

Golf and Tennis Tournaments and Omaha's Out-Door Clubs



KREIGH COLLINS IN ACTION—HE IS MEETING VALLERY WITH BACKHAND RETURN.



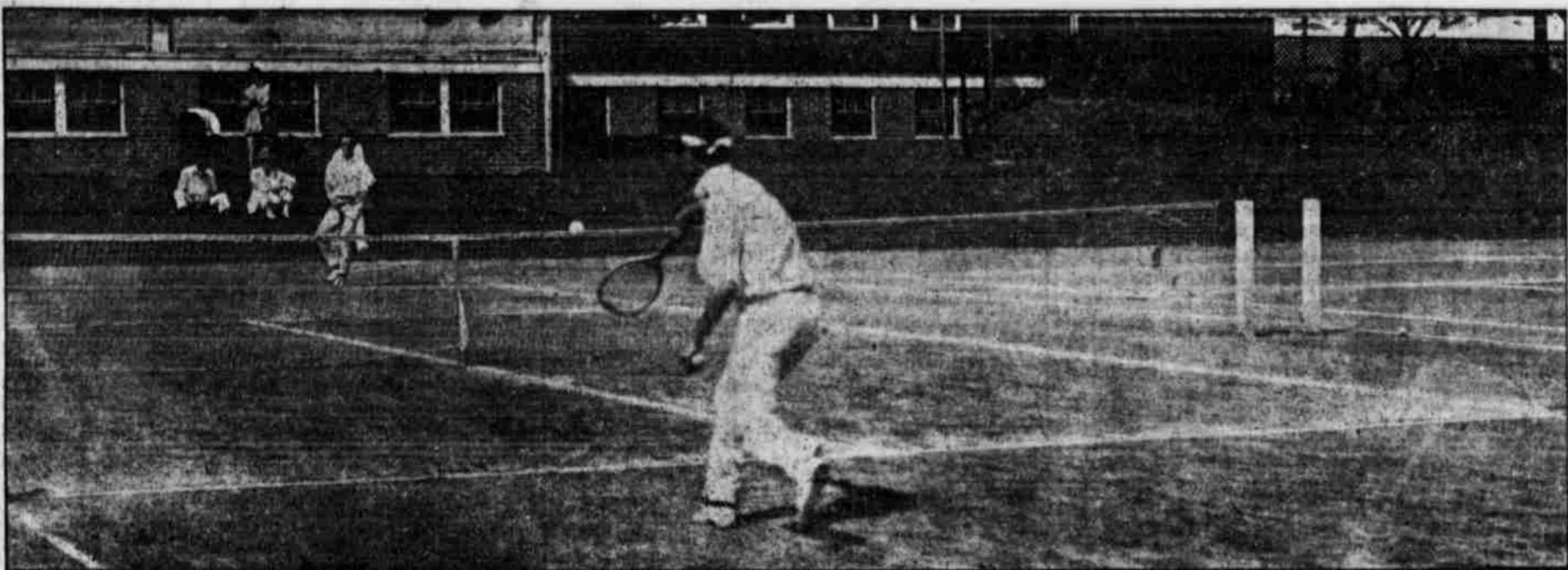
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HUGHES RETURNING BALL LOW OVER NET.

OMAHA has made a reputation for itself in the last two weeks as being about the finest place on the map for the holding of amateur sporting tournaments. Two most successful meets have been held in Omaha during that time and both were pronounced by all the visitors as just about right. One thing is certain, and that is that Omaha has two as fine outdoor clubs as can be found anywhere in the whole country. Each of these has a full membership list and there is considerable talk of forming a new club to take care of the overflow, for there is a large waiting list at each club. The Middle West tennis tournament and the Nebraska Golf association tournaments are things of the past and the players are already beginning to talk of the tournaments for next year.

Nebraska Golf Tourney.

The second annual tournament of the Nebraska Golf association was held at the Country club a week ago and was a pronounced success, although the real feature of the meet was the hard pounding of the sun's rays on the links. The first tournament of this association was held last year at the Omaha Field club, at which time the organization was made permanent and officers elected for this year. The association was fortunate in having P. J. Hoel of this city for its secretary, for no one could have performed the task set before him in better shape than he did. Not satisfied with running the tournament on conventional lines, Mr. Hoel spent sleepless nights in framing new forms of games and entertainments. His fertile brain alone was responsible for the swiftest which made such a hit. This was something new and was decidedly popular. It also had the effect of forming a good plan of amusement for those who were not fast enough to get into the leading flights. The plan carried all of these good fellows round the links at the same time and was the only game in which the gallery was allowed to speak above a whisper. None of these players was too nervous to have the gallery follow and the players themselves made a fair sized gallery.

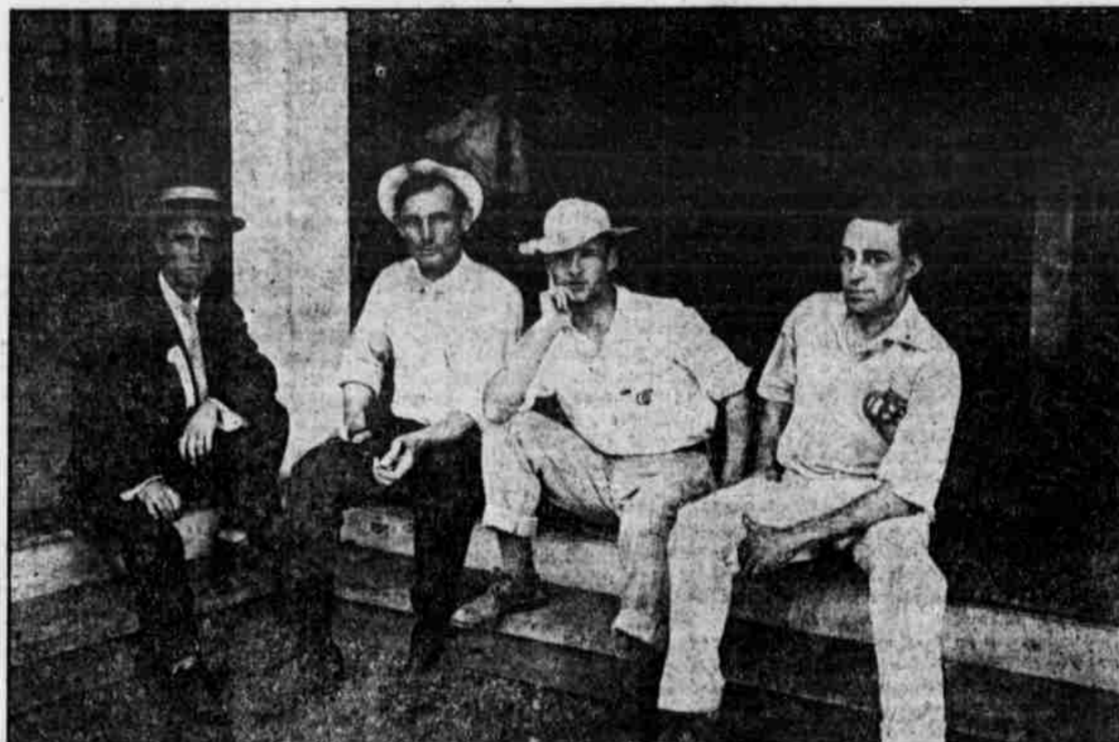
The blind bogey match also furnished plenty of amusement, for none knew within eighteen points what bogey was to be, for bogey was drawn from a hat with numbers from 8 to 9 to draw from. The blind bogey match was won by Cornutt of Nebraska City, while W. H. Cowgill of Holdrege was the runner up. Mr. Cowgill prizes the little silver knife he won as one of his most valuable assets. This game was more of a amusing contest than a golf match, and still it furnished plenty of fun. The players were allowed to name the handicaps they wanted and the distance some of these came from the flag was amusing.

Handicapping Well Done.

The handicap event was also well handled by Mr. Hoel, as he took this opportunity to see that the visitors, who have less chance to practice than the Omaha men,



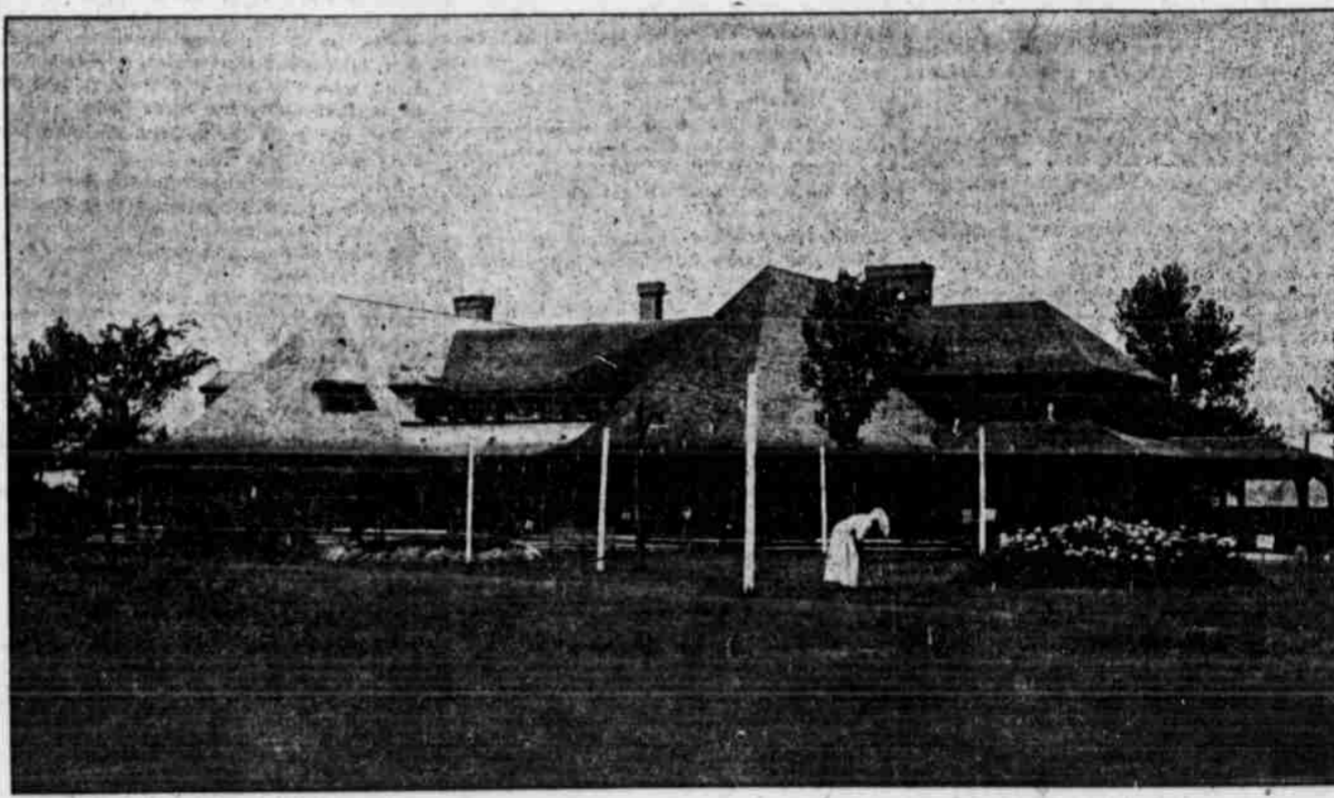
BLATHERWICK SERVING IN A PRACTICE GAME OF DOUBLES



McConnell, Young, Wood, Kahn. LOCAL COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF THE MID-WEST TENNIS TOURNEY.



ONE OF THE CONTESTANTS AND THE CADDIES.



OMAHA COUNTRY CLUB AND ITS LAWN.

were given sufficient handicaps that they took home the prizes in this event. The extreme heat kept the teams from out of the city from staying over to the team match which was scheduled for Saturday afternoon. By that time most of the players were burned out of recognition. The president himself was so burned up from the first day's play that he had to have his arms done up in bandages during the last part of the tournament. A woman's putting contest was added as something a little out of the ordinary for a man's tournament. This was much better attended than was expected and the fine course for putting was put to good use. Although all the wise ones picked Mrs. Sprague as the winner, because she was the best golf player, she was put out in the first round and Miss Bell Kimball won the contest.

The Country club links were in perfect condition for the tournament and no pains had been spared to make these fast. They were the talk of the tournament as well as the pride of the Country club. No expense had been spared to make these fast and to have the greens smooth and level. The blue grass had just enough clover mixed in to make a fine mat.

Abbott Wins on Form.

Sprague Abbott won the state championship, just as he had been touted to do by the wise boys. Magee gave him the fight of his life and looked for a time as if he might win from the big fellow, but when the last nine holes were on Abbott's superiority at short work began to tell, and he carried away the honors. Magee, a thorough athlete, is better than Abbott on long play, but the steady work which Abbott always gets in on his approaches and on the greens is a hard handicap for anyone to overcome. It looks as if Abbott is able to approach near the cup from almost any distance or from almost any kind of difficulty. Both being farmers, they were a little out of practice, although Magee came in with the low score in the qualifying round and was the only player at the tournament to take two prizes, that for low medal score and as a runner-up in the championship. The winners and the prizes in the tournament were:

- Amateur Championship—Sprague Abbott, Country club, winner; loving cup.
- Country club, runner-up; cigar jar.
- Consolation Match—E. H. Sprague, Country club, winner; traveling roll.
- Medal Handicap—O. J. Redick, Country club, winner; set of razors.
- Directors' Prize—E. M. Morstan, Country club, runner-up; meerschaum pipe.
- Low Score, Qualifying Round—Jerome Magee, Country club, winner; medal.
- Medal Handicap—Tom Hufford, Holdrege, winner; cut glass whiskey set.
- Medal Handicap—O. J. Redick, Nebraska City, runner-up; decanter.
- Blind Bogey Handicap—W. S. Cornutt, Nebraska City, winner; flask.
- Blind Bogey Handicap—W. H. Cowgill, Holdrege, runner-up; silver knife.
- Blind Bogey Handicap—E. W. Arthur, Field club, third; golf balls.
- Swiftest First Flight—J. L. Turner, Links.

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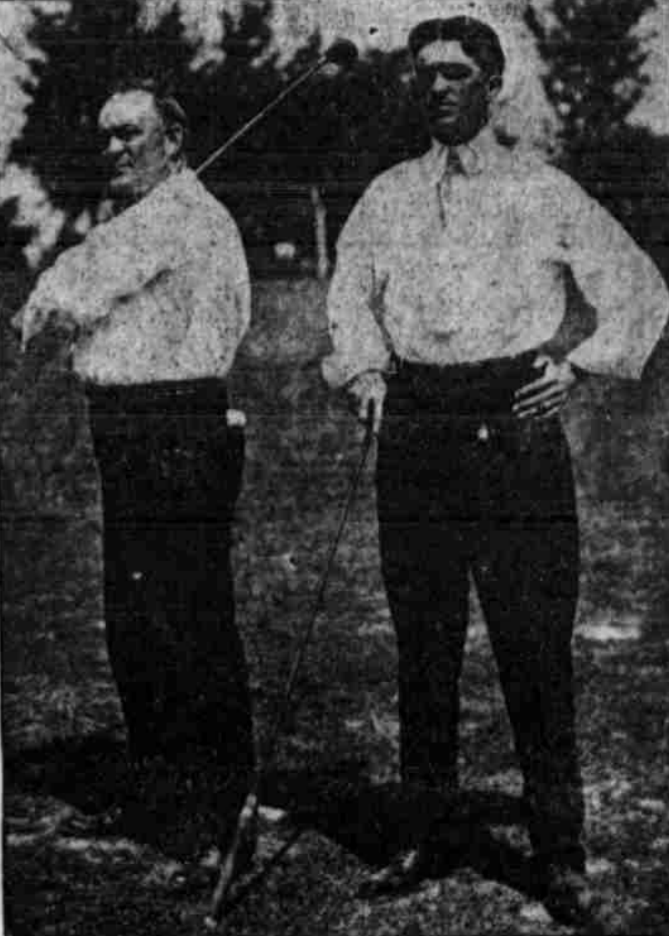
ABBOTT AND KINSELER.



DR. SUMNEY.



A. I. REED AND JEROME MAGEE.



SMITH AND BRAUSANG.