

It's the Waiting of the Last Week That Tries the Patience of the Faithful

GREAT INTEREST IN INDOOR MEET

All Colleges and Universities in Iowa and Nebraska Send for Entry Blanks.

SEVEN RELAY RACES PLANNED

To Settle City and State Championships This Way.

COACH STAGG MAY OFFICIATE

Chicago University Star Favored to Handle Athletes.

WALKING EVENT FOR POSTMEN

Letter Carriers to Make 440 Yards, While Firemen and Policemen Are to Have Tag-of-War.

Entry blanks were sent out last week for the first annual open indoor amateur athletic meet at the Auditorium on Saturday night, April 27, to over 350 institutions in Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas by J. Truitt Maxwell of the Young Men's Christian association.

Absolute assurance of one of the greatest amateur indoor meets ever held in Omaha has been given the directors and entries are being received already. No estimate can be placed on the number of institutions that will enter the meet, but it is expected that last year's list will be doubled. Of the big colleges and schools to enter the meet will be the University of Nebraska, Drake, Wesleyan, Creighton, University of Omaha, Bellevue, Omaha High school, South Omaha High, Morningland, Coe, University of Iowa, Sioux City High, two Des Moines schools, Kansas City High and others who have already asked for entry blanks.

Seven Relay Races. An unusual interest is being taken in the relay races, of which there will be seven, ranging from 40 yards to a mile. There is a possibility also that there may be either a three or four-mile relay race, which will be open to colleges and universities only. The relay races which will be run are: For universities, one-mile race for the championship of the Missouri valley; a mile race for colleges only for the championship of Nebraska and Iowa; one mile for the Young Men's Christian association of Nebraska; high school relay for Nebraska and Iowa schools only, one mile for the athletes club of Omaha; one mile for the church federations of Omaha.

As a special feature event the grade school youngsters will compete in a series of 40-yard relay races for the junior championship of the city. Elimination heats will be run off in quick succession, starting promptly at 8 o'clock, and it is planned to have the finals completed by 8:30. A handsome silver loving cup, similar to the others, will be hung up by the promoters. As the rivalry between the grade schools is always spirited and athletics form a part of their daily curriculum, this event promises to draw a large number of pupils to the meet. Special sections for each school will be reserved in the north and south balconies and the races will be so arranged that the running track will be in full view of all.

Arrange Details Soon.

Officials have not been selected, but this will be done this week, when a meeting of the promoters will be held and final arrangements and details made. It is understood that Alonzo Stagg, athletic director at the University of Chicago, may be asked to come to take charge of the track events and pull them off. However, it is not definitely known whether such coadjutors will be brought here or not, as the expense would probably be more than the directors may wish to expend. Coach Jumbo Stehm of the University of Nebraska may be rung in as an official when he comes down with the Cornhusker track stars.

There are but four field events this year and they will be started promptly at 8 o'clock, thus getting them over much earlier than they were last year.

The field events consist of the pole vault, running high jump, twelve-pound shotput and the parallel bars. The track events, excluding the relay races, will consist of a forty-yard dash, 200-yard dash, 400-yard run, half-mile, one-mile and two-mile runs.

Five Special Events.

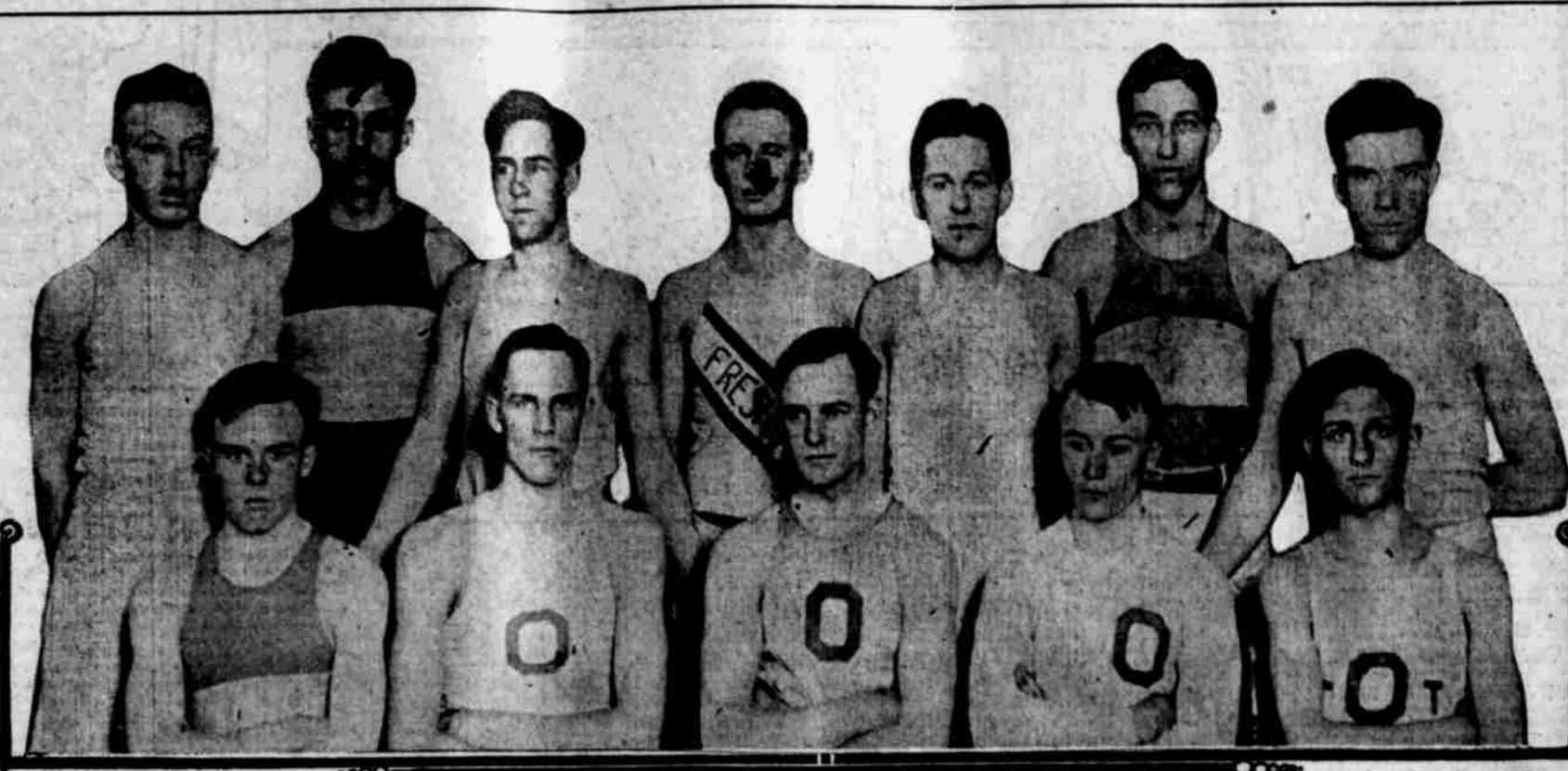
In addition to the above will be held five special events which will bring the firemen, policemen and postmen of Omaha on the scene. The special events are an equipment relay open to soldiers of Fort Omaha and Fort Crook. The distance which they will run has not yet been decided upon. A postman's walking relay of 40 yards open to the mail carriers of Omaha and South Omaha is also on the list of events. The firemen of Omaha will have a tag-of-war with the policemen. Wrestling and boxing matches for the championship of the Young Men's Christian association will be pulled off. Five games will participate in this event. The last of the special events will be a massed calisthenic drill of 300 men and boys from the "Y."

The games are scheduled to start promptly at 8 o'clock and the first call for the dashes will be heard at 7:30. Contestants will report to the clerk of the course before 7:30 to receive their numbers. The track this year will be sixteen laps to the mile. The turns will not be banked, as they will be wide and easy to round.

Prizes Are Offered.

The prizes consist of gold, silver and iron medals for first, second and third place, respectively, in each event. To the team scoring the greatest total number of points in open events a large loving cup will be presented, and to the team taking first place in each of the various relays a loving cup will be given. Entries will close positively on April 22. Entries sent by mail and the postmark shows that it was mailed before 12 o'clock midnight on April 22 will be accepted. Unusual interest is being taken in the meet by the Iowa colleges and the University of Nebraska, Morningland and University of Sioux City. It is said, in going to send one of the best relay teams they

Omaha High School Athletes Training for Indoor Meet



Standing, Left to Right—Allen Selina, Half Mile; Arthur Rouser, Weigh Events and High Jump; Joel Campbell, High Jump and Hurdles; Russell Larmon, Sprints and Pole Vault; Charles Robel, Half and Mile Runs; Leslie Burkenroad, 40 Yard Dash and Relay Team; Perry Singler, Low Hurdles and Weight Events; Sitting, Left to Right—Warren Fitch, Low Hurdle; Vergil Rector, Pole Vault, High Jump and Relay Team; Robert Wood, (Captain), Sprints, Running Broad Jump and High Jump; John Drexel, Sprints and Relay Team; Coleman Gordon, Mile Run.

STATE TENNIS MEN ORGANIZE

Nebraska Association Formed at Yesterday's Meeting.

TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD

Events Will Be Played at Lincoln and the Winner Will Enter the Mid-West Association Contests.

A closed state tennis tournament is now assured. A meeting was held yesterday afternoon at the Omaha club and twenty-eight towns and cities were represented.

The members drew up articles of incorporation and the club hereafter will be known as the Nebraska State Tennis association. A constitution and by-laws were adopted and the election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: H. A. Koch, Omaha, president; Charles Patterson, Arapahoe, vice president; C. M. Mathews, Walthill, treasurer; A. M. Weatherly, Lincoln, secretary. The board of directors consists of: H. H. Ellis, Butte City; C. M. Mathews, Walthill; A. S. Weatherly, Lincoln; H. A. Koch, Omaha; E. Mayer, Alliance; C. L. Starwood, Beatrice; Charles Patterson, Arapahoe; T. Edmondson, Friend, and William M. Wood, Omaha.

At Lincoln in July.

The date of the tournament was set for July 25 to 27, inclusive, and Lincoln was chosen as the seat of the battle. Several other towns applied for the tournament, but Lincoln offered the best facilities for staging the tourney of any of the cities. Omaha did not apply for the meet, owing to the fact that the Midwest and city tennis tournaments will be held here this summer.

The entrance fee for the state tourney will be \$1 for singles and \$3 for double teams. The challenge cups will be purchased by the association. The singles cup will go to the winner of the singles, who if he wins it three times will have it for permanent possession. He does not, however, have to win it three times consecutively. The doubles cup will go to the team winning it twice.

The winner of the singles event will be sent by the association to the Midwest tournament, which will be held in Omaha during the third week of August. A referee will be selected by the association at its meeting next month. At this meeting the official ball of the association will be selected. The tournament will be open only to state tennis players.

The following towns were represented at the meeting yesterday and were made members of the state association: Arapahoe, Cambridge, McCook, Beaver City, Oxford, Wilmontville, Holdrege, Orleans, Lyons, Peru, Fender, Wakefield, Wayne, Norfolk, Hartington, Bloomfield, Allen, Nebraska, Dakota City, Madison, Meadow Grove, Lexington, Walthill, Alliance, Friend, Beatrice, Lincoln and Omaha. All towns in the state wishing to join the association may do so by communicating with Harry Koch, Omaha.

Field Club to Open With Informal Dance

The board of directors of the Omaha Field club at a meeting held last week decided to officially open the 1912 season at that club on Saturday, May 11. An informal dance and an open house will be the only celebration. The golf season will open on May 5.

BOSTON AMERICANS PLAY WITH THE CINCINNATI REDS

CINCINNATI, April 6.—The Boston Americans swapped the Cincinnati Reds here today 22 to 1. Wood and O'Brien for the visitors were in mid-season form and held Cincinnati to five hits. Stahl's triple with the bases full in the seventh inning and Speaker's hitting featured. Score: R.H.E. Cincinnati..... 15 3 Boston..... 22 1 1 Batteries: Keefe, Gaspar and McCluskey; Wood, O'Brien and Nunnmacher.

Parade Breaks Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, April 6.—Purdie pitched great ball for the Boston Nationals, today shut out the Baltimore Internationals, 5 to 0.

AEROPLANE FLIGHT IN JULY

Chicago Aero Club Confers with Omaha Men and Meet Arranged.

GUARANTEE MONEY IS PUT UP

Flights Will Include Tour of the Principal Cities of the Middle West—Twenty Air Craft Will Be Entered.

Omaha will be one of the cities included on a seven-legged cross-country aeroplane flight to be given under the auspices of the Chicago Aero club in July if plans now under way by a road representative of the Windy City organization are carried out.

The proposed flight will start at Chicago and from there the route will be as follows: Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Detroit, Milwaukee and thence back to Chicago. A total of twenty air crafts will be entered, nine of which will be in charge of foreign pilots. If tentative plans are carried out some of the best bird men in the country will participate.

A representative of the plan recently conferred here with the directors of the Nebraska Aero club in regard to including Omaha on the route of the flight, and it was definitely assured that if Kansas City consents to take part Omaha will also be on the map.

Guarantee Money Put Up.

The Chicago club put up \$50,000 and the other cities along the route will be expected to guarantee between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The Nebraska organization has already agreed to put up a guarantee of \$2,500 and will go higher when the project is more definitely launched. Milwaukee and Detroit have already signed up for \$5,000 each.

If Omaha is included on the route either Rourke park or the Speedway grounds on West Leavenworth street will be secured as landing places for the air machines which will stop here. It is planned to arrange a good exhibition and for flying events while the visiting aviators are at the local grounds.

The Nebraska Aero club now has a membership of seventy-five, of which all except about ten are Omaha men. J. J. Deight is president of the organization.

Wrestlers Go to Beatrice Thursday

A team of five track amateur wrestlers of the Omaha "Y" will leave for Beatrice Thursday morning, in charge of John Holden, the local grappling instructor, to compete in the State "Y" association mat tournament, which will be held there Thursday and Friday evening. Teams from Fremont, Lincoln, Columbus, Omaha and Beatrice will take part. The local lads who will compete are: Walter Thompson, 155 pounds; W. E. Cottrell, 165 pounds; Leon Pitzenberger, 177 pounds; Henry Pascale, 171 pounds, and C. R. Seeley, 190 pounds.

BASKET BALL CAPTAIN WILL BE CHOSEN SOON

The 1912 basket ball captain of the Omaha High school will be elected by the letter lads of this year's quintet at a meeting to be held at the school this week. Before next year's leader can be chosen it will be necessary for a faculty athletic board of control to pass on the list of letter men this season. The six lads who have played in enough games to merit their "O's" are Beryl Crocker, captain and left forward; Leslie Burkenroad, left guard; Vergil Rector, center; Mark Hughes, right forward; James Gardner, right guard, and Sidney Meyer, substitute forward or guard. Leslie Burkenroad, the sturdy little left guard, who was the most sensational player on the squad this season, will return to school again next year, and stands the best chance of receiving the captaincy of the 1913 quintet. He was placed unanimously by the experts for a guard position on the Nebraska and All-Western interscholastic football teams and was pronounced by University of Nebraska basket officials as the best player pulled in the state tourney, which was entered at Lincoln the early part of March.

STAGG AND EHRLER RULED OUT

Big Eight Conference Committee Bars Directors from Body.

SUMMER BASE BALL GETS JOLT

Technical Committee Will Be Named to Make Report on Foot Ball Rules at Next Meeting in June.

CHICAGO, April 6.—Directors of athletics were barred as representatives of the Western Athletic conference at a meeting of "Big Eight" delegates here today. Hinesforth there will be only eight members on the conference committee and none of these will be in any way connected with athletic departments of the universities they represent.

A. A. Stagg of the University of Chicago and George Ehler of the University of Wisconsin are the athletic directors affected by the new ruling. Heretofore both members of the athletic and academic departments were representatives of the body. Today's action was not unexpected by followers of college athletics. They were dissatisfied by the fact that Chicago and Wisconsin were said to have undue advantages in having athletic members on the committee.

Ohio State university was assured of a membership in the conference when it was unanimously voted to admit the Buckeye institution. This action, however, must be ratified by members of the eight university faculties. A warm discussion, during which it was decided to have each representative of the conference select a man from his university to serve on a technical committee on the rules of the gridiron game. Report on the rules will be made at the next meeting of the conference in June.

Summer base ball received a severe setback today. The compromise offered at the last meeting on January 25 was defeated, which means that no college athletes will be permitted to play with semi-professional teams. The "whitesash" resolution also was lost.

Reinstatement of Pitcher Prindiville of the University of Illinois was referred back to the Illinois faculty with power to act. He was recently suspended for a minor infraction of the rules. A committee was appointed to investigate the methods used to induce athletes to enter universities. It was charged that in some cases athletes were paid for performing duties at the schools. It also was decided to abolish athletic competition among first year students with other universities.

Manager Davis is Lining Up York Team

YORK, Neb., April 6.—(Special.)—"Lefty" Davis, manager of the York base ball team, arrived last night from Minneapolis. He expects to line his men up by the last of the month. Mr. Davis said: "The prospects are bright for York this season and indications are that York will have a banner team."

BASE BALL SEASON OPENS IN NEW YORK NATIONAL PARK

NEW YORK, April 6.—The base ball season was formally opened here today, when the New York Nationals defeated the Jersey City International league team by a score of 5 to 1. Ames pitched fine ball for the locals in the first six innings, allowing only one hit and giving no passes. Score: R.H.E. New York..... 5 5 2 Jersey City..... 1 3 2 Batteries: New York, Ames, Marquard; Myers and Wilson; Jersey City, Doescher, Malpass, Wells and Bemis.

KANSAS CITY BEATS DENVER BY PLAYING BETTER BALL

DENVER, Colo., April 6.—Loose work in the infield lost for Denver the first of a series of exhibition games with the Kansas City team today, 10 to 5. The feature of the game was the work of the pitchers, who displayed better than average early season form. Channel of Denver and Love of Kansas City were the stars at bat, each scoring a home run.

CLUB BUYS COURTLAND BEACH

First Installment Paid Creighton Realty Company Yesterday.

GROUNDS TO BE IMPROVED

Golf Course to Be Laid Out—Water Carnival is Planned for This Summer—Date of Opening Not Set.

After a month of preliminaries, the Rod and Gun club purchased the Courtland Beach site of eighty acres from the Creighton Realty company yesterday afternoon for \$20,000, of which \$2,000 was paid as the initial installment. The remainder of the amount will be paid semi-annually until March, 1911, when a final payment of \$2,000 will be made.

On account of the resignation of three members of the board of directors of the club it was necessary to hold a new election of officers for the year last week. At a meeting of directors held in Attorney F. L. Weaver's offices in the Brandeis building Friday evening the following were elected for 1912: President, Frank L. Weaver; vice president, A. W. Eddy; secretary, Byron Hart; treasurer, A. P. Whitmore.

The opening day of the club has not yet been set definitely, but it will be during the first week in May, according to the weather conditions. The different committees for the year on golf, tennis, aquatic, grounds and buildings will be appointed this week. The golf committee will have the stiffest proposition, as it is planned to lay out an eighteen-hole course over the new site this spring.

The feature event of the club this year will be the annual Venetian carnival and water regatta, which will be held the first week in August on the lake. All sorts of water-craft will be entered for this event, which will be held in the evening.

H. S. Beats Actors in Slow Ball Game

In a unique exhibition of base ball the Omaha High school hopefuls blanked a picked nine composed of thespians and "saps" from the Southern and Marlowe company to the tune of 11 to 0 on the University of Omaha diamond Friday afternoon.

From start to finish the game was exceedingly interesting and the actor ball players made a fancy showing, garbed in blue and gray uniforms. The glare of the footlights evidently does not mix with aspirations for the diamond sport, as the "S. and M." aggregation proved rather inactive when it came to covering the positions and slamming out hits.

Phillies Gain One on World's Champions

PHILADELPHIA, April 6.—Good hitting and clean fielding gave the fifth game of a series with the world's champions to the Philadelphia Nationals defeated by a score of 6 to 2. The Nationals have three victories to the American's two. The series will end on Tuesday. Score: R.H.E. Nationals..... 6 10 2 Phillies..... 2 8 2 Batteries: Steele, Harmon and Bressan; Mitchell, Peity, Baumgardner and Stephens. Umpire: Egan and Johnston.

HIGHLANDERS TAKE CHEAP GAME FROM COLUMBUS

COLUMBUS, O., April 6.—The New York American league team defeated the Columbus club here today in an exciting, but poorly played game. All the pitchers were ineffective and were hit hard. Score: R.H.E. Columbus..... 3 15 1 Highlanders..... 5 11 2 Batteries: Warhop, McConnell and Street; Packard, Donk, Roussino and Greff, Smith.

Detroit Easy Winner.

TOLEDO, April 6.—Detroit won easily from Toledo this afternoon, 10 to 2. Pitcher Willett going the entire distance against the locals. Willett's drive over the left field fence was the feature. Detroit got eighteen hits off Falkenberg and West.

J. PLUVIUS PREVENTS BATTLE

Rourke and Wichita Players Are Content Tossing Ball.

GAME SCHEDULED FOR TODAY

Weather Permitting, Teams Will Meet on Mincy's Field—Rangers Leave Joplin Tomorrow Morning for Falls City.

JOPLIN, Mo., March 6.—(Special Telegram)—Footing the ball about from one to the other was the only practice that the players of both the Omaha and Wichita Western league clubs indulged in today. A terrific rain this afternoon put Miners' field out of commission.

Old Sol managed to get on the job shortly after the announcement that the game would be postponed. However, there was so little force back of his rays that the ground didn't dry out fast. It should be in great shape Sunday, barring another pour.

The Jobbers hit camp this morning, confident of being able to play. The Kansas team seems to be in pretty good shape and the Easter pastime should be worth while. This will be the first game of the training season that will find the Rangers pitted against a club about their equal in strength.

Pa Rourke has everything in readiness to jump out of Joplin at an early hour Monday morning. The season here has not been all that he had hoped for, he says; however, his youngsters have managed to get in enough work to whip themselves into great shape. "It's been a losing proposition from the treasury end," says Pa.

Here is the way the Rangers and Jobbers will line up Sunday:

Omaha Position Wichita
Short.....Mee
Catcher.....McLain
Pitcher.....Haeche
Infield.....Davis
Center.....Middleton
Outfield.....Turner
Left.....Fittigrow
Right.....Hague
Manager.....Hughes
Baseball.....Haeche

Batting Rally Gives Series to Cardinals

ST. LOUIS, April 6.—A batting rally which netted five runs in the sixth inning today enabled the St. Louis National league base ball team to defeat the local American league team, 9 to 7. The Nationals won the spring series by 4 to 2. Another game is scheduled for tomorrow.

In the sixth inning Harry Steinfield of the Nationals, coaching at third base, and "Jimmy" Austin of the Americans had a flat fight after Mowrey slid into Austin and Austin pinned Mowrey down. In an altercation which followed Steinfield hit Austin, who knocked Steinfield down. Police interfered and later the players shook hands. Score: R.H.E. Nationals..... 9 15 2 Americans..... 7 12 2 Batteries: Steele, Harmon and Bressan; Mitchell, Peity, Baumgardner and Stephens. Umpire: Egan and Johnston.

Lincoln Leaguers Trim the White Sox

LINCOLN, April 6.—The Lincoln Western league team defeated the Chicago American league second squad this afternoon, 6 to 5. Score: R.H.E. Lincoln..... 6 9 2 Chicago..... 5 12 2 Batteries: Lincoln, Smith, Farthing and Stratton; Chicago, Jordan, Bens and Carney.

WICHITA EXPECTS TO LAND THE PENNANT THIS YEAR

Manager Hughes of the Wichita club thinks he has the best bunch of ball players in the Western league this season, and is predicting that the pennant will fly from the Wichita ball park next spring. His men have been working hard at Gauda Springs for the last two weeks, and have recently returned home to play scheduled games for the remainder of time before the season opens on April 20.

ROURKES READY FOR THE OPENING

Omaha and Sioux City to Start Western League Season Here April Nineteen.

BOOSTERS ARE ALL LINING UP

Ad Club to Vie with Commercial Club as Noise-Makers.

AK-SAR-BEN TO TAKE A HAND

Big Parade Will Lead the Way to Rourke Park.

EXHIBITION GAMES ARRANGED

Omaha and Lincoln to Play Through the State—Antelope to Be Here Saturday and Sunday for Games.

Extensive arrangements are being made by Dick Grotte, secretary of the Omaha base ball club, for the opening of the Western league season in Omaha this year, and from appearances it will be some opening on April 19.

The Omaha Ad club has decided to back the Rourkes in their opening game, as they have in the past, and have reserved a large portion of the grandstand, which will be roped in and hung with large banners, in case that some of the fans will not know who sits therein even after the lunch gets through with their usual run of noise. The Ad club men are some boosters and with their banner things up in the grandstand to such an extent that the visiting ball club gets all fussed up and forgets that it is attending a ball game.

The Commercial club is another bunch which has sent word to Grotte that they are working for the opening with heart and soul and assure him that nine-tenths of the 1,500 members will be out with noise and boost for the Rourkes. A large section will be secured by this bunch to seat its members.

Ak-Sar-Ben to Boost. The Ak-Sar-Ben is going to be out in full force, and the scheme which Dick Grotte has planned for the opening and which is going to include the ladies and gentlemen and all past kings and queens of the Ak-Sar-Ben is going to be some stunt. But, what this stunt will be is being kept hidden by the knowing ones, and it will be sprung as a surprise on the fans. Dick Grotte and Brother Dave are authorities for the statement that the opening is to college that of the opening game last year and it will have to be some opening to beat the one in 1911.

The Ekks will occupy a section all by themselves. They will take official action on the matter at the next regular meeting. The Tom Moore club, a bunch of about fifty men who live in the vicinity of the ball park, made the first reservation for the opening game. They have asked for two full boxes of sixteen seats each, and those who are at the opening game last year said it will have to be some opening to beat the one in 1911.

Prior to the game the parks and all the officials will meet down town and will head the unusually large parade to the park. Over seventy-two automobiles have been tendered the Rourke management for the opening parade. The first two cars will carry the bands. In the second platoon the city officials will ride. Following the city officials will come the ball players of both teams and then the sport writers. The various clubs and institutions will then follow. It is not known at present who will throw the first ball, but it is hinted that a certain young woman prominent in the Ak-Sar-Ben Fall last year will do the honors.

Parade to Be a Success.

The Omaha fans are anxiously awaiting the return of the Rourkes from the south. The boys are expected to be in Omaha Thursday and then Omaha will awaken to the fact that the ball season is open for fair. The Rourkes are cutting their stay in Joplin short by a few days in order to play a few exhibition games on the way home.

Don Despain, owner of the Lincoln team, and Pa Rourke have entered an agreement to play exhibition games in several towns in the state prior to the opening of the season on April 19. On Tuesday the Rourkes and Lincoln will battle against each other at Falls City. The following day the Lopes and Oels will line up against each other at Beatrice, where a rousing reception is to be given the travelers. On the following day Nebraska City will see the two teams battle each other. The next day there will be nothing doing.

Play Here Saturday.

Next Saturday and Sunday the Antelopes and the Rourkes will play each other in Omaha, and Pa says he will pit his best men and what will probably be his permanent team against Despain's crew. He is doing this in order to give the fans a chance to get a line on the Rourkes and also to see what advantages a team gets by going south to train, even if they do encounter nothin but hard luck and poor weather for nine out of ten days. On April 15 and if the two teams will clash at Lincoln, ending the exhibition games. The Rourkes then return home and take a light practice on the eighteenth and then rest up for the opening day, when Pa expects to put Sioux City out of the way.

There is no doubt but what the trip south has done the Rourkes a world of good and it has given the men just the right kind of work to get the kinks out of their whips and legs. The fans at Joplin did not turn out to any great extent at the few exhibition games played at Joplin and Pa is out financially, but he says he will make this up by getting a real ball team on the field this season, one which he asserts will be in the running from the tap of the gong marking the opening of the greatest season in the Western league until the umpire's cue.

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