

# Northward the Stars of Empire Soon Take Their Flight

## Drawn for The Bee by Hal Coffman



### Judgments

WITH all due respect to the enthusiasm of the Joplin young men, we fall to warm up extensively over the outfield Pa has thus far lined up for us—Schoonover, Coyle and Thomason. Thomason is the class of the league, of course, and not to be improved upon. Coyle, who came in from the State league at the far end of last season, showed fairly well for a youngster, but Schoonover quit the season long before it ended, though he continued to occupy a place in the field. Lee and Sours are unknown, but inasmuch as Coyle and Schoonover are decided upon as regulars, we assume they are better than Lee and Sours. Perhaps Schoonover will develop into a lively, wide-awake fielder, but he has that to do. At least, it is disappointing that a stronger outfield is not in sight, that Thomason in center is not to be flanked with men more nearly in his class. The argument that Schoonover can hit is offered in explanation. He hit .385, that is true, last year, but that was not hitting enough for a man who played as slow a field as he did. He will have to speed up about 25 per cent this year to fill the place acceptably.

Nap Rucker, the Brooklyn southpaw, says the Phillies are sure to win the National league flag this year unless Magee and Doolan and some other stars are accidentally shot. It would not be surprising. Manager Doolan showed, before his serious injury last year, what was in him and his team, and it is not certain that the Giants would have won had Doolan been kept in. His team is young, strong and coming. That cannot be said in as large a sense of any other team in the league. The Giants do not show up favorably at all; that is, as permanent winners; Pittsburgh certainly does not, while we only have the promise of a courageous manager who has delivered the goods—Chance—that his old Cubs will repeat. Many of his old friends would like to see it, but there are so many doubts they cannot persuade themselves to become sanguine at this stage of the season. For our part, we believe that H. Chance and Evers and the rest of the bruised heroes remain sound and in shape the Cubs will at least make them all hustle and have a chance to win, but there are the "ifs."

Jimmy Austin has recently signed a contract for another year with the St. Louis Browns. James had been a hold-out and we hope he got a good contract, for he is worth it. He was one of the two or three bright lights on the Browns' diamond last year.

This St. Louis weather must have an opposite effect on correspondents. We have never read as lurid reports from training quarters generally as have some in this year. Presumably the customary discount is allowed.

They will have to make several pennant flags for the National league this year, as five teams already have won first place—New York, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis and Brooklyn.

Did the base ball managers overlook some congressman in the distribution of annuals and thus invite attack, which has come in the form of a bill to investigate the "base ball trust"?

Cal Valentine and George Holcomb have decided to sit on top of the grandstand this season, where the idle gabble of non-professional fans—see some specified—will not mar the game for them.

Paul Cobb of Lincoln wants his release and President Despain is wisely offered to sell it to him if satisfactory terms can be arranged. Paul is one of those boys who would be worthless if dissatisfied.

Johnny Gonding, we learn, not to our surprise, is delivering the goods at bargain-counter rates as the whippersnaps of Pa's raw 'uns.

That young pitcher, Ryan, ought to get the boys at Joplin to soft-pedal a while on their dope, or he never will be able to come up to predictions.

Playing out the season in the Western league will be only a matter of form, for Denver dopsters already have won the pennant for the Grizzlies.

Manager Chance has a recruit pitcher named Lavender, but the predominant color scheme of his pitching department will doubtless remain Brown.

We might announce in passing that the United States league has as yet not completed its schedule for the season.

All conditions at the western point to a much more interesting pennant race than we saw last season.

Last—One skipper, named Echipek, last seen in the swamps of the Ozarks, sporting traps.

Bill Brewer objects to calling it the flagpole; he calls it the "towering staff of the gonfalon."

Anyhow, the world's championship series may have good weather. That will help some.

Snow will have to go mighty fast to get out of the way of the opening day parade.

You needn't ring the goor just yet, Dick.

### AMATEURS BEING LINED UP

First of Local Games Will Be Played Next Sunday.

**MUSIC WILL FILL THE AIR**  
Announcement is Made of the More Important Games to Be Played on Omaha Diamonds During April and May.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the opening game at the Farrell base ball emporium, formerly the Benson Eagle park. Their initial argument will be with the much touted Ancient Order of United Workmen team on April 14. The Ancient Order of United Workmen band will also be on the job.

For every circuit pinnacled at the Farrell park, the Farrell Syrup company has agreed to dish out a case of wedding breakfast syrup. Like all real high class parks, the Farrells will have two porches, one for the grand stand and the other for the bleachers. Longnecker, a geek that used to dodge pop bottles in the North Pacific league, will handle the indicator. He is a skyscraper, tips the beam at 26 and has a bad temper.

The old rollers that work the slides at Rourke park are all oiled up and ready for action for next Sunday. Two contests are on for the day. First argument: Advos vs. Independents. Second duel: Townsends vs. Stars Triumphs. As the majority of the local base ball tossers are seriously contemplating leaving their base ball junk in the attic until egg Sunday, they will undoubtedly be in deck to watch the early birds cavort.

Next Sunday the Baum Iron company band will make their initial appearance, when they hook up with the Advos for a pot of dough. Last season the grocery clerks stepped the iron boys a package labeled defeat, and as a consequence the Baums are exceedingly anxious to knock the pillars loose from the Advos on the jump off.

It will be worth the price to visit Rourke park on headgear Sunday and watch the Stars Triumphs and Luxas tribes fight. Ladies will be admitted free on that day and it will be about as good as a place as a church for them to exhibit their lids, so there ought to be a large army of them on deck.

Managers, cut out the list below and keep it for a memorandum:

Team, Manager and Telephone.  
A. O. U. W. Frank Quigley, W. 253.  
Dietz club, Frank Quigley, W. 253.  
Wagnans, H. H. Krip, D. 691.  
Townsends, James Mallen, W. 41.  
Luxus, Louis Koehler, D. 789.  
Hollys, Henry Breeman, W. 123.  
Hanscom Park, C. Benson, D. 672.  
Farrell Syrup, L. M. Strong, R. 24-W.  
Shamrocks, G. S. Kennedy, South 192.  
St. Louis, F. Mahanovich, W. 143.  
O. D. Kiplingers, Tom Davis, H. 263.  
Advos, Sam Feltsman, D. 567.  
Florence Athletics, F. H. Grossman, Ind. 14-117.  
Nectors, Leonard Marsh, South 210.  
White City Ramblers, August Probst, D. 385.  
World-Herald, Logan Barr, W. 165.  
Sherman Avenue Merchants, C. Ayers, W. 214.  
Omaha Grain Exchange, Earl Grau, W. 567.  
Baum Iron Co., Tom Noone, W. 345.  
Dundee Woolen Mills, Frank Green, Ind. 510.  
Bredgaard Crownn, W. Dolson, D. 417.  
R. & M., John Andrews, D. 288.  
Alamogordo, Fred C. Harry, Cross, 11-704.  
Val Blatz, Harry Smith, D. 227.  
U. S. Supply Co., A. Schrad, D. 218.  
Independents, John McDermott, H. 172.  
Foresters, Max Dargaczewski, H. 456.  
Steinberg, Charles Finerty, D. 352.  
Knappton, G. F. Mahanovich, D. 515.  
Cudahy Packing Co., C. H. Haster, S. 254.  
West Sides, John Krutlich, H. 27.  
H. P. Ramblers, Victor Baltz, H. 393.  
Council Bluffs Merchants, Vince Crowe, Council Bluffs.  
Council Bluffs Americans, F. Sinderon, C. B. Black 253.  
Council Bluffs Cubs, C. Jacobson, C. B. L. 161.  
Dennison Athletics, L. Koehler, D. 789.  
Calhoun, Ray Slater, Florence 393.  
Fort Omaha, Sergeant Clark, W. 761.  
R. K. Longs, Ray Stacey, South 123.  
Rod and Gun club, Carl Rod and Jun Rod.

Field club, care Field club.  
Herewith is the schedule of contests that will prove the feature events from the beginning of the season to June 1 at Fort Omaha:  
April 7—Hollys against Omaha Grain Exchange.  
April 14—Townsends against Omaha Grain Exchange.  
April 21—A. O. U. W. against Hanscom Park.  
April 28—Luxus against Omaha Grain Exchange.  
May 5—Hollys against A. O. U. W.  
May 12—Townsends against Luxus.  
May 19—A. O. U. W. against Townsends.  
May 26—Luxus against Hollys.

**Woolen Mills Organize.**  
The Dundee Woolen Mills' team has been organized for the season and is now booking games. They will open the season on April 7 by lining up against the O. D. K. team at Fort Omaha. The boys are looking for games with any outside team. The suits which were ordered a few days ago have arrived and are a neat looking outfit. They are gray trimmed in red. Manager F. Greene wishes those wanting games to communicate with him at 523 North Twenty-third street, or call Ed 529.

**New Amateur Teams.**  
A new amateur team has sprung up. They call themselves the New Americans and from all appearances they have some players on the team that look mighty good. The lineup is: Extrem and Hudson, catchers; Wender, pitcher; E. Swanson, first base; Sauer, second base; Rapp, third base; Smith, shortstop; Swaski, H. Swanson and Bendish, outfielders.

**Lincoln in New Colors.**  
President Don Despain of the Lincoln club has ordered new road uniforms for the Antelopes. The gray and red combination of the last two seasons has been discarded for 1912, and the Antelopes will be garbed in suits of gray and brown trimmings, while the socks and caps will be brown and white.

### CLUB PLANS BIG GOLF COURSE

Rod and Gun Enthusiasts May Acquire More Land.

**NEW CLUB HOUSE PROPOSED**  
Life Memberships Has Over One Hundred, but This Number Will Be Tripled Within a Short Time.

If present plans of the new Omaha Rod and Gun club materialize that organization will have one of the best golf courses in this section of the country. It is the intention, now that it has purchased Courtland Beach, to acquire the twenty acres of ground which lies between the club's property east to the shore of Carter lake.

The twenty acres can be had at a nominal price, and it is possible that the club will get a long option of the property, so that it can buy when the treasury will warrant. With the ground already owned by the club and the additional twenty acres, it would be possible to put in one of the best thirty-six-hole golf courses in the west. A meeting will be called some time this week to discuss the advisability of securing an option on this piece of property. The younger members and stockholders of the club are greatly in favor of the proposition.

**Membership Growing.**  
The list of life members of the Rod and Gun club is small, very little canvassing has been done by the directors. It is thought that when the campaign starts for more life members the roll will include close to 300. Over 1,000 applications have been made for membership to the club, but not as stockholders.

It has been decided by the stockholders not to use the pavilion at Courtland Beach for a club house. An entirely new building will be erected, which will be the best club house in the northwest. It will be a two or three-story building, one-third of which may extend out over Carter lake. A porch will surround the entire building. This porch will be very deep and will be screened. The object of getting the porch around the entire building is to make it possible for members to be in the shade at any hour of the day.

It is understood that Mrs. Cornish will do the work of dredging the lake as soon

as the ice in the lake disappears. A new orange peel dredge has been stored out at the lake. It is the intention of Mrs. Cornish to dredge the lake fifteen feet below the level of the river, so that there will always be at least fifteen feet of water. This will make possible any kind of boating.

**Lagoon to Be Filled.**  
The lagoon in the property now owned by the Rod and Gun club will be filled by the Park board and planted with trees and shrubbery, making an excellent place within a few years for a picnic grounds. The only work the club will do this summer is to lay out the grounds and the golf course and put in a sewerage and water system for the members of the club who will build.

Several of the life members are having plans drawn for the erection of cottages and bungalows.

Several tons of white sand will be hauled to that section of the lake which will be used by the club members this summer for bathing. This sand will be dumped and spread in the lake, in order that a perfect bathing beach may be had.

### Heavy Hitters This Year Ought to Help Sioux City to Win

From all indications the Sioux City club, whose players will report tomorrow morning, is going to be a bunch of sluggers. Three of the five players left from last year's team clouted the ball for an average of better than .300.

"Babe" Towne, the ex-manager, made the imposing record of .366 for the season. The new manager, "Red" Andrews, finished at the .327 mark, while Tom Reilly, the big third sacker, scratched .321, as well as bringing in sixty-seven runs with his timely clutch.

Outfielder Dick Green, finished with .273, although when in good condition he is well above the .300 mark.

Welcomed back will be Harry Myers, the premier hitter of the Western league, who will with Sioux City in 1912. With him will come Cadman, the former Omaha catcher, who registered .342 for the 1910 season. Tony Smith is a .300 hitter. What he will do this year is problematical. With this list of veterans with known ability with the willow, the foundation is laid for a fat club batting average.

### Topeka Finds Good Weather in South

The Topeka Kaws are being dished out some decent weather in Shreveport and Dale Gear is putting the athletes through some strenuous practice. If quantity has anything to do with getting a ball team, Dale ought to have a winner this year as he will have about six teams to select his regulars from. The Kaws play the Detroit Tigers a practice game at Shreveport today.

### JOBBERS RUN INTO TOWN FILLED WITH THE MEASLES

The Wichita Jobbers have waded into the epidemic of measles. Gouda Springs and the entire vicinity, where the Jobbers went last week for spring training, is afflicted with the disease. The team is dodging exposures and is learning to tell a measles patient at long distance. The members shift to the windward side of suspicious appearing individuals and hold their respective breaths when forced to pass a specked-faced Gouda Springs native.

### SEYMOUR LAKE CLUB ACTIVE

Committees for Year Announced at Meeting Yesterday Afternoon.

**LARGE SUMS ARE EXPENDED**  
Club House to Be a Beauty—Opening of Season to Be Made a Gala Occasion, with Some Aquatic Events.

The Seymour Lake Club directors held an important business meeting in the office of Dr. M. L. King in the McCague building yesterday afternoon, when the committees for the coming season were appointed and other affairs of the organization acted upon.

This enterprising club of outdoor sportsmen now has a total membership of 104, of whom sixty are the original stockholders and the other new members this year. A report submitted by W. B. Clark, secretary, shows that the club has already expended nearly \$30,000, of which \$17,000 was spent for the construction of a handsome club house with all necessary equipment and furnishings. The expense of laying out the nine-hole golf course was also a large item, but the members declare that it is one of the finest links in this part of the state now that it is finished.

The opening date was not definitely decided upon, but it will be any time from May 1 to 21, according to the weather conditions. It is planned to make the opening day a gala occasion and furnish some sort of boat races and other water sports for the benefit of those who will attend.

It was also decided yesterday to make cottage site at the club one of the features this year and several new bungalows will be built along the lake front during the next few weeks. A aquatic feature this summer will be the aquatic sports. Ample arrangements for boating and canoeing will be made and the lake near the club house will be kept in good condition for swimmers.

**List of Officers.**  
Following is a list of officers, directors and committees for the season:

**OFFICERS:**  
H. K. Burket, president; C. M. Dugdale, vice president; L. M. Lord, treasurer; W. B. Cheek, secretary.

**DIRECTORS:**  
W. B. Cheek, L. M. Lord, H. K. Burket, E. W. Cahow, H. B. Reid, J. H. Koptetz, C. B. Dugdale, John Bekins and A. H. Frye.

**COMMITTEES:**  
Finance—L. M. Lord, chairman; C. B. Dugdale and H. K. Burket.  
Golf—W. B. Cheek, chairman; Dr. W. A. Cox and H. C. Townsend.  
Buildings and Grounds—H. E. Sald.

chairman; L. M. Lord and John Bekins, House—A. H. Frye, chairman, and E. W. Cahow.  
Lake—J. H. Koptetz, chairman, and Dr. M. L. King.  
Miscellaneous Sports—E. W. Cahow.

### Sioux City Squad Reports Tomorrow

Transportation to the Sioux City base ball squad was wired to Manager George Andrews. The squad members will begin to arrive tomorrow. The players will commence working out at Muzzon park Wednesday, providing weather conditions are favorable. A practice game is scheduled for next Saturday afternoon between the Sioux and United Commercial Travelers' team, a semi-professional squad.

### HOLLAND EXPECTS MUCH FROM RALPH WUCHR

Jack Holland is expecting Ralph Wuchr to make a good showing this year. Ralph was newly wed when he reported at St. Joseph last spring, but now he has gotten over the honeymoonitis and believes that he can pitch winning ball for the Joes. A spell of homesickness caused him to hike back to the slopes of Michigan last spring before he had time to get anything but a couple of sinkers and a cup of Java in St. Joseph and he was never shown to the fans at his best. In the Michigan league he proved a consistent winner and established a brilliant record.

**Fugate Comes to Time.**  
Jack Fugate, the hold-out pitcher of the Topeka club, paid his own fare to Shreveport, La., from his home in Iowa. That's how anxious he was to join the club when he found out that Dale Gear wasn't going to fall for his talk about quitting base ball unless he got a certain salary.

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Lineup from left to right: Nelson, Frankfurt, Linstrum, Anderson, coach; Betterton, Becker, captain; Todenhoff;

The Columbus Young Men's Christian association five, which holds the championship among the associations of Nebraska, has just finished the season with a clean slate, having played ten games. Considering the fact that this

was only the second year that the association has had a representative team. It is considered a remarkable record. The team has scored 62 points to their opponent's 22, an average of better than "two to one" per game. The Genoa In-

dian five, Fremont, Beatrice, Council Bluffs and Omaha Young Men's Christian association fives have all been defeated by the Columbus quintet, which is considered the best team that ever represented Columbus in the basket ball map.

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