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INSURGENTS READY TO RETURN

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WASHINGTON HERE THIS MONTH

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PA JOCKEYS FOR PLAYERS

Players Will Report March 25 and Washington Team Comes March 31 for Two Games with Rourkes.

In another week transportation will be in the hands of all of Pa's Coits and they will be packing their trunks, preparatory to moving to Omaha for the spring training work, the date of reporting having been fixed by Pa at March 25. Brother Dave has been instructed to wire transportation to all next Thursday, just a week before they are to be in Omaha.

The Omaha team will come from all quarters of the country this year, Buck Franck having wintered at his home in Oakland, and Cadman having spent the winter at Toronto, Can. Sanders is in Tennessee and Slim Hall in Salt Lake City.

As the insurgents are now thought to be in line, although a couple of contracts still remain unsigned, at least they have not been forwarded to Omaha. King has been one of the hold-outs, but he and Pa have come to terms and his contract is expected any day. Slim Hall does not like a proviso Pa has inserted in his contract and as a consequence would like to be traded to some team in the mountains. Rice is still holding onto his contract.

Captain Buck Franck writes from Oakland that he has been pursuing different tactics from last year and will report in fine condition. Last year he played all winter, until a month before reporting time and then rested, the rest putting his legs on the bumsky. It took him a long while to get in shape. This winter he has rested all winter, until the last two weeks, when he has been working out, and writes that he will be in fine shape for spring work, probably in a little better shape than the rest of the players, which is the proper stunt for a leader.

The snow of the last week has kept back the work of repairing on the fence, but Brother Dave insists that he will have everything in readiness before the members of the team report. The work has been slow, because of the bad condition of the ground.

Pa Rourke insists he will have the finest grass plot in the western country this summer. He says the foot ball boys did not injure the sod in any way last fall, and that the grass will be better than ever. He says he will have the sod skinned off around first and the ground around that corner raised a little.

Joe Cantillon wired Pa to know whether he had better bring his first, second or third team to Omaha when he comes with the Washington aggregation, for exhibition games March 21 and April 1. He wired back, "Bring the best you have. You only have a Western league team anyway." That much in the way of a josh. Cantillon also wrote that Pa could advertise that Walter Johnson and Tommy Hughes, the best he has, will pitch the Omaha game. The Washington team will not be split up during the training trip and Omaha will have a chance to see all the leaguers work out, including Schinke, McBride and Ganley, all Western league stars. Tommy Hughes was with Omaha in 1908.

Pa is still jockeying with the big league magnates for some new material, but at this season there is nothing available and will not be until the weeding out process sets in. Manager Griffith of the Cincinnati Reds made a little visit to the Omaha camp the other day and told them to pay no attention to the rumors of releases and trades going around, as they were not authorized by him, but that each new man would be given just as good an opportunity to make the team as the old men. The splendid work Autrey and Austin are doing shuts out all possibility of their being returned to Omaha.

SEVEN TRY FOR BILLIARD HONORS

Leaders of Country Want the World's Championship Title.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Seven players entered for the world's championship billiard tournament in the Madison Square garden concert hall, beginning on March 12. They are Louis Cure of Paris, George Sutton of Chicago, George P. Slosson of New York, Ora C. Morringstar of New York, Calvin E. Demarest of Chicago, Albert C. Carter of Boston and H. P. Cline of Philadelphia.

MARATHON RUN ON POLO GROUNDS

Professional Sweptstake Draws Greatest Distance Men World.

Iowa Athletics Up in the Air Over Coach

Alumni Practically Unanimous for Griffith, but the Board Delays Taking Action.

IOWA CITY, Ia., March 12.—(Special).—Iowa's chaotic athletic situation promises to be settled within the coming week. At its meeting this week the Iowa Board of Control of Athletics appointed a subcommittee to settle the foot ball coach situation for next fall. This committee will report next week and it is believed the first step in settling the difficulties encountered this winter will be taken.

Many applications have been made for the Iowa position, but the board with its confirmed hostility toward the press has refused to give out any information concerning the applicants or probable time of choosing any one of the men applying. In many respects the present situation is like the Iowa-Ames breach, which remained open until public sentiment forced the local board to action.

At the present time it is believed by the students and most notably by the alumni that John G. Griffith is the logical choice for the position. In many quarters the reasons for the delay in picking the coach are not apparent when the sentiment especially from the alumni favors the captain of the 1908 team. One member of the board states that until the financial backing to be given by the regents was shown the board could not move. Later another member of the board when pressed for an explanation stated that the financial considerations failed to enter into the question, but that the board was taking its time for fear of hasty action.

That the alumni are highly dissatisfied with the present condition of affairs was shown at the time of the Dental Alumni clinic here this week when 300 graduates were in the city. Inquiries concerning the condition of the schedule showed the lack of games. "What is the matter?" was heard from the various alumni in every discussion of athletic matters. "So far as I can find out, there is only one game scheduled and that is the Ames game," said one alumnus.

On the board's side of the argument it may be stated that many difficulties have appeared from outside sources which have tied the hands of the members; that the question of finances has hampered the making of the schedule, but the student sentiment favors the announcement and explanation of a few of the handicaps so that the board may not be unjustly criticized.

Wrestling has established itself as a sport in the University of Iowa's athletics the last week. More interest has been taken in the wrestling tournament than any athletic events for weeks. During the preliminary in the light-weight, heavy-weight and middle-weight matches of the week the gymnasium was well crowded with spectators.

The finals brought forth a good exhibition of wrestling. After two months of class work many holds had been learned in various athletes and the showing made in the final matches was unusually good.

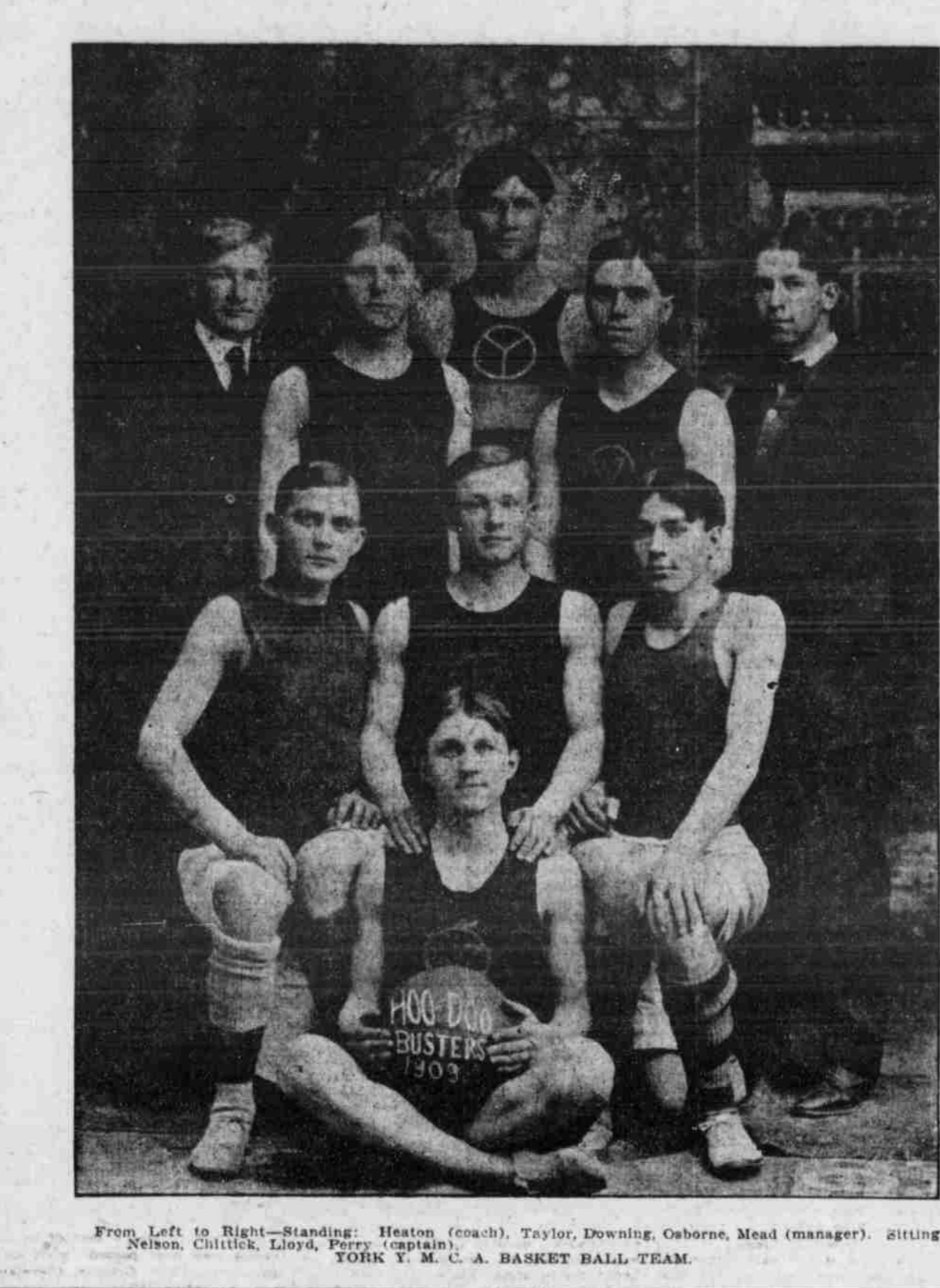
FIVE THOUSAND CARD PLAYERS

Army of Them to be Mobilized by Skat League at Milwaukee.

The annual congress of the North American skat league, which will be held at Milwaukee on June 21, will bring under one roof over 5,000 card players, who will contest for cash prizes aggregating \$10,000.

The game of skat originated in Germany about 1848. It is a modification of the old German game "schafkopf," at which Germans are the principal cards. At or about the time skat was conceived as a card game the farmers of the country were to exact royalty they chose the cards as the principal ones of the game, and they have so continued until the present time, the Jack of clubs being the highest trump and the other Jacks—spades, hearts and diamonds—in the order named, ranking next in value of the suit that is trump.

Hoo Doo Busters of York



From Left to Right—Standing: Heaton (coach), Taylor, Downing, Osborne, Mead (manager). Sitting: Nelson, Chittick, Lloyd, Perry (captain). YORK M. C. A. BASKETBALL TEAM.

CHABOTS BOWL A FAST GAME

Show More Speed Than the Omaha Cracks at Pittsburg Congress.

ZARP THE REAL PIN GETTER

But Two Weeks More of Bowling and Most of the Regular Games Will Be Played and Flags Awarded.

The Chabot Bowling team, bowling Omaha Friday night, outbowled the fast bowlers who are representing Omaha at the American Bowling congress at Pittsburg. Of these C. Primeau made high score, with 81, the total of the team being 2,920. The remarkably high scores, the breaking of records and regular fast work has somewhat eclipsed the Omaha bowlers at Pittsburg.

RELAY MARATHON AT STANFORD

Four Teams of Twenty-Six Men Run Thirteen Miles.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—An innovation in college athletics is planned by the track authorities at Leland Stanford university. Arrangements are nearly completed for a "relay Marathon." The four classes are each to enter teams of twenty-six men to run a distance of thirteen miles. Each man will, therefore, have to run a half mile. A silver cup is to be awarded to the winning class and three medals will be given to the trio of runners making the fastest half mile. It is planned to hold the race on St. Patrick's day.

METHODISTS VOTE FOR FOOT BALL

Kansas Conference Favors Game and Refers Matter to Board.

CLAY CENTER, Kan., March 12.—The Kansas conference of the Methodist church today by a vote of 64 to 18 against consented to the reinstatement of football as an intercollegiate game at Baker university, the whole matter being referred to the board of trustees of the university with full power to act. The South Kansas conference will act on the same question at Coffeyville next week.

JOE NOTTER GOES TO GERMANY

Leading Jockey to Ride in Emperor William's Domain.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Joe Notter, who headed the list of winning jockeys on the metropolitan tracks last year and is one of the best riders ever developed in this country, called a few days ago to fulfill a contract made to ride in Germany this year.

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Track Schedule at University Now Complete

Morningside Given May Eight as a Practice for the Big Contests to Come.

LINCOLN, March 12.—(Special).—Manager Eager today completed the Nebraska track schedule for this spring by closing up a contract with Morningside college for a meet to be held in Sioux City on May 15. This is the first time in the history of athletic relations between the two schools that the Methodists have been given a place on the varsity's track list. Two years ago, however, the Nebraska freshman cinder path athletes met the Sioux City team and won out by a narrow margin of two points.

The meeting this season between the Cornhuskers and Morningside can be nothing more than a practice contest for Dr. Clapp's men, for the Methodist school is one of the minor colleges of Iowa and does not make any pretensions to being in the first rank. It was taken on the Cornhusker schedule in order to give the Nebraska athletes practice and to strengthen the existing friendly relations between the two institutions.

With Morningside booked for May 8, Nebraska now has three dual meets and the conference games on its schedule. The other two schools to be met in separate games are Minnesota and Kansas. The Jayhawkers will come to Lincoln and Nebraska will go to Minneapolis. The Missouri valley conference games this spring will be held in Des Moines on Saturday, June 5.

The date for the first annual inter-class indoor athletic meet has just been announced for Saturday, March 20. Fifty-sixty of the university's best athletes will take part in these games. Preparations are being made daily for the event and the men of the various classes are carrying on their practice in the gymnasium under the coaching of Dr. Clapp. Medals will be awarded to the winners of first and second places in each of the events.

LONG FLYER THE ONE BEST BALL

Many Kinds of Golf Balls Are Offered to Players.

NEW YORK, March 12.—An old golf player says: The multiplicity of golf balls now on the market must present a worrisome problem for the duffer anxious to secure the one best ball which will fly furthest, approach most consistently, and always find its way to the bottom of the cup on all puts.

As a rule, the ball that flies the longest distance is un dependable for the approach and on the putting green. It is so lively that the slightest irregularity of the ground's surface will deflect it from the straight line, and unless it drops perfectly into the cup it is apt to jump out by hitting the rim of the cup.

On the other hand, the ball that is reasonably consistent for the approach and putt will only yield satisfactory distances to the strong hitter. Of course the judgment on distance is only in comparison with what may be expected from the very lively ball.

To be able to drive 200 yards with an extra lively ball, and then go forth with a less resilient ball and find yourself only able to get 100 yards, hit it as hard as you will seems unsatisfactory, even though you make a lower score for the round through deadlier work on approaches and putts.

In the days of the solid gutta-percha ball, which practically established a standard, there was never much question as to distance, and the problem was to find a ball that would endure the longest.

Every shot had to be right if any results were to be expected. A topped ball would run only a short distance, and a ball finding the side of any cup bunker would usually stop where it struck.

With the introduction of the lively rubber ball in 1901 the whole game was changed. Greater distances were possible from the tee, lopped shots in many cases got almost as much distance as clean ones, and cop bunkers acted as mere hurdles for the bounding balls to jump over.

A new 75-cent ball is being placed on the market, which, if its maker's expectations are realized, will be exactly what all golfers desire. This ball is constructed with a very lively center enclosed in a rather heavy gutta shell.

GOPHER GAME MAY COME TO OMAHA

Manager Eager Trying to Induce Williams to Bring Foot Ball Team To Metropolis.

CONFERENCE RULE IS ONLY BAR

Minnesota Fears to Play on Ground Not Owned by School.

MAY TAKE APPEAL TO BIG EIGHT

Interpretation of Regulation Will Be Asked of Other Members.

OUTDOOR WORK COMING WEEK

Base Ball Squad Will Start Practice at Antelope Park if Weather is Favorable—Pitchers Posing Coach Fox.

LINCOLN, March 12.—(Special).—Nebraska will play its annual foot ball game with Minnesota in Omaha on November 18, if the program outlined for the Cornhuskers by Manager Eager can be carried out. Coach Williams has agreed to take his Gophers to the Nebraska metropolis for the contest, and now there is only one obstacle which is keeping the two schools from signing a contract to play in that city. It is one that does not exist in any difference between the two universities, but in a rule of the "Big Eight" and Missouri valley conferences, which prohibits the playing of intercollegiate games on grounds that are not either owned by either of the universities, but which will be placed under the control of the Nebraska management after the close of the 1909 league base ball season in September. Manager Eager of Nebraska does not agree with the Gophers on this point, though, and is of the opinion that his lease on the Union street park makes the use of that field conform with the clause of the conference rule allowing intercollegiate games to be played on grounds under the immediate control of one of the contesting teams. The Gophers are not so certain on this point and are not willing to run any risk of breaking the "Big Eight" rule. They will not consent to play in Omaha until they are sure they will not be violating a rule by contesting on noncollegiate grounds.

Eager Arguing with Williams. Manager Eager of the Cornhuskers is anxious to place the annual game with the Gophers in Omaha next fall and how is endeavoring to convince Coach Williams that he can take his Minnesota eleven there without in the least bit breaking the limitations of the conference regulations. The Nebraska manager visited Minneapolis last week for the purpose of scheduling this game with the Gophers and had made all arrangements for it and was about to close up the contract when the question of playing on a noncollegiate field came up and put an end to the negotiations. Before leaving Minneapolis Manager Eager secured the consent of Coach Williams to holding the game in the Nebraska metropolis if it should develop that no rule would be violated in doing so. Since that time has been busy in getting evidence to show that no rule can be broken by playing at the Union street park.

Manager Eager contends that, since he has a lease on the Omaha field for the entire foot ball season and is free to have Nebraska play as many games there as he wishes, the use of that field will not be contrary to the conference rule. He is satisfied beyond any doubt about conforming to the regulations of either the "Big Eight" or Missouri Valley league in playing at Union park. He says he has absolute control over the grounds after September and that is all the conference rule requires.

Spirit of Rule Not Violated. This regulation about playing on noncollegiate grounds was made, of course, to prevent one school from entering the territory of another and thus causing two games to be played in one or two neighboring cities on the same day. In going to Omaha for the Minnesota contest, then, the spirit of the rule would not be violated, for the reason for placing the game there would be simply to give the Omaha foot ball patrons a chance to see a big contest and not to "cut in" on any other school's game.

In support of his contention to show that no rules would be broken by playing the Gophers in the Nebraska metropolis the Cornhusker manager has brought up instances in which games in the past have been played under similar conditions. The most prominent illustration is the case of Kansas and Missouri, who every year play their Thanksgiving contest in Kansas City on a hired field. For two years they have been going away from their own fields for this big game.

Only a few years ago Minnesota met Iowa in Cedar Rapids on a field that was not controlled by either school. No objection was made to that contest. In 1906 Wisconsin wished to play Nebraska in Milwaukee on what would have been a field neither owned nor controlled by either of the teams. That season Nebraska, however, could not accept the Badger game, but met Chicago in the Windy City.

In 1908 Iowa played St. Louis on the American league grounds at St. Louis. Nebraska played the same team on the same field a year later. The park was rented and was not any more under the control of the Mound City university than Union street park next fall will be under Nebraska's. Another instance of a similar case was the Ames-Nebraska game held at field park in Ames last fall. The grounds were rented by the two teams and were under their control no more than Union park will in charge of Manager Eager this coming fall. No objection was made to the playing of the game with Ames in Omaha by any of the schools, and it does not seem reasonable that there will be any complaint against a contest with Minnesota there next fall.

Game May Be Switched. During the last week Manager Eager has been urging his arguments on Coach Williams, and the latter may soon see the situation in the same light that it appears to the Cornhusker athletic authorities. Some of the schools of the "Big Eight" will be asked their opinion in the matter and it

DREYFUS' LIFE IS INSURED

Pittsburg Base Ball Club Takes Out Big Policy—Its President.

NEW YORK, March 12.—The Pittsburg Athletic company, owners of the Pittsburg Base Ball club, has just secured from the Equitable Life Assurance society a corporation policy for \$100,000 on the life of President Barney Dreyfus. The club is spending \$1,000,000 on what is promised to be the finest base ball park in the country and the directors decided that the death of Mr. Dreyfus would entail on them a financial loss equal to the amount for which he has been insured. The policy is on the twenty-payment life plan and the premium will be paid by the club.