

SPORTING GOSSIP OF WEEK

Western League Magnates Satisfied with President O'Neil.

SOME MATTERS BACK OF THE LATE WAR

Anxiety of Tebeau and Cantillon to Get Hold of the Valuable Omaha Franchise Too Apparent at Present.

Let's reason this thing a little. The magnates of the Western league have decided that Norris O'Neil is a good enough president for the league. They profess to believe that if he will attend to business a little closer, that the affairs of the league will be administered successfully, and that each team will get all that is coming to it. This being the decision of the magnates, it must satisfy the public, for the magnates own the league. All the public can ask is that the ball games be played fairly, without rowdiness, and that competent umpires be secured. Poor umpiring is the bane of ball playing, for nothing discourages a loyal bug like had judgment on the part of the man whose decisions make or mar a game. As to the private business of the league, the public is not concerned with that.

In regard to the attitude of W. A. Rourke owner of the Omaha team and storm center of the late row he has accepted the decision of his business partners and has said not a word concerning the outcome of the meeting, or, rather, conference in Omaha last Saturday. The papers throughout the circuit, except in Omaha, have all had expressions from the other magnates, some of them favorable, some unfavorable, to Mr. Rourke, but he has kept his own counsel, and will wait. The other members of the league are cognizant of the facts he presented. If they are content, he must acquiesce. That's all there is to that. It is pleasant to recall some things in this connection, though, all connected with the Western league.

First, Rourke is the only owner now connected with the Western league who was with it when it started in 1900. Each of the others has found interests elsewhere and allowed the Western to drift. Rourke alone has been loyal to it all the time. In 1902, when Tebeau, Hickey, Lennon and Deall were framing up the deal to disrupt the Western and establish the American association, Rourke was offered

a franchise for Omaha in the new league. Had he gone into the deal the Western league would have been over with then and there. At this time Rourke stood with Packard of Denver, Van Brunt of St. Joseph and Burns of Colorado Springs. It turns out that Packard was simply representing Tebeau, and did not own the team of franchise. At no time has Rourke, publicly or privately, advocated the dropping of the Colorado teams. Two years ago, when every team that went west lost money on the trip, Rourke demanded that a change be made that would give him at least his expenses for going to Denver and Colorado Springs. When Burns laid down at Colorado Springs last season, Rourke and Mike Cantillon made the arrangements for the team at Pueblo. All these things are known to the men in connection with base ball.

In the recent trouble Mr. Rourke did not say he would break up the Western league; he did say that he would close his gates and disband his team before he would permit on his grounds another such exhibition as was furnished by Cantillon and Doyle, over which the trouble started, and he did say he would withdraw from the league unless some relief from the conditions complained of was furnished. The Omaha franchise in the Western league is worth all of \$15,000, and Rourke is not foolish enough to throw this away just to gratify a bit of pique or personal spite. He is a base ball man solely, and knows that he must be in a well organized, properly governed league to prosper. It is unfair to him to hold him responsible for statements made by newspaper correspondents. Since the meeting of the magnates here last Saturday he has positively refused to give any publication, and all statements sent out as coming from him are manufactured. He is satisfied to abide by the will of the majority of the Western league owners, who are his business partners and associates. What he wants is good play and proper conduct on the field.

Back of all this is the all-pervading hand of the American league. Rourke is getting to be too big a figure in the base ball world to ignore some of the men who are directing the destinies of the game. If he were identified with the Comiskey crowd, things would be all right. But he isn't. He is allied with the National league, and has been at all times. He was close to Tebeau, Hickey, Lennon and Deall, and has been in the communication with the American league magnates have always been friendly, but never confidential. The American association is divided into two camps, and Rourke is in sympathy with one of them. This happens to be the Tebeau-Grillo. Ever against this trip stands Tebeau-Lennon-Hickey-Comiskey is interested with the Cantillon, and this brings the connection just a little more plainly into view. Tebeau cannot afford to let Rourke get the upper hand in Western league affairs, for this will weaken the position of the league by outsiders. Tebeau and Cantillon, and through these Comiskey, now dominate the Western. Rourke is a minority member. They do not want him in base ball, but he owns the franchise in the best town in the Western, and one of the best towns in the country. They will drive him out of base ball, a franchise worth anywhere up to \$15,000 will fall into their hands. The rest is easy. If you want to know how easy, just recall the fact that in 1902, when he was sure that the Western league was broken up, because he was helping to wreck it, Tebeau, Hickey, Lennon and Billy Hulen in selling to Tommy Burns the franchise for Colorado Springs, receiving \$4,000, and Burns didn't even get a bat bag to show for his money. What would Tebeau, Cantillon and Comiskey do if they had the Omaha franchise to dispose of? Norris O'Neil can't be a man in view to take the Omaha club any time Rourke gives it up. That's nothing. Rourke has been offered a fine price a number of times by Omaha parties, and any time he wants to sell out there are at least three men in Omaha who will take the franchise off his hands. No wonder this crowd wants to drive Papa Bill out of Omaha. It is a little the best thing in the base ball field just at present. It's well to keep these things in mind when discussing Western league affairs.

The yachtsmen of Lake Manawa have been a little slow this spring in getting started with their racing and warming-up events, because of the changes in the boat house, which have required considerable time and attention from the members. The best sailer, and the one to who are best sailed, and this has been the case, has been the one that has been carried off. The changes at the club house have made a great hit with the members, who now have vastly better accommodations and more room of all kinds. Several new cottages have been built at the lake this spring. One of these belonging to Gould Dietz, was a little beauty until the cyclone carried it away. Mr. Dietz had bought the bungalow at the lumbermen's convention in Omaha last fall and had it rebuilt at Manawa and a couple of cottages of lumber added. The wind struck it and all that remained was a kindling pile. Mr. Dietz was not to be dismayed, so he has built larger and better than before and now has a splendid place for the entertainment of his friends when he spins from Omaha in his speedy auto. "Flashing" has also been good, just as at Cut-off, and his splendid strings of crappies have been caught.

Omaha stands right in line for some running meets and a little pushing on the part of local promoters could bring these meets about. The California track and betting has almost killed the game at Kansas City and St. Louis, so the opening is ripe for a meet in this city. Plenty of horses could be had and the interest is here, the track is available and all that is needed is a recreation and betting deal. Successful meets have been held off in this city and more can be if they are promoted in the right way. The trotting horse men have about given up the idea of doing anything in that line because the owners refuse to give a lease for more than one year, and they say it would not pay to fix up the grand stand and barns for one season.

The tennis men of the city have been quite active during the last week, and a team has been chosen to go to Sioux City for an intercity match between the teams of Omaha and that town. All of the courts have been put to the best of use during the last week, especially at the Field club, where more players are engaged in the game of tennis as a recreation and exercise than ever before. The seven courts are kept in perfect condition, which makes it a pleasure for the experts to work at the game. The date of the city championship has not been set, although it will come before the middle of next year. The committee is already in receipt of letters from players of note saying they will be present.

Golfers at the Field and Country clubs are all keyed up over the approach of the time for the Transmississippi tournament, which will be held on the Field club links June 20th, inclusive. More men are expected to be playing at both these clubs than ever before, and the players are all more expert than at this time last year. Each club has its crack, from whom much will be expected at the coming meet. Sprague Abbott, the scratch man and handicapper at the Country club, is looked upon by his

diplomats as about the fastest player in the west. The Field club has an applicant for championship honors in every man who has been going since this spring, having had the best course record, amateur or professional. Large numbers will enter from both clubs to help the good cause along, and some fast and pretty golf may be looked for.

The anglers were out in force last week. From early morn until after the curfew rang those who "love to steal a while away" hid themselves to the banks of Cut Off lake and fished and fished. Although the old world has been new, new ideas in fishing have been advanced every day, new fishing in this, that and the other thing, fishing is just about the same today as it was in the so-called "good old days" before the rate bill went to the senate and before voting machines were introduced. Fishing just means fishing, in ingenuity has not devised anything which will successfully take the place of getting a spade and going out and digging bait—that is, nothing "quite so good." Then to just amble along to the lake with a sack of "smoking" worms and a fish and fish and fish! The song says that "fishing depends on the kind of bait," and that is true in most instances. The fishermen of Omaha have long desired some of the comports which go along with fishing, and to that end have joined the Omaha Rod and Gun club, which will soon be ensconced in its new club house. Memorial day saw the old lake lined with anglers trying for the finny beauties with which the lake is well stocked. Since the conviction of some of the poachers the seniors have been stopping operations on the lake, and Omaha, by the aid of the fish commissioner, will soon have as good fishing as any community.

The Nash party, consisting of F. A. Nash, W. W. and E. M. Morsman, Casper E. Yost, C. W. Lyman and Sandy Grisold, returned Wednesday from a five-day wrestle with the muskies of northern Wisconsin. Mr. Nash made the biggest catch of the trip, but he failed to land the beauty, which must have weighed over thirty pounds. He broke the rod and smashed the box and got away. Numerous muscallees, black bass and walleye pike were hooked and a general good time was had by all the party. Another party consisting of Ed. Palmer, Fred Schamel, Charles Dyball and Mr. W. Murphy in Chicago. The communications with the American league magnates have always been friendly, but never confidential. The American association is divided into two camps, and Rourke is in sympathy with one of them. This happens to be the Tebeau-Grillo. Ever against this trip stands Tebeau-Lennon-Hickey-Comiskey is interested with the Cantillon, and this brings the connection just a little more plainly into view. Tebeau cannot afford to let Rourke get the upper hand in Western league affairs, for this will weaken the position of the league by outsiders. Tebeau and Cantillon, and through these Comiskey, now dominate the Western. Rourke is a minority member. They do not want him in base ball, but he owns the franchise in the best town in the Western, and one of the best towns in the country. They will drive him out of base ball, a franchise worth anywhere up to \$15,000 will fall into their hands. The rest is easy. If you want to know how easy, just recall the fact that in 1902, when he was sure that the Western league was broken up, because he was helping to wreck it, Tebeau, Hickey, Lennon and Billy Hulen in selling to Tommy Burns the franchise for Colorado Springs, receiving \$4,000, and Burns didn't even get a bat bag to show for his money. What would Tebeau, Cantillon and Comiskey do if they had the Omaha franchise to dispose of? Norris O'Neil can't be a man in view to take the Omaha club any time Rourke gives it up. That's nothing. Rourke has been offered a fine price a number of times by Omaha parties, and any time he wants to sell out there are at least three men in Omaha who will take the franchise off his hands. No wonder this crowd wants to drive Papa Bill out of Omaha. It is a little the best thing in the base ball field just at present. It's well to keep these things in mind when discussing Western league affairs.

An international horse show to be held in the Olympic building, London, during the latter part of May or the first week in June of next year is pretty nearly assured. Exhibitors are expected from America, England, Canada, France, Spain, Italy, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Hungary and other countries. It will be the first event of its kind held in the promoters of the project are sanguine of its success. Upon rare occasions British exhibitors have sent entries to the National Horse Show at Madison Square, among them being Alfred A. Haley Witowall, Walter Yorkshire, whose hackneys last year won many ribbons, but Americans have never braved the long ocean voyage to contest with the English exhibitors in London. The proposition to hold an international horse show in London was made to the English Hackney Horse society by the assistant Secretary James T. Hyde of the National Horse Show association, and a deal of correspondence has followed. Frederick Euron, secretary of the English Hackney Horse society, the leading equine association in England, took up the proposition and enlisted the aid and support of the society, whose prominence, who held a meeting in London recently and formed a committee to arrange all the details of the proposed exhibition. It was expected that Mr. Hyde would attend the meeting, but he was unable to do so. Mr. Euron represented the National Horse Show association of America. Several of those whose names have been mentioned are likely to send entries are Alfred Wynne Vanderbilt of Oakland Farms, Newport, R. I.; Reginald Vanderbilt of Sandy Point Farm, South Portsmouth, L. I.; James Hobart Moore of Chicago; and George F. Plymouth Hackney stud, Forge Farm, Chiltonville, Mass.; Mr. John Gerken, J. Campbell Thompson, Jay P. Carlisle, John William H. Moore and Harry Payne White of New York; A. J. Casaat, E. T. Stotesbury and Mitchell Harrison, Chestnut Hill Stock Farm, Philadelphia.

In a match recently played in Hampden park, Glasgow, between England and Scotland under "seccor" rules the attendance reached the enormous total of 150,000 spectators pouring into the grounds at the rate of 1,000 a minute. Two hundred policemen were on duty, but the vast assembly was as orderly as a quaker meeting. In the final match for the English association cup, in Sydenham, London, between Everton (Liverpool) and Newcastle United, nearly 50,000 spectators were present. About 20,000 went by special train from the north. Everton won by 1 goal to 0. The goal in this match it was noted how the Crystal Palace caterers provided for the crowd. They had 70,000 loaves of bread, 20,000 pounds of butter, 1,200 sandwiches loaves of eight pounds each, 1,800 five pound loaves, 10,000 loaves, 20,000 scones, 3,000 pines, 300 gallons of milk, 100 rumps of beef, seventy-five loaves of mutton, 12,000 pounds of potatoes, 200 fowls and 100 barrels of beer. Large as the crowd was, it lacked 20,000 of the "gate" taken at the final game, in 1901.

It will not take a very clever seer to predict that the foot ball next fall will be modeled on the example set by the best eastern colleges. Although it was said at the meeting of the American Intercollegiate Foot Ball Rules committee at the Murray Hill hotel in Princeton, N. J., that the game of football should be taken with a grain of salt, for if one were between the lines it is easy to see that such will probably be the case. Not only is this quite sure to prove true, but Walter Camp probably will also be as much in predominance of the gridiron situation as in former years. The best of the reference lies in the fact that out of all the subdivisions of the country New England was the only section to report progress in the reform movement, and a section was formed to be definitely termed the Middle Atlantic Sectional committee. On this committee will be Prof. J. B. Fine of Princeton, John Minds of Pennsylvania, F. H. Lyle of Cornell and James A. Babbitt of Haverford, acting secretary. It may be noted that a Yale representative is lacking, but Walter Camp has already been empowered to meet with every sectional committee in the country to aid in the interpretation of the various points that will come up.

The legislators at the Murray Hill conference, after a long discussion, made several amendments to the report and finally adopted it unanimously in the form of recommendations for the final organization work of the middle Atlantic sectional committee. The meeting adjourned after the submitting of lists of officials by the various representatives for consideration. Managers or representatives were present from Cornell, Yale, Princeton, Syracuse, Union, New York university, Rutgers and West Point, the principal institutions of New York and New Jersey. The College of the City of New York promised to send a representative, but failed, and no word was received from Columbia. The following recommendations were adopted: That a list of officials be adopted by the middle Atlantic sectional committee, in conjunction with suggestions of the various colleges concerned, which shall include an official and one with the title of secretary, and that these shall be subject to final endorsement by the committee. That the names on the official list, except those receiving most favorable letters from all quarters and he is authority for the statement that the attendance will be the largest ever.

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GOLF TOURNEY AT FIELD CLUB

Preparations for Transmississippi Annual Event Are Made.

LARGE ATTENDANCE IS LOOKED FOR

Secretary Leavitt Receives Many Encouraging Letters from Clubs Belonging to the Association Concerning Tourney.

The prizes have arrived and are being engraved for the Transmississippi Golf association tournament, which will be held at the Field club grounds June 20, 21, 22 and 23. This is the sixth annual tournament since the formation of this association and bids fair to be the banner in the history of the institution. Secretary Leavitt is receiving most favorable letters from all quarters and he is authority for the statement that the attendance will be the largest ever.

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Test of American Nerve. A couple of our American tourists were making a hurried tour through India, and darkness had overtaken them in the forest before they could get home. They both knew of a little hut not far away in which they could get shelter. On retiring, the younger of the two men drew the blanket not over his whole body, but across his lower limbs. He was awakened in the night and noticed that the blanket on the lower part of his legs felt strangely heavy. He noticed a peculiar smell, like the odor of raw potatoes, which the cobra gives out. It was a cobra, sure enough. He watched very closely, not moving a muscle. The object slowly rose to view before him and he saw from under the blanket across his ankles. One glance was enough; it was a particularly ugly specimen of the cobra, the most dreaded serpent of all India. A bite from this reptile is the death warrant of the victim as assuredly as if he were smitten by a bolt of lightning from heaven. Our friend well knew that the least movement would have brought the fangs into some part of his body. Something must be done. He dared not call his friend for fear the sound would attract the snake. He would have to manage the snake himself. All at once a strange idea struck him. He had heard the serpent chatter him. He had witnessed the wonderful manner in which they governed the serpents by their monotonous reed music. Could he not do something in this line? So faintly that his voice scarcely broke the oppressive stillness, he began a low humming which at first was like the soft music of the wind harp. The head of the serpent began to sway from side to side and back and forth, as though the noise irritated him. The first encouragement was given when he perceived that the cobra in its rude way was swinging its head in accord with the sound of the humming sounds. The music was producing its effect and it was "keeping time." As the music continued the snake slowly crept away from him to the door. It did not leave the hut, but, coiling and uncoiling, raising and lowering its head, it showed that it was pleased by the low, monotonous music which came from between the lips of the boy whose eyes were fixed on the strange visitor. The young man began moving his right hand toward his hip pocket. The snake offered no objection, seemingly now wholly occupied with his enjoyment of the strange entertainment. At this instant the young man freed his hand he pointed with an arm as right as iron at the hooded head and held it thus until he could make sure of his aim. He continued humming and the head gently uncoiled in curious fashion, once going as near the door that the boy was sure he meant to leave. But no, when near the door he moved back again until he reached the same spot on the blanket he was occupying when discovered, where he paused a moment and reared his head higher than before. 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