last year. Columbia will apparently have the shakiest eleven that has ever represented it. There is not any material worth speaking of from last year, and this, coupled with the fact that the schedule which it will be called upon to play is an unusually hard one, makes it difficult to see anything but defeat for the Blue and White aggregation.

Of the smaller colleges Dartmouth and Williams have good teams. They will both have a good allotment of veterans and expect a number of stars from the preparatory schools. Many expect to see Dartmouth repeat her victories over the larger colleges. Her games with Harvard and Princeton have always been close, hard fought battles, and the New England men have walked away with a good share of the glory.

Despite the many rumors of the change in the foot ball rules they are practically the same as in 1904. The essential feature will be the more strict enforcement. It is figured that this will remove from foot ball the objectionable features which have caused many people to denigrate the game as brutal. The play will not be any more open than last year, but the mass plays will be stopped as soon as the forward progress of the ball has come to an end. This will do away with the piling up of the men and the stealing of the ball. The new rule will therefore, result in a lessening of the rough tactics which will have to be eliminated if a team is to have any success whatsoever.

The gridiron campaign will be a longer one than usual this year, for the reason that Thanksgiving day falls on the last day of November, and Thanksgiving day is usually the final day of the season for the college eleven. There will be one more big game, therefore, with more than the Army-Navy game, after that. The campaign will be ushered in by a few games beginning today (September 15), and will continue for seven weeks, with games on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Last year Thanksgiving came earlier in November than this year, which resulted in a shorter season and consequently less time in which teams might build up and develop for their important contests. The result was that there had to be more hurrying to shape the teams into form. It is not unreasonable to expect, therefore, that with more time to devote to the very important procedure of picking men and welding them into a team of better grade than last season. This, of course, provided the material is adequate.

The schedules for the approaching season show that there are to be 248 games in the eastern college circle and 144 in the west—392 in all. That is a good deal of foot ball. It shows how tremendously the game has increased in popularity. The number of games is a rich and varied program of pliskin battling. Of all the teams the Carlisle Indians are the most extensive travelers. The bigger teams such as Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Columbia and Cornell make only two or three trips from home, and these are short trips. Therein they have an advantage over the smaller fellows. The larger colleges play nearly all of their games on their own home grounds, they being the bigger attractions and hence being able to have most of their opponents to come to them. West Point and Annapolis travel less than other teams, playing every game but one at home. The schedule for the Indiana this year shows that they play Harrisburg, Richmond, Philadelphia, Cambridge, Cincinnati, Pittsburg and Washington, as well as at home. Doubtless they plan out many a play to the music of the rolling car wheels. In the west they make even longer journeys. For instance, the Notre Dame (Ind.) eleven makes a trip to Madison, Wis., and the University of Nebraska eleven makes a jump from Lincoln to Ann Arbor, Mich., for a single game.

The Western college conference rules barring freshmen from participation in 'varsity' foot ball seems likely to lack endorsement by Nebraska universities. A game will be played this season with Minnesota, which is under the conference rule, and the suggestion was made that Nebraska adopt the same prohibitions against freshmen. The idea was well received at first, but there has sprung up a strong sentiment against the adoption of the rule. Captain Berg, Assistant Coach Westover and Physical Director Clapp are all known to be opposed to the adoption of such a stringent check on the development of a foot ball team, and it is probable that the athletic committee will refuse to ratify it.

If the rule fails of passage it is what the attitude of the University of Minnesota towards the local university will be.

The Carlisle Indian school has opened its preliminary work in foot ball for the coming season with a larger number of candidates than has ever before been seen at this stage of the season. In addition to the coaches there were thirty-seven Indians out. The men who appeared for practices were in good shape physically, many of them having just come from the industrial shops at the school or from the work which is provided for them in the surrounding country by the school's outfitting system. Coach Woodruff is constantly drilling the candidates up and down the field with the idea of finding their wind and condition. The Redskins showed absolutely no fatigue at the first practice, but ran off the field with a vigor that amazed the onlookers. Not a man has since suffered in the slightest from stiffness. It is thought that the Eskimo, Nikifer Kechouck, may return to Carlisle soon and with the addition of C. Kennedy, Carlisle will be well fixed at center. The practice so far has consisted entirely of efforts to familiarize the candidates with handling the ball and an attempt to develop a punter.

Considerable doubt surrounds the ability of Coach Yost to organize another winning foot ball team for Michigan. Even at Ann Arbor this question exists and reports are that those who believe Mr. Yost cannot capture another championship this year are numerous as those who believe he can. He is said to be up against the proposition of his life and to realize something of the straits he is in, but the man with "the smile that won't come off" does not for a minute admit his inability to perform the task before him. He is going about it with all the zeal that has previously characterized his work and may come out of the predicament better than his friends now fear. Yost has, however, made one concession and that is that he cannot reconsecrate the star halfback to the foot ball world. Carter, the great guard, is another missing man whose place cannot be filled this year. It is because of such deficiencies as these that makes "Hurry Up" Yost's task a formidable one. Yost has the consolation, however, of knowing that other teams are pretty much in the same fix and that after all, relatively, he may be able to get together a good team as he has had. This situation in the western foot ball world is arousing great anxiety. Admirers of the game are asking themselves the question, "Is it going to be the year for us to witness a lower standard of ball this year than usual?"

Not the least interesting feature of Hurry-Up Yost's book is the collection of crisp paragraphs in the way of advice to the players that the author refers to as "hurry-ups." He says the players should hurry up and—

Be the first to line up.

Get into your own runner with the ball; never let him go at it alone.

Follow the ball; no one can play the game unless he watches the ball all the time.

Fall on every fumble, either by your own side or an opponent's; it is very important.

Block your man hard when you should block.

Learn the signals; you cannot play a fast game unless you know them instantly.

Learn to control your temper; if you cannot do this you had better quit the game.

Do as your trainer and coach advise; if you know more about the game than they do it is time for you to quit.

Be respectful to all the men playing in your individual position.

Tackle the runner; don't expect anyone else to do it; you that throw him towards his own goal.

Colonel A. R. Kuntz of Bernardville, N. J., an enthusiastic automobilist, who owns three machines, seems to think that the motorist himself, through their reckless driving, are largely responsible for the feeling of hostility toward them which prevails in the rural districts. He says he is really lamenting the will rampant into which automobilism has fallen. I ride from fifty to 100 miles every day and am familiar with the evils as well as the pleasures of the exercise. The numerous horrible accidents that have lately occurred in different parts of the country, the frequent killing of animals in the fields and highways, the daredevil speed that some reckless drivers of these machines seem to glory in showing have all tended to embitter the public mind against them and to suggest measures of a drastic character. That is what automobilists must expect unless they take matters in hand and provide remedies that are reasonable and at the same time effective. Two points have occurred to me in the framing of a law. First, only licensed persons should be allowed to run automobiles. They should be required to pass an examination by experts and to secure a license under state authority. This seems to me would in many states strike at the root of existing evils. In the second place I think the automobilists should be required to pay a moderate yearly license fee. The amount of this fee should be graded according to the size of the machine. A sixty-horsepower machine should pay six times as much as a ten-horsepower machine. The revenue derived from this license should be made a special fund for the repair of public roads.

Many of the details for the coming automobile show at Madison Square garden were settled at a recent meeting of the board of managers of the Licensed Automobile Manufacturers. Instead of having the exhibits scattered about indiscriminately on the various floors it has been decided to classify them so that a visitor may learn quickly just where certain types can be seen. Gasoline and steam cars will be on the main floor, electric vehicles in the restaurant, commercial vehicles and bodies in the basement and motors and accessories in the galleries. An effort is being made to have the tire makers exhibit together in the concert hall. The final allotment of space will not be made until the next meeting of the association. The meeting of the trades committee of the A. L. A. M. and

representatives of the National Association of Automobile Dealers, organized at Buffalo recently, did not result in any understanding.

The elimination trials to pick the five cars and drivers who will represent America in the Vanderbilt cup race are to be the same distance as the big contest, and in both instances the turns will be made to the left. The course as laid out, between twenty-eight and twenty-nine miles, is being chain measured to determine its exact distance. On September 21, the elimination trials day, and on October 11, the date of the big race, the cars will have to complete ten full circuits before finishing the race. The entrants in the elimination trial must name the driver of the cars in advance, and the names of the drivers of foreign cars must be made known to the Automobile Association Racing Board by October 2. The cars are to be sent away at intervals of one minute in both directions. The general rules of the race, issued by the American Automobile association, are to be enforced in regard to overtaking competitors. These rules are: "Keep to the right when overtaken;" "Keep to the left when overtaking;" "The driver must not speed over the road." "The driver must not overtake or pass at any time and Chairman Morrell of the American Automobile Association Board has been empowered to punish anyone who violates this rule. They will only be allowed on the course with their racing cars between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and then the cars must be fitted with mufflers.

A rumor to the effect that the price of gasoline will be raised in the immediate future is being spread over the state as a little discussion among automobilists. A recent interview with the departmental head of the largest producing corporation in the world reveals no cause for alarm. There is no one on hand a greater supply of gasoline than at a corresponding time last year. On May 23 last the whole sale price was reduced to 15 cents per gallon. A point not generally known to the average consumer is that only certain brands of crude oil will produce gasoline, which is known to the trade at various designations as naphtha, the highest grade and California oil yields no naphtha, and the bulk of the supply in this country comes from Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Bowling starts in all blast tomorrow night at the Association alleys on Harney street and, barring accident, will proceed without intermission for twenty-eight weeks. The schedule is published on this page for the first round of seven weeks. The schedule will be printed, making a championship series of twenty-eight weeks. Interest in bowling is keener than ever before and all of the old war horses, including H. Dinger Reed, Bower McCague and Bill Wigman, have been daily practicing for the initial performance. Not being the individuals have been practicing up, but the players have been practicing by teams, so that some sort of a line can be obtained on the play of the teams in the race. The rail birds say that the race will be much more even than it was last year. Huggins' team were so much stronger than the others. They even prophesied that a blanket will cover the leaders and the tailenders most of the way through the season. The two week teams have been dropped and no one can pick the strong team.

There is no other topic of conversation in bowling circles except the league and until that is fairly under way nothing else is considered. The teams have been changed around until at present they are all commercial teams—that is, they all represent some commercial house. The Waverleys have been changed to the Cudahys and the Council Bluffs team to the Benos. While some do not like this it is so much better already from \$5 to \$150. Backing to say the least. Women are taking more of an interest in the bowling game than ever before and the alleys are practically turned over to the women folks each morning. Some of these women are getting out of the alleys as bowlers and can vie with their stronger brothers in rolling the heavy balls.

Schedule of the bowling tournament September 15:

FIRST WEEK:  
Monday—Cudahys against Metz.  
Tuesday—Storvs Blues against Metz.  
Wednesday—Benos against Metz.  
Friday—Omaha against Metz.  
SECOND WEEK:  
Monday—Cudahys against Metz.  
Tuesday—Storvs Blues against Metz.  
Wednesday—Benos against Metz.  
Friday—Omaha against Metz.  
THIRD WEEK:  
Monday—Cudahys against Metz.  
Tuesday—Storvs Blues against Metz.  
Wednesday—Benos against Metz.  
Friday—Omaha against Metz.  
FOURTH WEEK:  
Monday—Cudahys against Metz.  
Tuesday—Storvs Blues against Metz.  
Wednesday—Benos against Metz.  
Friday—Omaha against Metz.  
FIFTH WEEK:  
Monday—Cudahys against Metz.  
Tuesday—Storvs Blues against Metz.  
Wednesday—Benos against Metz.  
Friday—Omaha against Metz.  
SIXTH WEEK:  
Monday—Cudahys against Metz.  
Tuesday—Storvs Blues against Metz.  
Wednesday—Benos against Metz.  
Friday—Omaha against Metz.  
SEVENTH WEEK:  
Monday—Cudahys against Metz.  
Tuesday—Storvs Blues against Metz.  
Wednesday—Benos against Metz.  
Friday—Omaha against Metz.  
The teams are lined up at present as follows:  
Cudahys—Reed (captain), Griffith, Hodges, Cochran, Williams, Hunt, McKelvie.  
Omaha—Tracy (captain), G. O. Francisco, Magill, Enoch, Hughes, Welby, McCarty.  
Benos—Fruish (captain), Nicoll, Johnson, Penner, Hills, Hirsch, Empey.  
Storvs—Fruish (captain), Nicoll, Johnson, Penner, Hills, Hirsch, Empey.  
Metz—Hurtel (captain), Chandler, Sprague, Hartley, Neale, Jones.  
Cudahys—Reed (captain), Griffith, Hodges, Cochran, Williams, Hunt, McKelvie.  
Omaha—Tracy (captain), G. O. Francisco, Magill, Enoch, Hughes, Welby, McCarty.

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