Home of the Omaha Rod and Gun Club and Its Pleasant Adjuncts



AN EVENING ON THE LAKE.

it has grown and grown until it now has Brown nearly as many members as the most popclub which would in time have strength

AHORS, bathers, tennis players, passed. The club is now a really potent campers, fishermen and lovers factor in social lift as well.

of out-door life find something The officers of the Omaha Rod and Gun to their liking at the grounds club for this year are; John A. Scott, pres- now moved their boats to Cut-off lake of the Omaha Rod and Gun ident; William S. Sheldon, vice president; club. This infant in the club A. F. Bloom, secretary; A. P. Whitmore, life of Omaha has taken a new lease of treasurer; board of directors, J. J. Davey. The list of large yachts and their ownlife this year, and is forging shead, so that O. F. Drefold, Dr. J. B. Fickes, E. O. ers includes: Omaha, F. Lundstrom and in a short time it will have passed beyond Furen, F. L. Goodrich, W. A. Jones and J. V. Refregier; Iole, Russell Fisher, R. the fondest dreams of its founders. Started T. H. Welrich; house secretary, James S. Parker, T. D. Braden and J. Gorham; three years ago with a modest beginning, Oakley; custodian and game warden, Frank Trio, A C. Hartman and Thomas Gib-

ular clubs of the west. The original idea use, a couple of members decided that it Alice, J. W. Gilmore and D. Clark, Anita, of the founders of the club was to form a would be a fine stunt to build a cottage Charles G. Sutter. on the lakeside. The Bloom boys and the enough to protect the fish in the waters Drefold boys built a cottage of one large miles of clear water. No matter from of Cut-Off lake and at the same time give room with fireplace and leanto for a which direction the wind may blow, the the fishermen a place to keep their para- kitchen. A broad veranda affords ample satior may find plenty of room for a phernalia. This goal has been reached and lounging room and places for hammocks, long sail. Nebraska is noted for its



CANORING IS ALWAYS POPULAR

tire year. Among the cottagers now on ing there is a splendid breeze blowing lake each spring, causing considerable songs. To the right is the lake, with its of keeping down the expenses. This year the grounds of the Omaha Rod and Gun across the lake which serves several pur- worry to the fishermen. The gar and wharves and extensive array of all sorts of a new plan was decided upon, the club was club are: J. J. Davey, S. Refregier, Charles poses. It blows away the mosquitoes, other scavenger fish run in from the boats. Sallboats, canoes and incorporated and the officers are compelled Sutter, A. P. Whitmore, J. F. Emmert, A. cools the cottagers who may have been river and would soon do away with the power boats are always present in pro- to keep complete books and to keep them T. Elmer, William Sheppard, T. H. Wei- spending the day on the hot pavements game fish by eating the spawn. Game fusion, but the skilled clubmen easily steer up to date. A house secretary was enrich, H. Wesin, H. D. Campbell W. D. of the city and gives ample power for fish would also run out of the lake. Craighead, George T. Lindley, John Mei- the boats. Sailing vessels do not monop- Both these migrations are stopped each ien, A. DeLanney, J. W. Gilmore, W. J. olize all the surface of the water, for spring by the club members placing a Hughes, C. E. Hughes, S. S. Hamilton, A. Nielsen, Paul Epeneter, Henry Ruckel, E. J. Hatch, Alfred Morris, M. Lottus, Warren Switzler, C. E. Miller, C. W. Miller, Byron Hart, Roy Harberg, John Sorenson, W. Sorenson, L. L. McKenzie, H. r. and O. F. Drefold and J. R. and A. F. Bloom. So popular has the club become that many of the Omaha lovers of the great sport of yachting who formely journeyed

across the river to Lake Manawa have and have joined the happy colony of sportsmen on this side of the river. bons; Baltic, A. Wyman; Owl, S. Re-After the first small clubhouse was in fregier; Anna Belle, A. H. Ellis; Mary

The lake is ideal for yachting with its

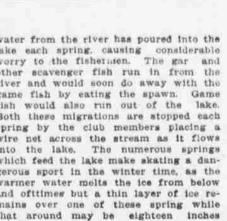
and the boys reside here nearly the en- cooling breezes at night and every even- water from the river has poured into the join in singing some of the old, familiar club were run rather loosely, with the idea the club members own about thirty wire net across the stream as it flows canoes, which are put to daily use, into the lake, Canoes not only furnish an opportunity which feed the lake make skating a danto get into the open air, but also provide gerous sport in the winter time, as the ample exercise while enjoying that free warmer water melts the ice from below air. The flat-bottomed skiff and the and offtimes but a thin layer of ice reclinker-built rowboat are common and mains over one of these spring while wrought a most comfortable abode. the motor boat is becoming a numerous that around may be eighteen inches factor among the craft. Among the thick. motor boat owners who have boathouses The grounds and club house of the Omaha along the lake front are: Dr. J. B. Rod and Gun club are now most accessible, side at the lake, and several have closed a large weed cutter for keeping down the Fickes, J. Youngs, J. F. Goerne, C. E. as the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Rail- their homes in the city for the summer and Miller, D. F. Corte, F. C. Martin and J. way company has completed a new line to have moved, bag and baggage, to the lake. R. Hill. The long axpanse of water fur- the entrance. The club house is situated Two Japanese cooks are among the attrac-

> over the water. and to arrest any persons caught using life during the hot days of summer. seines in violation of the state laws. now, under the watchfulness of Game tagers congregate in the evening and listen nights have been extremely cold. Warden Frank Brown, the life of the to the music by the Juvenile orchestra or During prior years the affairs of the poacher is one fraught with great danger. Brown has a habit of never sleeping, and the selners have learned that it is not wise to try to pull their nets at any hour of the day or night, for Brown is sure to drop upon them with the strong arm of the law on his side and seines and men and boys are taken Nebraska. Deputy State Fish Commis-

into custody to answer to the laws of sioner O'Brien has taken a most active interest in Cut-off lake and each year he has planted thousands and thousands of bass and perch and crappies, until the lake now has the reputation of being one of the best fishing lakes in the west. It is no uncommon occurrence for five and six-pound bass to be caught, and the strings of crapple which were taken out this spring would have med fishermen at many northern and noted lakes look with envy. For years the fishermen of Omaha have been journeying to distant lakes in search of fish, but they have now learned they can get just as good fishing at their own door without the trouble of a long ride on a railroad train. Fish Commissioner O'Brien has prom-

ised the club that as long as the members show an inclination to protect the fish of the lake he will keep it supplied with the best of game fish. Not only have frys and small fish been placed in the lake, but on several occasions when it has been found necessary to drain larger lakes in the state the large game fish have been brought to Cut-off lake. With these sources of supply the fish have been increasing at a rapid rate and large catches are the rule when the intelligent fisherman tries for a good string.

Cut-off lake is fed by numerous and large springs which keep the water fresh the year around. For many years the



where there is ample room for all.

TUB RACE IS GREAT FUN.

Beyond the club house one comes upon the long row of cottages. No two are built alike. Some are most pretentious and some were built by the unskilled hands of office boys who knew little of the use of the saw and chisel, but in spite of that have

The first residents of the new city were groups of boys who did their own cooking, but it is different now. Entire familles renishes a fine surface for the use of these just west of the enclosure of Courtland tions of which the visitor is told on his trip power boats, which glide at a rapid gait Beach and the grounds are on the east and over the grounds. Back of the long row of south shore of the lake. Large cottonwood cottages stands the tented city. Some of covered by the machine. From its inception the club has made trees furnish ample shade and make an the cottages are models of comfort and its utmost endeavor to protect the fish ideal spot for a camp. The thirty cottagers have been designed with skill which officers of the club haul many leads of at Cut-off lake. One of the first moves and their families are not the only residents shows experience in camping life. One has clean sand onto the ice. When the ice of the new club, even when its re- of the club grounds, for there is a regular the fireplace in the center of the room, with melts this settles into the lake and forms sources were small, was to provide a tented city of those who have not as yet the kitchen to one side and the den on the a fine bathing beach, which is used by the deputy game warden to patrol the lake built their houses or who prefer the tent other. It is so situated that a large group dwellers at the club and by club members. may gather around the glowing embers. A tennis court has been added to the assets Entering the grounds one first comes These same fireplaces have been most wel- of the club. Tennis players can enjoy the Many convictions have been had, and upon the large club house, where the cot- come so far this season, as many of the game to the fullest extent until toward

the boats into the clear water beyond, gaged, whose duty it is to be on hand to keep the members informed as to what are their rights. Between the house secretary and the custodian and game warden, the affairs of the club are kept running most smoothly. Al Bloom, as secretary, is most thorough in his work and President John A. Scott, an ardent lover of the outdoor life, looks after the affairs of the

club with a fatherly eye. Weeds are quits a source of nuisance at times at the lake, but Swift & Co. have weeds in that part of the lake where the company wishes to harvest ice. Arrangements have been made with the company whereby the cutter is worked more diligently and a larger surface of the lake

When the lake is covered with ice the dusk and then take a cooling plunge into



SOME OF THE ROD AND GUN CLUB SAILORS.



SOME OF THE ROD AND GUN CLUB GIRLS.

Characteristic Anecdotes Told About Grover Cleveland's Personality

revives many anecdotes of his in the wake of a war. career as president of the United States and as "the most eminent private citizen of the

aged, but each typical of his dominant said William McAdoo of New York, "walkcharacteristics. This one recently found ing across the park from Fifty-eighth which took place very soon after Mr. its way into print and is vouched for by street to Sixty-night street. The hoboes' Cleveland had left the White house and good authority: Not long ago a former member of Mr. Cleveland's cabinet gave a little dinner in New York in honor of the Sage of Princeton. The dinner was purely an informal affair and not more than a half dozen persons were present. No speeches were made, but a number of choice anecdotes passed around the table. Some one present spoke of the possibility of a conflict some day with Japan growag out of complications in the far east.

"I certainly hope that war may be avoided," the speaker continued. "Think of the horrors that a war inflicts even on the victorious nation."

"I agree with you that a needless war is a monstrous crime," said Mr. Cleveland, "but," he added, lighting a cigar and blowing out a cloud of smoke. "I never hear the expression, 'the horrors of war,' that I am not reminded of a conversation I once overheard in Buffalo many years ago. A number of veterans of the civil war were discussing the horrors of war. 'How horrible is war,' said the first speaker. 'Look against the laws of kindness, altogether inat the loss of property it entails!" "Yes," said another, 'and look at the terrible loss of life, not to mention the maimed and wounded!" 'Yes,' remarked the third man, ful once more, and inquired as to the cause. and just look at the widows and orphans that are made by every war! War is, indeed, a horrible thing!"

'Gentlemen,' said a one-legged man who was sitting over in the corner, and had taken no part in the conversation up to that time, 'I can tell you of a wuss

horror than any yew have named!" "What is it?" exclaimed the trie in one breath. 'Why,' said the man in the corner, with a gloomy shake of the head, 'just think of the crop of heroes that are created by every war. Could anything be any

Mn Cleveland said that all hands pres-

HE death of Grover Cleveland named the worst infliction that followed gars. Each ticket that he passed out with them?"

Dodging the Hoboes. "Mr. Cleveland used to go home from republic," some new and some the Mills building by way of the clevated,"

characteristics. This one recently found ing across the park from Fifty-eighth this and played it to good advantage. One son self-protection. I was with him one night gaw him start out toward the door to post when a whole drove of mendicants bore his letters. I saw him drop the letters and down on him. He reached in his pocket start to return. and pulled out a little book full of per-

a shake of the head read; Charity Organization Society, Admit bearer to the woodyard.

Would Not Trouble the Boys. Francis Lynde Stetson, Mr. Cleveland's former law partner, recalled this incident,

union, or whatever it is, soon learned of entered into a partnership with Mr. Stetmerous that he had to take some means of writing. Finally late in the afternoon I

'Well. I mailed the letters myself,' re-

want to trouble the boys." Testing His Democracy.

story told later by one of the guests re- since then." lating to his second administration. Sevmembers of the house, the speaker said, were having a heated discussion as street and the other used to beset him in a hundred feet from the door at which the crat or not. Arguments had been subthe park. Finally the tramps got so nupost box was. He sat in his office all day mitted both for and against the contenEagle. Other chief magistrates walked instance, whenever he would arrive at a reason given was that Mr. Cleveland was
merous that he had to take some means of said: "'Why did you do that, Mr. Cleveland?" he owned practically everything in sight. his carriage. He established little sentry ner-he would have the White House car-

lionsire.
"'Do you think that he is a Christian?" plied Mr. Cleveland, 'because I did not said one of the natives. "'Oh, h-,' another replied, 'the church belongs to him!'"

"Well," remarked the sage of Princeton,

Guards at the White House.

lantly looked after in Washington than and resorted to many peculiar and dangertion. Finally, one man spoke up and about the streets unguarded. Mr. Cleve- railway station here or was to leave the not able to rid himself of a superstition "This discussion recalls an inci- land never walked. He did not even allow city by rail, instead of doing as all other which seemed to haunt him that he would dent that occurred in my native town. The any person to stand under the White presidents and high efficials do-entering place only boasted of one rich man, but House porte cuchere when he alighted from through the regular door in the usual man-

sons coming and going.

dent Cleveland's heels whenever he left coachman frequently said that he never the White House, and thirteen of the regu- drove there without fear of an accident. Mr. Cleveland laughed heartily over a with a smile, "times have certainly changed lar police force of Washington, most of them in citizen's dress, were constantly on Garfield by Guiteau had naturally made a duty at the executive mansion. Mr. Cleve- profound impression upon Mr. Cleveland. No president has ever been more vigi- land seemed to avoid appearing in public,

To accomplish this the then spirited The newspapers made a great deal of "seal browns" were driven across the fun of these "chicken coops," as they were tracks where ordinary carriages were not called. Secret service men were at Presi- permitted to go, often at great risk. The

It was known that the assassination of When Vice President Hendricks died, Mr. Cleveland did not accompany the remains

Famous Silver Letter.

This account of Grover Cleveland's amphatic deliverance against the free coinage of silver has been published in New York on the authority of his law partner and friend, Francis Lynde Stetson. The day before the anti-free silver mass meeting at the Cooper Union, New York City, which he was unable to attend, a friend called on him at his office and asked him if he intended sending a letter. "Your position is recorded and known," said the friend, "and I think if you said anything at this time, it would cause needless embarrassment to your friends," "I am a citizen of the United States," Mr. Cleveland said to him. "I am a citizen of the state of New York and the city of New York. Naturally I ought to take the part of a citizen in the affairs of the city, and especially upon a matter which is of so deep an import. I regard the expression of an opinion in this case as of more importance than personal matters. It is said that I ought not to go there, nor write a letter of any sort upon this matter of supreme importance, because it might embarrans my nomination. I am going to write a letter to be station to meet him with the hotel motor read at that meeting, and the presidency can go to hell."

"Mr. Cleveland did write-his letter is history," said Mr. Stetson. "In outspoken "'Oh,' she exclaimed, laughing. I and burning words he stated his position 'the free colnage of silver is wrong and dangerous. Nebody has forgotten it."

forated tickets. One by one he tore the I asked him. "There are boys here to do One day several villagers in the postoffice houses about the White House grounds, riage driven to the Smithsonian grounds. Choice Short from the Story Teller's Stories Selected

Faith and Works.

Young," Mrs. Emily P. Bishop, declares that it is as easy quotes this incident in illustration:

A little girl's brother set a trap to catch birds. She knew it was wrong, cruel. excusable from her point of view.

She wept at first; then a little later her mother noticed that she had become cheer-"What did you do?" asked her mother. "I prayed for my brother to be made a better boy." "What else?"

"I prayed that the trap would not catch any little birds."

"Then I went out and kicked the old trap all to pieces."-Boston Transcript.

HE author of 'Seventy Years ing Colonel Roosevelt's regiment. clare that he "went out of the union" when time," said the preacher. to do as to wish to do, and his state did; and during the period be- "No," was the candid reply. "I had to

> hopeless "unreconstructed." To the surprise, therefore, of all that knew him, the old man offered no objecwith the Rough Riders to Cuba. Not long fellow soldier:

Inst." "Does he say so?" asked the other with Post. a glance at the letter the boy held. "It amounts to the same thing," was the answer. "He now writes 'United States' without quotation marks."-Philadelphia

Under Suspicton. For three Sundays in succession the pas. the young man who had to introduce me At a Washington meeting of a Rough tor of a west side church was gladdened thought he would try to disarm it. Rider organization one of the members by the appearance of a backeliding husband "Debs is hated by some people,' he said, told the following story of a fiery old in his wife's pew. Then suddenly this because he has been in strikes. This is southerner, whose son, at the outbreak of gratifying exhibition of an awakened con- not right. It is the law of nature to defend

the delinquent in a street car. The old gentlemen has been wont to de- "I have not seen you at church for some gnawing, a goat will butt you if you get gled unsuccessfully in by women.

ginning of the other he was an apparently couldn't stand it." "Suspicious!" exclaimed the parson,

"Yes," said the man: "she's got it into tion when his son, a stalwart lad, went her head that I was up to some awini deviltry outside that I was trying to atone for afterward the volunteer remarked to a by going to church. Nothing I could say or do could convince her otherwise; so, to The old man is back in the upion at show her that I was living a square life I had to stay away from church."-Chicago

The Jackses and Debs.

Eugene V. Debs, the socialists leader, tells the following story on himself: "I was to address a public meeting and there was intense prejudice against me, so

jackass will do if you menkey with him, saving of the legal duty," Marshal Henkel tween the close of the one war and the be- give it up. My wife got so suspicions I Ladies and gentlemen, this is Debs, who said. "Poor economy, foolish economy. It will now address you." "-Success. What He Felt Like,

of place in the vestments he were. The husband was dreadfully shucked-yet not other charisters looked comfortable enough, but the new one was sure he would trip day this wire: on the skirts of his cassock when he went up the chancel steps, and he knew that if I am dying-Helen." he did not stop perspiring his clean linen cotta would be sadly mussed. The opening Ild of his desk, grabbed his har, and reached prayer had been intoned by the rector. and the singers were in line waiting for the introduction to the processional to be played, when one of the basses whispered

in the new man's ear; "You're a tenor, aren't you?" "I suppose so." he replied, "but I feel like a twospot"-St. Louis Republic.

Economy.

stop,"-New York Times. United States Marshal Henkel had com-

science ceased. One day the pastor met yourself. Why, even a dog will growl if pleted in New York the sale of thousands you try to deprive him of the hone he is of dollars' worth of Paris gowns smugin his way, and you all know what a "It is poor economy, this smuggling, this

> reminds me of a Philadelphia woman. "Worn out by the winter's gayeties, this Philadelphia woman went to Atlantic City It was the first time he had sung in an to pass lent restfully. She departed in a Episcopal choir, and he felt strangely out very weak, run-down condition, and her

incredulous, either-when the received one " 'Come down to Atlantic City at once.

"The wreighed man slammed down the Atlantic City by the first express. "In a ravisiting total his wife was at the

" 'But-But'-he stammered, 'what did you mean by the telegram about dying?" wanted to say that I was dying to see you, upon the silver movement. He wrote that but my ten words ran out, and I had to