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JUDGMENTS

OF COURSE fans everywhere are speculating on the outcome of the world's series between the Chicago Cubs in the National league and the Philadelphia Athletics in the American. Each team has its partisans and champions. We heard one man say the other day that "the Cubs would not have the ghost of a show to beat the Athletics." Of course, that is foolish. No conservative, well-informed base ball fan would care to be responsible for such a remark. No team could be organized from all the stars of the game against which the Chicago Cubs would not have a ghost of a show. Yet, that is not saying they would beat the best team on earth, and yet there is ample reason to believe that they might. This pro-Athletics fan based his radical utterance on the superiority of Connie Mack's pitching staff. It is a grand pitching staff, no doubt of that; one of the best any team ever assembled. And should the Athletics win the world's championship it would, undoubtedly, be due to its pitchers more than anything else. But it will do to remember that the Cubs also have a very effective pitching staff. No dispassionate view of the situation could afford to overlook that fact. The Cubs' pitchers have been tested, moreover, by the fire of more than one world's championship series and have been found not wanting. Experience has shown that there is often some difference between pitchers winning games in a league race and winning them in a world's struggle. The Athletics pitchers, such as Bender, Plank, Morgan, Coombs, Dysart, are masters of the art. Krause, the phenom of last year, is not showing such good form. Only two of this array—Bender and Plank—have had world's series experience, when the Giants defeated the Athletics in 1905. The Cubs have such men as these to defend them: Brown, Cole, Overall, Pfeister, Ruelbach, McIntyre, with others, as have the Athletics. Four of these men have triumphed in world's series contests. Just where the Athletics have any edge over the Cubs on pitchers is a little bit hard to determine. Then, leaving the box and going to other points of comparison, it is likewise difficult to see where Connie Mack's men are superior to the Cubs. But what counts more than all else in such a crisis as this is team work, as every fan knows. And if the Chicago club is not the acme of modern team work, then it is nothing. It is admittedly the greatest base ball machine of this, if not any other day. It has been substantially unchanged for four seasons and has in that time perfected every trick and artifice known to the game. The Athletics have a strong team—no discounting that, but it failed to win the American league pennant in 1909 largely because of deficient team work. Does it stand to reason that it can so far correct this defect in one season as to put it ahead of the Cubs in this particular? In a rough comparison, we should say that the Athletics have no advantage over the Cubs in pitchers, are away below it in catchers, not ahead of it either out or in field, perhaps stronger in batting, but incomparably inferior in team work. Yet, it is possible—all things are—for the Athletics to win over the Cubs. We rather believe, however, that it is is not probable.

The Kansas recruits continue to play good ball for Omaha—Riggert, Schoonover and Acock. It appears that something good can come out of Kansas, after all, even if Topeka is in that state. The record of Cooley's team this year is one of the worst any team ever made in the Western league. When the team got had at the first of the season cannot win enough games to make an interesting showing something is radically wrong, besides the material of the team. Cooley complained that lack of attendance at home compelled him to dispose of the available players on his payroll. But how comes it that these players were good enough to attract other teams, more successful than Topeka, and yet could not play good enough to draw a crowd in the Kansas capital? Of course, crowds are not easily drawn there, no matter what the caliber of ball may be. A chautauqua would do better than a ball game. But the experience ought to be sufficient to convince the circuit makers of this league that they can well afford to omit Topeka next season. Oklahoma City, Kansas City, Kan., or Fremont, Neb., would do better. Colorado Springs or Pueblo might even be an improvement.

Corridon plunged right into the hearts of the St. Louis fans immediately on his arrival from Omaha. The Chicago News says the hungry fans grabbed onto him as the one last morsel of hope for a hero. They have been without one so long and have been deceived so often that they are overjoyed at the sight of a live one. Corridon, we hope, may be able to sustain the affections he has aroused. It would be awful if he were to prove a base deceiver like the rest.

Clark Griffith says base ball needs men with brains at the helm. In which base ball bears a striking resemblance to every other form of business. He might also have said it needs a few men with brains down on the decks. Comiskey is as brainy, if not the brainiest man in base ball. He is at the helm. His team is at the foot, or around there. If ever a team lacked brains it is this one and the Old Roman knows it better than anyone else. He is trying to infuse some brains into it, too.

Of the Giants that won the world's championship from the Athletics in 1905, Devlin, Mathewson and Ames are the only ones on the team today. Of the Athletics that contended for the honor, Hartsel, Davis, Bender and Plank are left. Neither team has won a league pennant since, but both are strengthened up to the point now where further victories should not be impossible.

Omaha may expect to retain most of its present contingent for next season, which ought to give Rourke an excellent start toward a winning team. If Riggert is taken by Boston and makes good, that will be a loss to us, but his place should be filled and other weak places strengthened. The city will want a pennant winner next year to go with that new park outfit.

Christy Mathewson and Chief Meyers will go into vaudeville this fall, following the example of Mike Donlin, Joe Tinker and other illustrious base ball stars. That vaudeville money looks good along in the good old winter time, even to a man of Mathewson's princely income.

The securring visits of Topeka at the respective cities presents a disgusting situation. It is practically a case of the home team taking the series, which not only takes the interest out of that series, but lessens the interest in the whole league race.

The Rourkes have begun this last swing around the circle with better results as a road team than usual. The fact is they are making a grand stand on the wind-up for a place in first division, and if Wichita is not careful they will land there.

DUSTY TWIRLS WINNING BALL

Rhodes of Omaha Second in the Western League List.

SCHOONOVER IS HITTING HARD

Sioux City Heads the Batting List, with Nine Men Above .300 and a Club Hitting Average of .303.

Dusty Rhodes, twirling for the Rourkes, has been pitching winning ball for the past few weeks and has placed his name second in the league's pitching list. O'Toole leads with a percentage of .727, while Rhodes has .688. Fentress twirls at .600, although he has been with the Omaha club only a comparatively short time.

Biggert, Kane, Gonding and Melter are the four highest fielders on the local staff, all being over .978. Wichita leads the league in team fielding, with an average of .955. Omaha is sixth at .943.

Sioux City still has the batting lead cinched. Nine men are hitting over .300 and the club average is .303. Omaha is fifth with an average of .254. Schoonover leads the locals at bat, hitting at .318; King is also high with .308.

Kane is the only Rourke having more than thirty-three stolen bases. He has thirty-five. Omaha is fourth in the base stealing list with 254. Omaha is third in sacrifices with 243. Denver leads with 256.

Batting Averages.

	AB.	R.	H.	Av.
Gilmore, Denver	11	3	4	.364
Fenlon, Sioux City	513	106	185	.361
Myers, Sioux City	384	75	134	.349
Beall, Denver	534	111	180	.344
Towne, Sioux City	144	27	49	.340
Hammond, Sioux City	87	14	29	.333
Miller, Sioux City	417	78	137	.329
Neighbors, Sioux City	567	103	186	.328
Quillin, Sioux City	562	125	181	.322
Cranston, Denver	426	15	136	.319
Schoonover, Omaha	66	11	21	.318
Cobb, Lincoln	541	94	169	.313
Koerner, Wichita	498	72	154	.309
Hartman, Sioux City	473	82	145	.307
Thomason, Topeka	425	63	130	.306
King, Omaha	433	81	131	.302
McChesney, St. Joseph	546	85	165	.302
Belden, Wichita	480	70	145	.302
Stem, Sioux City	571	106	173	.301
Jones, St. Joseph	561	104	168	.300
Cole, Lincoln	321	54	96	.299
Cadman, Omaha	235	38	70	.298
Lindsay, Denver	530	112	158	.298
Westerzil, Wichita	552	71	164	.297
Biggert, Omaha	166	27	49	.295
Niehoff, Des Moines	519	101	153	.295
Reilly, St. Joseph	539	51	97	.294
Knapp, Lincoln	120	13	35	.292
Shaw, Wichita	339	48	99	.292
Curtis, Des Moines	490	75	143	.292
Kelly, Denver	257	44	74	.288
O'Toole, Sioux City	77	9	22	.286
Colligan, Des Moines	475	78	135	.284
Welch, Sioux City	278	44	78	.281
Wolverton, Lincoln	405	50	114	.281
Powell, St. Joseph	527	96	148	.281
Acock, Omaha	25	4	7	.280
Fisher, Denver	107	16	30	.280
Graham, Omaha	180	29	50	.278
Isbell, Wichita	209	38	72	.277
Dolan, Denver	470	113	130	.277
Cockman, Lincoln	535	77	148	.277
Gagnier, Lincoln	545	89	151	.277
Kneaves, Omaha	29	8	8	.276
Middleton, Wichita	585	77	164	.276
Fox, Lincoln	90	12	22	.275
Cassidy, Denver	528	74	145	.275
Thomas, Lincoln	533	98	145	.272
Hollenbeck, Omaha	133	21	36	.271
Kane, Omaha	497	82	134	.270
Hughes, Wichita	519	89	140	.270
Dwyer, Des Moines	468	65	126	.269
Jude, Lincoln	554	88	148	.267
Pettigrew, Wichita	397	74	106	.267
Fox, St. Joseph	512	87	136	.265
Beckley, Topeka	159	13	42	.264
Corhan, St. Joseph	494	83	130	.263
Clark, Lincoln	262	27	69	.263
Weaver, Denver	307	34	84	.261
Moriarity, Omaha	146	20	38	.260
Boles, St. Joseph	313	36	80	.256
Lloyd, Denver	547	94	140	.256
Welch, Topeka	299	22	76	.254
Mattick, Des Moines	533	62	135	.250
McMurray, Denver	332	39	83	.250
Kilroy, Sioux City	8	2	2	.250
Durham, Wichita	106	13	26	.245
Shea, Topeka	245	22	60	.245
Olmstead, Denver	90	7	22	.244
Andreas, Sioux City	501	117	122	.244
Riley, Topeka	188	22	45	.242
Gonding, Omaha	306	31	74	.242
Schipke, Omaha	267	42	64	.240
Hersche, Des Moines	155	17	37	.239
Thompson, Omaha	391	31	93	.238
Maxey, Topeka	38	2	9	.237
Reilly, Sioux City	505	59	118	.234
Schreiber, Denver	99	16	23	.232
Jarnigan, Wichita	125	17	29	.232
Claire, Des Moines	466	77	107	.230
Geist, Lincoln	79	11	18	.228
Grover, Topeka	167	15	38	.228
Farthing, Lincoln	80	10	18	.225
Frisch, Topeka	36	5	8	.222
Jepson, Topeka	9	0	2	.222
Simmons, Wichita	74	9	16	.216
Davis, Wichita	65	6	14	.215
Frambes, St. Joseph	234	19	50	.214
Swift, St. Joseph	95	9	20	.211
Goodrich, St. Joseph	101	4	21	.208
Dinnan, Denver	101	13	21	.206
Biersdorfer, Des Moines	73	11	15	.205
Eisner, Wichita	74	15	15	.203
Wooley, Sioux City	474	63	96	.203
Davis, Des Moines	94	13	19	.202
Freeman, Sioux City	85	13	19	.200
Barber, Topeka	95	5	19	.200
Crutcher, St. Joseph	13	1	2	.200
Schmid, Wichita	153	19	32	.196
Krueger, Lincoln	183	20	35	.191
Sullivan, Lincoln	47	9	9	.191
Hanifan, St. Joseph	37	1	7	.189
Giffen, Topeka	16	1	3	.187
Wilson, Sioux City	96	12	18	.187
Kelly, Des Moines	119	11	22	.185
Adams, Denver	49	6	9	.184
Melter, Omaha	98	6	18	.184
Chabek, Sioux City	60	8	11	.183
Wright, Wichita	109	8	20	.183
Bachant, Des Moines	93	15	17	.183
Kinsella, Denver	11	1	2	.182
Clemmons, Des Moines	202	15	36	.179
Abbott, Topeka	202	15	36	.177
Hagerman, Denver	74	7	13	.176
Stowers, Omaha	57	5	10	.175
Keely, Omaha	92	12	16	.174
Jackson, Wichita	117	4	20	.171
Peoples, Topeka	13	1	2	.168
Aitchison, Wichita	89	6	14	.157
Ensley, Topeka	32	2	5	.156
Pentress, Omaha	30	0	5	.150
Fugate, Topeka	80	4	12	.150
Kaufman, St. Joseph	11	1	16	.144
McGrath, Lincoln	60	7	8	.133
Hinton, Des Moines	15	1	2	.133
Shackleford, Wichita	69	3	9	.130
Mitchell, Des Moines	39	3	5	.128
Johnson, St. Joseph	102	10	13	.127
Owens, Des Moines	114	6	14	.123
Harris, Denver	81	6	9	.111
Hagerman, Lincoln	63	3	6	.095
Rhodes, Omaha	60	7	5	.083
Coe, St. Joseph	20	0	1	.050
Wolverton, Lincoln	7	1	0	.000
Agnew, Topeka	12	0	0	.000

Fielding Averages.

	PO.	A.	E.	Av.
Crutcher, St. Joseph	2	10	0	1.000
Giffen, Topeka	3	14	0	1.000
Agnew, Topeka	1	3	0	1.000
Wolverton, Lincoln	0	4	0	1.000
Kinsella, Denver	1	7	0	1.000
Gilmore, Denver	4	3	0	1.000
Stem, Sioux City	1,476	101	18	.989
Weaver, Denver	378	35	6	.987
Clemmons, Des Moines	353	39	6	.987
Clemmons, Wichita	137	20	2	.987
Geist, Lincoln	39	57	1	.987
Shaw, Wichita	535	107	10	.986
O'Toole, Sioux City	8	59	1	.985
Thomas, Lincoln	1,455	140	27	.983
Cassidy, Denver	373	33	5	.983
Dwyer, Des Moines	1,300	99	23	.982
Jarnigan, Wichita	10	98	2	.982
Biggert, Omaha	96	4	2	.981
Isbell, Wichita	651	41	15	.980
Kane, Omaha	1,229	82	26	.979
Lindsay, Denver	1,374	107	30	.978
Gonding, Omaha	452	114	17	.978
Melter, Omaha	14	75	3	.978
Beckley, Topeka	396	27	19	.977
Koerner, Wichita	561	71	28	.976
Towne, Sioux City	372	46	8	.976
McChesney, St. Joseph	567	71	12	.975
Frambes, St. Joseph	324	37	11	.974
Mattick, Des Moines	324	28	10	.973
Goodrich, St. Joseph	33	4	1	.973
Belden, Wichita	217	21	7	.971
Miller, Sioux City	770	174	29	.970
Clark, Lincoln	232	37	10	.970
Wright, Wichita	22	75	3	.970
Jones, St. Joseph	1,067	117	45	.965
McMurray, Denver	326	32	13	.965
Sullivan, Lincoln	75	32	4	.964
Olmstead, Denver	15	92	4	.964
Ensley, Topeka	2	24	1	.963
Pentress, Omaha	1	25	1	.963
Coe, St. Joseph	6	2	2	.962
Kruger, Lincoln	314	52	14	.961
Ehman, Denver	19	75	4	.960
Beall, Denver	383	18	17	.959
Barber, Topeka	34	36	3	.959
Shea, Topeka	294	116	23	.957
Fisher, Denver	42	9	2	.956
Lloyd, Denver	317	409	24	.955
Neighbors, Sioux City	239	24	12	.955
Durham, Wichita	10	93	5	.955
Andreas, Sioux City	319	279	25	.954
Abbott, Topeka	387	29	20	.954
Hughes, Wichita	261	402	36	.953
Cadman, Omaha	315	92	20	.953
Jude, Lincoln	242	19	13	.953
Fox, St. Joseph	339	348	34	.951
Stowers, Omaha	7	33	2	.953
Middleton, Wichita	276	28	14	.950
Gagnier, Lincoln	410	417	44	.949
Thomason, Topeka	187	18	11	.949
Biersdorfer, Des Moines	4	79	4	.949
Wiedenmaul, Lincoln	245	298	30	.948
Swift, St. Joseph	16	76	5	.948
Owens, Des Moines	8	84	5	.946
Schreiber, Denver	9	79	5	.946
Boles, St. Joseph	361	130	34	.944
Wooley, Sioux City	130	14	14	.944
Fox, Lincoln	6	60	4	.943
Davis, Wichita	42	4	2	.939
Persch, Topeka	29	5	2	.939
King, Omaha	246	17	18	.936
Stoner, Wichita	5	67	5	.935
Davis, Des Moines	64	60	9	.932
Hagerman, Denver	7	61	5	.931
Graham, Omaha	151	102	19	.930
Cole, Lincoln	162	49	16	.930
Myers, Sioux City	110	37	11	.930
Hammond, Sioux City	12	81	7	.930
Shackleford, Wichita	5	38	3	.930
Hartman, Sioux City	172	21	15	.928
Bachant, Des Moines	141	40	14	.928
Rhodes, Omaha	7	50	5	.925
Welch, Topeka	228	149	33	.924
Hersche, Des Moines	23	101	11	.924
Hagerman, Lincoln	5	56	5	.924
Johnson, St. Joseph	5	91	8	.922
Hartman, Sioux City	231	375	58	.919
Curtis, Des Moines	226	13	21	.919
Kelly, Des Moines	50	6	5	.918
Claire, Des Moines	229	310	48	.918
Thompson, Omaha	366	114	34	.918
Westerzil, Wichita	184	329	47	.916
Cockman, Lincoln	160	204	42	.915
Powell, St. Joseph	235	13	23	.915
Cobb, Lincoln	307	30	21	.915
Keeley, Omaha	10	76	8	.915
Freeman, Sioux City	14	72	8	.915
Mitchell, Des Moines	8	36	4	.915
Adams, Denver	4	39	4	.915
Jackson, Wichita	8	88	9	.914
Schmid, Wichita	59	131	18	.913
Aitchison, Wichita	15	100	11	.913
Wilson, Sioux City	10	73	8	.913
Kilroy, Sioux City	1	9	1	.909
Corhan, St. Joseph	322	418	75	.908
Shipke, Omaha	93	135	21	.908
Reilly, St. Joseph	98	185	29	.907
Fugate, Topeka	14	54	7	.907
Cranston, Denver	235	295	56	.903
Hollenbeck, Omaha	31	70	11	.902
Harris, Denver	9	64	8	.900
Colligan, Des Moines	328	331	73	.900
Dolan, Denver	174	304	43	.900
Riley, Topeka	68	4	8	.900
Reilly, Sioux City	265	905	71	.899
Acock, Omaha	14	21	4	.897
Farthing, Lincoln	8	70	9	.897
Knapp, Lincoln	18	94	13	.896
Welch, Sioux City	83	43	15	.894
Kaufman, St. Joseph	12	78	11	.892
Fenlon, Sioux City	117	14	16	.891
Niehoff, Des Moines	212	349	70	.889
Jepson, Topeka	8	8	1	.889
Stoffer, Topeka	40	93	17	.887
Moriarty, Omaha	47	87	16	.884
Quillin, Sioux City	165	287	59	.885
Schoonover, Omaha	12	3	2	.882
McGrath, Lincoln	7	76	12	.874
Kneaves, Omaha	15	25	6	.870
Hanifan, St. Joseph	6	31	5	.861
Kelly, Denver	139	134	44	.857
Chabek, Sioux City	5	65	12	.854
Maxey, Topeka	29	16	10	.818
Peoples, Topeka	13	9	7	.769
Hueston, Des Moines	1	8	3	.750

Pitchers' Records.

The records of pitchers who have got results in five or more games are as follows:

Player and Club.	G.	S.O.	B.B.	W.	L.	Av.
O'Toole, S. C.	26	175	66	14	5	.737
Rhodes, O	25	108	73	11	5	.688
Fox, L	28	102	63	15	7	.682
Hammond, S. C.	33	88	69	17	8	.680
Schreiber, D.	36	146	70	19	9	.679
McGrath, L.	22	74	69	12	6	.667
Witchison, W.	37	124	80	17	9	.654
Durham, W.	38	118	71	20	11	.645
Hanifan, St. J.	14	45	29	7	4	.636
Freeman, S. C.	36	226	129	17	10	.630
Olmstead, D.	44	122	71	20	12	.625
Geist, L.	28	89	54	13	8	.619
Adams, D.	28	72	63	8	5	.615
Fentress, O.	6	29	17	3	2	.600
Wilson, S. C.	36	177	111	16	11	.593
Swift, St. J.	38	120	78	15	11	.576
Owens, D. M.	41	146	106	18	13	.581
Hagerman, D.	31	103	89	12	9	.571
Ehman, D.	37	118	69	16	13	.552
Knapp, L.	30	124	102	12	10	.546
Hersche, D. M.	45	164	132	16	12	.542
Farthing, L.	30	151	75	14	12	.538
Chabek, S. C.	24	91	43	7	6	.538
Meiter, O.	38	106	60	16	14	.517
Jarnigan, W.	38	163	107	15	14	.517
Mitchell, D. M.	19	77	76	7	7	.500
Johnson, St. J.	40	158	82	17	17	.500
Keeley, O.	42	117	103	15	16	.484
Kaufman, St. J.	36	126	65	14	17	.452
Hollenbeck, O.	27	117	110	11	14	.440
Stowers, O.	26	77	64	8	11	.421
Shackleford, W.	36	102	73	11	16	.407
Harris, D.	23	93	60	8	12	.400
Biersdorfer, D. M.	25	93	129	10	16	.385
Wright, W.	45	135	121	12	21	.364
Jackson, W.	40	173	145	8	26	.297
Fugate, T.	34	148	70	6	21	.211
Crutcher, St. J.	8	33	24	1	5	.167
Ensley, T.	10	34	40	1	8	.111
Barber, T.	10	32	27	0	9	.000

Team Work.

Batting: Sioux City, .303; Denver, .280; Wichita, .266; Lincoln, .265; Omaha, .254; St. Joseph, .254; Des Moines, .247; Topeka, .241.

Fielding: Wichita, .955; Lincoln, .953; Denver, .949; Sioux City, .948; Omaha, .943; St. Joseph, .941; Des Moines, .938; Topeka, .935.

Stolen bases: Denver, 318; Sioux City, 279; St. Joseph, 270; Omaha, 254; Des Moines, 239; Lincoln, 234; Wichita, 197; Topeka, 195.

Sacrifice hits: Denver, 256; Sioux City, 243; Omaha, 243; Lincoln, 211; St. Joseph, 198; Wichita, 185; Des Moines, 175; Topeka, 118.

Stolen Bases:

Dolan, D.	60	Andreas, S. C.	42
Niehoff, D. M.	57	Quillin, S. C.	40
Jones, St. J.	50	Stem, S. C.	39
Lindsay, D.	47	Reilly, St. J.	37
Beall, D.	46	Kane, O.	35
Thomas, L.	44	Jude, L.	34
Fox, St. J.	43	Cobb, L.	34

No other player has to exceed 33.

Sacrifice hits:

Cassidy, D.	43	Westerzil, W.	30
Fox, St. J.	37	Lindsay, D.	30
Stem, S. C.	35	Quillin, S. C.	28
Neighbors, S. C.	35	McChesney, St. J.	28
Gagnier, L.	33	Middleton, W.	26
Cobb, L.	31	Hartman, S. C.	25
Colligan, D. M.	31	Corhan, St. J.	25

All other players have less than 25.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS ARE ENTERTAINED AT Y. M. C. A.

Principal and Superintendent Make Short Talks and Boys Watch Ball Game.

About 100 High school students entertained in the reception rooms at the Young Men's Christian association last evening and enjoyed themselves by various stunts. Joe Woolery gave a delightful violin solo with Harry Lindberg as accompanist. Carns, director of athletics at the Omaha High school, impressed upon the fellows the value of athletics, and urged them to don foot ball clothes no matter how small or weak they might be. He further said that in all athletics the principle which they were to aim for was fairness. Waggensaler of the Young Men's Christian association gave an excellent impersonation of Prof. Barbara, a talented German musician, to the amusement of all the boys.

Principal Graff talked to the boys on the idea of squareness and fair play between the fellows and their teachers. He showed how the parents of each student entertained fair hopes and expectations from their sons and it was up to the boy to make them good. He quoted Roosevelt in the idea of "Don't Foul, don't shirk, but hit the line hard." This, he said, could apply to either athletics or study.

E. E. McMillan, teacher of mathematics at the Omaha High school and a booster of athletics at the school, spoke to the boys on "Loyalty" and the service one fellow could do for the other on the campus or the class room.

Each boy present seemed to be a personal friend of Superintendent Davidson, for as he ascended to the platform the cheering of the boys could be heard all over the building. In the course of his talk he said: "I am glad that the boys have gathered here for a definite purpose. I am interested in the welfare of the Omaha High school because the boys seem to have a desire of doing something, but more especially because I have always heard that the boys conducted themselves on the streets and elsewhere as young gentlemen." He further said that this should be the greatest year of the Omaha High school.

Assistant General Secretary Dennison and Burton, the Boys' secretary, spoke a word of welcome to the boys and desired them to feel perfectly at home at the Young Men's Christian association at all time.

GOSSIP OF THE PIN ROLLERS

Lineup of the Teams of the Different Leagues.

SEASON IS NOW UNDER WAY

Some Start Monday and Others Will Hold Off Until Next Week to Open Up in Full Swing.

Boosters League.

FRANCISCO ALLEYS.

Monday—Sprague Pills against Peoples Store.

Monday—Maseppas against Rangers.

Wednesday—Storz Triumphs against Ruffner Tailoring company.

Friday—West Sides against Omaha Rod and Gun club.

Friday—Yousem's Colts against Omaha Bedding company.

Commercial League.

KEYT'S ALLEYS.

Monday—St. James against Luxus.

Tuesday—Loche's against O'Brien Candy company.

Thursday—Omaha Bicycle company against Andy Fricks & Son.

Friday—Brodegaard Crowns against Frank's Colts.

Mercantile League.

FRANCISCO ALLEYS.

Monday—Ak-Sar-Bens against A. O. U. W. 17.

Tuesday—Carpenter Paper company against Metropolitans.

Wednesday—B. B. B. against Q. M. D.

Thursday—Equitable Life against U. S. Cleaning company.

Friday—Onimods against Kamos.

Omaha League—Francisco alleys, starts September 26.

Cellar League—Keyt's alleys, starts September 26.

The Booster league has increased its number of teams from eight to ten, thereby becoming the largest in the city in size. The teams together with their line-up are as follows: Sprague Pills, H. Mitchell, Rice O'Cander, Christianson, C. Mitchell; Yousem Colts, Yousem, Roessing, Falconer, C. Rice Toman, Bruggeman; Maseppas, Schmidt, Powell, Mathes, Howley, De Laney, Stuntz; Westsides, G. Hoye, E. Norgard, Reimers, Heaton, Yale, L. Norgard; Peoples Store, E. V. Abbott, Howard, Bengele, Aldrich, Hall, Perkins; Omaha Bedding company, H. E. Edison, Hughes, Wiley, Changstrom, Johnson, Morgan; Rangers, Weeks, Arnstein, Pickett, Slaughter, Danielson, Storz Triumphs, Drummy, Hall, Durkee, Eastman, McLean, Storz; Omaha Rod and Gun Club, Sutter, Whitman, Bierman, Weber, Hatch; Ruffner Tailoring company, Ratekin, Melum, Howell, Bando, Hutcheson, Dana, Sage.

The Omaha league will not start until Monday the 26th, and the team winning this year will have to travel along a pretty good clip, as the handicap system as adopted by the league will help the weaker teams and assure a close race. Whether this will increase the interest in the game is a question. It is to be given a thorough tryout at least.

The teams already organized will line-up as follows: Storz Triumphs, Fritcher, Gjerde, Anderson, Walenz, Francisco, Reynolds; Metz Bros., Huntington, Conrad, Sprague, Neale, Blakeney, Denman, Hartley; Hospe company, E. and W. Zitzman, Bushnell, Weber, Schumacher, Geddes; McCord, Brady company Advos, Tracy, Goff, Zimmerman, Jensen, Dudley; J. S. Cross, Hull, Johnson, Bowers, Wiley, Cain, Matham; Wroths, Hann, Stafford, Weber, Richel, Langreen.

The Commercial league seems to be as strong as ever and has some very good teams, in fact, the Pete Lochs and Omaha Bicycle's company look as strong as any in the city. They will line up as folows: Omaha Bicycle company, Klauck, Zarp, Codenschwager, Gilbreath, Hinrich, Solomon; Brodegaard Crowns, Hough, Carman, Voss, Schultz, Fargerberg O'Brien Monte Christo, Baehr, Latey, Spetman, Traynor, Primeau; St. James, Scannell, Wilson, Moyna, Weymuller; Pete Lochs, Martin, Balzer, Thomas, Martin, Hosford; Frank's Colts, Kerr, Weeks, Ross, Dunbar, Coffey; Luxus, Beselin, Sutton, Berger, Nelson, Ohnesberg, Krug, Cogswell; Andy Frick & Son, Scneider, Frick, Beal, Neilson, Rush, Blohm.

The Mercantile league will be just about the same membership as last year, as follows: Metropolitans, Johnson, Murphy, Zeckmaster; Q. and D. Martis, Merzig, Scott, Heller; Kamos, Green, Van Sahl, Whitfried; Ak-Sar-Bens, Lunstrom, De Laney, Banstrom; Equitable Life, Vultee, Pickard, Bland, Neeley; Carpenter Paper company, Finley, Smith, Carpenter, Forster, Smith, Johnson; A. O. U. W. 17, Schinder, Hamil, Housan; B. B. B., Lamb, Gant, Morcan; Onimods, Haaker, Amluxen, Griffen; U. S. Cleaning company, Nelson, Grody, Rosenblom.

Fans Are All Busy.

Judging from the activity shown in bowling at the various alleys, one would be led to imagine it was the middle of the season instead of just starting. Never before in the history of bowling in the city has so much interest been shown as this year, which no doubt will result in the banner year of this great winter sport. The game in this city owes its phenomenal growth to the fact that the alleys are kept in a good condition and equipped accordingly.

The pricipal event in the calender of this week's bowling will be the opening of the second season of the Mercantile league. Robert Vultee, the re-elected president of this healthy offspring, will preside at the celebration.

A meeting of the officers of the Mid-West Bowling congress has been called for a week from today and will be attended by representative bowlers from St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joe, Des Moines, Sioux City and Chicago. Local bowlers are invited to attend and meet the notables.

The crack pill rollers of the Brandeis Stores are again seeking the alleys for amusement. Many interesting matches will be played between the rollers during the season. The best of the shooters are Harry Boyd, Bob Manley, Kid Champion Aarons, Brendizer, Melcham, Hatty Amsden, Skirt Danforth, Johnson, Ella, Lydecker, Oh You Ellinger and Plodman.

The Storz Triumph Base Ball club has organized a bowling team consisting of the members of the ball club, and they surely look good on paper.

Bill Keyt is among the missing in the Commercial league line-up; he is too good a bowler to be left at the foul line; its a cinch Martin will make him get in soon.

McMartin, the Des Mo