

When the Big Chimney at the Omaha High School Fell



CHIMNEY AS IT STOOD.

WRECK OF CHIMNEY AT THE FALL.

High School Smoke-Stack is No More

The big smokestack of the Omaha High school, the last relic of the old building on Capitol hill, crumpled to the ground in a mass of debris yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The work of demolishing the stack was carried on by the Harte contracting firm, which is erecting the new building. Early in the week the stack was split way down by cutting out a small wedge of bricks on each side. A slow fire was then built at the bottom and the heat gradually parted the mortar holding the bricks together, causing the stack to collapse.

Basket Ball Fives to Hold Interstate Meet in February

The Inter-state high school basket ball tournament, which will be held under the auspices of the University of Omaha, gives promise of being the biggest event of the year in basket ball in this section of the country.

Wrestling Copper Back in Mat Game

C. A. Jensen, the big heavyweight policeman wrestler is coming back into the mat game. He secretly has been getting himself into shape at his home, where he has fitted up a gymnasium.

Dead Ones Barred at Alumni Feast by Nebraska Boys

Omaha alumni are boosting hard for Nebraska foot ball and a game to be played in Omaha next fall. The big "help-yourself-free" dinner is booked for the Millard hotel next Tuesday evening.

Here is a copy of a letter sent to all the Omaha alumni. One found its way into The Bee office and is here reproduced in text:

"You've got something on for Tuesday night. Meet the old Nebraska mob at the Millard hotel. Omaha Alumni University of Nebraska will entertain 'Doe' Eager, Coach Jumbo Stehm and any of the glorious Cornhusker team who can 'stiff-arm' the laundry man and get away with \$20 R. R. fare at a 'help-yourself-free' dinner and smoker at the Hotel Millard at 6:30 sharp Tuesday evening, December 12.

"Now this is no banquet and no oratorical contest. It costs 50 cents, including a cigar. No collections, no assessments, no side-shows, just four bits.

"If you're a live one, be on the job—you'll have lots of company. If you're not a live one (any more, or yet), for heaven's sake, don't come. You'd be lonesome. What do we meet for? O, lots of things. We want to put in a spike for a Cornhusker game in Omaha next fall without fail. Now is the time to do it. Then we want to hear what 'Doe' and Stehm have to say about this season and next season in foot ball. We want to get a hundred or more Nebraska men together who like to dope over the Michigan game. We don't get together often and this time we have something to talk about.

Yost Boosts Shonka as Greatest Tackle in Western Foot Ball

In selecting an all-western foot ball team Coach Yost of Michigan wrote as follows of Shonka, Nebraska's great tackle and captain:

"Shonka of Nebraska and Frank of Minnesota are placed at tackles. In all the games this season the big captain of the Cornhuskers has shown his worth. The cry was made that Shonka had not really gone up against a good team, but those who saw the westerner rip up Michigan on November 25 could easily see that Shonka would rip any line. No player ever ripped Michigan before, but Shonka never hesitated. As for Frank of Minnesota, he has shown great form this season. The yards gained over the Gopher tackle have been few and those well qualified to judge claim he is the best in the country. Although not the man with the best tackle, Shonka is, Frank has an added ability. He is better on defense than Shonka, for he often tears through to down the man behind the line. He breaks up interference and gives the end a clear shot, while Shonka is content to wait, relying on his strength to prevent being thrown back."

Mrs. Kirk to Marry Old Sweetheart. FARGO, N. D., Dec. 9.—J. P. Williamson, a well-known stockman of Sargent county, will marry Mrs. J. E. Kirk, widow of the Chicago soap manufacturer, during the holidays. It became known here today that Williamson and Mrs. Kirk were schoolmates in New York state and recently met again after many years.

MANY WILL ENTER TOURNEY

Omaha Bowling Association Opens Annual Events in January.

BLANKS BEING DISTRIBUTED

Handicaps Will Be Determined Later, as Will Also Entrance Fees and Prize Money to Be Given.

Monday, January 8, has been decided upon by the tournament committee of the Omaha Bowling association as the opening date for the annual city bowling tournament. Francisco, the Metropolitan and the Garlow alleys at South Omaha have been chosen as the official tournament alleys.

Secretary Edwin M. Tracy has circulated entrance blanks among the bowlers of Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs, and from returns received at present the tournament will be by far the largest of its kind ever held in this city. This is due, however, mostly to the fact that the tourney will be operated on the handicap basis, whereby the good, the near good and the poor bowler will be placed on a par with each other. The individual handicap has not yet been decided upon and a committee of four is working on a system which will be equitable to all.

The handicap of a five-man team will be decided by taking the average of the team for the season. All teams with an average of 2.00 will roll at scratch and all teams below that number will have added to their number enough pins to bring it up to 2.00 for three games. Three games in all will be rolled by each team. At present it is certain that fifty-five five-men teams will be entered in the tourney and at least 300 individual bowlers. The double teams are estimated at

about 100 entries. The reason for the large number of entries this year is due to the handicap system. This system was adopted after a hot dispute at the last meeting. The older and more experienced bowlers hung out for a nonhandicap tourney, but the majority were against it.

The Final Arrangements.

Next Sunday, December 17, final arrangements will be made for the tournament. The entrance fee and the prize money will be decided upon. The prize money this year, it is asserted, will be larger than at any city tournament ever held in Omaha. The entire entrance fee money will be turned over for prizes and maintenance of the alleys. The cost for keeping the alleys in good shape will be comparatively small, and the remainder will go entirely for prizes.

All the team rolling will be done on the Francisco alleys at Fourteenth and Harney streets, because of the fact that there are eight regulation alleys and all have been approved by the American Bowling congress, under which rules the tournament will be held. A representative of the American Bowling congress will be in attendance at the tourney and will measure and put the alleys in tournament shape. The entire eight alleys will be used by eight teams, all rolling at the same time. The system of using all the alleys by as many teams has been adopted by the American Bowling congress as the best system and will be tried out for the first time in Omaha at the coming tourney.

Singles at Metropolitan.

The singles will be rolled at the Metropolitan alleys and the doubles at Garlow's alleys in South Omaha. The object of dividing the tourney into three alleys is done in order that the tournament will not last over six days. It was planned at first to use just the Francisco alleys, but the large number of entries made it compulsory that three alleys be used.

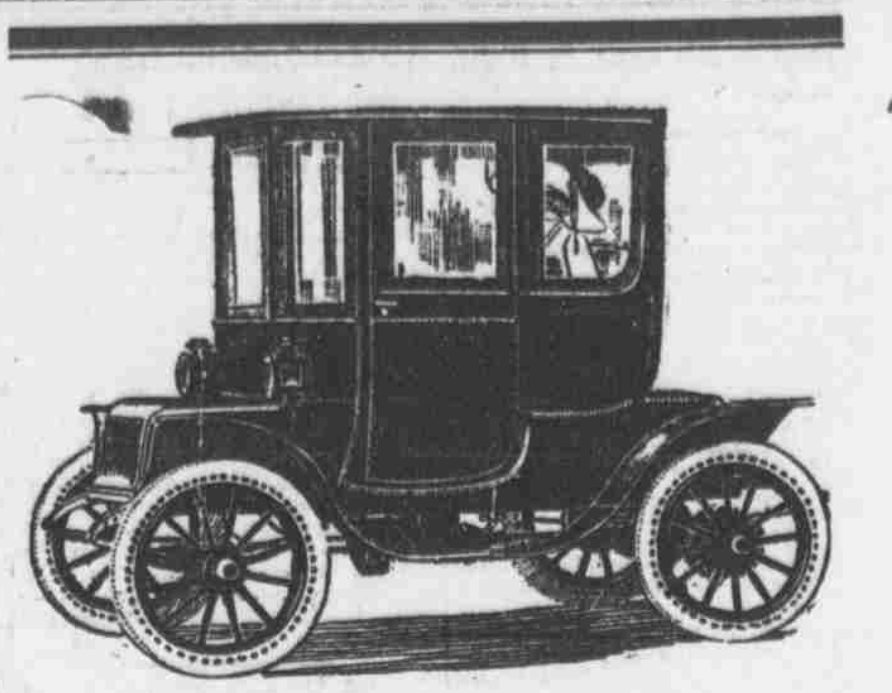
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Base Ball Magnates Gather in New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Enough base ball men were on hand today to start informal conferences in preparation for the meetings of the two big leagues and the National Commission here the first three days of next week. The minor league situation changes in the world's series plan, syndicate base ball, the New York world's series ticket scandal and betting are some of the topics to be considered.

Rumors that the National league meeting would produce a lively fight to unseat President Lynch have quieted and the outlook is that Mr. Lynch will be re-elected without serious opposition. A proposal to lengthen his term has been opposed by Lynch, who says that he proposes to meet the issue of whether his administration has been satisfactory at the end of each season.

President Herrman of the Cincinnati club, chairman of the National Commission, and President Lynch of the National league are here now, and President Johnson of the American league, the third member of the commission, is expected tomorrow.

OMAHA UNI STUDENTS TO GIVE SECOND PLAY

The Dramatic club of the University of Omaha will present its second play Wednesday evening, December 13, at the university assembly hall. This play, like the first one given, is to be presented before some but students. It is entitled "The Cowboy Cousin." The story is of a western man who visits his wealthy New York relatives.

The cast of characters: Ben Markin (cowboy cousin); Mr. Morrison; S. W. Salisbury (Jennie's dependent); Katherine Mathews; Mrs. Morrison; Clara Hendrickson; Clara Belle Morrison; Zella Beebe; Marguerite Walker.

Salary Demand Dismissed. CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 9.—The National Base Ball commission in a finding promulgated today, dismissed the complaint of Player David Skeels against the Seattle and Detroit clubs for salary while he was under suspension by Seattle during part of last season. Detroit sold Skeels to Seattle. The player contended that his suspension was unjust and that either the Detroit or Seattle management should be compelled to pay him for the time he was idle.

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