DUCKY HOLMES NEARLY READY TO START

Grounds Graded and Fenced, Grand Stand Started and Team Signed to Represent the Capital City in Western League.

Look at Lincoln

The dear old town is waking up and beginning to put on really metropolican airs. For years only during the foot ball season, when the long-haired, big-limbed Cornhuskers filled the public eye, has the state capital shown any signs of sporting blood. But now it's so different that one doesn't know just what to do about it. Ail because the Western league has put Lincoln back on the base ball map. Ducky Holmes has pushed steadily along with his park down there, has the fence up, with concrete piers in for his grand stand, and other things moving along at a rate that suggests business in every line. Lincoln is going to take its old place in base ball, and that means that other towns in the Western will have to sit up and take no-Three times before has the capital city had a team and each time it has been a hustler. Under Dave Rowe's management in 1891 the Lincoln team was right up near the top all the time. It had some names on its roster that are well known in base ball annals-Jesse Burkett, Harry Raymond, Monkey Cline, Jack Rowe, Parke such like stars, making up its team. Later on when Buck Ebright headed the flock, Freddy Barnes and Kid Spear were the cherished. Now Ducky Holmes is going to give the Lincoln fans the same sort of ball, He has the nucleus of a good team, raved from the wreck at St. Joseph, and with the players he has gathered up since ought to put together a band that will be a factor in the fight from the very start. At any have Sunday ball down there, and the good showing at this meet, with all the machances are that Holmes and his team terial at hand to draw from. Omaha made will be as popular as any that ever wore a Lincoln uniform.

Papa Bill is having his spring troubles. He has sent notice to the young men whose names are on the Rourke family rolls to report at Omaha on Monday morning, March 26, with side arms and rations for the summer, as he proposes to open hostilities that afternoon. He will conduct a camp of instruction for a few weeks, in connection with Major General Mike Kelley of Minneapolis, who commands the division of Millers from the Land of the Oles, and by the time April showers have produced May flowers Bill expects to take the warpath with as fine a bunch of braves as ever donned war paint and a gee string. But some of Bill's youngsters are balking, as boys will. They are dictating terms to the old man, and telling him what they are willing to do, in most cases setting their figures several notches above his. Sanders sent back his contract, unsigned, and without comment; Kelly Welch demands more money; Koukalik thinks the Chicago commons will be good enough for him if he doesn't get the raise he asks, and Bessey has an idea that he is worth a little more. Bill realizes that all this worry comes along with sassafras time and isn't losing any sleep over it, but kind of looks to see the boys all lined up on the morning of man all the money he asks if he makes good. The Bender deal is resting, as it is list will be large. Chief Zimmer's next move.

from on the schedule, although the days when guides are being printed are near at hand Almost every other league in the country has adopted its playing schedule, and the magnates of the Western bave been ready for weeks to take up the matter of fixing theirs. It doesn't amount to a great deal, for all the president has to do is to put in Lincoln where St. Joe was last season, change the dates, and let it go. He will probably get to it in the course of the month. The meeting is to be held at Des Moines when it does come off.

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The Young Men's Christian association has moved into its temporary quarters in the Omaha Commercial college building at Nineteenth and Farnam streets, where better gymnasium facilities will be found than in the old building, which was quite limited in that respect. The new building will be as the new college building. The baths are also ample and sufficient locker room is work on account of either baths or lockball will be transferred to these new quarright on through.

athletics will be made at Creighton uni- consin the whole athletic organization will his regrets if he was not placed nearer the versity next year. George Cavanagh, who the team of 1906. Mr. Cavanagh comes to supports not only itself, but every other Creighton as one of the staff of professors, branch of athletics at Wisconsin except and will, in connection with his work as professor, have charge of all athletics Heretofore a coach has been retained only during the foot ball season, and in consequence, track athletics and base ball have not received the attention which they merit where there is such a large number of students to draw from.

Mr. Cavanagh's work in track athletics and base ball while at Knox college, and later the brilliant record made on the gridfron while with the University of Colorado augur well for his ability to fulfill successfully his ne wposition at Creighton. Since leaving Colorado Mr. Cavanagh has been engaged in athletics at Central university, Pella, Ia., where he coached the most successful foot ball team ever turned out by that institution. He will be at Creighton at the opening of the school year in September, and university supporters are hope-

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for recreation. The club house has been just doubled in size, which will give just twice as much space in all departments. The members of the club are all anxiously awaiting the opening of the golf season. for this club will probably send as many men to the scratch in the Transmississippi as the Field club.

The directors and committee of the Omaha Field club are busy at work making active preparations for the coming of spring. The house sommittee has been holding meetings to decide on the stewards and other "help," and it is proposed to have everything in readiness for an early opening. To help out the golf committee the directors have decided to divide that committee into two sections, the golf green ommittee, which will have charge of the links and all golf grounds, and the golf sport and pastimes committee, which will have charge of all plays, matches and tournaments. Frank Hoel will continue as chairman of the golf greens committee, and Clarke Coit will be chairman of the golf sports and pastimes committee. Christie, the instructor, has developed the players at the Field club until they are able to hold their own with any in the country, except the most expert, and has made a Wilson, Henry O'Day, George Stafford and great advancement in the playing of all who have come under his tutelage. Ben White was in Chicago last week conferring with Mr. Christie, and the committee will pride of the flock, and their names are still hold a meeting this week, when he will probably be asked to return again this

Members of the Field club are most en-

thusiastic over the Transmississippi tournament and are anxiously awaiting the time when they may get on the green for rate, Lincoln looks good, even if they can't practice. Omaha should be able to make a a good showing at St. Louis with the few entries which went from here and should be able to make some of the cracks go some when they come to our own barnand this, of course, is a great loss, but the club will have to bear it and try to get for the new grounds. The old forty will although work will be resumed as early as possible in the spring on the new grounds. work, and it is now up to the directors to put on the finishing touches. Tennis interests are also actively at work preparing for the Middle West tennis tournament, which will also be held at the Omaha Field more and more each year to be recognized as a national event. Players come from lives, and no effort will be spared to make the 26th. He has made Kelly Welch a fair. Crack tennis players of national repucounter-proposition, that will get the young tation have already signified their intention of being present in August, and the entry

O'Neil has not yet been heard ing authorities complained of the absence sition in the National league today, and the business methods of the National Asso- to cut any ice in the National league." ciation of Amateur Oarsmen, the chief ruling body of the outside rowing clubs of America. The National association practically sells the location of its annual regatta to the highest bidder. Baltimore had before. Some of the college graduates express the opinion that it would be imposentirely different when it is completed for The tradesmen of these cities reap a golden table was subordinate to that of Senator temporary quarters. The directors were harvest through the annual aquatic exhibi- Frye. The speaker was very angry about very fortunate in finding as good a location tions of the colleges, and the opinion is ad- it. It required all of President McKinley's also provided, so Prof. Pentland, the physi- respective pockets and donate more. It is Senator Frye were together at the same cal director, will not be handicaped in his proposed that the railroads may be in- function was at the dinner to Prince Henry duced to give up a fair proportion of their ers. The games of the City league basket receipts, not alone from the sale of seats Roosevelt put Senator Frye on one side ters, and if all the teams will keep the natural revenues of transporting the spec- the other, both "equally distant" from dates assigned to them the league will go tators to and from the scene of the sport.

Grave fears are entertained that if foot A departure in the method of conducting ball is abolished at the University of Wis- bassadors were to be present and to send be disrupted by reason of the sudden cut- head of the table than any ambassador. played end on the University of Colorado ting off of the only source of revenue team in 1904, has been secured to coach which amounts to anything. Foot ball basket ball. For that reason, it is believed, basket ball will be the only game to survive if the fagulty sees fit to legislate against foot ball. There is a great deal of embarrassment at Wisconsin at present because coaches refuse to begin work unless they can be assured of their salary. The base ball management furthermore hesitates to make out schedules for fear that it cannot fulfill them.

-0-The new Princeton university field house is expected to be finished about April I. The walls of the old building have been leveled to the top of the first story and the brick work is nearly completed. carpenters have commenced on the interior erected. The cage for base ball practice. fire which destroyed the building, has been repaired and new skylights have been put in the roof.

Despite the fact that many new attractions have been offered to candidates for the Cornell track team in the way of special indoor meets and out-of-town trips, the enthusiasm in the line of sport at Cornell, as the college daily itself admits, is not what it should be.

Despite the expressed determination of Michigan students and alumni to retain Fielding H. Yost as foot ball coach at the Wolverine institution, a movement has been officially inaugurated by the Michigan senate, the governing body of Ann Arbor. to do away entirely with professional coaching and put the game under a graduate coach system. President Northrup at Minnesota has received a letter from the Michigan authorities calling attention to the attitude of the Wolverines and containing a copy of the resolutions recently passed by the Michigan senats, including not come up poor turnips." the rather startling recommendations in and was an excellent dancer, despite the regard to professional coaches. The resofact that he wore a wooden leg. ution, as adopted by the Michigan senate.

ful for a new era in athletics at their alma disproved of the recent professional coacl system, including the recent conference recommendation that the coaches must be The capacity of the Country club to en- members of the university faculties, and tertain has been doubled and all changes recommends that professional coaching will be complete by the time the members shall be done away with at the first opare ready to use the club house and portunity, namely, when the present coachgrounds in the spring. The club house ling contracts in the big nine can be fulhad become too small to accommodate the filled. Minnesota's action in regard to the members who wished to use it and the recommendation which will be proposed by directors decided something must be done the Michigan representative at the next to make room for the increasing num- meeting of the Angell conference has not bers which journeyed to this popular place yet been determined, but the majority of the Gopher council seem to be opposed to professional coaching, and it is likely that the Minnesota authorities will include the Michigan recommendation in the rather lengthy list of "reforms" by the Minnesota faculty. improbable, however, that the Gopher faculty authorities will attempt to evade the present contract with Dr. Williams, which calls for three years more of the doctor's service, and there is a general disposition to carry out the spirit of the contract.

> Andy Clunie's declaration in favor of outlaw base hall was the chief topic of conversation wherever players or fans assembled this week. It was such an unexpected bombshell that it created no end of excitement, especially among the players. If left to a vote of the players the Pacific Coast league would not remain long it organized base ball, which has always stood for modest salaries. The players were elated in no small measure when they learned of Clunie's attitude, and they one and all patted him on the back and exclaimed. "Good boy, Clunie." The players argued that as the Pacific Coast longue once got along without protection, it could again. They agreed with Clunie that it was easier for the clubs to secure new talent, and they said there was very little jumping until the Pacific National league butted in. The players allowed that independent base ball meant higher salaries for them, which would not be hard to take. With increased salaries, they thought, would follow better base bad and larger crowds, which would pay the club in the end. This was how the players took Clunie's new move. President Bert is known to favor organized base ball, but he would not be willing to submit the question to a vote if a sufficient number of the clubs demanded a change.

President "Tip" O'Neill of the Western engue is authority for the statement that some of the class A leaguers would be pleased to see this league sever its relations with organized base ball. "George yard. Gibson, the ground keeper, has left, Tebeaus and Howard Griffiths would leap ten feet in the air," said "lip," "if the Coast league deserted. At the last meetanother man who can superintend the ing of the association they wanted to quit, sprinklers and the lawn mowers. The club and if I had not argued with them all right made such extensive and permanent im- we would have had a war. The class A provements on the club house last season leaguers of the east are dead were on the that little money will have to be spent on majors and the little leagues, and they that this year, the only big outlay being would be delighted to see something happen out here. If this league went out, I would be used until after the tournament, wager a small bet that others would follow soon. I can't say that it would be a good thing for this league to desert, but it The goats have finished their share of the would have any number of sympathizers back east."

The recent meeting of the league magnates was one of the quietest in recent years, and, barring the Brush episode on club. This is an annual affair, always held the final day of the National league sesat the Field club courts, and is becoming sion, everything passed off pleasautly. Cne of the club owners, in referring to the joy the week's hospitality at the club. T. got off his little blast at romebody. forts to give all visitors the time of their and have come to regard him as a joke. We let him go on, and as we are dead the meet the best in the history of that af- against him we cast a 7 to 1 vote and then have the laugh on him. Time was when Brush could count on lining up at least two or three clubs with him on any proposition he advanced, no matter at whom it was directed, but that time is past, Not in many years have the college row- and now he stands alone. That's his poof funds as they are doing this season. the wonder is that he does not realize it. that Colonel Henderson seldom spoke of The great cry is: "Rowing crews cost so He no longer disturbs us, because we remuch. It is a constant pay out of funds, fuse to take him seriously. So far as the he was asked why he was stient on his with nothing coming in except from foot men identified with the league are con- army experience. He replied: ball, athletics or private contribution." cerned, there is a vast difference with the Again we hear that if Wisconsin should go Brush of five or ten years ago and the Brush to Poughkeepsie in June it will be the of today. Then we danced in attendance Badgers' last visit in some time. With an every time he cracked his whip. Today idea of creating some means of getting not a man in the organization would turn revenue for the maintenance of crews, sev- a hand to do him a favor. He's got to eral old-time 'varsity men are studying change his tactics if he ever again expects

Incidents in Life of Henderson

(Continued from Page Five.)

the call last season and St. Louis the year Mr. Henderson as speaker both he and Mr. Frye were invited to a state dinner in honor of the cabinet. After the banquet sible to make New London and Pough- the speaker called the president's personal keepsie pay more liberally than they do. attention to the fact that his seat at the vanced that the hotel men, flag makers, diplomacy to smooth him out. The only cafes and the like should dig down in their other time after that when the speaker and of Prussia at the White House. President on the observation cars, but also from the of, the table and Speaker Henderson on himself.

Another story had it that it was his custom to scrutinize dinner lists where am-

Stopped a Riot.

In the stormy days of the house of representatives, just before the adoption of the resolution precipitating the war with Spain, Colonel Henderson prevented a general riot on the floor. Partisan feeling was running very high and Representative Brumm of Pennsylvania and Representative Bartlett of Georgia became involved in a dispute and the lie was exchanged. Members began throwing copies of the Congressional Record at one another's heads and to strike out right and left with their fists, and one excited southerner drew a knife. There was a great rush of members into the space directly in front of the speaker's stand, which for the time being seemed transformed into a fighting

Suddenly Henderson came hopping down of the building and most of the frame the aisle on his crutch, and leaning himself work on the inside partition has been against the desk, he waved his crutch in the air and his voice rang out in a clarion which was only slightly damaged by the call for order. For the time he seemed to override even the power of Speaker Reed. "Members of the house of representatives," he shouted, "you forget where you are. Back to your seats!"

The command was effective. Members halted and dropped into convenient seats and in a few minutes Henderson's crutch had completely restored order where the gavel of Speaker Reed had apparently failed.

Much fun was always poked at Colonel Henderson by his confreres because of his reputation for distributing free seeds to his constituents. Once, when he was being ridiculed for his free seed fad, he calmly felt in his pocket and handed to his ridiculer a postal card, in a woman's hand. It read: "Dear Congressman Henderson John's influence can't be got with 15 cents worth of free seeds, but if you will send me a box of hairpins I will look out for him. (Signed) his wife." Another communication read: "Why not let up on seeds for a while and send jack-

Convenient for tourists. knives? In that case radish seeds would PREPARED BY Mr. Henderson was very fond of dancing

say that he was as light on his feet as Brush explosion, said last week: "It would if both of them were natural. To the wife afar to play in the tournament and to en- not seem like a league meeting unless John of a well known congressman, who was once waltzing with him and suggested that The golfers will also make strenuous ef- But we are used to that sort of thing now they should "reverse," the colonel explained that there were reasons for not

acceding to her request, adding:

"I have not reversed, madam, since the civil war." His partner had not the slightest idea that the colonel was maimed, and failed to understand why he had not "reversed" since the civil war until she had been en

lightened by one of his old friends. It was a matter of frequent comment his war record in his campaigns. Once

"My record is the record of thousands of the boys. My experience was that of every man who went to the front and got hurt. It was not worth the ink and paper which would be used to print it. When a candidate begins on his war record he is at the parting of the ways. He makes a common thing out of that which I hold as too honorable a thing to bring into a political campaign. And, after all, the boys who went to the front in 1861 only did their duty and there were so many of them that a man had to do something extraordinary to bring his head up above the others, and

I did not do anything extraordinary." Few figures in the latter day history of the American nation have possessed more rugged and sturdy attributes than David Bremner Henderson. Though born in bonnie Scotland, he was raised in the log cabin of a western ploneer, was an ardent lover of fishing and hunting, the champion wrestler of his community and a vigorous orator, valiant warrior on the field of battle and lastly one of the most picturesque personages that ever wielded the gavel in the lower house of congress.

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